

NEW ORLEANS AND GULF COAST PAY HEAVY TOLL IN RECENT HURRICANE

Property Damage to City and Environs Estimated at Several Millions—Death List May Reach Seventy.

CROPS THROUGHOUT THE STATE SUFFERED MUCH

Reports from West and South of New Orleans Indicate Heavy Loss of Life and Property Damage.

Baton Rouge, Oct. 1.—The death list resulting from the hurricane which swept through the New Orleans section and the Gulf coast Wednesday is expected to reach 65 or 70, while the property loss will amount to millions, according to last reports compiled here today.

The loss is distributed as follows: New Orleans—Nineteen dead; 200 injured; property loss more than two million dollars.

Mississippi coast—Thirteen dead; scores injured or missing; property damage estimated at \$2,000,000.

Frederic, La.—Twenty-five dead; about 20 injured; heavy damage to railroads.

New Orleans, Sept. 30.—(By courier to Baton Rouge, Oct. 1.)—Nineteen known to be dead, probably 200 injured and damage estimated at several million dollars constitute the toll exacted by the hurricane which swept New Orleans Wednesday. The known dead include ten white persons, three negroes lost at Algiers and six in this city and suburbs.

The storm probably caused heavy property loss and possibly many casualties as far west as Morgan City and especially near Houma. Rumors to the south and southwest of here indicate that the loss of life will be heavy.

Morgan City reported no loss of life but it was declared that the property damage was severe. The hurricane reached there late Wednesday. The full force of the storm apparently swept over Houma, a city of 5,000 inhabitants, and as the town is situated on low and level ground, it is feared that it suffered severely.

The last report from Houma was received at 9 a. m. Wednesday and stated that many refugees were arriving from Gulf coast points. St. Bernard, adjacent to New Orleans parish, was flooded by a tidal wave to a depth of from two to eight feet, couriers reported.

Crops Destroyed.

Crops throughout the state were almost totally destroyed, according to reports. Fears are also felt for the safety of residents along the Mississippi south of here. The last word received from the section at the mouth of the Mississippi came by wireless from the steamer Creole, anchored off Port Saint Phillip. Captain Jacobs reported that the water was flowing under the levees and that many homes had been swept away. He denied that two members of his crew had been drowned or that he had seen bodies floating down the river.

Captain Menges and three members of the tug Corsair were drowned in the Mississippi river off Nine-Mile Point, where the Corsair and three fleets of barges sank while the storm was at its height. The fleets included more than 200 barges loaded with coal, valued at more than \$1,500,000.

Clearing Away Debris.

The clearing away of debris in the streets of the city began today and it is expected that the city will begin to assume a normal aspect tomorrow. Street car service has been virtually suspended until this afternoon.

Considering the terrific force of the hurricane and that it was practically continuous for seven hours, it is felt that New Orleans was fortunate to escape with so few casualties and with the damage suffered. A portion of the western section of the town, about 30 blocks long and 15 blocks wide was flooded today with from one to four feet of water. During the storm the water flowed through the streets in small rivers.

Do Not Need Outside Aid.

Mayor Behrman issued a statement today declaring that there was no need for outside assistance. He believed the property loss in the city and its environs would reach several million dollars.

Eleven small craft sank in the harbor and six steamers were damaged. The bark Helena sank and two members of her crew were drowned. The United States converted yacht Stranger assigned to the Louisiana naval militia was rammed by a huge dry dock at the naval station and sank. The gunboat Petrel was in dry dock at the time. The monitor Amphitrite was driven aground.

There has been no wire communication with the outside world today but brief radio messages telling of the city's condition were sent to Mobile by the wireless on the steamer Excelsior.

Passengers from Lake Charles.

SECOND VOTING PERIOD IN THE GAZETTE-NEWS GREAT SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN CLOSES TO-MORROW NIGHT AT 10 P. M.

Starting Monday Regular Vote Will Decline 2000 on Each Yearly Subscription.

Candidates in The Gazette-News great gift subscription campaign are putting forth every effort this week to take advantage of the closing of the second vote period which is to-morrow night at 10 o'clock.

Next Monday morning the campaign will enter into the third and last voting period, and the regular vote will decline 2,000 votes on each yearly subscription.

The ambitious ones realize the regular votes gained this week on subscriptions over next week will give them a great lead, and they will have secured votes that their competitors, who do not take advantage of the closing of this vote period can never make up, as the regular vote on subscriptions count more NOW than they ever will again.

The campaign closes October 15, and the effort displayed from now until the close will largely determine who shall claim the big Studebaker, the Ford, and all the other valuable premiums to be awarded, and the ones who take advantage of opportunities will of course be declared the winners, and the biggest and best opportunity that still remains of the campaign is NOW, and the management wishes to impress upon each and every candidate for their own welfare to turn in every possible subscription though it be large or small by 10 o'clock tomorrow night (Saturday).

