

LOUISIANA MOURNS, WITH HUNDREDS OF THE DESTITUTE, FOR VICTIMS OF STORM

Concern for Living Sufferers
Now Paramount—Aid of the
Federal Government Ask-
ed by Broussard.

VAST FLOCKS OF VULTURES
HOVERING OVER LOWLANDS

Strewn With Innumerable Carcasses of
Animals, Where the Scene Is
One of Terror, Devast-
ation, Death.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—While
additional bodies of those who
perished in the hurricane along
the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts
will probably be found, concern for
the living sufferers is now paramount.
Hundreds are homeless and destitute.
In addition to the aid of the state it
is thought further help will be ex-
tended from the federal government.
Congressman Broussard has telegraphed
the war department requesting aid.

Terror, Destruction and Death.

One week ago last night, the white-
winged sea gulls flying wildly inland
from the gulf gave warning of the
onset of the much dreaded West
Indian hurricane that was to follow.
Along the entire coast were countless
happy fisher folk and sailors, the
thousands of trim craft and comfort-
able homes bearing token of the ad-
vent of a prosperous season. Today
vast flocks of vultures hovered over
the devastated lowlands of southern
Louisiana, strewn with innumerable
carcasses of animals and men. The
scene was one of terror, desolation and
death.

Stunned by the damage that was
wrought by winds and waves, the
work of relief did not give people time
to mourn. All energies were bent for
the remainder of the week in the task
of rescuing those still in peril and suc-
coring those who had suffered in the
storm. Almost 100 human bodies have
been burned, or buried, in the marshes,
where they were discovered.

Time to Weep.
Yesterday Louisiana found time to
weep. Closely refraining from all
forms of mirth, the people of the
state, irrespective of creed, adhered
closely to the following injunction
from Archbishop Blake:

"The loss of human lives and the
widespread destruction of property in
this archdiocese through the recent
hurricane have given rise to so much
sorrow and distress that any social
function would at the present time be
entirely out of keeping with the sad
surroundings. With tears streaming
down their faces, the stricken pastors
have told me of the utter destitution
of their people and of the
complete destruction of the houses of
God. But I trust, and I am quite con-
fident, that those who have been so
sorely tried will put it in my power to
give prompt and substantial aid to
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TAFT IS WELCOMED BY MONTANA FOLKS

Arrives in Butte at Early Hour, Then
Away to Helena—Issues State-
ment as to Pinchot.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 27.—When Pres-
ident Taft arrived in Butte this morn-
ing he found the city eager to wel-
come him, the streets gay with bun-
ting and nothing in sight to mar his
reception.

After a parade and speech he was
whisked away to Helena, where he is
to be welcomed by thousands of Mon-
tana citizens at the state fair grounds.

Statement as to Where Pinchot Stands.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 27.—As
a result of several long conferences
with Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot
here, President Taft has caused to be
issued a statement in which it is
declared that never at any time during
the Hallinger-Pinchot controversy has
the president intended to reflect upon
Mr. Pinchot. In this statement Mr.
Taft takes a more forward stand than
ever in favor of the Roosevelt policy of
conservation of natural resources.

The president indicates that what
is to be done in reclamation of arid
lands must be done within the law;
but announces his intention of apply-
ing to congress for such legislation as
will put the Roosevelt policies on the
firmest basis.

Mr. Pinchot, before leaving for
Washington, also issued a statement in
which he makes public a portion of
President Taft's letter written to him
at the time the letter to Secretary Bal-
linger was dictated. The president
said he hoped Mr. Pinchot would not
find reason in the Hallinger letter for
resigning.

"I shall not resign," declared Mr.
Pinchot, and he adds that he is going
to continue to serve the government
along the same lines he has pursued
in the past, concluding with the state-
ment:

"I believe in equality of opportunity
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MESSAGE IS SENT BY HARRY WHITNEY

Wires Cook That Peary Refused to Allow
Anything of Cook's on Board
the Roosevelt.

RECORDS AND INSTRUMENTS
WERE ALL CACHED AT ETAH

It Makes no Difference, Cook Says, as
He Has Duplicates of All Records
Made on His Trip.

