

TOLL OF TEXAS STORM IN LIFE AND PROPERTY IS EXCEEDINGLY HEAVY

At Least Fifty Persons Meet Death While Damage to Property Will Run Into the Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars--No Definite Reports Yet Received From Stricken District.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 18--(via telephone to Dallas) The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. R. Montgomery, Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got as far as Virginia Point, the north end of the causeway, Tuesday, and viewed the wrecked city of Galveston.

"I am confident the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could not see an elevator on the port side of the city and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands."

"I believe the property loss will be greater than that of 1900."

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 18--A copy of the Houston Chronicle issued at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon received here early today, estimates the storm damage in that city at about \$1,000,000. No mention is made of loss of life in Houston, but it is stated six persons were drowned at Laporte, twenty miles southeast of Houston, on Trinity Bay.

This is the first authentic report of deaths on the Texas coast due to the tropical storm to reach the outside world.

The paper, which is the third edition, gives the wind velocity at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at fifty miles an hour and diminishing. The forecast by the local weather bureau for the ensuing twenty-four hours is "cloudy."

The Chronicle publishes no news from Galveston, stating all means of communication with that point had been interrupted since early Monday evening.

With re-establishment of wire communication promised for the storm-swept coast country of Texas, it was expected that definite news would be brought today on the situation in Galveston, Houston and Beaumont cities, for more than two days isolated by the paralyzation of telegraph and telephone service.

Hope that no lives were lost through the action of the winds and waters was given up by many last night with the receipt here of reports indicating that both Galveston and Houston would record a toll of dead.

Mengre Reports Disappointingly brief wireless reports received from the army transport Buford by the station in Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio gave only the most meagre reports of conditions at Galveston. No mention was made of loss of life, but a report of demolished buildings along the water front left the inference that deaths resulted.

Reports from Houston brought by trainmen late last night told of two or three persons killed, although other reports declared there was no loss of life. A like situation obtained in the matter of the probable damage at Houston. Conflicting reports were received saying that there was only minor damage and that the damage was estimated at \$5,000,000.

All reports early today indicated that the force of the tropical storm had been spent. Most places in the storm district with which it was possible to communicate, reported a falling of the wind and it is believed recovery from the storm would be speedy.

While no measures had been taken for relief because the extent of the deeds of the distressed cities were not known, the state officials announced that they were prepared to take the situation in hand and promptly extend help where required.

W. B. Blades left yesterday morning for Morehead City.

BUSY? DOING WHAT?

(Greenville Reflector) Doubtless Editor Cowan finds himself too busy to play the peacemaker between us and the Journal.

Old General Carranza is reported to be about to ask for recognition again. Let's see, this makes about his 1111 time that he has made a public request doesn't it?

FAMOUS LAND CASE TO BE TRIED HERE ON SEPT. 21

Judge Henry G. Connor to Preside Over Special Term of Court

MANY DEFENDANTS

One Hundred and Twelve Persons Owned Condemned Land

A case that is of much interest to the citizens of Eastern North Carolina will be tried at a special term of United States District Court to be held here in this city on September 21st, with Judge Henry G. Connor presiding. This case arose out of the condemnation by the government of a section of land at Cape Lookout, the government desiring to use the same in its work at the Harbor of Refuge which is now being constructed there. The land in question is owned by one hundred and twelve persons. For months a special commission, assisted by the lawyers of the owners, have been endeavoring to settle on a price for it. A few weeks ago the commission decided that \$1,787 was all that the property was worth and, following this decision, they so informed Judge Connor.

Met With Disapproval

As had been expected, this valuation did not in the least meet with approval from the owners of the property and they have refused to accept it. This being the case, it is now necessary to let a jury hear the case, pass upon its merits and render a decision and this decision will be final. Considerable time will be consumed in the hearing of the evidence as testimony from each one of the owners will have to be taken and the first of the witnesses which investigated the land will have to be looked into.

While the government has set its price upon the land at less than two thousand dollars, the valuation placed upon it by the owners, runs up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, they, in many cases, basing their valuation upon improvements which the government is to make and which they claim will greatly enhance the value of the property.

