

Scores of People Perish In Hurricane; Fortress of Kovno Now In German Hands; Thorough Probe of Frank Death Promised

GALVESTON, TEX. PAYS BIG TOLL TO GULF STORM

Number of Deaths Must Be Large and Thousands of Buildings Are Believed to Have Been Destroyed. "INDESCRIBABLE SCENE" ASSERTS EYE WITNESS

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 18.—Scores of persons perished in the West Indian hurricane which swept Texas coast points, according to round-about reports from the stricken districts. Eighteen soldiers, it is said, were killed at Texas City, the regular army camp near Galveston, and 30 or 40 civilians are reported to have lost their lives.

Views Wreck City. Houston, Tex., Aug. 18.—(by way of Temple City and telephone to Dallas).—The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. R. Montgomery, the Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got as far as Virginia Point, the north end of the causeway Tuesday and viewed the wrecked city of Galveston.

"I am confident that the number of deaths in Galveston is large. I did not see an elevator on the port side of the city and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands. I believe the property loss will be greater than in 1900.

"We encountered indescribable conditions," Mr. Montgomery continued. "The road bridges over Clear creek and at Dickinson had been washed out and we ran the machine over railroad bridges and cross ties. "We saw thousands of bales of cotton on the prairies all the way from Virginia Point (the mainland end of the causeway) to the town of La Marque, far inland. They had been washed from the Galveston locks by the tidal wave. "The water must have been several feet over the causeway

and serious damage must have been caused by the washing out of large quantities of filling material in the center. "The railway drawbridge was washed away at Seabrook, about 20 miles from Houston. Three deaths were reported to have occurred at that place." At Texas City. Waco, Tex., Aug. 18.—A copy of the sixth edition of the Houston Chronicle says: "Twelve soldiers were killed at Texas City last night by the storm when the Thompson building, a new three-story structure, collapsed. Eight were killed by falling bricks, while four were drowned later. "About 30 or 40 civilians, many of them women and children were also killed. The soldiers killed were enlisted men and no deaths of commissioned officers have been reported. "Military rule has been established at Texas City and the soldiers are fishing the corpses out of the water as fast as they can be located. "The first rumor that reached Houston was that between 200 and 250 soldiers had been drowned, but this was denied by A. H. Doghy and T. J. Moran who reached Houston Tuesday afternoon after making the trip over the railroad in an automobile. They said that only 12 soldiers had been killed and perhaps thrice that many injured. "Eight persons are reported dead near Morgan Point. They were drowned while fishing. It is reported from authentic source that the bodies of a woman, a baby and a sailor were beached near Sylvan Beach. The bodies had not been identified."

PLAN HUGE BRITISH LOAN IN NEW YORK To Check Downward Trend of Rates and Check Allies' Money Depreciation.

New York, Aug. 18.—Out of the disorder of the foreign exchange markets plans have begun to assume form for floating a huge British loan in New York to check the downward trend of rates and protect the money of Great Britain and her allies against further depreciation. After a group of Wall street bankers with international connections had conferred late yesterday it was said the situation still was indefinite and the plan in embryo. It was reported toward the end of the business day, that a syndicate of bankers might be formed to finance the loan and that the issue might consist of one, five and ten-year bonds. This report furnished the only indication as to how far negotiations had progressed. Its lack of definiteness reflected the general feeling that the big bankers of the street had been called on by England to suggest acceptable terms of such a loan, and that negotiations were in progress over the cables to set the foreign exchange situation right. Until these negotiations are concluded there will be no official announcement. It was thought significant that the talk today was of a loan whose longest issue should expire in ten years. In previous foreign loans the term has been short, and American bankers generally have considered that investors in this country would not take kindly to a longer term.

Consent to Receiver. St. Louis, Aug. 18.—The Missouri Pacific's Iron Mountain system has consented to the appointment of a receiver as requested in a petition filed in the federal court here. The Missouri Pacific has filed an answer stating that the allegations in the petition for receivership are untrue.

