

BETWEEN 600 AND 1500 DIE IN MAIN AREA

Reports Today Direct From Storm Area Indicate First Reports Not Exaggerated

THOUSANDS HURT; OTHERS WITHOUT HOMES AND FOOD

Nurses, Doctors, Troops and Red Cross Workers Hasten to Stricken Area For Relief Work.

BREAD LINES IN MIAMI FEED MANY

Children Separated From Parents Wander About Ruins—Other Cities Are Damaged.

(By the Associated Press) The first news dispatch received direct from the storm stricken city of Miami since the disaster estimated the dead at between 600 and 1,500. These figures did not include casualties at Fort Lauderdale, where 800 are reported dead, or at Moorhaven, 75 miles west of Miami, where huge waves from Lake Okechobee took a heavy human toll.

Untold thousands were homeless and the injured were estimated at 25,000 to 50,000.

Continuing its path of devastation the hurricane struck Friday night crossed the Florida coast Friday night crossed the Gulf of Mexico, today was striking Pensacola, according to message advice received just before that city was isolated from communication.

Word from Pensacola at the extreme west tip of Florida Peninsula said a 100-mile gale was blowing this morning, and the barometer reading was 29.16.

Two staff correspondents of the Associated Press arriving in Miami by airplane estimated the damage in that section at \$150,000,000, indicating the total property toll of the storm may exceed \$200,000,000.

Two hundred children separated from their families were wandering through the ruins of their homes in Miami, the newspaper men reported, while roads leading to West Palm Beach were crowded with automobiles filled with refugees. Fears of the health of many of the children were held because of the lack of water, milk and proper sanitary conditions.

A wall of silence guarded the extent of the hurricane's toll in Fort Lauderdale, said to have been one of the heaviest sufferers.

Hundreds of persons were injured in Miami by flying debris during the nine hours of the storm, a Pullman engineer reported. The wind tore heavy galvanized iron sheets from the roofs of buildings and carried them about like paper, he said.

Bread lines have been formed in Miami, where severe penalties have been fixed for hoarding and profiteering. The city is under martial law, and no one is allowed on the streets at night unless on urgent business.

Conflicting reports were received from the towns of Moorhaven and Clewiston on the south and west shores of Lake Okechobee. Only refugees reaching Sebring said that the brick buildings came through the gale unscathed, and that wreckage was strewn over a wide area. They said the Mayflower Hotel at Moorhaven was turned completely around and numerous small buildings were wrecked.

A man reaching Lakeland from Moorhaven, however, said the buildings were mostly standing. Estimates of deaths in this section were placed at from 50 to 100.

Doctors and nurses arriving in the disaster section today are bringing supplies and food and medicine. Urgent calls have been sent out for bread and an appeal made for equipment to handle 800 X-ray cases at Fort Lauderdale.

Additional reports today told of the mounting damage to shipping along the east coast. Several schooners were reported in distress and hundreds of small craft piled up on the shore.

An unidentified man who swam to the shore said he was a member of a schooner wrecked near Fort Lauderdale. They left its captain on board with both arms and back broken. The man was too exhausted to give further details.

Citrus fruit suffered severe damage throughout the storm swept area. The west coast of Florida although in the grip of 75 to 90-mile gales for several hours Saturday afternoon, escaped with comparatively slight damage and no casualties were reported.

Airplanes, Automobiles and Trains At Service of the Stricken Area

Miami, Fla., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Estimates ranging from 600 to 1500 dead prevailed in the Miami disaster area this morning, as first contact with the outside world was established by airplane, automobile and relayed trains. The damage was estimated at \$150,000,000.

In the Miami storm disaster area are included Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Redlands, Moorhaven and Clewiston.

West Palm Beach received its first injured patients early today when George Steyn and E. J. Sims, both of Hollywood, were rushed to a local hospital by a fast machine. Both were reported in a serious condition.

Little contact with these places had been established as the causeways were flooded and wreckage and high water barred traffic. Because of continued severe winds pilots of airplanes were reported as wary of attempting to enter the storm area.

Airplanes could not find any landing places, and seaplanes feared the area.

Doctors, nurses, sanitary inspectors and engineers will be appointed among the various cities, with orders to guard especially against typhoid fever. Quantities of serum for inoculation have been sent south.

Sanitary engineers have reported to the State Board that conditions are "bad."

Postal People Do Relief Work. Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Postmaster General New, now in Chicago en route to Kansas City, gave instructions by telephone today authorizing all Florida postmasters to utilize the facilities of the postal service in relief and rescue work.

Clewiston, Fla., Sept. 20.—(AP)—This place survived the storm safely, with no casualties.

Some Details of THE GREAT STORM

Interesting Story of the Devastation Wrought at West Palm Beach and Elsewhere.

