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HEAVY LOSS IN KEY WEST.

Hundreds of Homeless Roam the Streets, Over Five Hundred Homes Having Been Destroyed. Financial Losses Incurred by the Storm is Believed will be Between Two and Three Million Dollars.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 12.—Half the city is practically in ruins, over five hundred homes having been destroyed and more than a hundred ships wrecked as a result of the hurricane which swept this city yesterday afternoon. Many churches and nine of the largest cigar factories in the South also were destroyed.

Hundreds of men are now at work cleaning up the streets under the direction of Mayor Fogarty.

One death is reported, that of Frank Gray, a photographer. Today hundreds of homeless were roaming the streets. Fortunately the weather is bright and warm and there is little physical suffering.

At this time no estimate can be given of the financial losses incurred by the storm, but it is believed it will be between two and three million dollars. It will be weeks, and in some instances months, before the big tobacco factories will be able to resume operations and business generally will be at a standstill for at least several days.

As soon as darkness fell last night thieves began their raid on the homes and office buildings destroyed by the storm. The police were unable to cope with the situation and Mayor Fogarty immediately called for the Key West Guards, the local military organization and the city was placed under martial law.

Along the water front the beaches were strewn with the wreckage of small boats of all kinds, and here hardly a building was left standing, while piers and wharves were all swept away. At the time the storm broke yesterday afternoon there were nearly 100 vessels in the harbor. The majority of these were swept to sea or broken up on the beaches.

The launch Lunette, with the crew of the dredge Nimke, arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, bringing additional details of the effects of the hurricane along the coast. The dredge Nimke of the East Coast extension fleet, lies disabled in No. 5 trestle fill between Matacumbe and Long Key, which is badly washed in places. The grade of the extension at Jew-Fish bush is washed away, the dock at Pigeon Key is wrecked, the fill at Knights Key is washed away, leaving the trestle firm, the approach to the viaduct at Long Key is gone, and wreckage is piled on the shore everywhere.

Thirteen churches were blown down, the only ones in the city remaining standing being one Catholic, one Methodist and one Baptist.

A YOUTHFUL PRODIGY.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 9.—All records at Harvard for the age of students were broken today when a boy named Sidis, eleven years of age, was admitted to standing in the university as a special student. Sidis comes to Harvard after spending one year at Tufts, and was therefore admitted without the usual entrance examinations.

For many years Sidis has been known, not only in Boston, his native city, but also throughout all New England, as a prodigy in mathematics, and it is in this department that he will specialize at Harvard. Not in the history of the institution has a boy of such years been allowed to register as a member of the university, although a few cases are on record of students coming to Cambridge still wearing their boyhood kilts. Sidis will take his degree with the class of 1913, and will probably remain in the university for the regular period of time.

GENERAL NEWS.

Seventeen persons were killed and ten were severely injured in a collision on the Santa Fe railroad near Topeka, Kansas, last Friday.

The attendance at the Seattle Exposition is expected to reach 3,750,000 by the end of this week when the show closes.

Fifty thousand disciples of Christ will attend the one hundredth anniversary of the church at Pittsburg this week.

J. M. Barrie, the great English novelist, has filed suit to obtain a divorce from his wife who was Mary Ansel, an actress.

Pardoned after serving ten years of a 25-year sentence for murder, John W. Neil, of Harrisburg, Ill., has married his former wife, who obtained a divorce after his conviction, remarried and became a widow.

Two hundred night riders burned the tobacco barn of Edward Johnson at Willow, Ky., Saturday. Fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco was destroyed. Mr. Johnson was notified to pool his tobacco, but failed to do so.

Charged with complicity in blowing up a dam that protected hundreds of Louisiana rice farms, between the owners of which and cattle men there is ill-feeling, six men have been bound over by the Federal Commissioner at Jennings, La.

The cholera epidemic in St. Petersburg continues to run its course. The cases average thirty a day, but the newspapers no longer pay any attention to the matter. Thirty-four of the servants of the Medvil Restaurant, a fashionable resort of the capital, have been stricken with the disease.

Fifteen years at hard labor in a federal prison, came one legal stage nearer Charles W. Morse, the former banker and capitalist, Monday when the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of New York upheld the lower federal courts in sentencing the banker to such a penalty for misapplying the funds of a national bank.