New York, Sept. 27.—Commander
Robert E. Peary refused absolutely to
allow any of the records or instru-
ments of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to be
brought aboard the steamer Roosevelt,
and was thus instrumental in causing
these records to remain in a cache at
Etah, Greenland, according to Harry
Whitney, the New Haven sportsman,
in a dispatch received in this city by
Dr. Cook. The message which came
as a response to one from Dr. Cook is
as follows:

"Strathearn, via Indian Harbor and
Cape Ray, N. E., Sept. 27.
"Dr. F. A. Cook, Waldorf, New York.
"Started for home Roosevelt. Nothing
arrived for me. Peary would al-
low nothing belonging to you on
board. Said to leave everything in
cache at Etah. Met Captain Sam,
North Star. Did not go back after
going. Schooner bound St. Johns,
steamer home. Hope you well. See
you soon. Explain all. Good shoot-
ing.
"HARRY WHITNEY."

Has Complete Duplicates.
Dr. Cook was questioned as to his
view of the situation created by the
action ascribed to Commander Peary,
but he declined to say anything de-
grading to his rival. "It may be that
the instruments will arrive this year
after all," he said, "and as for the re-
cords and observations, their non-ar-
rival makes no difference whatever as
I have complete duplicates, so that
there will be no delay in compiling my
story with all its details."

No Suit for Slander.
Dr. Cook denied the report that he
was to bring suit for slander against
Peary. "There is no truth in the re-
port," he said.

"I have no intention of bringing
suit. Naturally I am taking mea-
sures to have everything in order in
case of necessity; but I have never
thought of filing a suit and I wish
to contradict such reports at once."

Dr. Cook said: "I shall wait. I
think Mr. Whitney knew what he had
in his possession. It would be very
difficult for me to say what effect the
occurrence will have. The absence of
the records and instruments will, how-
ever, not affect the ultimate results a
bit. But it will be very desir-
able to have the instruments here; that
is certain."

If they are still at Etah, Dr. Cook's
instruments may not arrive in New
York until the spring months of 1910.
There is a possibility, however, of their
reaching here this year, as another
vessel may have touched at Etah after
the Roosevelt left.

The Roosevelt Comes In.
Portland, Me., Sept. 27.—The Roose-
velt arrived expected yesterday at
Etah, Greenland, to leave Peary's per-
sonal belongings and to receive supple-
mentary orders.

After unloading Peary's belongings,
which filled four or five small boats,
the Roosevelt had steam up tonight
ready to sail for New York. Com-
mander Peary will go to Bar Harbor
tomorrow for a conference with Gen-
eral Thomas H. Hubbard, president of
the Peary Arctic club. He will remain
there until Tuesday night, possibly
later, and it is there that he will prob-
ably issue the formal statement at-
tacking Dr. Cook.

Bartlett Had No Idea of Going to the
Pole.

Captain Bartlett of the Roosevelt
seemed much perturbed over the re-
ports that he entertained any ill-feel-
ings because Peary took Henson on the
last dash and left him behind.
"I had no idea of going to the
pole," says Bartlett in a signed state-
ment issued last night. "I went up
there to help the commander in every
way I could, according to his
orders, but it is an absolute lie to say
that I felt about not going to the
pole."

New Haven Conn., Sept. 27.—In an
interview given to the New Haven
Register in New York Saturday night,
Dr. Cook told of his meeting with
Harry Whitney in the Arctic. The ex-
plorer said he was on his way south,
and when within five miles of Anna-
tok was surprised to see several men
approaching.

"It was," continued Dr. Cook,
"Harry Whitney and some of the Es-
kimos with him on his hunt. It was
the first time I had ever seen Mr.
Whitney and he had to introduce
himself. He told me of wintering at
his quarters and told me that Com-
mander Peary was up north and that
he had spotted my party over the ice.
That was the first I had heard of
Peary being there."

He Told Whitney.

"We went to the supply house and
I told Mr. Whitney I had been to the
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Airships Claim Center of Interest Today For Holiday Millions on Manhattan Island

New York Has About a Million
Visitors, and Expects Them
to Leave About \$25,000,-
000 of Their Money.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON RACE
POSTPONED TO TOMORROW

At Night the Whole of New York City
Appears as if Illuminated
by Some Vast Con-
flagration.

