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TRRRIFIC STORM DOES FEARFUL DAMAGE

Tropical Storm Which Swept Texas Coast Takes Toll of More Than 100 Lives—Total Property Damage May Exceed \$30,000,000—Galveston Battered and Sorely Burdened With Financial Loss.

Press Summary.
With large sections of the storm swept Texas unheard from, the death list from the tropical hurricane has reached more than 100. The heaviest loss of life was at Virginia Point, opposite Galveston. Total property damage may exceed \$30,000,000.

According to information available late last night, the deaths were recorded as follows:

Virginia Point, 30; Texas City, 18; Galveston, 14; Morgan Point, 11; Hitchcock, 7; Laporte, 7; Port Arthur, 4; Lynchburg, 3; Sylvan Beach, 3; Seabrook, 3; Houston, 2.

Property loss estimates, vague, except in a few instances, were as follows:

Galveston, \$15,000,000 or more; Houston, \$2,000,000; Texas City, \$400,000; Port Arthur, \$200,000; Seabrook, \$100,000; Sabine, \$100,000; Sabine Pass, \$100,000; Okemah, \$50,000.

In addition, there was an enormous loss to cotton growers in the storm belt, some estimates stating that 25 per cent of the crop of Central Texas was destroyed and placing the loss at "millions of dollars."

The oil fields also suffered severely. The most pressing need of Galveston, Texas City, and other coast towns which face the full sweep of the wind, is drinking water. Galveston's supply was brought from several miles inland and the mains were broken by the waves and storm tossed vessels.

Four United States soldiers were drowned in Galveston and ten were lost at Texas City. The Fort Crockett and Texas City camp were wiped out and the army transports McClellan and Poe damaged.

News of the day and early night was not entirely re-assuring to marine interests. The steamer Arapahoe, from Galveston, weathered the blow and arrived safely at Key West and a derelict schooner, the M. A. Achorn, whose crew had been rescued by stamers, was stowed into the same port. There was no word, however, of the United Fruit liner Marowipne, which left Belize, Honduras, Friday and was due in New Orleans Monday afternoon.

Dallas, Texas, Dispatch, Aug. 18.
Galveston has emerged from one of the most severe storms in the annals of the Gulf of Mexico, battered and sorely burdened with financial loss.

First definite news received from the island city since the tropical hurricane set the death list at fourteen. An accurate estimate of the property damage was not yet possible, but it is expected to reach the proportions of the storm of 1900 when property valued at \$15,000,000 was swept away.

A thousand feet of the sea wall was swept away, the causeway, which connects Galveston with the mainland, was cut in two, and the city strewn with the debris of 500 buildings, crushed by the assaults of wind and tidal waves.

Three fires also did great damage, and the city is without adequate supply of drinking water, the mains leading to the city's supply wells at Alto Loma, 18 miles away, having been broken.

The loss to the city's port facilities has been enormous and all kinds of craft have suffered. The United States transport McClellan is high aground in Pelican island, just across the ship channel. Many vessels have capsized, and several are reported as destroyed.

The city was placed under martial law.

FAIRMONT BOY MISSING
Oliver Page Left Home Mysteriously July 7 and His Father Does Not Know What Has Become of Him—Fears For His Safety Are Felt.

Oliver Page, son of Mr. B. L. Page of Fairmont, left home July 7, last, and nothing has been heard of him since. His father is very anxious about the boy, who is only 18 years old, as he has not been able to get a single clue as to his whereabouts since the night he left. Mr. Page says his son was a model boy, studious to the point that he had impaired his health, and he fears the boy has become deranged and has either destroyed himself or has become lost and is not able to give an intelligent account of himself.

Oliver was on a debating team of the Fairmont high school last spring and helped win a debate, and he was determined to work his own way and get an education.

Buyers at Farmers Tobacco Warehouse Eager to Buy.
Half a dozen or more buyers at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse seem eager to buy. Sales this week have been good, considering the weather, which has been against bringing in tobacco, and prices have been good.

Will McLean of Wishart's township was before United States Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw Tuesday on the charge of retailing. The evidence in the case was not sufficient to convict him so he was acquitted of the charge.

ROAD TO PETROGRAD RAILWAY NOW OPEN

Kovno, One of Crucial Points in Russian Defensive in North Has Fallen—Another Air Raid on England.

