

Rehabilitation Efforts And Check Up Of Dead Follow In Wake Of Florida's Disaster

MANY DEAD BODIES FOUND IN DEBRIS CAUSED BY STORM

In Miami Area Check of Dead and Relief Work Among Injured Claim Attention of Workers.

PENSACOLA AND MOBILE ESCAPED

Despite Wind That Moved 120 Miles an Hour No Loss of Life Was Reported in Two Cities.

The hurricane that cost the lower Florida east coast upward of 400 lives, 4,000 or more injured and property damage of \$50,000,000 or more, having passed, all sections hit today centered their efforts on trying to ascertain the exact casualty list, restoring interrupted communications and repairing the property damage.

The Miami area, hardest hit of all, was going about the work of rehabilitation, caring for the injured, and seeking out the dead in systematic manner. The American Red Cross and other relief agencies were on hand in full force with troops on guard and martial law existing in many places.

The injured in Hollywood, Miami suburb, have been ordered removed to points north of the city, and persons unable to secure aid in the relief and rehabilitation work have been instructed by the military authorities to evacuate the city, according to information brought to West Palm Beach by Dr. William R. Redden, national director of the American Red Cross medical service.

Dr. Redden estimated the seriously injured at 1,400. He found 135 patients in Miami hospitals, and estimated that the total injured there was 3,500, of whom 1,000 suffered serious hurts. About 500 of these had fractured limbs and skulls.

Pensacola and Mobile, hit by the hurricane just before it passed inland and expired, made known to the world that there was no loss of life in either city. Mobile again was connected with the outside world by a telegraph wire, but Pensacola still was cut off early today.

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Typoid is on the decline, but ten new cases have been reported yesterday. In fact, all the communicable diseases with the exception of diphtheria and whooping cough are rapidly declining.

Relief Work Goes Forward. With rescue and relief work systematized under state and national Red Cross authorities, Florida's stricken cities were emerging slowly today from the chaos caused by the tropical hurricane which killed more than 400 persons and injured 5,000 others, many seriously, as it roared its way from the Bahamas almost to the Mississippi River.

Related reports from the more remote sections of the storm-torn areas added to the death toll, as well as to the property damage which probably will aggregate nearly \$100,000,000 when final surveys in the cities and

Red Cross Takes Charge Of All Relief Work in Stricken Florida

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 22.—(AP)—The American Red Cross today officially took over the direction of the work of relieving the suffering and rehabilitating the storm wrecked sections of Florida with an announcement from Washington last night that the relief funds being raised by the Red Cross aggregated nearly \$800,000.

Henry M. Baker, national Red Cross disaster director, was personally on the scene on the lower east coast, having hurried into the region from similar work in the floods of the northwest. Mr. Baker passed through Jacksonville last night after speeding into that state by airplane and fast railroad trains.

Five Relief Ships Reach Miami. Miami, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Five relief ships came into Miami today and their cargoes of food and medical supplies were being quickly unloaded and distributed among various relief agencies and hospitals.

500 Refugees Reach Jacksonville. Jacksonville, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Five hundred refugees from the storm swept area of southern Florida arrived here today on the special refugee train operated into Jacksonville.

Leased Wire Service Restored. Atlanta, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Leased wire communication with Miami was restored at 7:40 o'clock this morning when the Miami News office was cut into the Associated Press Florida circuit. This was the first direct communication by wire with Miami since last Saturday.

Seek Yacht Lost in Storm. Miami, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Coast guard officers have been asked to search for the yacht of Stanley Comstock, Miami real estate operator, on which Mr. and Mrs. Comstock and two friends left Miami Beach at noon last Friday. The yacht has not been heard from since the hurricane.

Mr. Comstock, who last spring was reported engaged to Peggy Hopkins Joyce, the actress, and Mrs. Comstock had set out on a reunion trip.

Death List Grows. Asuncion, Paraguay, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The death list in the hurricane which struck the city of Encarnacion Monday night continues to grow. With exact figures lacking, official reports estimate the dead at 200, while other sources say it will reach 500.

towns as well as in the trucking and farming sections are completed. Official reports to the national Red Cross from its agent along the Florida east coast, place the number of injured in the section at 4,000, of whom 1,000 were described as seriously hurt.