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Jackson County Fair to Continue Over Saturday

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The Jackson county fair opened Tuesday, and at night the turnstiles showed an attendance of 1,000 paid admissions. Those who have attended the Jackson county fairs regularly do not hesitate to assert that the exhibits this year are better than ever before.

The Jackson county fair association which is now conducting a fair at this place has decided to continue the exhibition through another day; and the fair will therefore extend through Saturday, whereas it was originally intended to bring it to a close tonight.

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STONE OPPOSES LOAN TO ALLIES

Committee in Senate Fears Moral Effect of Loan on U. S. People.

MAY MAKE LENDERS BORROWERS' PARTISANS

Opposes Anything That Tends to Interfere With Our National Attitude of Honorable Neutrality.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 1.—Senator William J. Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate, last night issued the following statement, opposing the proposed loan to France and Great Britain:

"In Washington several days ago a gentleman of German antecedents and sympathies, on behalf of a German-American fraternal organization protested to me against the proposed loan to Great Britain and France.

"I told him that the one fear I had was that the moral effect of the loan, if made, to be followed probably by other loans of like kind, would be to make the holders of the securities partisans of their borrowers. I am resolutely opposed to anything, no matter what the excuse, calculated to convert any part of our people into our national attitude of honest neutrality into an attitude of partisanship in this European struggle.

"This apprehension is increased by what I read in today's papers. It is now given out that the syndicate in control of this enterprise, organized by J. Pierpont Morgan, not itself proposes to furnish the funds to be loaned out of their own resources, but that their scheme is to take the foreign securities underwritten by them; I presume, at 95 cents and then sell them to the public at 98 cents, pocketing the profits as commissions. I am not at this moment so much concerned about the possible profits of the insiders of this transaction, as I am with respect to its possible ultimate moral effects on the neutrality sentiment of our people. If hundreds of millions of these securities are to be sold to and distributed among all classes of our people, there will be thousands who will suddenly have a new and vital interest in the success of the powers whose obligations they hold.

"Mr. Morgan is understood to be the fiscal agent in the United States of Great Britain. He and his employees in London could not have advised a better scheme than this to foment a powerful and active pro-German sentiment in this country.

"I am an advocate of an honest neutrality, for I believe that neutrality is best for our country and our people. I grow impatient when a man talks to me about international questions from the standpoint of a German, an Englishman or anything else except from the standpoint of a rock-ribbed American.

"Long ago the president expressed the hope that our people would guard against involving themselves in financial interest and alignments with any of the warring powers. What he then said was right, and it is right now.

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"We must keep our heads level and not be swept off our feet by the smart tactics of cunning men. Above all things, while the war rages, we must stand for America and hold fast to that high position that will enable us to wield a mighty influence for the good of mankind when the struggle ends. We must hold ourselves well in hand. Any citizen of this country who does not put America above all the balance of the world is unfit."

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TRIED TO CURE CHILD BY FAITH

Mr. and Mrs. Embler, Charles Plemmons and Negro Lewis Ramson, Arrested on Manslaughter Charges.

EMBLER BOY DIED FROM TYPHOID FEVER

Defendants Charged With Attempting to Cure Child by Faith and Prayer — Physicians Called In

William Marion Embler and wife of West Asheville; Charles Plemmons who lives on the West Asheville side of the French Broad river, near Smith's bridge and "Rev." Lewis Ramson, colored, were arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriffs C. G. Lanning and L. E. Revis, on charges of manslaughter, true bills having been returned against them by the grand jury in Superior court yesterday morning, following information that they allowed Ezra Embler, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Embler, to die of typhoid fever by attempting to cure him through prayer and faith and refusing medical attention.

The case is one of the first of its nature to be discovered in this county and the facts are almost unbelievable. According to the information gathered by the officers, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Embler was taken ill with typhoid fever and for two weeks was ill, without having received any medical attention. Neighbors tried to get the family to call in physicians, it is stated, which they refused to do, the officers found.

Complaints Made.

Following complaints made to the sheriff's office, Sheriff E. M. Mitchell, accompanied by Judge J. C. Pritchard and several other men several weeks ago went to the home of the Emblers in West Asheville and investigated the case. They are said to have found the facts as reported by the neighbors of the family.

Plemmons and the negro Ramson were called in by the Emblers, it is stated and through faith and prayer they tried to cure the sick child. On several occasions the neighbors saw the negro praying in the house.

County Physician D. E. Sevier and Dr. P. B. Orr went to the house, but are said to have been refused admittance and it was then that officers were called in to take charge of the case. Dr. G. D. Gardner went to the case and brought with him Miss Ida Johnson, a trained nurse of Asheville. This was on September 13 and Dr. Gardner and nurses continued on the case until September 23, when the child died. Dr. Gardner stated that as the child had been ill for more than two weeks without any attention his case was almost beyond medical aid, and they tried to only ease the last few days of the small sufferer.

Officers Called.

