

ALL THE DANGER IS NOW PASSED

Hurricane That Swept Florida Coast Towns Yesterday Has Passed Out to Sea.

KEY WEST SUFFERED HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS

Even Brick Buildings Throughout the City Suffered--Engine Houses Destroyed--Many Boats Missing.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 12.—With the city in the hands of the military authorities, efforts are being concentrated today on ascertaining the damage wrought by the hurricane which swept the gulf yesterday. It is estimated that the damage to property in the city and harbor will reach \$2,000,000. No loss of life has been reported in the city, but it is thought the death toll will be heavy along the eastern coast of the Peninsula.

Rode Out the Storm. Many of the vessels which had been swept from their moorings during the blow yesterday, managed to ride out the storm during the night and limped back to their pier this morning, but between 60 and 75 boats of all descriptions were wrecked. It is feared a number of lives were lost on these vessels. In the city, whole blocks of frame structures were razed, brick houses also fell before the gale, while great tobacco factories and warehouses suffered considerable damage. It will probably be several weeks before they will be able to resume operations.

The Vandals are Captured. The city jail is filled to overflowing with vandals captured by the militia and police during the night. Thieves began operations as soon as the fury of the storm had abated, the wrecking of the electric plant having plunged the city into darkness. The mayor immediately took stringent measures to cope with the situation, and proclaimed martial law. Key West guards were called out and patrolled the streets during the night. The United States government also has been called on for assistance in the storm-swept territory.

Storm Off Jacksonville. Washington, Oct. 12.—The exact location of the center of the tropical disturbance this morning, as indicated by reports to the weather bureau, is between 200 and 300 miles off Jacksonville, Florida. At Key West this morning, the storm had spent its force, a northwest wind was blowing and rain was falling. Reports from Tampa, Florida, indicated that the storm was little felt there. There being no observer of the weather bureau at Miami no reports of the effect of the hurricane in that city have been received. All storm warnings on the Atlantic and Gulf coast have been ordered discontinued, but the weather bureau advises shipping interests that the hurricane is continuing over the Atlantic.

The People Were Warned. It is fully expected that the coming reports will disclose severe damage to shipping and much destruction to property, perhaps some loss of life among the Florida Keys, but undoubtedly the destruction would have been very much greater except for prompt action of the weather bureau, in spreading broadcast, through every available agency, warnings of the approaching hurricane. The acting commander of war has directed the commanding officer at Key West, Florida, to render such assistance as may be requested by the mayor of that city, in maintaining order following yesterday's hurricane.

Heavy Losses in Cuba. Havana, Oct. 12.—Communication between this city and interior points, interrupted by yesterday's storm, had been renewed today. Reports from nearby places indicate that property loss, especially to the westward, has been heavy, but that there were few fatalities.

Sensational Reports Discredited. New Orleans, Oct. 12.—Sensational reports telling of the loss of 800 lives along the coast of Florida are discredited locally.

Little Damage Except on East Coast. Jacksonville, Oct. 12.—Reports here indicate little damage, except to property on the east coast. From Miami come reports of great property loss, with possible damage to shipping.

Cold Throughout Wide Area. Kansas City, Oct. 12.—A temperature of 28 degrees above zero prevails over all of Kansas, the western half of Missouri, northern Alabama and the Texas panhandle. According to the local weather bureau, killing frost was experienced in the southwest. Continued cold weather is predicted.

Washington, Oct. 12.—All danger to points on the gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic coast from the West Indian hurricane, which wrecked Key West yesterday, and swept northward over Florida, has passed, according to the weather bureau today.

MR. PEARSON TELLS, BEING NO LONGER MINISTER TO GREECE, HOW IT HAPPENED

He Was the Victim of the Operation of a Simple Law of Physics—Mr. Smith All That Is Now "Charged" to North Carolina—The Connor Appointment.

IN view of the widespread interest and curiosity as to Hon. Richmond Pearson's retirement from the diplomatic service and especially the differing versions which The Asheville-Gazette-News and Congressman Grant have given to the public on this subject, this paper commissioned one of its representatives to ask Mr. Pearson if he would be willing to give an explanation for the benefit of his friends and former constituents.

Following is the interview in substance: Gazette-News man: "Mr. Pearson, have you seen the statement in The Asheville-Gazette-News relating to your retirement and Congressman Grant's letter in reply?"