Real estate activity of the last five years has seen millions of dollars poured into developments, modern houses, subdivisions, apartment houses, home, public utilities, schools and churches along the lower coastal section of the peninsula which bore the brunt of the hurricane.

Miami Beach ten years ago a low lying sand bar and mangrove swamp, had of late years taken on the appearance of a tropical vista, Spanish villas, golf courses, polo fields, yacht basins and artificial lakes and canals have for several seasons enjoyed a popularity with winter resorts rivaling attractions of Palm Beach.

The last three years have seen the erection of the Fleetwood, Flamingo, Nautilus, Pancoast and Roney Plaza Hotels, all modern and imposing structures at costs estimated in the millions of dollars.

Miami Harbor, where according to late dispatches, damage running into the millions was sustained, has for several years been the site of an extensive development program, and thousands of dollars have been expended in deepening and widening the channel into the outer sea.

Causeway Covered. In the shallow waters of Biscayne Bay, artificial islands have made their appearance and the "Venetian Islands," a late feature of this type of development, built of bulkheaded sand, have been show places of the Miami area. Late dispatches told of water completely covering the \$1,000,000 causeway, connecting Miami with Miami Beach, and running directly through the Venetian Islands.

Royal Palm Park, in Miami, lying one block from the Biscayne Bay waterfront where reports say a large steamship has been stranded, is the scene of the famous weekly Sunday School class of the late William Jennings Bryan, who for several years prior to his death made his home at Miami. The park lies directly in front of the famous old Royal Palm Hotel, erected in the 80's by Henry M. Flagler, shortly after the completion of the Florida East Coast Railway line south of West Palm Beach.

Newspaper Plant Destroyed. The Miami Tribune plant, reported destroyed, was situated several blocks from the waterfront.

Miami and vicinity and Fort Lauderdale appear to have borne the brunt of the storm. Water was flowing in the streets of Miami, practically every place of business was said to have been damaged, no drinking water was immediately available.

Quake Wrecks City on Mid-Atlantic Island



This is a general view of damage done when a series of earthquakes rocked Horta, in the Azores Islands. Many were killed.

COOLIDGES AGAIN ARE IN THE WHITE HOUSE

President Returns From Vacation and Prepares to Resume Routine. Washington, Sept. 19.—President Coolidge resumed life at the White House today as before his vacation and tomorrow plans to be at his desk early in the executive offices.

With Mrs. Coolidge he attended services this morning at the First Congregational church.

The services were held at the Metropolitan motion picture theatre in the downtown district which has been placed at the disposal of the church pending construction of a new building.

It was the first Sunday service to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Noble since his vacation and he greeted all his parishioners from the pulpit.

Me and Mrs. Coolidge returned late last night from the Adirondacks to the White House, which was renovated during their more than two months' absence.

The first day home was spent quietly at the executive mansion.

Do Not Inherit "T. B."—It is Communicable. Sanatorium, Sept. 20.—Previous to Koch's discovery of the tubercle bacilli, and among ignorant people since, it has been held that tuberculosis is inherited. It is now known that it is not inherited, but infectious or communicable. It is also generally agreed that most infections occur in childhood.

The germs of tuberculosis are found in the sputum or spit that consumptives cough up. Intimate and close association of the well with the sick may lead to infection if proper precautions are not taken. Probably most infections occur from inhaling air in which are large numbers of the germs, or the germs are conveyed to the mouth on the fingers or in food contaminated from floors, sidewalks and gutters where consumptives spit.

Physicians declare that large numbers of persons contain in their systems the tubercle bacilli. With the tubercle bacilli so general and widespread living is the best means of preventing the disease. Rest, food and fresh air are today the recognized essentials for the cure of the disease. Methods of living that will cure the disease will also prevent it.

State Highway Detours. Greensboro, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Detours on five main highways in North Carolina were shown on touring conditions of the Carolina Motor Club, which has been issued here.

They are: route 10, Greensboro to High Point, Salisbury to Statesville, Valdese to Morganton and Smithfield to Goldsboro; route 20 from Shelby to Forest City about two miles; route 90 from Raleigh to Wendell; route 80 from Salisbury to Albemarle, and route 21 from Raleigh to Fayetteville.

Detours generally were reported in good shape, and in several cases alternate routes are provided where it is necessary to detour around construction activities.

Old Duke Gymnasium Will See Service as Cafeteria. Durham, Sept. 17.—The old Duke gymnasium, built in 1880 through the generosity of Benjamin N. Duke, was named the Angier Duke building, in honor of the late Angier B. Duke. The building was at that time considered one of the finest gymnasiums in the entire south. It is still standing, and during the present year will be used as a cafeteria for students.

Thirty-six boys from the Jackson Training School enjoyed a fine swim at the Y. M. C. A. pool Saturday. Their visit was made possible by the courtesy of W. B. Ward Company, which furnished a truck and driver to take them to and from the Y.