London Dispatch, 18th.
Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the North, has fallen and the road to the Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd railway now is open to the troops of Emperor William.

The capture of Kovno was another triumph for the German 16-inch guns. With the fortress the Germans took more than 400 guns, and, according to their account, an enormous quantity of war material.

This, however, is not the most serious part of the matter to the Russians. Besides opening the way to Vilna, which has an open town and from which most of the inhabitants have departed and from which everything that might be of use to the invaders has been removed, the fall of Kovno takes away the last protection, with the exception of the Russian field army, to the main line railway to the capital and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies retreating to the Brest Litovsk line and those operating in southern Courland.

Grand Duke Nicholas apparently expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening their retirement in Poland eastward.

The Germans also are finding time for minor activities in other fields. Last night they carried out their 17th air raid on England, visiting eastern counties. Their bombs kill ten and injured 36 civilians. The admiralty report that it believes one of the Zeppelins, of which there are supposed to have been four, was damaged.

DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO VOTE

So Cleams Mr. Herring of Howellsville, and He Indicts Registrar Bethune—A Very Sad Case—Mr. Bethune Bound to Federal Court But He is Not Worrying—Evidence Seems Flimsy and Case Smacks of Political Persecution.

Mr. A. A. Bethune, a well-known citizen of Howellsville township, was before United States Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw here yesterday on the charge of depriving a citizen of Howellsville township of his high and holy privilege of voting in the last election. The charge was preferred by Mr. Lewis Herring, who is said to be of the Republican faith and order. Commissioner Kinlaw bound the defendant over to Federal Court, fixing his bond at \$200, which was cheerfully made by Mr. Frank Gough.

That is a bare recital of what happened, but according to the evidence submitted, before his honor it is held by more than a few sovereigns that the entire proceeding smacked sourly of political persecution on a flimsy basis. Here's how the evidence stacked up at the hearing, as reported to The Robesonian by one who was present: Mr. Bethune is registrar in Howellsville. When Mr. Herring presented himself to vote at the last election his name could not be found among those registered. Mr. Bethune and the pollholders, one of whom was Mr. J. W. Barker, informed Mr. Herring that his name was not written there and so under the statute made and provided he could not vote. Mr. Herring said he had a certificate showing he had registered under the grandfather clause. Mr. Bethune and the pollholders told him to produce the certificate and he would be allowed to vote. Herring claimed he registered six years ago when the late D. W. Biggs was registrar and that the books were transferred several years ago and his name intentionally left off. A Mr. Ivey testified that he was present when Mr. Herring registered six years ago. No evidence was introduced tending to indicate that the name had been intentionally left off the books. Commissioner Kinlaw, however, held the view that this was a grave matter that should be investigated by the higher court, and so he acted like he did act, as stated above.

Mr. Bethune is a man of reputation too good to be hurt by a charge of this kind; so he is awaiting the trial in the higher court—if it ever gets to the higher court—serene and undisturbed. Ditto his many friends.

STORE AT PEMBROKE ROBBED

Store of McCormick & Paul at Pembroke Entered and Robbed Early This Morning—About \$75 Worth of Clothing Taken—No Clue to Guilty Parties.

The store of McCormick & Paul of Pembroke was entered and robbed this morning about 2 o'clock. Entrance was effected through an office window, an axe having been used to bend the iron bars. The indications are that a small boy went through the window and broke the lock on the door, admitting others. Clothing, shoes, hats, raincoats, ties, socks, etc., probably to the amount of \$75 were taken. Nothing in the grocery line was missed. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

Rev. John H. Hall, presiding elder of the Rockingham district will preach at Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday morning and will conduct quarterly conference for this church either immediately after the sermon or in the afternoon. Mr. Hall will conduct quarterly conference for the St. Pauls circuit. Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor, Saturday at Regan church.

NEWLY-WEDS IN LUMBERTON
That is Title of Moving Picture That Will be Made of Lumberton—Miss Lillian Proctor and Mr. Elwood Whaley in Title Role—Thousand Feet of Film Will be Made to Advertise the Town—Miss Cahill and Mr. Kerber of National Film Corporation Arrive and Begin Work Making Pictures.

