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RESULTS OF THE STORM

The Damage Along the Gulf Points is Not as Serious as at First Supposed.

Only One Death Reported Near Mobile and One Below New Orleans—The Coast from Pensacola to New Orleans Now Heard from as Damages—The Chief Losses Restricted to Wharves, Small Boats, Bath Houses, Etc.—Along the Shore—Damage at the Mobile Army Posts—Some Trains Running and Wire Connections Restored.

Mobile, Ala., August 17.—The gulf coast from Pensacola to New Orleans is at last under way, telegraphic communication being re-established from one point which is central. The general report is that aside from damages to wharves and bath houses, sail boats and smacks, great loss of houses and fences, the instances of serious loss are few. There has been no loss of life as far as is known here.

A line was sent down the bay from Mobile today to investigate the conditions in Mississippi sound, where there are many small islands and about which some apprehension was felt. The representative of the press on board was instructed to report from the first point at which he could communicate, but up to midnight nothing had been heard from him.

The steamer Baywin is ashore near Pensacola. The schooner Asa C. Stovall is stranded in Mobile bay. The schooner Rice is dismasted in the gulf and has been tossed into Mobile bay. A three-masted schooner, name unknown, has been sighted in distress fifty miles outside of Mobile harbor, and the American bark Julia is ashore and capsized on the south beach of Horn Island. Those are the marine disasters as far as known tonight.

The coast reports suffered less damage than first reports indicated, according to advices received here. Four miles from Mobile bay, the favorite resort for this part of the state, lost a row of bath houses and a part of the steamboat wharf. Battles, another resort, lost a part of the steamboat wharf. Portersville, on the south coast, suffered loss of a number of pleasure craft and smacks. The Baywin is straggling north, that was most exposed to the wind, was miraculously protected by the waves washing up a mass of oyster shells, that served as a break water as well as a windbreak.

Pensacola, Miss., had the full force of the storm. Hester's cottage on the beach was washed away. Captain Volner Brown's summer house went also. The damage in bath houses and wharves alone there is put at \$10,000. Several scows went adrift, one having aboard lumber owned by The Dantzler Lumber company.

Moss Point, Miss., the saw mill town, sustained heavy damage by logs being carried away.

At Biloxi, Miss., the beautiful new club house was demolished, together with several cottages. One fisherman is reported drowned.

The most serious damage to Mobile is the partial destruction of the famous bay shore shell road. This drive extends seven miles down the western shore of the bay. It has been washed out for a mile or more, the whole foundation being carried off, and in its place is a vast quantity of three trunks, drift wood, and saw logs. It will take several months' work to re-establish the road and a longer time to get it into its former perfect condition.

The first advices received from the lower bay since the storm came today by the United States quartermaster's steamer Poe. For three hours the storm blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour at the fort. Three kitchens of the officers' quarters were blown down. The mess hall was badly damaged and the building adjoining was unroofed. The tents used by the workmen were blown away. The old shed on the quarantine breakwater was washed off. The railroad track acted as a break water for the camp, but finally gave way and the camps were flooded with water waist deep. The schooner Foster Rice was dismasted, but all hands are reported safe.

A small schooner hailing from Bay St. Louis is ashore on Sand Island and a large cattle steamer is said to be ashore eight miles east of Pensacola. The storm is said to have cut Sand Island into three parts.

At Fort Gaines, the United States engineer's docks were badly damaged. The sloop used for carrying passengers and freight from Fort Gaines to Fort Morgan is on the beach. The small wharf on the north side of the fort was blown down.

At Navy Cove the storm was espe-

cially severe. The family of Captain Alexander Johnson was rescued by boat. Many houses were flooded.

New Orleans, La., August 17.—Communication with the resorts along Mississippi sound was opened tonight, the first Louisville and Nashville train coming through. Some sort of wire connection was also established, and it was learned that while the damage had been severe at all points, wharves and bath houses being swept away, there had been no loss of life, except that one fisherman is missing from Bay St. Louis.

FLOODS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Railway Traffic in Western Carolina Blocked—A Section Master Killed

Charlotte, N. C., August 17.—The railroad situation in the western part of this state is bad as a result of the storms. A special to the observer from Asheville, says:

Trains on all the main lines are completely tied up and the Asheville and Spartanburg division is practically closed and quit operations. The trouble is caused by washouts and slides.