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, the hero of the great naval battle of Santiago, celebrated his 70th birthday at his home in Washington Saturday. He is in splendid health and says he feels as able to work as he did 30 years ago. He attributes his continued good health to his total abstinence from alcoholic liquors.

The Panama Canal Commission has submitted to the Secretary of War an estimate of appropriations aggregating \$48,063,524 for work on the canal during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910. Of the amount asked for, \$15,504,036 is for skilled and unskilled labor and \$20,218,983 is for materials and supplies used in construction work.

The itinerary of President Taft will be made especially notable this week by his meeting with President Diaz of Mexico on the border line of the two republics. The President's party will arrive at El Paso, the meeting point, on Saturday and elaborate preparations have been made for ceremonies consistent with the international character of the occasion.

Five thousand persons were present to see Dr. Abbott Lawrence, inaugurated President of the University of Harvard Wednesday of last week. He succeeds Dr. Charles W. Eliot who retires after serving forty years as the head of this great institution. A number of honorary degrees were conferred, among the number being President Alderman of the University of Virginia who was made LL. D.

The Pittsburg team, champions of the National League, defeated the Detroit team, champions of the American League, Friday in the opening game of the contest for the world's series by the score of 4 to 1. An enormous crowd of 29,577 saw the battle, which was sensational. Tommy Leach, formerly of Louisville, saved the day for the Pirates by making a wonderful catch of a hard drive from Ty Cobb's bat. Fred Clarke's home run also helped.

A BIG WHEAT CROP.

Spring Wheat Yield Put at 291,848,000 Bushels—Whole Crop 724,768,000 Bushels. Corn Shows Falling Off.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the department, as follows:

The average condition of corn on October 1 was 73.8 as compared with 74.6 last month, 77.8 on October 1, 1908; 78 on October 1, 1907, and 79.2 the ten-year average on October 1.

The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of Spring wheat is 15.9 bushels, which compares with 13.2 bushels, the final estimate, in 1908, and 13.5, the average of the past ten years. The indicated total production of Spring wheat is about 291,848,000 bushels, against 226,694,000, the final estimate, in 1908. The quality is 90.5, against 88.2 in 1908, and 85.5, the average for the past ten years.

The indicated total production of Spring and Winter wheat combined is about 724,768,000 bushels, compared with 664,602,000 finally estimated last year. The average quality of all wheat is 90.4, compared with 89.4 last year.

An average yield per acre of oats of about 30.3 bushels is indicated as compared with 25 bushels finally estimated in 1908 and 29.4 the average of the past ten years. The indicated total yield is about 983,618,000 bushels against 807,156,000 finally estimated in 1908. The quality is 91.4, against 81.3 last year and 85.9 the ten-year average.

BLIZZARD IN THE WEST.

Snow in Chicago—Low Temperature Prevails in Most States.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The Middle West, especially the northern part thereof, was hit by a near-blizzard today. Chicago experienced its first snow fall of the season. The sharp, biting cold north-west wind and snow flurries continued intermittently throughout last night and most of today. The poor in all parts of the city suffered, being unprepared for the sudden change.

Blizzards are reported raging in the Northwest. Duluth reports that Monday's blizzard was maintained today, causing great delay to Lake shipping, and transportation generally. Southeastern Minnesota is also suffering, as Winona reports a heavy snow fall, accompanied by a fifty-mile gale.

Low temperature is reported throughout Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, the Panhandle of Texas, and Nebraska.

LIVED THREE YEARS AS BOY

Girl's Sex Discovered After Arrest For Small Offense.

Cleveland, Oct. 8.—After masquerading as a boy for three years, playing boys' games, working in a livery stable, driving a grocer's team and hustling boxes and express packages heavy enough for a strong young man, "Harry" Roberts confessed to the police yesterday that "he" is Lillian Hoffman, stepdaughter of Gottlieb Meier, 2644 East Seventy-third street.

Three years ago the girl then 17 years old, tired of her home, ran away, donned boys' clothing and went out into the world to make a living as a man. She secured work.

In the time that has elapsed she has worked in a livery stable cleaning horses, driven grocers' carts and even toiled as a helper to a carpenter and delivered ice.

Her identity became known a short time ago when she was arrested while in the employ of a grocer on a small charge. Sentence was suspended, but the police looked further into "Roberts'" career, which led to the discovery of her sex.

The parents attribute the girl's strange bent to love for horses.

STORE ROBBED AT MICRO.