EARLY INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF FRANK AWAITED

Governor Harris Says He Will Institute Thorough Investigation Into Lynching of Frank.

PRISON FEATURE PROBE NOT EXPECTED SOON

Prison Commission Head Believes Prison Officials Can't Be Blamed—Body Taken to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Atlanta, Aug. 18.—All the legal machinery available to the governor of Georgia will be put in motion to ascertain who constituted the members of the mob that lynched Leo M. Frank at Marietta yesterday, Governor Harris said today. Governor Harris came here from Fitzgerald, Ga., as soon as he heard of the lynching. He had gone there to attend the state confederate veterans' reunion.

"This affair is shocking and I am going to have it investigated to the limit of my power," declared Governor Harris, as soon as he arrived from Fitzgerald. "I have not made up my mind exactly what should be done immediately." It is believed that much depends on the findings of the Cobb county coroner's jury, which adjourned to meet next Tuesday, after a short session yesterday.

Governor Harris has not yet decided whether he will offer rewards for the apprehension of the members of the band of lunchers. E. L. Rainey, a member of the state prison commission, arrived today from Milledgeville. He with the other members of the commission was at the state farm when Frank was taken by the mob.

Mr. Rainey, like R. E. Davidson, chairman of the prison commission, is of the opinion that nothing will be gained by an investigation of the event at the prison. Mr. Davidson left Milledgeville this morning and is expected to arrive in Atlanta this afternoon.

Atlanta, Aug. 18.—With the arrival of Governor Harris from Fitzgerald, Ga., where he delivered an address yesterday, it was expected that definite steps in the investigation of the lynching of Leo M. Frank would be taken. The statement of R. E. Davidson, chairman of the state prison commission, that he did not believe anyone could be blamed and that conditions made it comparatively easy for the mob to take Frank from the

prison, seemed to indicate that the prison feature might not be investigated immediately. The commission has absolute authority in such matters. The mob planned its work so carefully and acted so quickly that little excitement was caused at Milledgeville. Marietta is rapidly assuming its normal poise. Here immediate interest in the case ended when the body of Frank, accompanied by Mrs. Frank and a few friends, last night was started on the way to Brooklyn, the home of his parents. At Fitzgerald yesterday Governor Harris said he would institute a thorough investigation.

Marietta, Ga., August 18.—Frank's body was cut down at 10:15 o'clock but not until another spectacular phase was added to the case. One spectator spoke to the crowd advising mutilation of the body. Newton A. Morris, former superior court judge, spoke immediately afterward and pleaded with the throng to allow an inquest to take its proper course.

As there was evidence of a difference of opinion a vote was suggested and taken. This was overwhelmingly in favor of allowing the coroner to take charge of the case. The body was cut down and the two-mile trip to Marietta started. The crowds increased rapidly as the day wore on. By 10 o'clock many women and children were seen mingled with the men in the wood at the edge of which Frank's body still hung at that hour, no effort having been made to dispose of it, although the coroner had been summoned.

Near Marietta officials who feared that the crowd might become unruly stepped the wagon and transferred the body to an automobile, which hurried to Atlanta. The excitement in Marietta rapidly subsided after the body was cut down. Several automobiles, however, followed the machine that bore the dead victim of the hanging to Atlanta.

After the circulation of reports that several high powered automobiles had left Marietta early Monday night, Mayor Dobbs issued this statement: "I desire in the interest of justice and truth to say that the Marietta and Cobb county officials had no knowledge of any automobiles leaving Marietta well loaded last night, nor were they apprised of the return of any machines today. None of the officials had any intimation of the lynching until the body was found."

It became fairly well established last night that only one automobile that left Milledgeville with Frank continued towards Eatonton. This machine was fitted with tire chains, and was easily traced. The men in this car fired a number of shots at a bridge over Little river near Eatonton which led to reports that Frank had been killed there and threw searching parties off the trail. Then it is believed they took a shorter course to the road traversed by their companions and joined them in the trip here.