Summons to each and every one of the owners to appear at the special term of court, are today being mailed out by Clerk Walter Duffy.

THE JOURNAL GETS FIRST COTTON BOLL

C. E. Foy of this city, has presented the Journal with several bolls of cotton which came from his farm in Jones county. The specimens were perfect in their formation and development and Mr. Foy expects to get from one and a half to two bales of cotton from the acre. He has many acres planted in the fleecy staple, however not as many as he had last year. He is optimistic over the situation in regard to the price of the cotton and is of the opinion that it will not drop any lower but instead will begin to rise within a few weeks.

L. C. TOLSON IS RESTING WELL

Reports from Fairview hospital last night were to the effect that the condition of L. C. Tolson, who on the previous morning underwent an operation for appendicitis there, were very encouraging and that there was every reason to believe that he would soon recover from the effects of same. According to statements of the physicians performing the operation, Mr. Tolson was given treatment just in time to save his life. Had he waited twenty-four hours, there is every reason to believe that he would have beyond all human aid.

The Peoples Concert Band gave their weekly open air concert last night at the foot of Pollock street. There quite a number of people who went down to enjoy the splendid music rendered by this musical organization. Persons residing in that section of the city have quite an advantage over the residents of other sections for they only have to go out of their porch to get the full benefit of the concert.

THE ODD FELLOWS NOW AT KINSTON

Forty-Eight Out of Fifty Two Camps Represented

Kinston, Aug. 18--Forty-eight out of the fifty two camps in North Carolina are represented at the annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, now in session in the rooms of Kinston Lodge No. 174. The encampment was convened Tuesday evening. Final adjournment will probably be taken tonight.

Grand Patriarch K. Kendall of Shelby presided over Tuesday night's session. Other grand officers present were: Grand High Priest W. B. Bagwell, Durham; Grand Senior Warden H. T. Greenleaf, Elizabeth City; Grand Junior Warden J. C. Bessent, Winston-Salem; Grand Scribe P. Busbee, Raleigh, and Grand Treasurer John E. Wood, of Wilmington. The election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year was expected to take place this afternoon.

Past Patriarch F. C. Dunn made the welcoming address for the local members Tuesday evening, and the response was by Past Grand Patriarch W. T. Smith of Wilmington.

Committees were appointed. Committee reports was the principal business this morning.

It was stated that there would be no public session or social program.

AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY MYSTIFIES

Found Near Petersburg, Va. and Creates Excitement

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 18--An unidentified body so badly mutilated that its identity would be hard to establish, is puzzling the citizens of Amelia county, near Marmora. The body was discovered by J. I. Burton, about one mile above Namsos Sunday morning. It is the body of a white man apparently about 30 years of age.

The body had been shoved feet foremost into a stump hole, around the neck a rope was tightly tied to hold a pillow to the head. Close examination showed that the skull had been crushed on the left side.

A coroner's jury was empaneled and after viewing the body returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by foul play at the hands of some unknown person.

The following is a description of the body: About 5 feet, 9 inches in height, with dark hair. It bore no shoes or hat and there was nothing else about it by which it might be identified. It is presumed that death had occurred about 10 days before the discovery of the body. How it came to be where it was found is a mystery and every effort will be made to learn something as to where it came from.

FIVE OFFENDERS BEFORE MAYOR

Small Docket Was Heard in Police Court Yesterday

As a result of a street brawl in which the tongue was the chief weapons used, and which occurred Tuesday night in an alley in the vicinity of Smithtown, Georganna Kennedy and Annie Bryant, colored, were arraigned in Police court yesterday afternoon, convicted, fined five dollars each and taxed with the cost and ordered to move out of the alley.

The women, who are reported as being of a bad character, are alleged to have used some very profane language on the street.

Fred Brady, colored, was taxed with the cost for failing to blow his automobile horn before turning a street corner. M. Lewis, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was taxed with the cost. James Dudley was summoned to appear at yesterday's session of court to answer to a charge of disorderly conduct, but he failed to show up and an officer was instructed to see him and unless he could put up a ten dollar bond to place him in jail until court hour today.