BOY, 12, DIES IN FIGHT FOR GENE TUNNEY

"Dempsey," Aged 10, Lands a "Knockout" on Young Enthusiast.—Clot Caused Death. Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 20.—A 12-year-old boy's enthusiasm over the prospect of Gene Tunney winning the world heavyweight title from Jack Dempsey when they meet in the Sesquiennial Stadium, cost him his life.

Offering to demonstrate how the examinee would knock out the champion, Manuel Kin of 1,632 North Franklin Street today squared off in the yard of the Clay Public School, Eighth and Thompson streets, with Carl Weinstein, 19, of 411 West Oxford street, his pal, taking the part of Dempsey.

A few moments later Kin was dead, his pal sobbing, "I didn't mean to hit him."

Physicians say the dead boy appears to have suffered from a thrombosis, a rare ailment caused by obstruction of the veins or arteries, which blocks the action of the heart. Weinstein was arrested on a technical charge of homicide.

With Our Advertisers. Dodge Bros. announce another important list of improvements on their cars. See ad. of the Auto Supply and Repair Co.

The Parks-Bell Co.'s Beauty Shoppe will dress the hair in such a way as to accentuate the beauty of the face. Phone 922.

Atwater-Kent radios talk for themselves! Get them at the York & Wadsworth Co.

Overstuffed Suites complete with three pieces, only \$133.05 at the Concord Furniture Co.

Deep and Shallow well pumps and washing machines told here by R. H. Owen. Phone 609.

Lone Star cement is sold here by the National Lumber Co. See ad. in this paper.

Get a radio and enjoy the fight Thursday night from your home. From \$15 to \$375 at the Ritchie Hardware Co.

Just two more big Dollar Days at the Parks-Bell Co.'s. Special discounts in their ready-to-wear and millinery departments during these two days. They buy your country produce.

Exquisite new fall frocks at J. C. Penney Company's, only \$14.75. See description in new ad. today.

Fall and winter footwear at Efrids. Prices range from 65 cents to \$4.95. Final reduction of prices of one-half to one-third at Markson Shoe store.

Caps, neckwear and belts as well as clothing at Hoover's.

The Forest Hill Cleaning Co. wants to clean your clothes. At 318 North Church street. Phone 1753.

FUNDAMENTALIST BODY PLANS NEW ACTIVITIES

Committee of 100 Will Have Important Announcement Within Short Time. Charlotte, Sept. 19.—The Fundamentalist Committee of One Hundred, formed here last spring with the announced purpose of battling the teaching of the evolution theory in signs of life and may take an active part in the fall campaign, it was indicated here today with announcement by Dr. A. R. Shaw, of this city, that the committee will have an important announcement to make within a few days.

Dr. Shaw, one of the organizers of the movement, is vice president of the committee of which Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, is president.

The committee plans a campaign this fall designed to foster public opinion favorable to enactment by the state legislature at its meeting next January of a bill to prohibit the teaching of the evolution theory in public schools and state supported colleges and universities in North Carolina, Dr. Shaw intimated.

Judge Neal is expected to call the committee to meet within the next two weeks at which time definite plans for the committee's future program will be outlined. Dr. Shaw said the meeting in all probability will be held in Charlotte.

While declining to go into details of the proposed campaign Dr. Shaw said that it would be non-partisan, and of a purely educational nature. He said that speakers representing the committee probably would be sent into every nook and corner of the state.

The committee was organized here last spring when a group of prominent churchmen and civic leaders met at the First Baptist church and formed a tentative organization. Later a formal organization meeting was held at the Second Presbyterian church. The organization was completed but the meeting was adjourned in haste, when delegates became embroiled in an exchange of bitter words and a first fight was narrowly averted.

It was thought at the time that the committee would cease to function but a few days later this was denied by Judge Neal, and Dr. Shaw's statement today indicated that the organization is planning for a new lease on life.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Fairly Steady at Advance of 3 Points to Decline of 7 Points. New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The cotton market opened fairly steady today at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 7 points, most months being lower in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables.

Selling was active after the call, owing to belief that the volume of hedge business by the South was steadily increasing, and further private reports pointing to an increase in the indicated crop. October broke to 15.38, net decline of 12 points, and an advance of 3 points to a decline of 7 points, most months being lower in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables.

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Cotton futures opened fairly steady. (Get. 16.00; Dec. 16.28; Jan. 16.32; March 16.57; May 16.78.)

Silk That Explodes. Paris, Sept. 20.—A French manufacturer of artificial silk has been used for one hundred thousand francs by the parents of a boy who was killed by the sudden flaring up of the scarf he was wearing. It is said that a certain mixture of cotton and artificial silk makes a compound almost as explosive as gun-cotton.

The Fred Y. McConnell Post of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the new Legion Club rooms. As this is the time for the election of officers, a full attendance is urged.