Mr. Pearson: "Yes, I have read both statements and they are not necessarily or wholly in conflict, but I have no desire to obtrude my personality or my political fortunes upon the attention of the public and I do not feel called upon to make any explanation. In truth, none is necessary beyond the statement of undeniable fact that the republican congressmen from North Carolina including Mr. Grant, endorsed and urged the appointment of other North Carolinians for positions in the diplomatic service and no one can question or deny their right to do this. It is an axiom as true in politics as in physics that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time. There are less than ten desirable diplomatic posts in our entire service which a man of moderate fortune can hold and maintain on equal footing with his colleagues from other countries. With the single exception of Mexico there is no post in any part of the civilized world where the American ambassador or minister is not obliged to supplement his salary by spending from his personal funds an amount ranging from \$5,000 up. In spite of this there is a tremendous pressure for such places and solid and united backing from a man's own state is necessary to secure one to retain such a place. Now with only ten attractive posts to be distributed among forty-six states, it would be exorbitant for North Carolina to expect to get four out of the ten."

Turpentine Treatment. Mr. Pearson: "As to that I am not advised, but I do know that all the best posts have already been filled or engaged and I remember well that Mr. Taft in his justly celebrated Greensboro speech said in substance that the North Carolina republicans would be a stronger voting party if all the federal offices were filled by democrats. This is a heroic doctrine and reminds me of the old woman down in Cumberland county who insisted that her children would be made stronger and more vigorous by giving them turpentine with their rice instead of gravy."

Mr. A. Donaldson Smith. Mr. Pearson: "Why that appointment was in exact keeping with Mr. Taft's Greensboro declaration and so was his appointment of Mr. A. Donaldson Smith to a life position in the consular service where the appointee has a chance to rise to a \$12,000 post without any of the social obligations imposed upon a diplomatic representative."

Gazette-News man: "Who is this Mr. Smith?" Mr. Pearson: "Mr. Smith is a very accomplished and charming gentleman from Pennsylvania who has spent parts of several winters hunting foxes in Halifax county. He is an ardent supporter of Representative Claude Kitchin, and Mr. Kitchin's earnest and unanimous endorsement was sufficiently potent to land the gentleman from Pennsylvania in the only foreign post so far charged to North Carolina."

Mr. Pearson: "I mean to say upon information which I believe to be true that this Mr. Smith charged to North Carolina has never lived a single twelve months continuously in this state, that he owns no lands, tenements or hereditaments here, that he has never raised a bale of cotton or a bushel of corn or a hill of peanuts here; that he toils not neither does he spin but that he does run foxes and vote the local democratic ticket in Halifax with boundless and unfeigned enthusiasm."

Gazette-News man: "Will the appointment of a democrat to the federal judgeship hurt the republican party in the state?" Mr. Pearson: "It has hurt and will hurt our feelings; and the manner more than the fact of the appointment, wounds, but will not break the spirit of the party. I fail to understand why the president felt called upon to proclaim to the world with the widest possible publicity that he would appoint a republican to this judgeship, if he could find one possessing the requisite character and ability; and after diligent search he abandons the quest as hopeless, leaving the unavoidable impression that the republicans of character submitted for his selection were lacking in intellect, while the men of intellect were devoid of character sufficient to measure up to his critical and exacting standard. My chief regret in this whole extraordinary incident is that some one of our republican members of congress did not find occasion to rise in his place in the house of representatives and remind the president and the country, that the North Carolina republicans when they were much weaker than now, found material in 1868 to make a Supreme court which has never been surpassed in character, learning and legal acumen during the entire period of our life as a sovereign state. This fact is admitted by every impartial democrat within our borders and it is true without reference to the then chief justice, of whom it may not be safe to speak, two of these eminent jurists who alone would have made that court celebrated—I mean Edwin G. Reade and William Rodman—came from the very section which the president has declared by implication to be utterly barren and devoid of republican lawyers commanding good names with good morals. I regret that no voice was raised in the halls of congress to remind the present chief executive, that the North Carolina republicans, when they were weaker than now had such an affluence of legal ability that a republican president appointed a North Carolina republican to preside over the courts of Florida and that the president discharged his duties in such a manner as to please and captivate men of all parties and all professions in that state. I regret that we had no spokesman to remind the president that his immediate predecessor had no trouble in finding North Carolina republicans of sufficient legal and moral qualifications to preside most creditably over the federal bench of both Virginia and in both Carolinas. I regret that no one ventured to remind the president that he received more votes in North Carolina than he received in all the seven states combined lying between our borders and the borders of Texas. I regret that no authoritative voice was raised in tones at once respectful and indignant to protest against this unmerited rebuke from the head of our party, to remind him of the struggles through which we had passed; to remind him that heretofore we had been obliged to bear insult, contumely and derision only from our political opponents whose strength was waning while ours was waxing stronger with each recurring election, and to declare to his folly that while his unjust rebuke would be keenly felt, that he might bruise but could never break the spirit which animates the loyal republicans of North Carolina."