THE VISITORS? OH YES, WE SEE

(News & Observer) Our highly esteemed friend of the New Bern Journal has us in wrong. In our suggestion of "Morehead City Masherettes," as to a descriptive for the girls of the ultra bathing suits are Morehead City, we referred to the visiting summer girls from afar and not to the regular charming inhabitants, who might well be termed Morehead City Masherettes.

LYNCHING OF LEO FRANK IS TO BE RIGIDLY PROBED

Governor Harris Returns to Atlanta and Will Start Investigations

A BLOT ON STATE

Every Effort Will Be Made to Trace Men Who Lead Mob

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18--With the arrival today of Governor Harris, from Fitzgerald, Ga., where he delivered an address yesterday it was expected definite steps for the investigation of the lynching of Leo M. Frank would be taken. The statement of R. E. Davidson, chairman of the State prison commission, last night that he did not believe any one could be blamed for conditions which made it comparatively easy for the mob to take Frank from the prison seemed to indicate that the prison feature might not be investigated immediately. The commission had absolute authority of such matters.

Mob Planned Work The mob had planned its work so carefully and acted so quickly that little excitement was caused at Milledgeville. Marietta rapidly assumed its normal pose after Frank's body had been cut down from a tree near the town and brought to Atlanta. Here immediate interest in the case ended when the body, accompanied by Mrs. Frank and a few friends, last midnight was started on its way to Brooklyn, the home of Frank's parents.

At Fitzgerald yesterday Governor Harris said he was instituting a thorough investigation. He ordered his office here to inform the sheriff of Cobb county, in which Marietta is situated, that he would expect him to make a detailed inquiry into the lynching. The Cobb county commissioners had a special meeting yesterday at which they authorized Coroner John A. Booth to employ extra counsel in his work on the case.

Coroner's Jury

A coroner's jury empaneled yesterday heard only two witnesses by whom the identity of the body was established. The jury adjourned until next Tuesday.

Those who today studied more closely the movements of the mob at Milledgeville were convinced that a few members were in the vicinity of the town before the main body arrived. It must have taken some time to cut the telephone wires in the manner in which this detail was handled.

Although none of the automobiles bearing the gang was seen near here until they approached the prison, it is believed the entire gang would have avoided any movement, such as having all the men on the scene to cut the wires, that would lead to detection.

Many in Marietta are of the belief that plans similar to those which were successful Monday night were frustrated a month ago. The Milledgeville company of militia was ordered to hold itself ready to proceed to the State prison. As far as generally known, reports that a mob might attack the prison were no more persistent than they had been for sometime. Prison officials never said exactly why they requested the militia to be held ready. It was intimated at Marietta that there had been a "leak."

Carefully Arranged

Those who tried to follow the decoy automobile which carried the part of the mob to near Eatonton, where a demonstration took place, reported today that these plans had been carefully arranged. Chains were placed on the tires to make trailing easy. After the machine left the bridge over Little river, the chains were removed which made it difficult to follow the machine when it was out of sight.

Although nearly every town between Milledgeville and Marietta over any route the mob might have taken, had been communicated with today, only one man was found who had seen the several automobiles proceed toward the lynching scene. He resides within a short distance of where Frank was hanged.

Charlie Chaplin, who is beyond a doubt the greatest comedian appearing on the screen will be seen at the Athens theatre today in "The Tramp" which is a two reel special feature. This famous comedian has been appearing at the Athens once each week for some time and Thursday, the day during which he appears is now known as "Charlie Chaplin day." There are other pictures of merit included in today's program. A three reel Spanish love drama entitled "Terrible One" will be one of the drawing cards today.

CHARIE CHAPLIN

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The circular petition has this paragraph in it:

"We are entitled to demand greater consideration and more backbone from our government in treating with the English; and this petition is presented for your honorable consideration as we know that if some steps are not taken by our Government of the United States of America to relieve the situation our people will be in a worse shape this coming fall than they were last."

One of these petitions has come from every Southern state. A number of North Carolinians signed up.