Miss Margaret Cahill, president of the National Film Corporation of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. William A. Kerber, manager of the company, arrived last night from Wilmington, where they have just completed pictures for Wilmington. They began work this morning on moving pictures of Lumberton that will advertise the town to the world. A thousand feet of film will be made. The title of Lumberton's picture will be "The Newly-Weds". All the scenery will be made here in Lumberton and all the players will be home talent. Miss Lillian Proctor, accomplished daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Proctor, and Mr. Elwood Whaley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, will play the leading role in the picture. It would be hard to find a more competent couple to play the leading role than Mr. Whaley and Miss Proctor. Miss Cahill will direct the production of the picture. The picture will be completed by tomorrow evening or Saturday morning and will be shown at the Pastime theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The company will at an early date open a branch office in Wilmington for the purpose of taking care of the Southern business. The work has been confined to getting up pictures in Baltimore but the company will branch out more in the future. They will in all probability become connected with the Kalem company. They have only been making industrial pictures heretofore.

Mr. Kerber will be at the Pastime theatre during the short time that he is here and will be glad to talk with any ambitious boys or girls in regard to posing for the camera man.

Lumberton is indeed very fortunate in securing the services of this company, which is due to the fact that it had a big job at Wilmington. This company has gotten up many pictures for towns and cities for advertising purposes and has strong endorsements.

FUNERAL OF JOHN P. McNEILL

Conducted Monday Afternoon From First Baptist Church—Attended Both at Church and Grave by Unusually Large Crowd—Interment Made With Masonic Honors—Floral Offerings Many and Beautiful.

Rarely has a funeral in Lumberton been attended by so large a crowd as was the funeral Monday afternoon of whose death Saturday of last week in the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia, where he was taken for an operation for tumor of the brain, was given in Monday's Robesonian. And the attendance was all the more noteworthy in view of the fact that it began raining a short while before 4 o'clock, the time set for the funeral and continued raining for some time. It was necessarily, on account of the rain, something after the hour appointed before the funeral began.

The funeral took place from the First Baptist church and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Greaves. The order of the service was as follows: Solo, "Home of the Soul", by Mr. C. B. Skipper; song by choir, "Abide With Me"; prayer by Mr. Greaves; solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" by Miss Mildred McIntyre; reading of Scripture and remarks by pastor, followed by another prayer; song, "Lead Kindly Light", sung touchingly by the choir as the Masons took charge of the service and the body was borne from the church. The solos by Miss McIntyre and Mr. Skipper were exquisitely beautiful.

In his feeling remarks Mr. Greaves said that the deceased was a member of the church from boyhood, had been a constant attendant at Sunday school, and a liberal contributor to all church causes. The large crowd at the funeral, he said, showed in a measure the high esteem in which he was held. The dead needed nothing at his hands, however, he pointed out; there was every reason to believe that all was well with him, for he left the testimony that his peace with his Maker had been made; and so the preacher spoke with simple power and pathos of the bereaved wife and children and commended them to the love and care of friends. The final prayer in the church was for the aged mother and sisters and brothers, who had not been mentioned in the first petition.

Interment was made in Meadow Brook cemetery, and an unusually large crowd followed the remains to their last resting place. Nearly fifty Masons marched to the cemetery. The complete burial service of the Masonic order was used, and it was carried out in such a manner as to make it most impressive. The service was read by Past Master Q. T. Williams, the Worshipful Master of the local lodge, Mr. E. J. Britt, being out of town and having wired Mr. Williams to act in his place. While the grave was being filled in "The Beautiful Land" was sung by Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, J. Pope Stephens and E. B. Freeman, and after the grave had been covered, with silent tributes of flowers of various lovely designs the same quartet sang "The Christian's Goodnight". Many eyes were dimmed with tears as the words of that sweet song were sung. The service was concluded with a short prayer by Rev. Mr. Greaves.

Besides many beautiful floral designs sent by personal friends, a handsome design bearing the Masonic emblem, the square and compass was sent by St. Alban's lodge of Lumberton, of which he was secretary; a Maltese cross sent by the Royal Arch chapter No. 77, of which he was also secretary; and a beautiful design bearing the emblem of the order was sent by the Plantagenet Commandery of Wilmington.

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. McNeill was a very enthusiastic Mason, one of the best-informed men along Masonic lines in the State, having completed the Scottish rite. The following composed a party which met the remains at Hamlet: Messrs. C. V. Brown, Q. T. Williams, G. E. Rancke, Jr., and M. W. Floyd of the local lodge of Masons; Mr. A. L. Meares of Richmond, Va., a brother of Mrs. McNeill; and Mesdames S. McIntyre and H. T. Pope.

