

GULF COAST TOWNS ARE PREPARING FOR STORM; INHABITANTS FLEEING

Storm Warnings Tell of Tropical Hurricane Rushing Toward Mainland—Ships Seek Port ON A WIDE TRACK

Its Progress Is Being Noted Hourly—Warnings Include Territory From Pensacola To Mouth of Mississippi River

SCENE OF MUCH ACTIVITY A General Exodus of Galveston's Population Has Started With Approximately 4,500 People Making For Mainland—Grain and Cotton Is Abandoned

Communities along the gulf coast from the Florida peninsula to the Texas lagoons prepared last night for emergency of storm and flood today, while weather forecasters predicted a vortex of tropical hurricane dragging its attendant circles of roaring gales slowly toward the mainland. The traffic lanes in the gulf itself was clearing fast as ship masters, apprised by wireless of the advance of high running seas and wind, ran into port shelter. Swelling tides on the Louisiana-Texas coast and falling barometers heralded its coming. At Corpus Christi and Galveston, the inhabitants remembering the death lists and property havoc created by preceding onslaughts of tropical storms, sought higher ground and safer footing. Dwellings were vacated and stores stocked and moved to higher levels last night. Even the big steam tankers in the oil trade made way for the hurricane's passage and turned off their course to harbor in the Mississippi delta.

Though the weather bureau forecast the path of the storm's probable contact with the continent somewhere along the coast stretch west of the Mississippi's mouth, and the moment sometime this afternoon, its signals were spread east as far as Tampa. Ships at sea sought shelter there, at Mobile and the smaller ports of the eastern gulf section, reporting high seas and rising winds as they did so. The erratic nature of hurricanes, the bureau said, maintains always the possibility that the present disturbance would swerve from the northward course charted for it since its entrance to sea Saturday off Yucatan. Hourly its progress was checked and noted by instrument readings at the bureau's widely separated stations, lest some atmospheric freak should speed its downward travel beyond the 12 miles per hour of its noted rate.

The factor of responsibility governed the bureau's forecast when late at night it widened the scope of its hurricane warnings to include territory as far east as Pensacola, and said the varying probabilities might be determined by the storm center on an emergency on land near the Mississippi's mouth. But for all the gulf coast, and west the bureau gave predictions of a major's wind, rising tide as the storm piles the gulf waters landward to flood. **Busy Scenes in Galveston.** Galveston, Sept. 21.—An exodus of approximately 4,500 people, many of them out of town visitors, registered all ears loaded with wheat and cotton to the mainland; the vacating of ground floors in the business district, and the securing of all shipping in the harbor marked Galveston's emergency today in anticipation of the West Indian hurricane supposed to be sweeping down on the Texas coast.

While the barometer here early tonight remained motionless at 29.80, there was a general rise in the tide and an appreciable hurricane swell. At 7:30 o'clock a blowing m an hour northeast wind was blowing.

At 9 o'clock tonight the barometer at the local weather station registered 29.80, where it had hung since 5 o'clock this afternoon. The tide was 2.1 feet above mean low, a rise of two-tenths since 8 o'clock tonight while the hurricane swell was perceptibly greater. The wind which registered 20 miles an hour, had shifted from northeast to due north.

Brigadier General J. L. Wolters, cooperating with the local weather bureau, today dispatched motorcycle messengers of the Texas national guard to get word to all persons living down the island. Many others were notified by telephone. Camp Hutchings, where for over three months national guard troops have been bivouaced, the tents dismantled and the militia moved to Fort Crockett. This was done upon orders of Secretary of War Baker. General Wolters stated.

A column of military police was thrown around the interurban station early today and the order, "Women and children first" was given. Later, however, this order was modified to permit men to accompany their families. According to G. G. Morse, general superintendent of the Galveston-Houston interurban lines, 3,500 persons left over the interurban lines.

Passenger trains departing from the city were fitted to provide accommodations for the hundreds who sought to quit the city. In addition, automobiles carried many families across the causeway to Dickinson and other mainland cities.

While no immediate danger was feared today, most of the business houses of the city, including the cotton exchange and several of the cotton compresses, closed down early in order to permit employees to make preparations for the storm.

In anticipation of the usual heavy storm traffic, an even dozen high telephone operators, veterans of other storms, today volunteered their services. **Preparing for Hurricanes.** New Orleans, Sept. 21.—With the wind blowing a steady gale of 25 miles an hour and coming in gusts from 40 to 60, mechanics, workmen and the people in outlying districts began preparations to meet the hurricane fast approaching from the gulf. Plate glass windows throughout the business section were reinforced and (Continued on Page Four)

COLBY REFUSED TO REScind ACTION ON 19TH AMENDMENT

He Is Considering Request For Statement On Second Vote of Tennessee House RENEWED EFFORTS

Secretary Told Delegation He Would Refer Request To His Solicitor STATEMENT WAS ISSUED

Colby Failed To Keep Promise To Issue Desired Acknowledgment Made To The Delegation

Washington, Sept. 21.—Having refused to rescind his action in proclaiming the suffrage amendment a part of the federal constitution, Secretary Colby had under consideration tonight the request of a delegation of Tennessee anti-suffragists that he issue a statement showing that certification of the second vote of the Tennessee house against the amendment had been received by the state department.