Officials of Cobb county, in which the lynching occurred, instituted an investigation. Coroner Blooth empanelled. (Continued on Page Two).

MRS. JULIAN S. CARR DIES AT COUNTRY HOME

Durham, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Nannie Graham Pugh Carr, wife of General Julian S. Carr, commander of the North Carolina division of the United Confederate veterans and former commander in chief of the United Confederate veterans, died at her country home, Oconee, here today.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Corporation Commission Faces Interesting Time Explaining the Wherefores of Various Tax Rates.

ACTION OF DOUGHTON DISAPPOINTS FRIENDS

Simmons' Hand Not Evident In Choice of Attorney Generalship Candidates —Shuford Reunion

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Tax talking people who are interested in the assessments as they come into the Raleigh office to be reviewed are going to ask the corporation commission "how come?"

Whether this is to be a serious inquisition or a broadside that will knock everything in sight out, appears not, but in the examination of records a few days ago, a Raleigh student discovered Scotland county met on acres assessed at \$3.50 and Wake's at \$11. Thereupon he got mad. He owned something like a thousand acres upon which he pays a heavy tribute.

The commission has a lot of tax questions before it. Some of these are local and interesting provincially, some are most cosmopolitan. The Scotland county case is not unusual. Collector J. W. Bailey finished his first two years in the Raleigh office today and counts upon about six years more, the attorney generalship ambition having gone early.

Within a few weeks the collector will compile a report which will show the work of his office, the blockades punished, the stills wrecked and the workings of the new laws. It will furnish interesting matter for the statistical mind solely but much more to the student.

The least important thing in this biennium has hitherto been the most important, the field work of the deputies. Since the new collector went into office the administration has rebuilt the federal building and spent about \$250,000 on it. The oath of office was taken in the temporary quarters on Hargett street, but now all offices have returned.

The record in arrests and convictions has been shattered and the department has been greatly extended. The emergency tax, the income tax and the narcotics act have been put into operation during the new administration and Raleigh has become the tax gathering center instead of Durham with its millions in tobacco yearly apment.

The announcement that R. A. Doughton will not run for attorney general is disappointing to many Raleigh men and visitors. The Allegheny man unquestionably had the lead on the field if the visitors take in the situation correctly. So much was said about his candidacy that it had temporarily obscured other aspirants. Judge Carter's friends were at work and the west demanded the office.

It is news to these gentlemen that Mr. Doughton would like to be governor, though this suggestion found splendid expression at the bar association two weeks ago. Nobody has denied this story and everybody is agreed that if Mr. Doughton seeks the democratic nomination for governor he will find his unwillingness to make the attorney generalship race a strength rather than a weakness. And everybody believes that he would make a formidable race for this honor.

No Simmons Found. The hand of Senator Simmons was conspicuously absent from the attorney generalship choice. He seemed to have been as unconcerned about it as he has been about the governorship and his neutrality here has been something intense. The things that he was going to do for Daughtridge because Daughtridge voted for him and guessed near his majority, and the things he was going to do for Bickett who did not guess or vote in his favor, were something terrible. Peace and a heap of it has been the senator's slogan.

When Collector Bailey impulsively came near the tossing of his hat into the ring, everybody said Simmons and the machine would now get behind Bailey and destroy Judge Carter. (Continued on Page Two).

KOVNO IS TAKEN DESPITE BRAVE RUSSIAN STAND

FURNITURE MEN'S SESSIONS TODAY

First Session This Afternoon at Grove Park Inn — Dinner Tonight.

Members of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' association are arriving today for the quarterly meeting of the organization that holds the first session of its two days' conference this afternoon at Grove Park Inn. A number of the furniture men reached the city last night and it is expected that more than 40 will be present for the discussions of topics of importance to the furniture makers of the state. Mayor J. E. Rankin and his representative and President Robert S. Jones of the local board of trade will welcome the visitors to the chief convention city of the south and George L. Hackney of Lexington will respond on behalf of the association.