"While helping to remove a slide in Swannanoa tunnel, Section Master Robinson was run over by a wrecking train and killed. His body was sent to Danville, Va., his former home."

Asheville, N. C., August 17.—The railroad situation today as a result of the heavy rains, is worse than it has been at any time during the downpour of the past week.

Trains on all lines are completely tied up and the Asheville and Spartanburg division of the Southern has practically ceased operations. No trains have been heard from on this road today.

Another big slide occurred at Saluda mountain today. A number of washouts and roadbeds submerged by water for long distances is reported to be the state of affairs on the entire line from Spartanburg to Asheville. Train No. 13 from Columbia, due here yesterday at 7 o'clock p. m., reached Asheville this morning, fifteen hours late. Passenger train No. 46 due to leave Asheville at 9 o'clock p. m., for the south, was annulled last night, and No. 14 going in the same direction due to leave here at 7:05 o'clock this morning was not sent out. It is expected that a train will be run over the Asheville and Spartanburg division some time during the night. No. 29 was made up here this morning and was sent out to Morris-town.

There is serious trouble reported on the Asheville line between Black Mountain and Round Knob. By a cave-in of a tunnel one man lost his life and this morning's trains were delayed about ten hours. The longest tunnel on the mountain, the Swannanoa, 1,500 feet in length, began caving in at one end and a section crew and working train were sent out at once to repair the damage. Section Master Robinson was at work in the tunnel and in the very midst of the slide, when the working train pushed its way through, running over him, killing him instantly.

Every effort possible is being made by the Southern officials to get the road bed cleared. All wrecking crews and bridge forces are at work as well as all section men in the division.

The conditions brought about by the extraordinary stress of the weather, are the most serious that have been experienced by railway men in many years.

SWIFT & CO. ROBBED.

Their Treasurer Disappears With a Large Sum of Money.

New York, August 17.—It became known tonight that the office of Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, had been robbed of a considerable sum of money by its secretary and treasurer. The local office is incorporated as a New York corporation with a capital of \$100,000. The secretary and treasurer was John T. Hayden, 35 years old.

Following his usual custom John Chaplin, an auditor in the Chicago offices of the company, came to this city last Monday to make an inspection of the accounts. Hayden met Mr. Chaplin and turned over the books to him. Tuesday Hayden was at the office for a short time, but the next day could not be found. Mr. Chaplin continued in his work and at present the loss is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

To Enforce Sunday Laws

Norfolk, Va., August 17.—Mayor Nathaniel Beeman, after a meeting of the police commissioners here today, addressed a letter to police Chief Velles ordering that instructions be given every patrolman and police officer in the city to arrest any saloon-keeper found doing business within the city of Norfolk and prosecute the offender.

THE TROUBLE ON THE ISTHMUS

ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN POWERS.

England, Germany and France Sending Warships to the Scene of Disturbance—Our Government Looking to the Assembling of a Strong Naval Force at the Isthmus—Vessels Under Orders to Proceed.

Washington, August 17.—The navy department, which is directing all its energies to hurrying ships to the scene of the Colombia-Venezuelan trouble in order to enforce our treaty guarantees, expects to have three ships on the way within twenty-four hours. The Machias, which has been detained at Hampton Roads by the threatening weather south of Cape Hatteras, was able to start on her journey today, assurances having been given by the weather bureau that all danger from the gulf storm along the southern Atlantic had now passed. Word was received at the navy department today that the battleship Iowa had arrived at San Francisco, and she was instructed by telegraph to proceed as soon as possible to Panama on the west coast. It is probable she will have to take some coal aboard, but the department believes she will be able to sail on her 3,400 miles journey by tomorrow morning.

The Ranger has sailed from San Diego southward.

It is understood that the navy department has been looking over the situation as regards other ships available on the Atlantic side in case future events should necessitate reinforcements on the eastern side of the isthmus and it has been found that a ship could easily be detached from the North Atlantic squadron at short notice.

There are indications that there will be a considerable gathering of foreign warships at the isthmus, and that the American ships will be brought into company with those of the British, German and French navies. Already the French cruiser Souchet is at Colon. According to German reports, a German cruiser is moving north from Brazil and the cruiser Niobe is likely to be assigned to service along the isthmus. The German cruiser Gier, which was in American waters for some time, is also expected to return.