New York, Sept. 27.—Water yielded
to air today as the most prominent el-
ement in the Hudson-Fulton celebra-
tion. The dazzled eyes of New York
and her million guests turned from
the naval display in the Hudson to
ward blue sky patches above the tall
buildings, where before the day was
over they hoped to see the aeroplanes
of Wilbur Wright and Glenn H. Cur-
tiss. The crowds still had plenty of
attractions. Palisades Park, stretch-
ing for fourteen miles along the New
Jersey side of the Hudson north from
Fort Lee, and the tall shaft erected
in memory of Henry Hudson on Spuy-
ten Duyvil Hill, in the Bronx were
dedicated today.

Governor Hughes of New York and
Governor Fort of New Jersey were
the principal speakers at the dedica-
tion of Palisades park.
The dirigible balloon race from New
York to Albany was postponed until
tomorrow owing to unfavorable
weather.

Yesterday the Half Moon and the
Clermont lay quietly at their anchor-
ages where they will remain until the
naval parade of Friday, October 1,
when both little pioneers, escorted by
the light draft warships and followed
by the merchant fleet again will sail
upstream to Newburgh where they
will be turned over to the Albany up-
state division of the celebration and
the festivities in New York city will
end.

But circling about the fleet of bat-
tleships yesterday there was an al-
most unbroken line of deep sea ex-
cursion steamers, jammed to the rails
with spectators, and listing heavily.
At the same time a scurrying flotilla
of motor boats was bobbing about
on the roughened waters of the river
carrying visitors to and from those
battleships which were receiving for
the day.

Church Services.

Special Hudson-Fulton services
were conducted in all the churches.
A form of prayer prescribed for the
occasion by Bishop Greer of the
Episcopal church, and Archbishop
Parley, of the Roman Catholic
church, was read in every parish of
the diocese. Many who could not
get into Old Trinity crowded the
church yard to view the garlanded
grave of Robert Fulton.

Spending Millions.
Twenty-five million dollars, compe-
tent authorities estimate as the sum
in round figures that out of town vis-
itors to the celebration will leave in
New York. Hotel proprietors fami-
lar with the general situation set six
hundred thousand for the number of
guests now housed under their roofs
and more modest lodging houses, and
even in single rooms in flats it seems
safe to say there are four hundred
thousand or more. It seems safe to
estimate the entire out-of-town crowd
at between eight hundred thousand
and one million.

Saturday's exercises culminated
with the presentation of the Half
Moon to the commission by the Dutch
envoy. This ceremony was formal
and furnished a picturesque climax
as the living shade of Henry Hudson,
in velvet and ruff, grasped the hand
of the descendant of Robert Fulton,
in small clothes and beaver hat. In front
of the mast the gold-laced, herb-bedecked
and frock-coated representatives of
nearly a dozen nations, while behind
them stood the on the left bank with
the afternoon sun streaming down upon
them, the thunder of the guns of the
warships echoed back from the Jersey
hills and far up the river.