In Hollywood the dead was placed at 70, and the injured at 900. The agents also listed 135 dead in Miami, and 75 dead and 300 injured at Fort Lauderdale, which was practically destroyed first by the wind and then the overflowing waters of Lake Okechobee.

All of the injured at Hollywood are being sent either to West Palm Beach or Jacksonville, while all women and children are being moved from the place to avoid possible epidemics and to permit reconstruction of the city.

Nine first aid stations have been established in Miami. Latest advices said the number of doctors and nurses in that area was sufficient to meet the situation and that plenty of food, water and milk were available.

A somewhat different picture of the situation was given in dispatches sent to the Navy Department by the officer in charge of the naval relief work in Miami. He declared the bread supply too low for the demand, and receipts from all sources of supply were about half the demand.

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STORM HAS LOST GREAT INTENSITY

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The tropical disturbance was placed by the weather bureau today as central over Texas, with a central eye, and with greatly diminishing intensity. It is moving slowly north-westward.

TO MAKE A CHILD IMMUNE FROM DIPHTHERIA

This Treatment is Administered Free by the State Board of Health. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Perhaps the most dangerous disease of childhood, is continuing to mount in the state, despite the campaign being waged throughout the State and the United States to educate parents to its perils, particularly where children are between the ages of 18 months and six years old, and to inform them that modern science has discovered a method of control, which if adopted, makes a child virtually immune from the disease. This treatment is administered free by the State Board of Health, through the county and city health officers throughout the State, and can be administered for any physician. Yet the application for this treatment are alarmingly few, and the increase in the number of cases alarmingly heavy. Last week there were 102 new cases of diphtheria reported in the State, with slightly more than 100 cases for the week preceding, and indications are that the number will increase each week as cold weather approaches, unless parents act at once to immunize their children.

The modern method of diphtheria control consists in the employment of the Schick test and the Toxin-Antitoxin treatment. The Schick test reveals whether or not the child is already immune or not—about 50 per cent are found already to be immune—and where such is not the case, the Toxin-Antitoxin treatment is used, requiring from three to five inoculations, depending upon the physical condition of the subject. This treatment effectively immunizes the subject against contracting diphtheria.

Records show that about eight per cent of all those who develop diphtheria die especially if they are from one to five years of age," said Dr. C. M. Cooper, acting State Health Officer, in discussing the situation. In 1924 diphtheria attacked 4,005 in North Carolina, and of this number 323 died. The percentage for other years remains about the same. The State Board of Health is anxious to reduce these figures, but cannot do so unless it can get parents to co-operate better.

Dr. Cooper said the number of cases of whooping cough in the State still remains high, though there are not as many cases now as there were several weeks ago, as only 101 cases were reported from over the State the past week. Indications are that there will be a marked decrease in this whooping epidemic within a few more weeks.

Typoid has dropped down to but 80 cases for the past week, and smallpox to only five. This is to be expected, as they are primarily hot weather diseases which do not flourish in cooler weather. Only 13 cases of scarlet fever were reported for the week just ended, and 26 cases of measles. The number of cases of infantile paralysis have dropped to almost nothing, with no new cases having been reported for nearly a week.

The Board of Health also calls attention to the fact that a new serum for the prevention of whooping cough and the reduction of its severity has been developed, and this is administered without charge by the various health officers, county and city, over the State.

John Alexander Flowe Dies at Advanced Age in Spencer. Spencer, Sept. 21.—(AP)—John Alexander Flowe, 70 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, W. D. Dorton, in Spencer, shortly before midnight Monday night following a lingering illness due mostly to old age. He had been confined to his bed, however, for only a week, and he was not unexpected.

Mr. Flowe was a native of Mecklenburg county and when 18 years old was married to Miss Lovina Little, also of that county. The young couple settled in Cabarrus county and lived near Concord until 1908 when the family came to Spencer to reside. Mr. Flowe died here 14 years ago and since that time Mr. Flowe has made his home with the family of Mr. Dorton.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert and Henry Flowe, of Cabarrus county, while the children living include Mrs. J. S. McCurdy and Miss Ida Flowe, of Spencer; J. S. Flowe, of Greensboro, Edward and Sam Flowe, of Cabarrus county. There are two children dead. He is also survived by a number of grandchildren, these including Mrs. T. J. Auten, of Wilson; Misses Helen, Margaret and Gene Dorton of Spencer, with whom he had made his home.