English reports have referred to the probable presence of some of the ships of the British West Indian fleet. This will make a rather unusual gathering from the foreign navies, and the authorities here doubtless will be desirous of having American interests represented by ships worthy of comparison with those from other countries. On the Pacific side the Iowa will be the largest ship among those present.

SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

Described by President Castro—Cause of the Colombian Attack

New York, August 17.—The following cable message has been received by the Associated Press from Torres Cardenas, general secretary of President Castro, of Venezuela in reply to a dispatch addressed to the president, asking him for a statement on the Venezuela-Colombia situation:

"Caracas, Venezuela, August 17. "In the name of his excellency, General Castro, I reply to your cablegram in the following terms:

"The government of Venezuela, presided over by General Castro, is fully justified in all its works and acts. It is essentially liberal in its practices. It is of the opinion that the conservatives of Colombia, probably led by ruinous and wicked passions, have resolved to assist in a revolutionary movement against Venezuela and her government.

"All of this has been actually proven by the official publications issued by the cabinet in Bogota. They date from April 1st. This view has not been denied, either by the conservative government of Colombia or by her envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary in this capital.

"When the government of Venezuela was surprised by the first and second invasions of her frontier by 6,000 and 2,000 men respectively, the invaders were victoriously expelled by the government and the people of Venezuela.

"Since said events 10,000 men have been massed on the frontier for the defence and integrity of Venezuela and its national honor. These are quite apart from her active service troops on other parts of the frontier, as well as national troops scattered over the republic and the reserve militia now under arms.

"Venezuela has not accepted the invasion as an international attack by the people of Colombia against the people of Venezuela, but knowing its real source, recognizes in it the work of the conservative government of Colombia against the majesty of the nation of Venezuela.

"TORRES CARDENAS, "General Secretary."

THE HABEAS CORPUS CASES

ALLEGED LYNCHERS BEFORE JUSTICE MONTGOMERY.

He Reserves Judgment Until Monday. Two Moore County Men in Jail Without Privilege of Bail on Charge of Murder Committed in March of Last Year, Petition the Justice to Release Them on Bond.

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 17.—Before Judge Montgomery, of the supreme court, here today an interesting habeas corpus case was heard—that of C. J. Jones and Samuel McIntosh, prominent citizens of Moore county, who are charged with having killed George Ritter, colored, a suspected barn-burner, to his door one night in March 1900 and shot him dead.

They were on yesterday committed to jail without privilege of bail and the purpose of the habeas corpus proceeding was to permit bail.

One witness swore Jones told him he and others had lynched Ritter; that they had taken him from his house at night, and were about to hang him to a tree when he broke away, that they shot him, took him back and hanged him to a tree beside the road.

Judge Montgomery postponed until Monday his decision as to admitting them to bail in order that the solicitor may be here and be consulted about the case.

The judge at first refused to admit Jones to bail, then decided to defer the matter, as stated.

WALTHOUR'S DECISIVE VICTORY

He Defeats Harry Elkes in an Hour's Contest

New York, August 17.—Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, Ga., scored a signal victory over Harry Elkes, of Glen Falls, N. Y., on the Manhattan Beach cycle track this afternoon. They met in a one hour motor paced race and Walthour won by a lap and a quarter, after traversing thirty-six miles and two and three quarter laps on a three lap to the mile track.

While the distance covered in the allotted time is away behind the record, the race in itself for more than half the journey was the closest ever contested on the Seaside track. Walthour having the pole was slightly behind as they got the word, but he forged to the front before the first turn was reached and soon made up a gap of ten yards which he held to the end of the first mile.

At the conclusion of the second mile Elkes got into the lead and held it until the end of the nineteenth, but the Glens Falls rider fell back after he had changed his pacing machine after the conclusion of the nineteenth mile. Walthour without a change of pace crept up steadily on the leader and shot by his opponent when the twentieth mile had been reached. From this to the end of the contest the issue was never in doubt.

Venezuelan Territory Invaded

Washington, August 17.—The department of state has received a dispatch dated August 1st, from the consul at Maracaibo, reporting that Dr. Rangel Garbias had invaded Venezuela with 4,000 men from the frontier of Cucuta. Everything was done by the Venezuelan government to meet the invaders. The first fight took place at Encuentros and the invaders were obliged to retire.

The invaders took two steamers to come to Maracaibo, but these boats were recaptured by the Venezuelan troops.