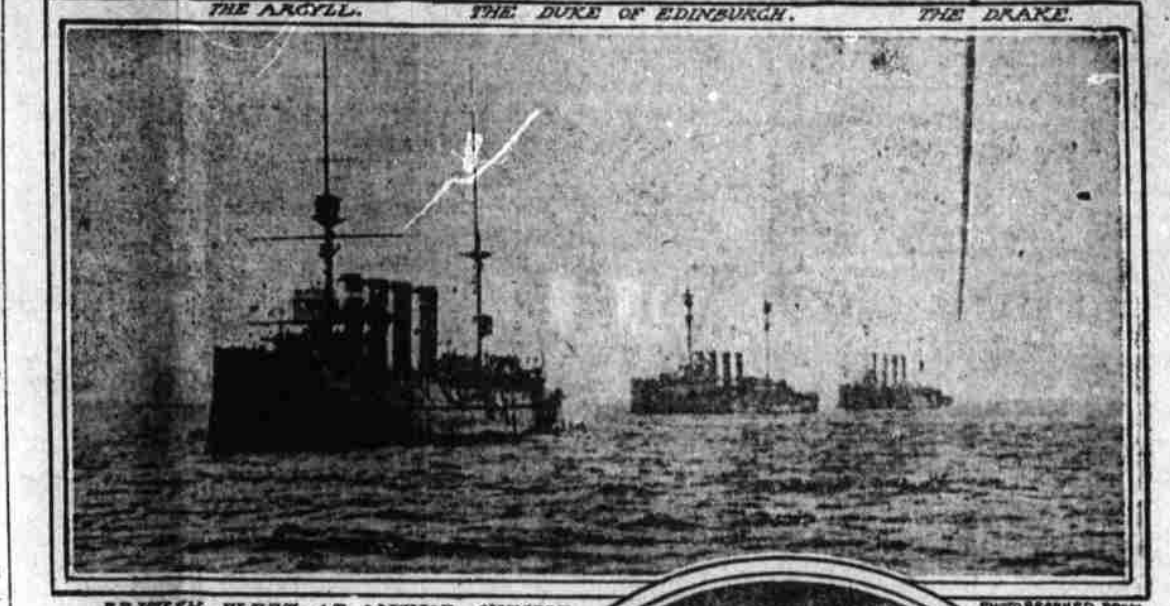
The Illuminations.
Under the glare of arc lights and the
incessant urging of foremen, hun-
dreds of carpenters, decorators and
electricians put final touches on the
decorations for the Hudson-Fulton
celebration. At the hotels last night
the electrical displays were tested, and
from Washington heights the whole
lower Manhattan appeared as if illu-
minated by some great conflagration.

SIX CHILDREN ARE INJURED
BY PANIC AT SCHOOL HOUSE

The Excitement Was Caused by Ex-
plosion of Bombs by Ital-
ians, Celebrating.

Jersey City, Sept. 27.—An explosion
occurred at St. Anthony's Polish
parochial school. The building was
partly wrecked.

Six children were injured; none was
killed. A panic was caused by the
explosion of bombs by Italians cele-
brating in the street near by.



THE OREGON. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH. THE DRAKE. PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE N. Y. HERALD BY THE JOHN HENRIE.

PEARY'S PROOFS BEING SHAPED UP

They Will in no Wise Be Affected. It Is
Announced, by Anything That
Whitney May Say.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 27.—
Pending a conference to-
night, between General Hub-
bard and Commander Peary,
on the proofs which Peary
has to support his position
that Cook has not been to the
pole, no new phases on the
Peary side of the Cook con-
troversy are expected to de-
velop.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 27.—The
proof that Commander Robert E.
Peary has obtained to support his po-
sition on the question "Was Cook
at the pole?" will in no wise be af-
fected by any information which Harry
Whitney, the Arctic explorer, may re-
veal concerning statements alleged to
have been made to him by Dr. Cook
at Etah last spring. General Thomas
Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic
club, preliminary to a conference
with Commander Peary here today
was glad to hear that Mr. Whitney
had returned safely, but he said that
he knew of no reason why any of the
officers of the Peary Arctic club
should communicate with Mr. Whit-
ney on the Cook controversy.

The Peary proofs are still kept un-
der cover and neither General Hub-
bard nor Commander Peary will make
known their nature, but it is learned
that they do not in any way depend
upon what Dr. Cook told either Harry
Whitney or Pritchard, the cabin boy
of the Roosevelt, at Etah, nor any in-
formation that may have been ob-
tained in Greenland by any member of
the crew of the Peary expedition. The
proofs, further, it is learned, are not
built upon any statements that have
been made so far by Dr. Cook on his
trip to the Arctic. Pending a meeting
of the officers of the Peary Arctic club
in New York, the proofs which are
being so closely withheld will be put
into form for publication.

FRANCE IS IN MOURNING BUT IS NOT IN DESPAIR

The Republique Disaster Not Caused by
Explosion—Plans to Prevent
Repetition of It.