CRANE'S TALK IS NOW CITED

Minister's Speech at New York May Have Caused Trouble That He Seems to Be in.

"IT WAS UNDIPLOMATIC" SAY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Talk That Moved Knox to Action Was Made Before the American Asiatic Association.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Secretary of State Knox notifies Charles R. Crane, who is in Washington, that his resignation as minister to China will be accepted.

The indication at 12.30 was that, within an hour or two the announcement would be made from the state department of the acceptance of Charles R. Crane, as minister designate to China. Crane has already advised Secretary Knox that he was prepared to resign if recent developments had made his further service in that position an embarrassment to the department. Knox has advised President Taft of his action. Should Crane decide to accede to the secretary's suggestion, which it is taken for granted he will do promptly, his resignation will be addressed to the president, who appointed him.

Washington, Oct. 12.—In a statement today Secretary Knox gave the text of his telegram recalling Mr. Crane from San Francisco to Washington, which follows: "You have been charged with responsibility for canards recently appearing in Japanese and American press to the effect that the United States is preparing to protest against the Chinese-Japanese agreement. Evidence that you are responsible for this sort of a character as warrants me in directing you to come to Washington at once and meet me. If you are not responsible, as I hope you are not, matters relating to Oriental affairs have developed since you left Washington that makes it advisable for me to communicate with you personally, and in the utmost confidence, in relation thereto."

The statement adds that Crane, having assumed responsibility for the publication, the department reluctantly reached the conclusion that the resignation of Crane would be accepted.

Speech Starts Gossip. A day or so previous to the recall of the minister there arrived in Washington the number of the journal of the American Asiatic association, which is set forth the speech delivered by Minister Crane at the eleventh annual dinner of that organization in New York on September 26.

As possible occasion for having stirred the secretarial disapproval may be quoted the following excerpt from the address of Mr. Crane: "Of course, in this development China will require much foreign material, and in a perfectly friendly and legitimate way Secretary Knox has determined that we shall have our share."

"It may not always be necessary to repeat the new form of hold-up which our state department has recently been so successfully engaged in of forcing money on China."

Further on, in speaking of President Taft's speech at Shanghai when, as secretary of war, he was on his way to the Philippines, Mr. Crane delivered himself of sentiments that might not be regarded as "good for the party." They were as follows: "The Shanghai speech was so frank and clear, sounded so much like one of good old Uncle Grover's, that I felt that possibly the government might be safe in the hands of one republican. (Applause.) Since that speech all talk of dismemberment of China has quieted down."

Gave Asia Moral Shock. Another passage in the address might be interpreted as undiplomatic language when applied to a situation so sensitive as is that in the far east at the present time as between Japan, Russia, and China. "The result of that war (Russian-Japanese) gave Asia the greatest moral shock it has had for centuries. The war was followed," he added, "by the uprising in Russia. The uprising in Russia was followed by the revolution in Turkey and the revolution in Turkey by that in Persia, and these were all followed by a feeling of great unrest in India."

Forecast until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight with a minimum temperature of about 36 degrees.

Daughter of Mark Twain Weds

A Well Known Russian Pianist

MISS CLARA CLEMENS AND MR. OSSIP GABRILOWITZ

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IT'S COLD WEATHER, BUT BALL ENTHUSIASTS ARE OUT IN FORCE, IN DETROIT TODAY

Owing to the Frosty Atmosphere It Is Feared That Good Ball Cannot Be Played—Henceforth Four Umpires Will Be on Duty.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 12.—Exceedingly cold weather for fall greeted the enthusiasts as they made their way to Bennett park for the fourth game of the world's championship series, between Pittsburgh and Detroit, scheduled for today. The sun shone brightly, but the air was far too cold for good baseball. Frisk and chilling wind prevailed, and on the whole it would be hard to imagine a worse day for good baseball.

Four umpires will be on duty the remainder of the series, two watching the foul lines.

THE BEAUTIFUL, THE FIRST OF THE SEASON, FELL OVER LOWER PART OF MICHIGAN TODAY.

White Williams-Smith Case Is Being Considered.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 12.—That section 1001, United States statutes, was never intended to authorize the removal of defendants from one district to another for trial unless they were fugitives, was maintained today, by John D. Lindsay, of New York, counsel for the New York World, in the "Panama Label Case," before Judge A. R. Anderson, in the United States court.

A Political Matter. Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 12.—That the so-called Panama label case was "more or less of a political matter," was the comment of Judge A. R. Anderson of the United States district court, at the close of argument yesterday in the hearing of Charles R. Williams and Delevan Smith, proprietors of The Indianapolis News, whom the government is seeking to remove to the District of Columbia for trial on the charge of criminally libeling former President Roosevelt, President Taft, William Nelson Cromwell, J. Pierpont Morgan, Douglas Robinson and others.