Frank P. Milburn, Noted Washington Architect, Dies. Asheville, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Frank P. Milburn, 54, architect, of the firm of Milburn and Heister, Washington, D. C., died suddenly at a local hotel this morning. He had been in failing health for several months, but death came unexpectedly. His firm was one of the leading architectural concerns in America, having planned many federal buildings in Washington and foreign countries.

The so-called Iron Crown of the King of Italy is made of gold and precious stones, set in a thin ring of iron.

Each predict they will be elected by a majority of 50,000 votes.

Heads Mortgage Bankers' Association. Richmond, Va., Sept. 22.—(AP)—E. D. Schumaker, President of the Southern Bond & Mortgage Co., of Richmond, was elected President of the Mortgage Bankers' Association of America today, the second day of its thirteenth annual convention.

A new laundry machine with padded rollers is guaranteed not to injure or tear off buttons.

Glimpse of What Florida Hurricane Did



This picture, taken during the storm in July, illustrates, on a small scale, the hurricane that battered the coast of Florida. It shows waves beating against the causeway connecting the city of Miami and Miami Beach.

WOMAN PORTRAYS MIAMI HURRICANE

"We Are Alive and That Is All." Says Mrs. Skinner, in Letter to Her Husband. Burlington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Burlington got its first report out of Miami, the devastated Florida city, in a letter written by Mrs. H. B. Skinner Sunday to her husband, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, immediately after the West Indian hurricane had delivered its two assaults and swept on.

"We are alive and that is all," Mrs. Skinner said in beginning her letter to herself and two children. "I lost everything. The roof went off of our house and I found shelter in a friend's home nearby.

"Everything is wrecked. The whole city is paralyzed today. No water, gas, lights or anything. Food is a premium. Many lives have been lost and the whole city is crippled. There isn't a house in the city that is not wrecked.

A Night of Terror. "The papers warned us that a storm was headed this way on Friday," Mrs. Skinner wrote, "but no one realized that it would be a cyclone. She then recited what took place during the night that to Miamians, and to thousands of others along the east coast, "a night of terror," as the mighty breath of nature blew out of its bed the Ocean and spread it over the land, and bent on vengeance, crashed the steel and timbers of great buildings and homes and snuffed out lives of men, women and children.

"About 10 o'clock Saturday night it began and by 1 o'clock it was something terrible. I had put the children to bed so I got them up and dressed them and got ready to move out if the house started to go.

"We stood by the door all night. Six o'clock in the morning it began to get quiet and at 7 we thought it was over and started to clean up the wreck. Every dish, window glass, mirror and furniture smashed; everything soaked.

Second Attack Worse. There was a lull in the storm between 7 and 7:30 Sunday morning and out of the "night of horror" the citizens began to emerge, to look upon the devastation and to hope that none had perished. Then the wind rose again and the second assault came with more force than it had in the night. It seemed that the gate of heaven had opened wide with the tide of the ocean rolling up to sweep all in its keeping.

"When the roof went off, I grabbed the children and went out in the storm to a neighbor's," Mrs. Skinner said. There she was in refuge until, with the city sprawled at its feet, the hurricane rolled on.

Archie Shelton, member of an engineering firm at Fort Lauderdale, got a wife through to his wife here today, advising her that he came through the storm safe but lost everything he had. Hundreds of dollars worth of instruments and tools for engineering and blue print work "went out with the storm," Mr. Shelton advised his wife that he was coming out of the section as soon as he could arrange to do so.

T. R. Cole, Burlington man, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Miami, is reported to have lost his automobile in the storm, and so far has been unable to find it. That doesn't seem strange when it happened that boats floated out of the bay into the city, trash cans passed in the street in flight in opposite directions, and even a giant steel skyscraper was stripped to its bare frame by the wrath of the elements.

Expects to See Germany Lending Money to France. Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—"It wouldn't surprise me to hear of Germany offering to lend France money," former Governor John Gary Evans declared today. The former governor and Mrs. Evans have just returned from a tour of Europe.