A party of 16 Shriners left Fayetteville to attend the funeral but were delayed at St. Pauls by the storm, and owing to a mishap on a bad piece of road some of the party did not reach here at all. Some of the party came on to Lumberton but did not reach here in time for the service. The St. Pauls lodge met in a body and were coming to the funeral but were likewise delayed by the storm.

The pall bearers were: active—L.

LAST CALL FOR TOWN TAXES
Property on Which Town Taxes Have Not Been Paid Will be Advertised for Sale After This Week.

The town tax books have been turned over to the town clerk and treasurer and all property on which taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale for taxes after this week.

H. H. REDFEARN,
City Tax Collector.

ORRUM OCCURRENCES

Children's Day Aug. 22—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Orrum, Aug. 16—Mr. Fred Prevatte left Friday for Columbia and Hartsville, S. C., where he will spend several days with friends.

Mr. A. M. Floyd spent Wednesday and Thursday at Cerro Gordo with his brother Mr. R. P. Floyd.—Miss Jessie Odum of Pembroke spent last week here with her cousins, Misses Thesia and Quessie Powell.—Mr. John E. Floyd was a business visitor in Lumberton Saturday.—Miss Mildred Ford of Pages Mill, S. C., who had been spending some time here with her friends, Misses Cora and Vera Floyd, left Monday for her home.—Miss Laura Hursy of Saddle Trees arrived here Friday and will spend some time with her friend Miss Lillie Humphrey.

Miss Beulah Prevatte, the efficient Sunbeam leader of this place, is preparing to have children's day which will be Sunday, August 22. The exercises begin at 9:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. R. R. Barnes and grandson, Mr. Roger Pittman of Barnesville were business visitors here Tuesday.—Mr. D. H. Williams of Conway, S. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.—Miss Quessie Powell left Saturday for Pembroke, where she will spend some time with friends and relatives.—Misses Vera Floyd and Mildred Ford and Messrs. Dempsey Barnes and I. P. Graham attended the movies in Lumberton Thursday evening.—Mr. Boyce Prevatte will leave Wednesday for Fruitland where he will enter Fruitland Institute.

Tar Heel Topics—Protracted Meeting
—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Tar Heel, Aug. 17—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kinlaw and children of Raleigh visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Tolar and little daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Bennie DeVane at Tomahawk last week.

The protracted meeting at Purvis M E church began last Sunday.—Mr. Wm. Mrs. E. J., Misses Jennie and Hattie Monroe spent last week at Clarkton attending the protracted meeting conducted by Rev. S. J. Porter, D. D. of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Randle Burney left last week for their home in Tennessee after spending several weeks here with relatives.

A good many from here attended court at Elizabeth town last week.

Messrs. Bunnie Martin and Ray Cain of Tolarville spent last Saturday night here en route to White Oak, where they and Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Martin spent the day.

Boardman Briefs—Mail Carrier to Hospital.

Boardman, R. 1, Aug. 15.—Mr. G. W. Brown, our popular mail driver, is on the sick list. He is going to a Richmond hospital this week. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. A. Williams and bride are visiting Mr. Williams' father, Mr. C. W. Williams.

Oats are all about cut and more showery weather.

Children's Day at Rozier
Children's day will be observed at Rozier church Sunday, August 22, at 9:30 p. m. Children from four churches will participate in the exercises.

H. Caldwell, S. McIntyre, Frank Gough, J. H. Wishart, R. C. Birmingham, K. M. Biggs, C. B. Skipper, Alf H. McLeod; honorary—R. D. Caldwell, M. W. Floyd, H. T. Pope, N. A. Thompson, Q. T. Williams, W. P. Barker.

Many people from the surrounding country attended the funeral. Out-of-town relatives and friends present were: Messrs. C. B. and Frank McNeill of Columbia, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Yost of Raleigh, Mrs. J. B. Leonard of Newton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell of Wanaheim, Mr. and Mrs. J. Abner Barker of Roseboro, Mr. A. Leroy Meares of Richmond, Va., Mrs. W. P. Oliver and Mr. A. W. Harrington of Marietta, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riddle of St. Pauls, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Graham of Florence, S. C., Mr. C. D. Williamson of Parkton.