ROCK SHOWS ABOVE SURFACE OF WATER

U. S. Engineer Paterson Says Work at Harbor Refuge Progresses

United States Engineer Harry T. Paterson returned yesterday from Cape Lookout where he went to inspect the work being done on the breakwater which is being constructed at the Harbor of Refuge. Mr. Paterson stated last night that the thousands of tons of rock which have been dumped there by the giant dredges are now beginning to show above the surface of the water. Considering the fact that, at points, the water there is fifty feet in depth, it can readily be seen that there has already been a great quantity of this rock dumped. Mr. Paterson stated that when the breakwater has been completed, which will be several months hence even if the contract is completed on schedule time, the rock will rise above the surface for six feet at mean low water and that there will be two or three feet visible even when the water is at its highest tide.

GREAT RUSSIAN FORTRESS FALLS

Kovono Was Captured by the German Tuesday Night

Berlin, Aug. 18--The great Russian fortress of Kovono was captured by the Germans last night, the war office today announced.

More than four hundred cannon and much war material were captured. This was most important victory since the capture of Warsaw, and forecasts the surrender by the Russians of the strongly fortified Kovono-Brest Litovsk line, Kovono being the northern stronghold.

The Austro-Germans are within striking distance of Brest-Litovsk, Kovono was taken under the eyes of Von Hindenburg, and was captured within less than a week. The forts were smashed to pieces by German big guns. The Russians are retreating over the railway to Vilna, which will probably be the next place captured by the Germans.

The post office at Harwich was badly damaged in the recent Zeppelin raid in the English coast, according to reports which today reached here. Travelers arriving from Holland reported that heavy explosions were heard at several points along the coast. The English authorities are said to have suppressed the news of the damage.

ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID ENGLISH COAST CITIES

London, Aug. 18--Zeppelins raided English east coast cities again last night, killing ten and wounding 25. It is announced that one Zeppelin was hit. Several buildings were damaged.

FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS TOBACCO SOLD YESTERDAY

New Bern Market Opens With Large Quantity of Weed Offered

PRICES WERE GOOD

Two Warehouses in Operation--Prospects for Season Good

With forty thousand pounds of the weed on the floors of the Dill and Banner tobacco warehouses, the New Bern tobacco market opened yesterday with prices that were considered good by the managers of the warehouses.

The average price at the Dill warehouse was only one cent per pound less than the average on the opening sale last year, and this drop is attributed to the fact that the grade of the tobacco sold yesterday was inferior to that sold on the opening day last year. That sold yesterday consisted chiefly of primings while last year there was some of the best tobacco sold during the entire season on the floor the opening day. The fact that the market opened about a month later last year than this, accounts for the better grades at that sale.

The weed that was sold yesterday was pretty well divided between the two warehouses, both having within a few pounds of twenty thousand pounds on the floor, and the patrons of each of these were pleased with the price received. Not one kink was heard and all who expressed themselves were well pleased with the sale.

There is no reason why New Bern should not be one of the leading tobacco markets in the State. The soil in this section is adapted to the growing of this product and the warehouse accommodations are all that could be asked for. The two warehouses are constructed of brick and are equipped with everything necessary to provide the planters with an up-to-date place to market their crops.

BRIDGETON MAN ON THIEVES' TRAIL

Henry Wyatt to Break Up Stealing at His Bathing Beach

H. E. Wyatt, who owns a bathing beach near Bridgeton and rents suits, was provoked and considerably annoyed last Sunday afternoon by some person, who is too common to be called a human being, rifling the pockets of several of the patrons of his beach, but he is determined that such an occurrence will not take place again. During this week he has arranged a place where he can keep all valuables with little chance of being lost. He will see that no person of a suspicious character lounges around the beach and buildings.

In addition to making better arrangements for taking care of his patrons personal effects, Mr. Wyatt is putting forth every effort to ascertain who the person or persons are who committed the theft last Sunday. He has secured pretty fair evidence against parties whom he believes are guilty, but no actions will be taken until several days have passed and the parties given time to return the money. If this is done, it is understood that no prosecution will be made. On account of the prominence of the suspected parties' family, Mr. Wyatt will not have any warrants issued if they will come across with the cash.