One of the things that impressed Mr. Evans was the waning of the long cherished animosity between France and Germany.

"The Germans do not hold their hatred long like other people of Europe," said the former governor. "Everywhere in Europe are German agents in search of trade that had been lost by the world war. The German people seem to have forgotten their animosities and are working hard and enthusiastically to recover what they have lost.

"If I were a creditor I had rather have Germany for my debtor than any other European nation."

Philadelphia and Paris have concluded arrangements for the exchange of ideas and working data between the Public Works departments of the two cities.

THE TRIBUNE TO GET FIGHT NEWS BY RADIO

Through the courtesy of the Charlotte News and the Ritchie Hardware Co. The Tribune will give by radio the news of the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. A loud speaker will be hooked up in front of The Tribune office so that all may hear.

Come to The Tribune office Thursday night and get the news.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Steadier Tone at Opening With Advance of 5 to 13 Points. New York, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The cotton market showed a steadier tone at the opening today with steady Liverpool cables, rumors of better prospects for a settlement of the British coal strike, and expectations of covering in advance of tomorrow's government crop report.

First prices were firm at an advance of 5 to 13 points, and the market showed net gains of about 14 to 16 points by the end of the first hour, December contracts selling at 16.12. There was continued Southern hedging, but it seemed less active, while there was a good deal of covering together with trade buying and possibly local buying for a rally.

Two more private crop reports were issued, one pointing to a yield of 15,500,000 bales, and the other to a crop of 15,045,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened firm, Oct. 15.80; Dec. 16.04; Jan. 16.14; March 16.40; May 16.63.

COTTON GROWERS IN SEVEN STATES PROTEST

Want Change in Freight Rate on Cotton to Principal Marketing and Exporting Centers. Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Cotton growers co-operative organizations in 7 Southern states, Georgia, Louisiana, Mobile, Okla., Arizona, Tennessee and South Carolina filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission identical complaints against railroad rates on cotton to principal marketing and exporting centers. The rates described were all attacked as excessive, unjust and unreasonable, but no statement was made as to the degree of reduction demanded. The commission was asked to consider the general cotton rate structure and to make such changes as their judgment might determine to be desirable.

With Our Advertisers. Don't throw away your tires—get the Concord Vulcanizing Company to fix them for you. See the new ad. today of Fetzer & York Insurance Agents.

Your lace and tapestries can be made like new by Wrenn at Kannapolis. Phone 128. Late styles and colors in fall suits for men and young men at Efrid's.

Richard Barthelme in "Soul Fire," at the Concord Theatre today. More of those smart English tailored felt hats at Fisher's, \$2.95 to \$15. Stylish autumn frocks of silk at \$20.75 at J. C. Penny Co's. For the woman, miss and junior miss.

Forsyth Man is Convicted of Selling Diseased Hogs. Winston-Salem, Sept. 21.—H. M. Wilos, Forsyth county farmer, was convicted in magistrate's court here today on a charge of selling diseased hogs and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

The state charged that Wilos sold two hogs here suffering with cholera and at the time they were sold he knew they were afflicted with the disease.

Filer Killed When Parachute Sticks. Mitchell Field, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Private Charles C. Turner, of Auburn, N. Y., was killed today when his parachute failed to open after making a practice jump from an airplane at a height of 1,500 feet.

Robbers Employ Unique Methods. Columbus, Wis., Sept. 21.—By scattering flat headed roofing nails on the road, five bandits who held up the First National bank here, escaped by automobile with more than \$300,000 in currency and securities. Pursuers following in other automobiles were halted by punctured tires. Trails of the bandits were strewn with the nails for several miles.

Midnight Closing Hours for Dances. (By International News Service). Charlotte, Sept. 22.—With a midnight closing hour for dances attended here by young people of high school age set by the parent-teachers association, the probation and welfare department is planning a curfew for young boys who have been loitering on the streets at night.

B. L. Baker, probation officer, says that the curfew will only apply to boys under twelve years of age but they must be at home before 9 p. m.

In Germany the man must always walk on the right side of the woman, not on the outside of the pavement, as here.

