

TERRIFIC GALE SMITES COAST

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WIRES ARE DESTROYED CUTTING OFF NEWS

Anxiety Felt for Vessels in Hampton Roads—Columbia, Charlotte and Charleston Swept.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 3.—The South Atlantic coast states today are in the grip of a terrific rain and windstorm, which worked havoc with shipping and cut off the cities of Norfolk and Newport News.

Incomplete reports coming in while the storm was at its height were that many small craft had been sunk. The loss of life, if any, was not known.

In this city the gale whipped down many signs and trees. Telegraph and telephone wires were demoralized as far south as Atlanta.

Big Gale at Norfolk. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—A fifty-mile gale, with heavy rain, whipped the Atlantic coast here today with terrific violence, felling wires and demoralizing shipping.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—Columbia and vicinity were visited this morning by a severe windstorm, telegraphic and telephone communication outside the city being badly interrupted for several hours.

The local weather bureau reported that the gale attained a velocity well above 50 miles an hour, while occasional gusts of short duration reached as high as 70 miles an hour.

Several plate glass windows in the downtown district were smashed and the upper story frame work of a "skyscraper" now building in the business section was blown out of position several inches.

The terrific gale swept the waters of the James river up into the lower portions of the city of Newport News, inundating streets, warehouses and driving the people to the heights.

Heavy Rain at Charleston. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 3.—Due to the storm which has passed up the coast, Charleston suffered copious rainfall and strong winds during the night, overhead wires sustaining the principal damage.

Damage Slight at Charlotte. Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—A windstorm carrying the highest velocity according to official figures from the local weather station, since 1904 puffed over Charlotte and vicinity early this morning, accompanied by a considerable rain.

Three Big Storms Raging. New York, Jan. 3.—Three storms of extraordinary violence, occurring almost simultaneously in widespread sections of the country, were reported by the telegraph companies today.

The first of the storms raged south of Washington. For a time there was only one wire working between Washington and Atlanta.

The second storm was in the middle west, which visited scores of miles between here and Chicago. At one time during the forenoon there were only five wires working between the two cities.

The third storm area was in the states of Washington and Oregon. Hundreds of wires had been destroyed by the heavy winds there.

60-Mile Gale in Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 3.—A 60-mile gale swept over Florida from the Gulf to the Atlantic all of last night, doing much damage to trees, wires and small buildings.

Augusta Suffers Severely. Augusta, Ga., Jan. 3.—One of the most severe windstorms that ever visited Augusta raged between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning.

It was said at the corporation commission office today that this is the last showing ever made by the state banks.

PLOTTERS SEEKING FREEDOM ON BOND

Argument in Progress on Superseas Petition—First Ruling Is Averse.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Baker this afternoon granted a writ of superseas in the case of union leaders convicted in the dynamite plot.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—An attempt to free 32 of the 33 dynamiters convicted at Indianapolis on bail, pending an appeal of their case, was made here today in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The convicted labor leaders, through their counsel, appeared to argue for a writ of superseas to stay execution of sentence inflicted by the United States District court and for the admission to bail of the prisoners pending further action by the Court of Appeals.

Attorney Zoline presented the petition in behalf of the convicted iron workers and argued in support of it, as did Attorney Krum.

Zoline, who then began quoting Supreme court decisions which he said bore on the point.

Judge Baker stated that the point of the writ of error was not well taken. He added there was no occasion for the Court of Appeals to intervene in any case unless it is shown that the procedure of the lower court was questionable at law.

Replying to this, Zoline argued that the evidence on which convictions were obtained at Indianapolis were "vague and indeterminate," and that the judge of the lower court should not have allowed the cases of many of the defendants to go to the jury.

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COAL CAN BE BURNED WITHOUT BLACK SMOKE

United States Bureau of Mines Issues Report Which Says Smoke in Cities Can be Reduced.

Ordinance and penalty, no matter how severe, will not solve the smoke problem. Smoke consumers do not consume smoke. All new furnaces installed should be absolutely smokeless.

The production of black smoke is an enormous aggregate waste of fuel. The greatest abatement of the smoke nuisances in the cities have come in the past and must come in the future through the organized effort of city smoke inspection departments, supplemented by the active cooperation of citizens.

try were attacking the problem from the same angle, and he soon came to the conclusion that many of them were wrong and were wasting their efforts. He found drastic ordinances in some municipalities that could only serve to make the citizens fight them; he found in other cities, laws that could not possibly be enforced.