NO MORE INDICTMENTS IN K. L. WELLS SCANDAL

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 18--The Prince George grand jury was in session from 11 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock this evening, during which time a number of witnesses were examined as to lawless conditions existing at Hopewell, but no indictments were returned. It is probable however, from the evidence before the grand jury, a number of indictments will be returned tomorrow. Practically all witnesses examined today testified as to violations of the liquor law and the conduct of immoral houses. Before adjourning the court set for trial on Thursday seven misdemeanor cases; eight for Friday and two for Saturday. The grand jury will reconvene at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to resume its investigations.

Rev. R. V. Hope, of Washington, will preach at the Christian church tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be in attendance. The public is also invited.

BRITISH MONEY

Trying to Loan in \$300,000,000 his Country

New York, Aug. 18--Out of the disorder of the foreign exchange markets today plans began to assume form for floating a huge British loan in New York to check the downward trend of rates and protect the money of Great Britain and her Allies against further depreciation.

After a group of Wall Street bankers with international connections had conferred late today it was said the situation still was indefinite, and the plans in embryo. It was reported, toward the end of the business day, that a syndicate of bankers might be formed to finance the loan and that the issue might consist of one, five and ten year bonds.

Need For Huge Loan Imperative

The outstanding fact at the close of today's exchange markets was the imperative need for a loan of not less than \$300,000,000 to restore rates to normal. There was every indication that unless some action of that sort were taken speedily, sterling, francs and lire would be still further depreciated and the financial burden placed on foreign buyers of American products would be correspondingly increased.

Depreciation of foreign money extending virtually throughout the entire list, embracing reichsmarks and Spanish pesetas, which fell to new low records, the former on cables to Hamburg and Berlin.

Japanese Yen For Britain

The arrival here for Great Britain's account, of approximately \$5,000,000 gold coin from Ottawa, had no effect. The amount was regarded as insignificant in the light of Europe's big obligations. This shipment took the unusual form of Japanese yen.

Exchange rates opened at about yesterday's low figures. Pounds sterling were quoted at 4.64 to 4.65; francs opened at 6.04 and later dropped to 6.05 lire opened at 6.54, went down to 6.56 before the close; reichsmarks cables on Hamburg and Berlin fell to 81, a new low record; Spanish pesetas, quoted two days ago at 19.05, dropped to 18.80. The course of the market was irregular. At noon it rallied slightly; in the middle of the afternoon session prices fell back again, reaching, in some instances, their lowest quotations, but they recovered toward the close.

LADIES BEWARE

Credulous women with a fondness for "bargains" are being duped in cities throughout the country by clever advertising peddlers who offer to sell goods from a \$345,000 stock of salvaged merchandise from the wrecked "Steamship Sultana." Anonymous hand-bills, usually circulated a few days before the appearance of the peddlers, announce that high-grade linens, hosiery, woollens and silks will be sold at absurdly low prices through agents of Messrs. G. J. Campbell & Co., New York City, the largest commission salesmen in the world, and consignees of the "salvage" of the "ill-fated Sultana."

The national vigilance committee reports that investigation of American shipping registries since 1900 reveal no record of the wreck of a steamship "Sultana" and that "G. J. Campbell & Co." cannot be found in New York and are not known there. As a ruse to lead unwary women to believe that marvelous bargains are given in dress goods sold out of suit-cases for cash, the national committee report that these trickery orders, from samples shown, C. O. D. orders for beautiful linens, hosiery and other small articles, at absurdly low prices. These orders are never delivered.

ARE WINDING UP AFFAIRS OF BANK

Depositors in Institution at Oriental Are More Satisfied

Report comes from Oriental that the affairs of the Bank of Oriental of which the cashier, J. Will Miller, a few weeks ago committed suicide, are being cleared up and there is a probability that the depositors in the institution will be paid their money at no late date. A representative of the bonding company which gave bond for Mr. Miller in the sum of ten thousand dollars, has been to Oriental, and looked over the affairs there. He stated that his company would come across with this sum at once if they found that certain details required of the directors and officers of the institution, had been properly attended to. There is now a more optimistic feeling among those who had money in the bank and they are of the opinion that every cent will be returned to them.