It was stated in Monday's paper that all the brothers and sisters of the deceased would be present to attend the funeral except Mr. A. L. McNeill of Chipley, Fla., but two sisters, Mrs. E. B. McMillan and Miss Pennie McNeill, both of Lumberton, were in the mountains, at Hot Springs, and could not be reached with news of the death in time to come.

In mentioning in Monday's Robesonian that deceased is survived by his wife and four children—Vivan, Emma, Frances, Clarence and Vernon—6 sisters and 5 brothers, whose names were given mention was omitted of the fact that Mrs. McNeill's maiden name was Emma Meares and they were married at Allenton on February 11, 1897.

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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, August 18, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Local thundershowers for a day or two will be followed by generally fair weather during the remainder of the week, with seasonable temperatures.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS
Miss Mary Snider of Durham arrived Friday and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Q. T. Williams.

Miss Lila Thompson of Conway, S. C., arrived last week and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Q. T. Williams.

Miss Josephine Breese will leave Tuesday of next week for Baltimore and New York to purchase fall and winter goods for her millinery store.

Mr. E. H. Britt, who lives in the northern part of town, lost a good 8-year-old horse Sunday. The horse died of colic caused from eating green pea vines.

"Damaged Goods" will be the opening attraction at the Lumberton opera house this season, appearing on September 15th. It will be followed by "Peg O' My Heart" September 30th.

Messrs. Jno. F. French, A. P. McAllister and J. D. McLean left Tuesday night for Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York city, Niagara Falls and points in Canada. They will be away about 10 days.

Mr. Frank Gough delivered an address yesterday at the convention of the Cumberland County Baptist Sunday School Association at Green Springs. There was a picnic dinner and Mr. Gough says it was a delightful occasion.

Mr. R. T. Sanderson is having his store building on Fourth street torn down and will have it replaced with a brick building, 20 by 60 feet. The work will be completed in 30 days. Mr. Sanderson will continue his grocery business on Elm street in the room formerly occupied by the Dixie cafe.

Messrs. A. G. Edwards and J. C. Bryant of the local Seaboard office left Tuesday for San Francisco and many other cities. Their trip will carry them through 22 States. Mr. Edwards is being relieved by Mr. A. M. Diggs, who formerly resided in Lumberton, holding a position with the Seaboard. Mr. Bryant is relieved by Mr. Jackson Pittman.

FAIRMONT SPIKES GUNS OF MULLINS' BOOSTERS

Boosters for Mullins Tobacco Market Given Rousing Reception at Fairmont.

Special to The Robesonian.
Fairmont, Aug. 18—When Washington crossed the Delaware, Caesar the Rubicon or Hannibal the Alps, neither did anything greater in so far as his own particular locality was concerned, than the progressive citizens of Fairmont did last Saturday when they were hosts to some sixty Mullins (S. C.) boosters. With placards prominent everywhere and large banners flying, they drove into Pages Mill just a little behind schedule and since the first advertising stunt was tried in these United States, never has one people been so pleasantly surprised, if we may be pardoned for using the Mullins expression, than these boosters were when some twenty automobiles with large Fairmont banners flying met them, told them they were welcome to Fairmont and took the lead in a procession of forty automobiles loaded with Mullins boosters and Fairmont citizens.

Arriving at Fairmont proper, they were escorted by members of the entertainment committee delegated to receive them to the People's Warehouse, where Mayor Blue welcomed them in a most happy manner.

Following the address of welcome the boosters were invited to the Dixie cafe, where lunch had been prepared for them and here North and South Carolinians united in one single effort to pay homage to the fowl of fowls.

It was really a boostin' grip that will go down in the annals of progressive movements and the reception tendered the South Carolinians was one to be remembered "as long as a woodpecker watches a dead sap tree" as Mr. J. Dock Prevatte, who made the response to the address of welcome, well said.

After lunch the members of the party spent some little time mingling with Fairmont citizenship and extending thanks for the hearty welcome tendered them there. From every standpoint it was a great day for Fairmont and no better phrase can portray this eventful day than that expressed by Mr. John P. Cooper, president of the Planters Bank at Mullins: "You are returning good for evil."

Committees to Arrange Premium List.

Committees from the Farmers' Union and the Robeson Poultry Association will meet in the office of Mr. L. B. Townsend Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock to arrange premium list for the poultry and farm products exhibit which will be held in Lumberton in November.

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