The Tennessee delegation, headed by Speaker Walker, of the house of the Tennessee legislature, called on Secretary Colby late today and, according to its members, renewed their request, first made at a conference with Mr. Colby yesterday. The secretary, members of the delegation said, told them today that he would refer their request to his solicitor and would announce tomorrow what action he would take.

Members of the delegation in a statement issued tonight said they had not requested Mr. Colby to rescind the suffrage amendment proclamation on the basis of Tennessee's ratification, but admitted precedents for such an action had been suggested by an announcement made at the state department regarding yesterday's conference.

The delegation came to Washington to request that the secretary of state issue a statement showing the truth of the action taken by the lower house of the Tennessee legislature relative to the 19th amendment, because we believed truth always permissible, and because we thought legislatures which were soon to take action on this matter were entitled to know what Tennessee had done in the past.

"We called upon Secretary Colby yesterday and made this request, it was repeated at another conference today. The proposed statement, in substance, was an acknowledgment of his receipt of Governor Roberts' certificate of ratification and a second certificate from the governor, showing that the lower house had reconsidered its action and by a vote of 47 to 24— with 20 members present and not voting—had rejected the amendment.

"The secretary assured us yesterday that he would gladly issue such a statement at once in order that it might appear in the morning newspapers of today. He took our room number at the hotel, declaring that he would telephone us in the early evening and that one member of the delegation would be given his written statement. The secretary failed to do as promised and this resulted in the conference today.

"When the proposed statement, in writing, was presented to him today for signature, he said he knew of no reason why he should not sign it, but would refer it to his solicitor and would announce tomorrow what action he would take.

"Secretary Colby was not requested to rescind his action in proclaiming ratification on the basis of favorable action by the Tennessee legislature, as he was reported to have declared today, although it was suggested that precedents had been established for such an action, a reference to which was left with him at his residence in Washington.

"The secretary issued a second proclamation based on ratification by Connecticut, although mention was made of an article to this effect attributed to former President Taft, and published in newspapers of yesterday.

Three Socialists Ousted By New York Legislature

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 21.—The assembly of New York state legislators tonight by a vote of 90 to 45 in a case expelled three of the five Socialist members—Louis Waldman, Charles Solomon, of Kings county, voted 87 to 48 to permit Samuel Witt and Samuel Orr, Socialists from the Bronx, to retain their seats. The two last named, however, were voted to reinstate Waldman, who had been lost, 61 to 52, took the floor in turn and verbally tendered their resignations.

Committee To Probe Alleged Use In Interests of Democratic Campaign

Several Departmental Heads of Government Will Be Called To Stand ALLEGED PROPAGANDA

Charge That German Propaganda Was Circulated In Some Candidates Support To Be Investigated

GOX SPENDS ONE OF BUSIEST DAYS OF CAMPAIGN TOUR

Addressed California Editorial Association As a Fellow Editor

He Promised, If Elected, To Use Navy Building Money To Reclaim Arid Lands

SPOKE TO CLUB WOMEN Gave His Views On League of Nations—Acted On "Set" At Hollywood Motion Picture Studios

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—As an editor to his fellow editors, Governor Cox opened his day's activity today with a brief talk on the problems of his craft, delivered at the chamber of commerce rooms here to the Southern California Editorial association. The governor spoke in a friendly and intimate strain and said that he would not touch on political questions or have a policy of doing that every day," he said.

Following the talk to the editor, the governor went by automobile to Long Beach, where he was awaited by an audience that overflowed the municipal auditorium.

Governor Cox opened, by addressing directly a large group of Civil war veterans at the local post and from a war veterans' home. After repeating some anecdotes of the war, the governor turned to the story of America's first entrance to the world war.

The governor again discussed his stand against "reactionaries," expressing his belief that a policy of neutrality was needed to win the war, and discussed domestic problems that he said had resulted from reactionary government.

Turning to the league of nations covenant, the governor said that while he had not been arguing about a plank in his platform, he would support it and presented arguments to support his view.

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TOBACCO SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED BY STATE FARMERS

Representatives of Tar Heel Farmers To Meet in Raleigh This Morning

A CAMPAIGN TRIP Bickett To Stump State Until October, Then Invading Other States

THE RATE CASE PETITION Members of State Committee of Opinion Request of Virginia Cities Will Meet With Disfavor

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Representatives of the tobacco farmers of North Carolina will meet here in the house chamber Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing ways and means of combating the tendency of prices offered for the weed to fall below to fall below the cost of production. The meeting was called following the opening of many of the eastern markets when the prices offered were, it is said, about half what they were last year. The farmers had expected some production of the type and grades of tobacco grown in North Carolina are just as great as they were last year.

The foreign demand for the American made cigarette is greater than ever since as a result of the advertisement given these products by the millions of American boys who carried these tobacco products to Europe.

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