A FAIR TEST OF MERIT

Another Race Between Constitution and Colombia—Former Wins

Larchmont, N. Y., August 17.—Today's race between the Constitution and the Colombia was only a matter of seconds. For the fourteenth time the two yachts finished a contest and for the eighth time the Constitution came out a winner. Today's margin was very small, for she beat the Colombia only 58 seconds corrected time. In elapsed time she won by 2 minutes and 13 seconds. The race was sailed under conditions that best suited the Constitution, as it was an eight hour knot breeze and a smooth sea. It was finished in 3 hours and 3 minutes, very nearly a ten knot gait, which was fast time considering the wind and the fact that twelve miles of the course called for windward work, although it was not a dead beat. The Constitution gained on her rival on every leg, doing best in reaching. It was a fair test of speed as the boats got the wind alike throughout and there was little to choose in the handling. It represents about what the new Constitution can do against the old, under the conditions which prevailed, and while many yachtsmen who have followed the boats are disappointed that the difference be-

THE LEAGUE DISBANDS

The Charlotte Team Gets Mad and Puts an End to the Base Ball Season.

tween them was not greater, quite as many more are satisfied that the Constitution before the trying out is over, will have proved sufficient superiority to warrant her selection as the cup defender.

The crowding of the course today by steam yachts, small sail boats and launches was the only unpleasant feature of the racing. Time after time the committee warned off the encroaching boats and once half a dozen Constitution sailors were yelling at steam yachts to get out of the way of the big sloops.

The racing was so close at all times that a small boat coming too close would have changed the result.

STRANDED STEAMER EVELYN

Result of the Storm in Pensacola—The Steamer in Easy Position

New York, August 17.—A. H. Bull & Co., the New York agents of the stranded steamer Evelyn received the following telegram today from Captain Ritch of the Evelyn dated at Pensacola:

"Evelyn ashore twelve miles west of here, with steering gear broken; was anchored, but parted chain and went ashore during hurricane; resting easy."

They also received a telegram from their agent at Pensacola saying that tugs had been sent to the Evelyn's assistance. From all the advices received they believe that the steamer will be got off without much difficulty. Both vessel and cargo are fully insured. The Evelyn, which is a freighter, sailed from New York August 5th for Pensacola and was the first steamer of the new line known as the New York and Pensacola Steamship Company.

Pensacola, Fla., August 17.—No additional damage to shipping by the storm has been reported and so far as known there was no loss of life here. The New York-Pensacola liner Evelyn, reported ashore at the mouth of Perdido bay, twelve miles west of Pensacola bar, is not in as critical condition as first reported. Captain Richt went in a small boat up Perdido bay to Millview and from there by wagon to this city today. He says his steering gear went wrong and his vessel struck her nose in the sand in about eight feet of water where she was somewhat protected from the main force of the storm. A survey was held today. The vessel is not leaking and it is believed she can be gotten off without damage to her hull. A contract was made with R. A. Hyer, to discharge her cargo on barges and tow it to this city. The cargo consists of 1,000 tons of coffee and 150 tons of general merchandise. The work of raising the small vessels that sank in the bay is progressing.

The cypress lumber cargo of the schooner Tortugas from Mobile for Apalachicola is being unloaded and the vessel will be raised.

THE SHAMROCK FLOATED

To Receive Her Finishing Touches. Ready for a Sail Wednesday

New York, August 17.—The Shamrock II was floated out of drydock today and was taken to Tomkinsville, S. I. where the finishing touches will be put on the racer. Before she left the dock she was painted a light green above the water line. It is the purpose to have the Shamrock II in readiness for a cruise off the Hook on Wednesday to greet her owner when he arrives on the Teutonic, due that day.

Captain Sycamore, who witnessed today's race between the Constitution and the Colombia, was asked today which of the two boats was the best. He remarked that they were so much alike that he did not care much which one would be put against the Shamrock II. He thought, however, that the Constitution was a much finer finished boat than the Colombia, and that so far as he could judge there was little difference in the sailing qualities of the two Americann yachts.

The Alabama Convention

Montgomery, August 18.—In the constitutional convention today Delegate Burns, of Dallas, offered an ordinance forbidding registrars from registering bastards as voters. The ordinance was referred to the committee on harmony at its request. Delegate Murphy, of Pike, introduced an ordinance directing the legislature to give precedence to the appropriations that were made to the old soldiers and widows.