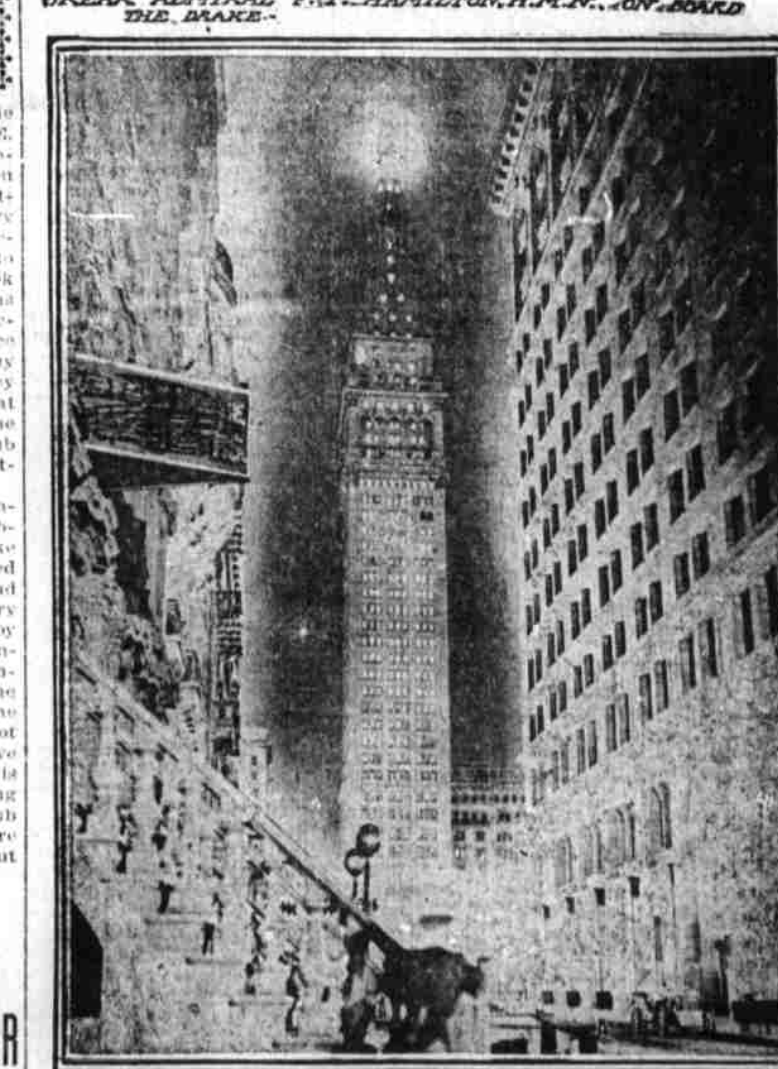
Paris, Sept. 27.—The disaster to the
military dirigible balloon Republique,
in which four French officers lost their
lives, coming on the heels of the death
of Lefebvre and Captain Ferber and
the loss of the Patrie, has plunged
France into mourning; but public
opinion as reflected by the comments
of the press bravely supports the
opinion of the aviators that no human
sacrifice can now discourage the con-
quest of the air. The Temps an-
nounces a national subscription to aid
military aeronautics, in memory of the
dead officers.

Subsequent investigation confirms
the fact that the accident was due to
the snapping of the rapidly revolving
propeller blade which tore through
the gas bag. General Routes reports
that there was no trace of fire about
the silk, thus disposing of the hypoth-
esis of an explosion.

The experts agree that such a mis-
hap can be prevented by the introduc-
tion of a series of cellular balloons, as
in the Zeppelin airship, which
would keep the craft afloat if one of
the compartments was pierced. Gen-
eral Brun, minister of war, in an inter-
view, expresses the opinion that dir-
igible balloons for war purposes will
soon be supplanted by perfected aro-
planes. He says dirigible can never
be brought to a point where they will
become first-class engines of war.



DEAR ADMIRAL FULTON. HAMILTON, N. Y., ON BOARD THE DRAKE.



ILLUMINATION OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE TOWER.

BURNING VILLAGES ILLUMINE COAST AN EARTHQUAKE NOT SO FAR AWAY

And Spain Announces Complete Suc-
cess of Maneuvers Against
Moors.

Madrid, Sept. 27.—The war office
announces the complete success of
maneuvers in Morocco against the
Moors. Both Manar and Zelman have
been occupied. In the latter town
there was bloody fighting with large
bodies of Moors.