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MR. TAFT ABANDONS CANAL ZONE PLAN

Decides Not to Send Goethals' Nomination to the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Taft today definitely told Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, that he would not send the senate the nomination of Colonel George Goethals as governor of the Panama canal zone.

While it now requires some times months for the repair of a broken arm or leg and often weeks for the healing of a cutaneous wound, Dr. Carrel believes that these healing processes can be accelerated wonderfully by the growth of connective tissue by artificial means.

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OUTLOOK GOOD BANKERS THINK

Statements of Officials of Local Institutions Show Prosperous Year and a Bright Future.

EVERY ONE HAS HAD INCREASED BUSINESS

Statements Are General but Some Figures are Given—Good Indication of General Conditions.

The banking business of a city is considered as the barometer of the whole business of the community, and for that reason some general and specific information has been secured from the officials of the five Asheville banks as to the business of 1912.

Mr. Ray's Statement. The statement made by President Edwin L. Ray of the Citizens bank includes some figures that stand for themselves in indicating the prosperous condition of this institution.

From the Wachovia. An equally interesting statement is made by the officers of the Asheville branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust company. This statement is prefaced thus: "The Wachovia Bank & Trust company, Asheville branch, has had a very prosperous year."

From Mr. Jenkins. The statement of President L. L. Jenkins of the American National bank is as follows: "During 1912 the business of the American National bank has been very satisfactory."

Statement of Central. The Central Bank & Trust company, which has not yet completed its first year of business, having been opened in March, also has an interesting report. The bank opened with a capital stock of \$50,000 with a \$5000 surplus, and although no dividends or extra surplus have been declared.

Want Texas-Louisiana Waterway. New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Resolutions urging Louisiana congressmen to secure an amendment to the rivers and harbor bill authorizing the Interstate Inland Waterways League of Louisiana and Texas to obtain the necessary right of way for an inland waterway westward from this city through Morgan City toward the Texas border.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 3.—The first accident in connection with the operation of the parcels post here was discovered yesterday when a jug of molasses was found broken in an incoming pouch.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday issued an order amending the parcels post regulations which would bar from the parcels post service "pistols or revolvers whether in detached parts or otherwise."

FALL REPORTED OF ADRIANOPLE

Paris Bourse Hears Belegnered Fortress Has Surrendered—Condition Known to Have Been Desperate.

ALLIES DECLARE TURKS MUST CEDE THE PRIZE

Say if Favorable Answer Is Not Received Today, Negotiations Will Be Ended.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A rumor that the Turkish fortress of Adrianople has fallen into the hands of the besiegers was current on the bourse today.

London, Jan. 3.—Advices received by the Serbian peace delegation today indicated that the condition of Adrianople was desperate and that its capitulation was perhaps only a question of hours.

Smugglers and Cattlemen Engage in Battle on Portuguese Frontier. (By Associated Press) Valencia do Minho, Portugal, Jan. 3.—Nine cowboys were killed and 14 severely wounded in a desperate battle on the Spanish frontier today with a band of smugglers, who, by the daring and fierceness of their attack, routed the herdsmen and captured \$90,000 in cash, the proceeds of sales of cattle.

Former Methodist Minister Well-Known Throughout State Dies at Charlotte. (By Associated Press) Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—Rev. James W. Wheeler, one of the oldest ministers of the Methodist church in the state, died here yesterday following a year's illness.

Passengers and Crew of Wrecked Vessel Landed. Bona, Algeria, Jan. 3.—The Canard liner Tyria rescued and brought into this port today 93 of the passengers and crew of the French mail steamer Saint Augustin, running between Marseilles and Algiers.

To Land Troops in Albania. (By Associated Press) Vienna, Jan. 3.—Austria-Hungary and Italy are making preparations to land a joint expeditionary force according to a dispatch received here.

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May Knit Broken Bones In 4 Days Says Carrel

Rockefeller Institute Wizard Bases Sensational Prediction on Long Continued Researches—Applies Mixture of Ductless Glands to Wounds with great Results.

New York, Jan. 3.—That the year 1913 may see the marvel of broken bones repaired for use within four days and wounds healed within one day is forecast by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller institute for medical research who last year won the Nobel prize for medicine.

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STATE BANK REPORTS SHOW DECIDED GAIN

Increase of More Than 15 Million Dollars in Resources During Year.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—North Carolina state banks to the number of 288 had resources of \$83,582,741.33 during the past year, according to statements issued November 25, as against resources of \$68,497,729.97 for 1911, an increase of over \$15,000,000.

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