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## KINGSTON, CAPITAL CITY OF JAMAICA ALMOST DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

### Great Loss of Life---Several Prince Edward Islanders Who Were There Are Reported Safe--A Fearful Calamity Followed By Fire.

#### RUSSIA WILL NOW BORROW MORE MONEY

##### Budget Contains Allowance For This Purpose For First Time.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—The provisional budget for 1907, showing that it will again be necessary to resort to credit operations to balance the deficit of \$120,000,000 between the estimated receipts and expenditures, is a ticket by the Russian press on all sides.

Only the Novye Vremya is silent. Radical papers devote their attention to the political features.

The House Gazette strongly criticizes the budget's figures, declaring that the deficit is almost \$200,000,000, adding that reliance on the old system of "debauching the people with alcohol instead of developing the economic resources of the country" is the chief characteristic of the new budget.

Continuing, the newspaper points out that the only good showing made is in the increase of the revenue from the vodka monopoly, from which \$52,000,000 more than in 1906 is expected, and contrasts this sum with the \$2,750,000 appropriated for the institution of universal education, appearing for the first time in a Russian budget.

#### HUNTING FOR VOLCANOES IN

##### An Interesting Account of a Visit Made By Adventurous Explorers—Some Information About the Curious Islands Thrown up.

New York, Jan. 15.—For six weeks I have been chasing live volcanoes in Behring Sea, writes Robert Dunn in "Outing." I have been alone with an old squaw man and an Aleut native in a little eleven-ton windjammer, the "Bear," owned by Edward Lee, a Norwegian squaw man. I have explored 250 miles of archipelago, in the subarctic seas most famous for storms, fog and foul weather—the region of Kipling's Rhymes of the Three Sealers. Ashore, on the six islands visited, I have been generally absolutely alone for days at a time. Most of these islands have never before been visited by any white man, except squaw men. All contain at least one unexplored and unclimbed active volcano. The coasts are uncharted, thick with "P. D.'s" and "E. D.'s."

I was the first to climb the new island in the Bogoslov group, which appeared above the waves last March. Such a phenomenon is extremely rare; the number of its occurrences can be counted on four fingers in the world's history. No such island had been climbed or explored before so soon after its birth. Moreover, it is still in a hot cone—the active core of a submerged crater—in a state of wild activity. I burned all the hair off my hands and some of my face in ascending it alone, as my native refused to follow me.

On the island of Unimak I climbed a volcano whose supposed exist-

#### Telegrams Received in Charlottetown Yesterday By Manager Wallace of The Bank of Nova Scotia And by John McKinnon Gave First Intimation of Disaster and Safety of Islanders; Who Are H. C. McLeod, General Manager, of The Bank of Nova Scotia, And A.E. McNeill Alex McKinnon, and Guy Cameron of The Kingston Staff of The Same Bank.

LONDON, January 16.—The Colonial Office last night received confirmation of news of the disaster, which has overtaken Kingston, Jamaica, in a despatch from Hamar Greenwood, M. P., a Canadian from Holland-Bay at East end of the Island.

The telegram says that Kingston has been ruined by an earthquake which occurred without warning.

Fire followed the earthquake.

Total loss of life has not yet been ascertained, but a first count gives the number of dead at less than a hundred, and the number of wounded at several hundred.

The principal hotel at Kingston and other important buildings, have been destroyed.

The flames apparently were confined to the dock and the warehouse district.

but the announcement that no Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing will greatly reassure the public concerning the fate of the unusual number of tourists and others who are spending the winter in Jamaica, or who were attracted there by the agricultural and cotton conferences.

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The news of the disaster arrived in London too late to-night to become generally known to the public, but it is certain to cause widespread concern and anxiety and it will bring home to the imagination of the British people the terrors of an earthquake in a way that even the San Francisco catastrophe failed to do.

Owing to the active efforts in recent years of Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Jones, the commercial development of Jamaica has made the Island much better known and it has been greatly in favor as a winter resort.