The most important of the formal addresses will be that delivered tonight by W. S. Kies at the dinner to be given at the Inn. Mr. Kies is manager of the foreign trade department of the National City bank of New York and has made an extensive study of the problem of export trade with South America. The furniture manufacturers of North Carolina have been studying this question seriously with a view of increasing the trade for their products in the countries of Latin America, and Mr. Kies will be heard with great interest.

CASE WAS DECIDED FOR THE HARKINS ESTATE

Morning Session Today Taken Up With Von Ruck-Arbogast Case.

The case of Sylvio von Ruck against Ralph Arbogast, which was called as soon as Superior court convened this morning was still being heard when court recessed for noon. It is expected that the case will be concluded during the afternoon session.

A consent judgment was signed in the case of Reading Eagle company against the Piedmont Directory company.

A divorce was granted George Gore, colored, from Beesie Gore, on statutory grounds.

The jury in the case of Judge Charles A. Moore against T. J. Harkins, administrator of the estate of H. S. Harkins, in which the plaintiff was suing for \$1400 and interest, making the total about \$5000, yesterday afternoon returned a verdict for the defendant. The suit was hard fought and occupied most of the day yesterday in Superior court.

A non-suit was taken in the case of Aramus Henley against the county commissioner.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT FIRST BAPTIST TONIGHT

Rev. Dr. Dewalt Norton, will deliver his famous illustrated lecture on "The Man of Gallies" at the First Baptist church tonight, using many pictures illustrating the life of Christ. Wayne Jackson, a baritone singer who travels with Dr. Norton with a number of illustrated songs, such as "The Holy City" and others. Dr. Norton has been on the chautauqua and lecture platform for nearly 30 years; has delivered his lectures in the schools and churches of many states in the union. The lecture tonight will begin at 8:15 o'clock in the lecture room of the First Baptist church. Public generally invited. Visitors in the city extended a special invitation.

Important Russian Fortress and Outlying Forts Captured After Tenacious Defense.

400 CANNON AND MUCH WAR MATERIAL TAKEN

Loss of Fortress Serious Blow to Russians—Warsaw-Petrograd Railway Increasingly Threatened.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville), Aug. 18.—The following announcement was made here officially today: "The fortress of Kovno, together with all the outlying forts and an amount of war material not yet determined, has been in the hands of the Germans since last night. More than 400 cannon were taken when the fortress was captured. Kovno was taken by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance of the Russians.

Military experts agree that the loss of the fortress of Kovno is a serious blow to the Russians, as it brings the Germans that much closer to the important Warsaw-Vilna-Petrograd railway.

The official German statement yesterday announced the capture of the forts on the southwest front of Kovno, together with 4,500 prisoners and 240 cannon. This announcement was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of Kovno, but its accomplishment so speedily was hardly expected.

The famous German general Von Hindenburg had taken personal command of the armies attacking Kovno.

Kovno is the capital of the Russian province of that name and is situated on the right bank of the Niemen river. It is a fortress of the first class, and has a civil population of about 75,000.

Cannot Check Advance. London, Aug. 18.—The fall of the fortress of Kovno marked the situation of that fortress as critical and its ultimate surrender has been expected here.

The Russian army apparently has not been able to check the Austro-German advance which has been pushing steadily against the ring of strong fortresses forming the outlying defenses of the Petrograd provinces.

The armies of the central powers are not expected to relax their pressure on the eastern front until they have tried once more to separate the Russian northern and southern armies and capture Brest-Litovsk.

News from Turkish sources that the new landing parties on the Gallipoli peninsula near Suvla, were being heavily engaged is confirmed in an official report from General Sir Ian Hamilton, the British commander at the Dardanelles, who states that the British left has won 500 yards including Turkish trenches.

Sir Ian also reports the repulse of a Turkish attack against the position held by his army.