THE WEATHER. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Gentle to moderate northerly and east winds.

STORM DID DAMAGE WHERE BEFORE REACHING FLORIDA

Several Islands in Bahamas Suffered Great Damage With Loss of Life Reported in Some.

PARAGUAY CITY SUFFERED MUCH

It Is Reported 150 Persons Were Killed and 500 Hurt.—Many Buildings Completely Destroyed.

Asuncion, Paraguay, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Almost at the same time the inhabitants of the city of Encarnacion were commenting on the disaster in Florida, a hurricane struck the town Monday night with virtually identical results.

About 150 persons were killed and 500 injured. The material damage is estimated at a million dollars. The town which has a population of about 35,000, and is the second largest in Paraguay, is virtually ruined. A majority of the houses were built of wood.

The lower part of the city was completely razed. A number of boats in the Parana River were sunk. Special trains carrying provisions and nurses have been sent to Encarnacion. All amusements in Asuncion have been suspended at a sign of mourning.

Bahamas Struck by Storm. Nassau, Bahamas, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The hurricane which swept the Bahamas Friday night was of equal severity but of less duration than the Florida storm. Less damage was done here, but the Angros and Bimini Islands suffered severely, with hundreds of small houses leveled. The most serious reports come from Long Island, where there are said to have been some fatalities.

No loss of life has been reported here, but it is feared that sponging vessels have gone down at sea with 15 men. Several buildings were unroofed; roads and wharves were damaged, and one vessel was wrecked in the harbor.

Charlotte Demands Lowering of Track. Asking Too Much, Declares Representative of the Southern Railway. Charlotte, Sept. 21.—It is without precedent that a city should make such demands upon a railway as Charlotte is making upon the Southern in eliminating grade crossings in the opinion of officials of the railroad's engineering department.

The department, seeing the proposed alteration of the railway tracks on West Trade and on other streets contend that they are being asked to undertake too great a transformation while the city makes no concessions.

"The Southern is asked to lower its tracks 25 feet at least at the West Trade street crossing and of course lowerings will have to be made at other crossings so as to coincide with the lowered tracks there," it was said.

"As an offset to this the city offers nothing, but proposes to retain its streets at their present level," the spokesman added.

The project for eliminating the grade crossings from the neighborhood of the Dowd road on the south to the neighborhood of the Southern Air Line tracks north of West Trade street, will cost considerably in excess of \$3,000,000, the engineering department estimates.

"I am not to be quoted," said the engineer, "for the duty of an engineer is only to do the engineering and not to talk about policies."

The differences of opinion about the matter are expected to be thrashed out at the meeting of the board of the Southern and the city meet, to confer further about the elimination of grade crossings.

Majority Against It is Overwhelming—Negro Brakeman Killed—Mrs. Goo L Klutz Dead. Salisbury, Sept. 21.—Rowan county today voted on a hospital proposition, or more truly speaking, failed to vote on it. The vote was against the registration books and the defeat of the proposition was overwhelming. Salisbury went against it by 313 and the county increased the adverse majority.

The proposition was to issue \$200,000 in bonds for a general and a tubercular hospital. Charles Kimball, Southern railway fireman of this city, is in the Salisbury hospital suffering from severe influenza.

Owen Smyre, negro brakeman on the Asheville division, was thrown from a train while applying hand brakes at Barbers Junction and received injuries from which he died soon after being brought to the Salisbury hospital.

Mr. George Lee Klutz of East Spencer, died at the Salisbury hospital this evening at six o'clock. She leaves a husband, who is a Southern railway fireman, and two children.

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Red Cross Relief Fund For the Florida Sufferers

A call has been sent out by John Barton Payne, of the American Red Cross for funds for extending relief to the sufferers from the hurricanes in Florida. Howard Collier, President of the local Red Cross, asks that The Tribune make an appeal to the public of this section for this purpose. The Red Cross is expecting Concord and Cabarrus County to contribute liberally. It is important that the work be done within the next few days as the time of greatest suffering is now. Later, funds that are raised, will be acceptable, of course, but all that can be procured now is needed badly for immediate use.

Hand your contributions to L. D. Coltrane, treasurer of the local Red Cross, at the Concord National Bank.