

SEVERE GULF STORM HITS FLORIDA COAST

St. Petersburg's Entire Water Front Is Wiped Out; Damage Very Great

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 26.—The entire water front of St. Petersburg was wiped out by the gulf storm, the worst gale the city has ever experienced, according to a message received by the Times Union tonight from Thomas W. Parkin of St. Petersburg, deputy license collector of Pinellas county.

Mr. Parkin said he had traveled in an automobile from St. Petersburg to Brooksville to send the message. Passageway was reported as wiped out, he said. His telegram follows:

"Came from St. Petersburg to Brooksville in Ford car; only means get wire connections. This city badly damaged and observations coming through county 90 per cent citrus fruit gone. Reports say 10:30 a. m. Passageway absolutely wiped out. Entire St. Petersburg water front wiped out. All previous storms no comparison. Town in total darkness for at least three days."—Associated Press.

Fort Myers, Fla., Oct. 26.—The fiercest gale this section has known in several years raged here for 36 hours beginning at midnight Monday and attaining a maximum velocity of 100 miles. Transmission service was prostrated while the property loss for this, Lee county, is expected to total well over a million and a half dollars. Reports from Sanabel and Captiva islands, near here, on which two beach resorts are located, was badly damaged, the casinos, cottages and other buildings being wrecked.

Local railroad officials said this city will be without transportation facilities for three days. The highways out of Fort Myers are almost impassable. The majority of the houses in Punta Rassa were either badly damaged or washed away.

TAMPA, FLA. FLOODED BY GULF STREAMS

As the result of a Gulf storm, the business section of Tampa, Fla., was flooded Tuesday under three feet of water. The city was without lights, telephone, telegraph or street car service. Industry was at a standstill for a time. Heavy rains were reported all over the state, truck crops being damaged considerably. A gale of 56 miles an hour accompanied the rain in Tampa.

State College Registration

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Ninety-six counties of North Carolina, fourteen other states, and four foreign countries are represented in the student body at State College, according to tabulations of the enrollment made by E. B. Owen, Registrar.

The registration to date has reached 1,641 the largest for this time of the year in the history of the College, the figures representing a gain of 12 per cent in attendance over the corresponding period of the last session.

The only counties not represented this year are Gates, Graham, Mitchell and Pamlico. All four of these counties, however, have sent students to the College in former years, and it is believed that the falling off in attendance from the two counties in the extreme west and the two in the eastern part of the State is only temporary.

China leads the "foreign legion" with five representatives, Union of South Africa has three, Serbia two, and Japan one.

A survey of the religious affiliations of the students shows that the Methodists lead with 338, the Baptists ranking next with 325. There are 154 Presbyterians, 48 Episcopalians, 27 Christians, and 26 Lutherans among the students. The remainder of the registration is scattered among 13 other denominations.

New Bonds for Winston-Salem.

The citizens of Winston-Salem recently voted on \$1,150,000 in bonds, \$1,000,000 of which will be used for schools, \$100,000 for parks and playgrounds, and \$50,000 for hospital purposes.

MR. C. B. CLIFTON, OF BENSON TAKES HIS LIFE YESTERDAY

Shoots Himself in Head Twice With Pistol; Commits Act On Account Business Worries

News reached here yesterday that Mr. C. B. Clifton had killed himself in his office at Benson. The tragedy occurred at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, soon after Mr. Clifton had gone to his office. He shot himself twice with a pistol, the last load going into his head. He left a note to Mr. M. T. Britt, president of Farmers and Commercial Bank, stating that he was going to commit the fatal act on account of business worries, and asked Mr. Britt to look after all of his business affairs. He left a note to his wife also.

Mr. Clifton had been in the insurance business for several years and was popular among the people. He was a good business man. He lived in this city for a year or more recently but had moved back to Benson. He leaves a wife and three children.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Rehobeth church conducted by the Masonic Order.

BETHEL NEWS

Four Oaks, R.F.D. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Pharo Blackman and children of Poplar Springs spent Sunday in our section visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. John W. Stanley of Four Oaks was in our burg Sunday afternoon visiting friends.

Mr. John Norris of Bun's Level visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Lee in this section Sunday.

Mr. John Rufus Evans of the Webb Mill section spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. D. B. Blackman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackman and children of Rock Hill section spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Blackman's father, Mr. D. B. Blackman.

Mr. Meritt Allen of Oliver's Grove, was in our burg Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Hockaday attended the State Fair at Raleigh Wednesday.

Miss Ada Blackman of Oliver's Grove was in this section Sunday visiting Misses Vada and Lula Blackman.

Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and children were going home from Lee's Chapel from preaching, as they were going through Mr. A. R. Lee's yard the door to the car came open and their little three year old girl fell out and hit her head against a tree and the running board. The fall cut and tore a gash in her head 3 or 4 inches long which took 8 stitches to sew it up.

Messrs C. M. Stanley and D. E. Massengill attended the State Fair at Raleigh Thursday.

Mr. Hoyett Moore spent Sunday in Four Oaks section with friends.

The following attended preaching at Mrs. Jane Barefoot's Sunday afternoon: Messrs A. R. and Z. D. Lee, Misses Geneva Lee, Lula Blackman and Callie Lee.

Messrs Sexton Blackman and Will Adams of Four Oaks were in our burg Sunday visiting friends.