After Desperate Struggle The Two Negro Robbers Were Arrested by Officer Stanley at Four Oaks and Lodged in Jail.

Last Sunday night some robbers entered the new brick store of H. Fitzgerald & Son at Micro and stole a lot of goods of different kinds. Telephone messages were sent to several places to look out for the robbers. Monday two negroes passed through Four Oaks about noon, each having a gun on his shoulder.

Mr. W. D. Stanley, chief of police, decided they were the robbers of the store at Micro and arranged to pursue and capture them. They stopped just below town and sat down to eat dinner.

Mr. Stanley laid off his policeman's coat and hat to avoid suspicion and went near where the men were sitting, having given his pistol to Mr. Stroup at the cotton gin, who was asked to go around and come up to the negroes from the rear. Before Mr. Stroup could come to Mr. Stanley's assistance he (Stanley) saw the negroes were getting restless, one of them showing it by putting on his shoes. Mr. Stanley stepped up to them and remarked to one of them that he had a nice gun, taking it up as he spoke. The negro sprang to his feet and catching hold of Mr. Stanley they had a hard struggle for some little time. With the knife used about his dinner the negro made several strokes at Mr. Stanley's body but was held off and did not cut him. Then positions were changed and several strokes were made at his legs one of which cut his pants and underwear but did no damage besides.

The other negro had gone a few steps away and it seemed was trying to arrange to shoot Mr. Stanley without killing his partner. About this time Mr. Stroup came up and the negro leveled his gun on him. Mr. Stanley hollowed to Mr. Stroup to shoot the other negro but before anything else happened Roger Stanley came to their help and the negroes surrendered. They were kept in the guard house Monday night carefully watched. A member of the Fitzgerald firm went there and identified the stolen goods and took charge of them. They had other goods besides those stolen from Micro.

The negroes wore each two suits of underwear, two shirts and two pair pants. Besides what they wore they had files, knives, razors, brass knucks and almost a gallon of cartridges. They were brought to jail Tuesday morning by Mr. Stanley.

BITTEN BY RABID DOG.

Nine Persons Have Been Sent to Pasteur Institute.

The following Raleigh dispatch of the 9th to the Charlotte Observer tells a sad story: Today there was a regular influx of people bitten by mad dogs. Mr. J. C. Page came in with his six children, Kathleen, May, Annie, Jane, John and Henry, from Pender county. All of these were bitten by a little puppy, a shepherd dog. The same dog bit a yearling heifer and a little calf, both of which were killed today. Another patient is a 3-year-old daughter of Sidney W. Burton of Reidsville, and another James Womack of Rockingham county, 3-year-old, bitten by a pug dog. Yet another is M. B. Baldwin of Scotland county, who was in his yard, a neighbor and a little child being with him. While loading his wagon with cotton, a dog ran in, openmouthed, at the child, whose father kicked the dog away, the animal immediately biting Baldwin on the leg. He seized the dog and choked it to death. The people now under treatment, as well as those who have been under it, are crying death to the dogs, and one man said he intended to use poison freely on his premises. There are now 15 persons here for treatment.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The biweekly payroll of the Carnegie Steel Company is now \$300,000, the largest since the financial depression of two years ago.

Trespassing on railroad property has been responsible for the deaths of 47,416 people in the United States in the last ten years.

Pupils in Chicago's public schools are to be made familiar with the details of the city's government by a new course of study.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Simpson's appeal in New York last Sunday for funds for missionary work in the Orient yielded \$50,000 in cash and pledges.

Jas. Fagan, an aged switchman, living in San Antonio, Tex., has been informed that a Carnegie pension of \$40,000 was awaiting his disposition.

The police of Springfield, Mass., have been unable to catch a masked robber who has been doing a lively business in that town for six months.

A decrease of 16 per cent. in the total value of brick and tile products in the United States in 1908 is shown by the report of the Geological Survey.

Official figures given out in Washington show that there has been an increase of 40,000 in the Indian population of the country in the last two decades.

While working on his wood lot in the Pigeon hills, in Pennsylvania, Abraham Hoke, of Spring Grove, found a land turtle with "J. B., 1855," cut upon its shell.

One of the largest religious celebrations and conventions ever held in this country began Monday in Pittsburg with the International centennial celebration and convention of the Disciples of Christ Christian churches.