The Right Hon. Sir James Ferguson, mentioned in the foregoing despatch was a man of considerable prominence. He served in the Crimean campaign with the Grenadier Guards, and was present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, where he was wounded and at the siege of Sebastopol. He was several times a member of the house of commons. He was under secretary of state for India and the home departments in Lord Derby's third, and in Mr. Disraeli's first administrations. He was made governor of South Australia in 1866, governor of New Zealand in 1873, and governor of Bombay in 1885. He was under secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1893, and from 1891 to 1892 he served as postmaster-general.

Sir James Ferguson left here for Jamaica the middle of December. He was expected to return the end of January. It is not known definitely what took him out to the West Indies, but he possibly was interested in one of the conferences.

Inquiry was made at a late hour to-night at the residence of Sir Alfred Jones and Heniker Heaton, but nothing has been heard from either.

Up to this hour the foregoing is the most complete despatch regarding the Kingston disaster that has reached here. The absence of details is accounted for by the break-down in cable communications, but the announcement that no Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing will greatly reassure the public concerning the fate of the unusual number of tourists and others who are spending the winter in Jamaica or who were attracted there by the agricultural and cotton conferences.

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Nova Scotia at Kingston.

ALEX. MCKINNON son of the late Alexander McKinnon, and brother of John McKinnon, of McKinnon of this City, and

GUY CAMERON, a son of the late Rev. R. G. Cameron, for many years at Souris. Both the latter were on the staff of the Bank of N. S.

In addition to these are MRS. H. C. McLEOD and the Misses McLeod. (H. C. McLeod, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has a residence on the outskirts of Kingston.)

Later news set all fears at rest as to the safety of those mentioned, and relieved the anxiety of those interested in them.

Julius Chambers, a well known author, recently described Kingston and Port Royal as follows:—

Kingston, the new capital of Jamaica, is the most important city in the British West Indies. It is modern and wholly commercial; but across its deep bay, on the Palisades, are ruins of Port Royal, the rendezvous of the buccanniers of the Spanish Main, to which Morgan and his predecessors furnished undying romance.

The harbor of Kingston is one of the best in the world. It is a great historical event that the visit of Nelson in 1778 and the return of Admiral Rodney, after the defeat of the French fleet 1782.

The city was originally laid out in the form of a cross; but it is no longer restricted to two broad streets, crossing at right angles. Four large fires have improved its architecture, and civil buildings have added electric cars, lights and telephones, gas and the best water supply outside the mainland of North America.

With proper care in the selection of a residence, the city will be found cool in summer. A strong southerly breeze springs up at 10 o'clock every day and continues until 4 o'clock. The fresh ocean air is called "The Doctor."

Interesting. At the library are shown the famous "Shark Papers," found in the stomach of a sea monster—that caused the confiscation of the American brig Nancy (1799) for carrying contraband goods. An iron cage, like that in which John the Anabaptist was hung from the towers of Munster Cathedral, is a terror inspiring relic of the Spanish era.

This is pre-eminently the region of Jamaica for the bicycle and automobile. A faint through Spanish Town to Natural Bridge, about thirty miles, is best made by a horseless carriage.

Jamaica is the largest island of the British West Indies, and lies between the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico about eighty miles to the southward of the eastern extremity.

The estimated population in 1901 was 755,730, and by natural increase would be about 850,000. By the last census there were 14,992 whites, 121,955 colored, 488,624 black, 10,116 East Indian, 481 Chinese and 3,633 not stated.

Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, stands on a gravelly soil. The population by local census in 1902 was 46,542. It covers, with its suburbs, an area of 1,030 acres of ground, regularly sloped down to the sea.

#### TO PROVIDE THE UPPER PROVINCES WITH GOOD FISH

##### New Scheme to Be Put Into Operation By Minister of Marine.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has taken practical measures for carrying into effect a scheme that has been under consideration for years past for the transport of fresh fish from the Maritime Provinces to the markets of Ontario and Quebec by means of cold storage. A vote of \$25,000 has been placed in the estimates to encourage the railway companies to establish the necessary cold storage service, and the Hon. Mr. Brodeur is now in communication with the railway companies to secure their co-operation. The service will go into effect next summer, and will, it is hoped, fill a long-felt want in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, and other interior centres, for the magnificent fish of the eastern provinces. By properly located cars there is no doubt that fresh fish could be delivered in splendid condition.