A motion to reconsider the section relating to the tag-tax on fertilizer, and reducing it to the actual cost of inspection, was adopted after a heated debate. Delegate Beddow, of Jefferson, endeavored to have an ordinance adopted giving all the state printing to the union shops and to none others but failed.

She Forfeits a Double-Header to Tarboro by Refusal to Play—The League Meets and Charlotte Withdraws.

Wilmington and Raleigh to Play Eleven Games for the Pennant—Five Games to be Played in Raleigh This Week and Five in Wilmington the Week After—The Other on Neutral Ground—Wilmington's Hard Luck at Raleigh Yesterday.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, August 17.—The North Carolina Base Ball League met here tonight. President Sherwood Higgs, presiding. It opened telegraphic communication with Charlotte and Tarboro, the meeting being in the Postal telegraph office here. Manager Cowan, of Wilmington, and Irwin Jones, of Raleigh, being present, while Charlotte and Tarboro were at the Charlotte end of the wire.

The first telegram was a surprise. It was from the Charlotte club and said: "We hereby tender our resignation to the Virginia-Carolina League." It was immediately accepted.

Charlotte, it will be remembered, was the first to quit last season.

A three league club is impracticable. Wilmington made a motion to close the season, which was voted by Raleigh. These teams voted against Tarboro, no.

Wilmington and Raleigh have arranged to play off the pennant series.

The series commences here Tuesday for five games. The sixth game will be played on neutral grounds August 26th. The balance of the games will be played in Wilmington, beginning August 27th.

WILMINGTON-RALEIGH GAME

After out-pointing and out-generalling the locals for six innings today, the Giants had to lose on account of rain and wet grounds. The game was called twice on account of rain, and when finally continued the grounds were wet and all the spectators under cover.

Umpire Mace was requested to hold the game but would not do so and Manager Cowan protested.

The visitors had to play with Raleigh at the bat during rain in the eighth inning, and thus lost the game. Up to the seventh inning the locals had only obtained one hit and a scratch off Hopkins, who was a puzzle throughout. Raleigh 0 0 1 0 0 2 1 X 7 4 7 Wilmington 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 4 4 4

Batteries: Person and LeGrande; Hopkins and Turner.

RALEIGH.

	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Powers s s	4	1	0	1	2	0		
Hughes c f	2	1	0	2	0	0		
Kelly 1b	4	1	0	0	1	0		
Sorber 1 f	3	2	1	2	0	1		
Hennegar 2b	3	2	2	3	4			
Cronin 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1		
Curran 4	4	0	0	2	0	1		
LeGrande c	3	0	0	6	1	0		
Person p	2	0	1	2	0			

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WILMINGTON.

	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Clawton ss	4	0	0	2	6	1		
Devlin 1 f	4	2	1	4	0	0		
McGinnis c f	4	1	0	0	0	0		
Dommel 1b	4	0	1	10	0	0		
Warren 3b	4	0	1	0	1	7		
Allen rf	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Newman rf	2	0	0	0	0	0		
Frost 2b	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Turner c	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Hopkins p	3	1	1	0	3	1		

Summary: Bases stolen, Hennegar 2; Devlin; double play, Clayton to Frost to Dommel; Struck out, by Person 6, by Hopkins 5; passed ball, LeGrande 1; Turner 1; three base hits, Kelly, Hopkins; bases on balls, off Hopkins 4; time, 1:40; attendance, 450; umpire Mr Mace.

CHARLOTTE-TARBORO GAME

At Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte forfeited a double-header to Tarboro by refusing to play with the official umpire. The teams played two exhibition games.

Tarboro, 10; Charlotte, 5.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Raleigh	22	12	.647
Tarboro	18	15	.545
Wilmington	14	20	.412
Charlotte	14	21	.400

Foul Play Feared

Buffalo, N. Y., August 17.—Frank Shugrue, 50 years old, a businessman of Mobile, Ala., has disappeared and up to tonight the police have been unable to find any trace of him. Mr. Shugrue was married by his wife, arrived in Buffalo from Cleveland early in the week. Last Thursday he telegraphed to Mobile for money. The money order arrived but Shugrue did not get it. This is the last trace the police have been able to find of the missing man. As he had no money to leave the city, Mrs. Shugrue fears foul play.