Miss Helen Gould has given \$150,000 to the American College for girls at Constantinople. The college is about to move from Scutari to the European side of the Bosphorus. Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, a native of Canterbury, N. H., is the President.

The second game of baseball between Detroit and Pittsburg, resulted in a score of 7 to 2 in favor of Detroit, was played Saturday. Tickets for game sold, 31,114. Attendance shown by turn stiles, 30,915. Total receipts, \$41,884.50. National Commission's share, \$4,188.45. Players' share, \$22,617.31. Club owners' share, \$15,078.52.

William Randolph Hearst has decided to head the Republican-Fusion ticket for Mayor of New York. Hearst's friends predict he stands ready to make another whirlwind campaign, such as he made in 1905, and was only defeated by a small plurality. Chas. F. Murphy, Tammany leader, branded the entrance of Hearst into the mayoralty contest as a "deal." Judge Gaynor, the Democratic nominee, declined to accept any campaign contributions, and declared he was willing to stand on his record of life work for good government.

Another Still Cut Up.

We learn that Deputy Marshals J. H. P. Aadms and A. F. Surles destroyed a blockade distillery in Boon Hill township Thursday of last week. It was located in the thickets down Moccasin swamp. Some men were at the still when the revenue officers arrived but made their escape.

Thieves Enter Widow's House.

Some thieves entered recently the house of Mrs. Martha Massengill who lives on the land of Mr. Daniel E. Massengill near Four Oaks and stole from her two lamps and a lot of gun shells. They searched the house for money as could be seen by their tearing up everything. It happened they overlooked the place where she kept her money and did not get it.

Recently a swallow made a flight of 150 miles at a rate of 134 miles an hour.

AT COURT HOUSE TONIGHT.

The Business Men are Asked to Help to Organize a Chamber of Commerce.

Several of our business men met here last Friday night and effected a preliminary organization for a Chamber of Commerce. Those present saw the importance of such an organization and entered heartily into the project. The object of such an organization is to further the best interests of the town and community in every way possible.

Another meeting has been called for tonight (Friday) in the Court House and every citizen of the town and community who is interested in the upbuilding of this section is earnestly requested to be there. The meeting is set for eight o'clock and it is hoped that a large percent of our business and professional men will be on hand at that hour. Several short talks will be made and it is hoped that the most earnest and heartiest co-operation of all our people will be enlisted in the enterprise.

New Hardware Firm at Benson.

Messrs. Wade H. Royal and D. F. Armfield have purchased the stock of hardware belonging to Mr. J. E. Wall, which was known as the Wall Hardware & Furniture Co. and will continue the business at the same stand. The style of the firm will be Royal & Armfield and they will do a general hardware business. Mr. J. E. Wall, formerly proprietor of the business, who is an experienced hardware man, will be associated with the new firm and will be found in the sales department.

Mr. Armfield is from Fayetteville and is an experienced and practical young business man. Mr. Royal, the senior member of the firm, is of our town, being connected with various business firms here at the present, and needs no introduction to the public of this section.

They have taken charge already, and will be pleased to have the people call on them when in the city.—Benson Spokesman.

A Boiler Explosion Kills a Man.

Below we give an account clipped from the Goldsboro Argus of a terrible accident in Wayne county near Princeton:

The tragic death of Mr. Ballard Hastings, which occurred at his gin on Monday afternoon, caused by the explosion of the boiler, was learned with regret by his numerous friends in this community. He was in the gin house at the time, talking to Mr. Tobe Crocker, who had just driven up with a load of cotton. The boiler seemed to rise from its position, and shot forward, going through the gin house, and across the road, killing Mr. Hastings instantly, and terribly mangled Mr. Tobe Crocker and Mr. Rufe Gurley, the latter being covered in cotton and broken timbers, and with difficulty was released from his perilous position. Mr. Crocker's wagon was reduced to kindling wood, and Mr. Ward was blown out the top of the building, but escaped unhurt, being protected by a sheet of cotton.

Mr. Crocker's condition is very critical, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Meeting at new Church.

Arrangements have been made for Rev. A. A. Pippin of Wakefield, N. C., to hold a meeting at Benson's Grove Baptist church in Elevation township beginning the fifth Sunday in October at 11 o'clock. Services will be held Sunday night also and during the following week.

Prince Edward Island's annual catch of lobsters amounts to twenty millions.

A man's wife may be his better half, but it is the cook who is nearly the whole thing.—Dallas News.