On the night of September 18, according to the officers, Miss Ida Johnson went in the house, but the parents refused to allow her to take charge and at this time it is stated that Plemmons and Ramson were there. They insisted on praying and Miss Johnson finally told them they could do so, but it must be done in a very quiet manner. The negro started, it is stated, but his prayer grew so loud that she was forced to seek Policeman Ellison Cowan of West Asheville, who came to the house and remained there throughout the night and until next day at noon.

It is stated that the Emblers were converted to a belief put forward by a Rev. Mr. Yoder, who preached in West Asheville sometime ago, having come from Newport, Tenn.

The Emblers are from the New-found section and Plemmons is said to be from Sandy Mush, while it is stated that the negro, who now lives on Short street, in Asheville, came here from Rutherford county.

TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR BONDS CAMPAIGN

The public improvements committee of the local board of trade will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the board's office in Temple court with representatives of other organizations in the city for the purpose of naming an executive committee to wage a strenuous campaign for bonds necessary for the erection of a new high school building.

The members of the committee believe that such a structure is now Asheville's greatest need and the chairman, J. Baylis Rector, has invited the presidents of the Merchants' association, the Central Labor union, the Rotary club, the University club and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics to send delegates to this evening's meeting. All other citizens who are interested in a new high school building are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke and daughter, Miss Cooke and Miss Cooke, have returned to their home on Chubb street from a month's visit to Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Washington.

Asheville Encumbrance No. 2, I. O. O. F. will cover the Golden Rule degree upon several candidates tonight in the new hall, Durham building. A very cordial welcome will be extended to all Patriarchs who attend.

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BONDS AT 96 1/4 TO BULK OF BUYERS

Anglo-French Bonds to Be Sold at That Price in Amounts of \$1000 or More.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Although the designated price of the Anglo-French five-year credit bonds has been fixed at 98 to the public, it has developed that virtually any one who wished to purchase them in amounts of \$1,000 and upwards would be able to do so at 96 1/4, the net price to the syndicate.

At the same time a method to maintain the price by artificial means at 98 during the life of the underwriters' syndicate for sixty days has been adopted. This was done in anticipation of possible large offerings of bonds on the market at prices below the figures designated by the underwriters.

A memorandum containing nine points which had been agreed on by the committee in charge of the arrangements for the sale of the bonds was in the afternoon made public by J. P. Morgan and company. The following are the chief features on which agreement has been reached:

The syndicate is to have a life of 60 days.

The syndicate members will purchase the bonds at 98, the price to investors, and at the expiration of 60 days they will be refunded one and three-fourths. The difference between the price to investors and the price to the syndicate being two per cent, the remaining one-fourth of one per cent will be used to cover the expenses.

Participation will be allowed to all classes of institutions, investors and dealers without restriction.

The syndicate will have the right to repurchase up to ten per cent of the total of the underwriting.

Every incorporated bank participating will simply transfer the amount subscribed on its books and the money will remain in the bank to the credit of the syndicate managers until such time as it is needed.

It is understood that when withdrawals are made they will be pro-rated among the various banks, so that in no case will the total amount held by the bank be withdrawn at one time.

The banks will pay interest on the money subscribed at the usual rate of two per cent a year.

Washington, Sept. 30.—At the request of the Swedish minister President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Spry of Utah asking him to stay the execution of Joseph Hillstrom.

President Wilson today received a telegram from the Swedish minister saying he did not think the conviction of Hillstrom had been by fair trial and that his government had instructed him to make representations in Hillstrom's behalf.

The minister said he believed the insolent behavior of Hillstrom during the trial had prejudiced judge and jury against him.

In his telegram to Governor Spry President Wilson asked that Hillstrom's execution be stayed in order to allow additional evidence to be offered in a new trial.

WANT INFORMATION AS TO DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Two pieces of first class mail addressed to the Asheville Development company have given the local post-office much trouble. All the city carriers have in succession tried to locate the firm; all the city directories have been searched in vain.

The co-operation of the board of trade has been enlisted. It was thought that surely any commercial establishment, and particularly one whose very name seemed to place upon it the obligation of publicity, would be listed in the files of the board of trade. But no record has so far been found.

Not Good After Oct. 4th.

VOTING COUPON

The Gazette-News' Great Free Gift Subscription Campaign. Good For 50 Votes.

For.....District.....

Good for 50 votes when filled out and sent or mailed to the Campaign Department of the Gazette News on or before expiration date. Trim carefully and do not roll or fold and fasten together and write name on first coupon.

FRENCH BEARING BRUNT ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Hammering at Second Line of German Defenses in Champagne and Bombarding Railway.

BRITISH APPARENTLY CONSOLIDATE GAINS

British Army in France, Estimated to Number One Million to Be Increased by 500,000 men.

London, Oct. 1.—The French are bearing the brunt of the fighting in progress on the western front. They are hammering the second line of German trenches in the Champagne region in the direction of Grand Pre railway and at the same time are dropping bombs on the line and station to prevent the Germans from receiving reinforcements.

The absence of news