#### NEWTON KER IS OPTIMISTIC

##### Thinks Cobalt Area Will Produce Big Fortunes.—At Larder Lake Made Trip Over District and Saw Evidence of Wealth.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—City Engineer Kel was back at his desk this morning after two weeks' holiday, which he is accustomed to take each year when city hall matters are quiet owing to the municipal elections. Mr. Ker spent the time up in the silver and gold district of northern Ontario. He passed several days at Larder Lake where the recent discoveries of gold have attracted wide attention. The trip, which was not without its hardships, was made largely on snowshoes from Cobalt. At Larder Lake Mr. Ker surveyed a town site and located docking facilities for a syndicate of Ottawans, who associated with Alex. MacDonaid, the Klondyke king, are interested in the gold development there.

#### Condensed Advertisements

(Too late for Classification.)  
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LOST.—Monday morning between L. Worth's Livery and P. E. I. Hospital a child's white sleigh robe. Finder please leave at this office. 1-1831wpd.

REMEMBER—That everybody reads a morning paper as the news is then fresh and up-to-date, and that at some time during the day everybody is likely to buy the goods advertised while their mind is still bright and active.

#### PROVINCIAL AGENCY IN- SPECTOR

who can secure productive agents and write personal business wanted by the Royal-Victoria Life Insurance Co., for the Province of Nova Scotia. Also an Inspector for New Brunswick. Apply to David Burke, General Manager, Montreal, giving age, references, experience if any, and success in both capacities.

Communications confidential, if desired.

#### CLARK'S VEAL LOAF.

You don't have the trouble of preparing it—It is perfect as it is—Open the tin and serve.

ence has worried the men of the region for years, I found it to have an active crater between five and six miles in diameter, containing seven cones, one of which is still active. The volcano ranks as one of the greatest craters in the world.

I climbed to the north crater of Mount Vsevidok, a peak more beautiful, because snowier and more symmetrical than Fujiama. After an exciting night on an exposed ridge in a hurricane, my two natives quit me.

My object has always been to get as near as possible to the active cones. They have a peculiar fascination for me. All the difficulties of Alpine climbing are reproduced in an exaggerated form in this region. The peaks are extremely sharp, and while nowhere more than a few thousand feet the snowline is often at one thousand and eight hundred.

I spent twelve days, alone with a guide, on the high slopes of Mount Shishaldin, Unimak Island, the greatest peak of the archipelago. It stored continuously, yet we made one exciting attempt, discovering an inland lake.

The island life as a whole has the remote and inconspicuous fascination of the South Seas, with the added rigor and peril of the north. In spirit and atmosphere, it is an absolutely untouched and unexplored quarter.

In Charlottetown the first news received from the disaster was of a nature to give rise to some apprehension on the part of those who had relatives in the stricken city.

Both Mr. Wallace, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and John McKinnon received telegrams, which, of course were late, owing to being forwarded from Pietou to Georgetown by boat because of the break in the Island cable.

The despatch to Mr. Wallace intimated that A. F. McNeill, Alex. McKinnon and Guy Cameron, three Islanders in the employ of the Kingston branch of the Bank were safe; and Mr. McKinnon's message, which was from his brother, the Alexander McKinnon mentioned, was to the same effect.

The telegrams did not state what they had been saved from, and some anxiety was felt by relatives of the young men, but it was guessed that an earthquake had occurred.

It was impossible to get news direct, and it was not till late in the afternoon that the nature of the catastrophe was learned.

The Islanders who are known to have been in Kingston and to have safely come through the earthquake are:—

A. F. McNEILL, son of Dr. R. MacNeill of this City, Accountant of the Bank of

GOOD CORN SHELLER FOR \$10  
A marvel of efficacy and promptness, a remedy that does cure corns and warts. Its name is Putnam's Corn Extractor. Contains no acids, never pains, gives instant satisfaction. Insist on Putnam's, only, it is the best.

Big discounts on fresh pork heads for January and February. —Saunders Newsom. 1-1831wpd.

Those who want work of any kind or are looking for help of any kind should send their names and addresses with all particulars or call at The Guardian Employment and Information Bureau, New Prowse Block, Charlottetown, Telephone 132a. Those who do not desire to advertise will please send 25 cents with their request, which amount will be returned to them on application if they do not get what they want.

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