Hurricane Sweeps To Florida West Coast; Pensacola Is Struck

MR. MORRISON PROVES PUZZLE TO POLITICIANS. It May Be He Expects to Profit if Mr. Overman Should Retire in Mid-Term. W. T. Bost in Greensboro News. Raleigh, Sept. 19.—Politicians have been trying to understand the meaning of former Governor Cameron Morrison's recent announcement of his United States senatorial candidacy, a statement which came at the opening of a very dull off-year in politics and in advance of the actual commencement of the term to which Senator Overman recently has been nominated and soon will be elected.

Messrs. Morrison and Overman have been very thick for a year or two. Though the high aspirations of Mr. Morrison have been unopposed by him for four or five years, he never would hear to any proposal to run against Mr. Overman and the worst threat that he would make was a candidacy designed to beat anybody else who might beat Mr. Overman. That splendid loyalty of Mr. Morrison toward the Overman during the late fight with Bob Reynolds. There were all sorts of evidences that Mr. Reynolds was making much headway; the boy was irrepressible. But Mr. Morrison never came out to help Mr. Overman by announcing against Reynolds. When the Charlotte statesman would not take Reynolds seriously the Overman boosters knew everything was all right.

This generous support of Mr. Overman must melt that gentleman. The interpretation of it is this: Mr. Overman will probably serve half of his term, will resign and take things quietly for the next 20 or 30 years. He will have served 30 years if he completes his term and 24 if he does not. That is a long senatorial life and Mr. Overman has gone through the senate during the most exciting years of the world. He never has said anything publicly about retiring but he has dropped things to friends in his part of the world that they construed to mean a possible retirement before the date of maturity.

Mr. Morrison stands for profit most by such a step-down. If it should come three years from now Max Gaudner would be governor and it could hardly be asked of him that he name his brother-in-law, Clyde Hoey. And primary would be necessary and Mr. Morrison would be in it. If Mr. Overman should resign two years from now Governor McLean would be asked to name several senators and he could not do it. It is assumed that he would let a primary decide the issue and Mr. Morrison again would be in it. These considerations come to the men attempting to analyze Mr. Morrison's statement.

Wanting to Hold Baby Hill Bill Was Paid. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Gore Raleigh, Sept. 20.—"The incident arising when the sheriff at Waynesville refused to deliver the prisoner to Massachusetts officers until the \$500 reward was paid, though unusual and irregular, is rather amusing, but not as unusual as a case that was brought to me when I first started practicing law years ago, in 'Bobson county,' said Governor A. W. McLean today.

"In this case a midwife had sworn out a laborer's lien and threatened to keep the baby until her bill was settled. The young father came to me much agitated, lest his young son be taken away from him, for he was too poor to pay the eight or ten dollars due the midwife, who had gone before a country magistrate and secured the lien.

"The young father was much relieved when I told him that the woman could not take the child, that the lien was illegal, and that he and his wife need no longer worry about losing the custody of the baby."

Von Elm's Victory Lauded By Bobby Jones. Short Hills, Sept. 18.—Bobby Jones received his defeat at the hands of George von Elm today as the "finest thing that could have happened for amateur golf."

"If ever a man deserved to win, George did," said Bobby. "He just put us all down and stepped on us."

Von Elm, blushing and stammering, received the championship trophy with his head bowed, eyes riveted on the ground.

"I don't know what to say and you wouldn't either," was the new champion's brief message to a cheering throng which looked on at the presentation.

Oil Keeps Eggs Fresh. London, Sept. 20.—Bathing eggs in oil is the latest method for keeping them fresh and sterilized. Eggs at the rate of 350,000 per day are passed through a bath of hot oil having a temperature of 235 degrees Fahrenheit. The oil is said to fill the pores in the egg shell, and prevent air from entering.

Mecklenburg Woman Takes Her Own Life. Charlotte, Sept. 19.—Mrs. Rosa Zani Toplin, 38, wife of D. L. Toplin, Long Creek farmer, died Saturday afternoon shortly after firing a pistol bullet through her head at her home on the Statesville road, 11 miles from Charlotte.

Her act was attributed to ill health by the surviving husband, Coroner Frank Hovis said. No investigation into the death will be made, the Coroner announced.

Toplin told Mr. Hovis that his wife was unbalanced at times and that she had been acting queerly recently. He was in an adjoining bedroom when his wife killed herself in the dining room.

Sugar-Cofee Boon Is Latest Rum Coup. Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 19.—Bootleg chocolates have emerged in British Columbia's latest liquor problem.

Police announced they would prosecute five leading confectioners in Victoria next week for selling the chocolates, alleged to contain liquor which can be sold under the law only by government liquor stores.

THE WEATHER. Increasing cloudiness followed by showers Tuesday and in southwest tonight; cooler Tuesday, increasing northeast and east winds.