The court said that it wished not to give an impression that it had formed an opinion on the merits of the case, but that it desired to point out the trend of the argument towards its further enlightenment as to whether or not there was probable cause for indictment of Messrs. Williams and Smith by the federal grand jury of the District of Columbia for criminal libel in their having published articles libeling that there was a "graft," of \$3,000,000 in the sale of Panama canal zone to the United States by the French company.

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WAKE GETS RAIN; MUCH NEEDED

As Result the Cotton Yield Will Be Better Than Was Thought a Month Ago.

MORE PERSONS HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY MAD DOGS

It Is Stated That 138 Persons Have Been Treated or Are Now Under Treatment.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Building, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Oct. 12. Rain, very greatly needed, has fallen. The weather during the past 30 days has been extremely dry, and the oldest farmers say they never knew cotton to open more rapidly, and picking has gone on very fast, though on very few farms have the people been able to keep up with the opening, and in the course of a long ride in the country many fields were observed which looked almost like snow. The cotton is almost perfect in every respect. The admirable weather has brought out the crop, so to speak; in other words the yield will be greater than was thought possible a month ago. Labor is only fairly plentiful, but the farmers in this section taking out from the city all the pickers they can hire.

Flight of Edwards. Mention has been made of the flight from Raleigh of the young man, Edwards, who ran a blind tiger for months within 50 yards of the police station. The police knew it, but could not get evidence, because witnesses committed perjury. They got in the place once or twice, however, and seized quantities of whiskey, but did not then know that Edwards had in his room upstairs, in a large trunk, a barrel of whiskey. It is said that his place is to be re-opened.

The Mad Dogs. Yesterday more persons bitten by mad dogs arrived here. Mrs. J. G. Page brought her little girl, age nine months, from Wallace. Last Saturday her husband and six of their children came here to Dr. Shore for treatment, all having been bitten by the same dog, a little black one, whose husband yesterday was looking after her husband's store and had with her the baby, when some one came in who had been at her house the day some of her children had been bitten and told her that the baby had crawled under the dining room table while the family was at breakfast, and she was sure the child had been bitten like the others.

This proved to be true, the wound being on the foot and Mrs. Page lost no time in bringing the child here, so the entire Page family, except the mother are under treatment. Two other patients arrived, W. R. Simpson of Concord and his 14-month old baby. He was in his yard with his child when a stray dog, which it was found, had run a distance of 16 miles across the country, dashed in and bit them both. He seized the dog and choked it to death.

The fact that 138 persons have been treated or are now under treatment here, shows the great danger from dogs. In practically every case the head of the dog has been brought here and rabies found. The patients themselves are allowed to use the microscope, and thus see for themselves the peculiar blotches in the brain cells which mark this terrible disease. Their sense of relief at the treatment is something very interesting to see. Nobody complains, the little children quite often cry the first two or three times they take the "shot." In other words, the hypodermic injection, but they soon get to be veterans.

P. D. Gold, Jr., of Raleigh, vice president and general manager of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., is made a member of the executive committee of the American Life Insurance association, which held its annual session at Cincinnati last week. It is the first time a southern man has ever been paid this compliment.

The Bertha Brown Case. In the case of Bertha Brown, the notorious tenderloin, the jury which took the case Saturday afternoon held together until Sunday afternoon and then reported to the judge it could not agree and the woman will be tried again at the next term. It is said that some of the jurors considered only matters that the Supreme court and legislature had already passed upon; in other words, from their point of view the tenderloin is a good thing, this being the argument of a lawyer in the case until he was squelched by Judge William B. Allen, who cut him off by telling him such a matter was not for the jury at all.

Rector George W. Lay of St. Mary's Female school here, says the dining hall and gymnasium will be ready for use at least by Thanksgiving. The hall will seat 300. At St. Mary's every Sunday afternoon a number of the cadets of the Agriculture and Mechanical college sing in the beautiful chapel with the students, and are then entertained at supper by Rev. Mr. Lay. The afternoon services is full choral and very beautiful, and attracts numbers of city people. The presence of the cadets is an innovation. (Continued on page 3)

Mineral Point, Wis., and the appointment of a receiver of the Wisconsin institution. Arrests are expected to follow the closing of the bank, after a conference between the Federal authorities at Mineral Point.

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Robber Got \$10,000, but He Passed Over Much Gold

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12.—Although the officials of the Great Northern Express company have declined to make public the amount of money secured by the bandit who robbed the express office yesterday, the police and detectives are authority for the statement that it may reach \$10,000. It is also known that the robber overtook gold and silver currency in the safe amounting to between \$12,000 and \$25,000. No trace of the man has been discovered.