Alhucemas, Morocco, Sept. 27.—The
entire coast line here is illuminated
with the fires of burning Moorish vil-
lages. After the Spanish batteries in
the fighting of yesterday had silenced
the native artillery, the infantry ad-
vanced and drove the Moors from
their positions.

Celebrating Semmes Centenary.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—The one
hundredth anniversary of the birth of
Admiral Raphael Semmes, naval hero
of the Confederate states, is being
marked with public ceremonies in the
south today. Thousands of members
of Confederate organizations joined.

FIFTY INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Some Believed to Have Been
Killed—Explosion Occurred
in Tall Buildings—Fire
Adds to Horror.

EVERY OFFICE IS WRECKED
IN THE ENTIRE BUILDING

Twenty-Five Stenographers Cut by Glass
from Windows—Crying and
Pleading of the Injured
Were Pitiful.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 27.—
(Bulletin)—A thorough search
of the ruins shows none dead
in the building in which the
explosion occurred.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 25.—Fifty per-
sons were injured today and
some are believed to have been
killed when an explosion occurred in
the Columbian Film exchange. Fire-
men are searching the ruins for vic-
tims. The structure was eight stories
high and every office was wrecked.
It is not known at this time how
many were employed in the offices of
the film company, but it is not thought
any in the two rooms could have es-
caped, although partial search of the
ruins has failed to locate any dead.
Many hundreds of occupants in the
building became panic-stricken, rush-
ed for exits and jammed stairways.
Many rushed to the elevator doors
and fighting like demons tore down
the screens in their efforts to escape.
Elevator "Boy" Clay made ten trips
through fire and smoke before quit-
ting his post.

Fire broke out, threatening a sec-
ond explosion and the collapse of the
building. The walls of the building
are bulging.

The cause of the explosion is not
known. In some manner the inflam-
mable films were ignited and the next
moment a terrific explosion occurred.
The crying and pleading of the in-
jured were pitiful. The clanging of
ambulance bells excited down town
pedestrians.

Twenty-five stenographers in the
office of a typewriter company were
seriously cut when the large plate
glass windows were shattered.

THE GRAND TOTAL IS \$20,327,558

Taxable Property of All Kinds in Bun-
combe, and the Total Increase
\$1,015,666.

The story in Saturday's Gazette-
News, telling of the real and personal
property in Buncombe county which
was assessed for taxation in 1909 at
\$17,587,082, and which showed an in-
crease over the year 1908 of \$910,-
656, was read with interest, but with
no surprise, as everyone is aware that
this county is one of the most pro-
gressive in the state. In that ac-
count, however, several very interest-
ing items were omitted, which, when
added to the total personal property
in the county, makes the total value
of property, personal, real and corpo-
rate in Buncombe county \$20,327,558.

The items omitted were those as-
sessed by the corporation commission
of the state of North Carolina, and
which must be added to those given
in to the county lists. These are rail-
way and street car and electric prop-
erty, \$2,095,609; bank stock, \$374,-
653; building and loan stock, \$899;
corporation excess, \$269,914; making
a total of \$2,740,475, which, when
added to the personal and real prop-
erty listed at \$17,587,082, makes the
grand total of all taxable property
in Buncombe county \$20,327,558 for
1909. The grand total for all prop-
erty, personal, real and corporate in
1908 was \$19,311,892, which makes
the total increase in all property dur-
ing the past year \$1,015,666. Thus
the actual figures show that Bun-
combe is one of the richest counties
in the state, and if Wake county does
not be up and moving will exceed it
in property values next year. The
value of all property in Wake county,
in which is Raleigh, for 1908 is given
at \$21,321,378.

The amount on which an income tax
is assessed by the corporation com-
mission is given this year as \$205,520,
which is an increase of \$27,078 over
that listed in 1908.

Another interesting item gleaned
from the tax list is that the total
amount of property in Buncombe
county listed by colored people
amounts to \$287,472, which is an in-
crease over 1908 of \$48,324.

Thus it will be seen that with an in-
crease of more than a million dollars
in taxable property in Buncombe
county—and there has not been a re-
assessment—this county is going for-
ward in leaps and bounds. And all
the property is not listed yet, the total
will yet be increased considerably.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday for
Asheville and vicinity: Fair, contin-
ued cold tonight and Tuesday.