Messrs J. C. and A. R. Keen of Four Oaks attended church at Oak Forest Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard of Fuquay Springs spent Sunday night in this section with Mrs. Beard's father, Mr. Emanuel Moore.

Mr. Bob Smith is all smiles—it's a boy.

Mr. J. Edward Barbour has started up a new church. He has cleaned up a grove one mile south of Four Oaks and preaches Sunday at 11 o'clock and Saturday before. He preached his first sermon last Saturday.

The school at Stanley school, we understand, starts next Monday with two teachers.

Messrs W. E. Stanley and Vestus Temple spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. D. B. Blackman and family.

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1920 Gold Output Lower.

Gold production in the United States in the calendar year 1920 fell off by \$9,146,500, as compared with 1919, according to the Director of the Mint, Raymond T. Baker.

In 1920 the country produced 2,476,166 ounces of gold, valued at \$51,186,900, and 55,361,573 ounces of silver, valued at \$60,801,985—New York Herald.

THE PARCEL POST BUSINESS GOOD HERE

From Oct. 1 to 15 1,454 Parcels Were Handled at This Post Office

If the parcel post system provided by the government should be done away with suddenly, there would be a howl from the public which would bring back this great convenience in short order, if figures kept by the local postoffice here and over the state for the first fifteen days of October, mean anything. During the time from October 1 to 15, inclusive, 1454 parcels were handled at this office, 482 originating here, and 961 coming from elsewhere. The 482 parcels sent out from this office weighed 2305 pounds the postage being \$52.53. Of this number 203 packages were insured the insurance fees amounting to \$12.18. Thirteen parcels were sent C. O. D. No account is kept at this office of the amount of postage or weight of parcels arriving in Smithfield.

It is an interesting fact that almost all of these parcels went to the first, second, third and fourth zones. Only one was sent to the eighth zone and none to the sixth and seventh.

A record is kept each year by each postoffice in the United States of the parcel post business handled from October 1 to 15, in order to check up on the rise and fall of this department. By this means figures are available to show just how efficient the system is.

Americans Stamps Sought in London

Several American stamp collectors have been in London lately eagerly trying to secure the pick of English collections of United States stamps. One reason for the present boom in American stamps, a well known London stamp dealer explains, is the fact that the older issues are remarkably well engraved.

"Americans," this dealer continued, "are particularly keen on issues depicting scenes in their national history."

"The 24-cent issue of 1869 shows a picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is so excellent a specimen of the engraver's art that its present quotation is \$4 unused and £2 used.

"A few specimens of this stamp are worth £100, for a quaint reason. By inadvertence, a very small number were originally printed with the picture upside down; and the few still existing fetch the enhanced figure.

"The ninety cent stamp of the 1869 issue, with no embossing, and brown gum, bearing a picture of Abraham Lincoln is in great demand at £20.

"Quite a little romance was attached to the sale of an old stamp to an American collector the other day.

"Looking thru one of the thirteen volumes of our largest collection, he suddenly caught sight of an old envelope bearing an 1847 George Washington stamp.

"That is certainly remarkable," he exclaimed. "That letter is addressed to my grandmother and it was written by my grandfather before their marriage."

"He promptly bought it at a high price as a matter of sentiment."—The New York Herald.

Rumor That Bailey May Run.

J. W. Bailey retires today from his office as collector of internal revenue. Rumor has it that he will run for governor at the next gubernatorial election. However, these rumors have had no confirmation. Mr. Bailey goes at once into the practice of law with his father-in-law, James H. Pou and his brother-in-law, James H. Pou, Jr.—Wilson Times, Oct. 25.

Foot Ball Game Fair Week.

On next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 the Smithfield high school football team will play the Odd Fellows High School team in the fair grounds for the benefit of the people who attend the fair that day. This is the second game with this team. In the first game the Smithfield boys were victorious by the score of 12 to 0.

After you've had all the trouble you can stand, along comes some more and you stand for that.

BIG FIRE DESTROYS FIVE BUILDINGS

Blaze Discovered Between Three and Four O'clock Yesterday Morning

Between the hours of three and 4 o'clock yesterday morning the fire alarm sounded, and it was found that the colored moving picture show and L. H. Brown's meat market up near the depot were ablaze. A stiff breeze was blowing which carried the sparks to neighboring buildings until five were totally destroyed. A large crowd gathered to help fight the fire, but such headway had been gained that, owing to the dryness and the wind, the flames could not be subdued for some time. The residences of J. H. Fort, colored, and L. H. Brown, colored, were burned and also the store occupied by John R. Brogden and Son. The entire stock of goods of Brogden and Son was destroyed and there was no insurance. Very little household goods from the residences were saved. L. H. Brown had a small amount of insurance, but J. H. Fort and the moving picture show carried none whatever. The home of Reuben Sanders, colored, was badly damaged and it was with difficulty that other nearby buildings were saved. A lot of cotton on the cotton platform nearby fortunately did not catch. The town was fortunate in having an adequate water supply or a big portion of that section of town might have been wiped out.

PRESIDENT PASSES THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA

Chief Executive Stops at Spencer and Charlotte and Shakes Hands On Way to Alabama.

President Harding passed through North Carolina Tuesday for the first time in the day time, and according to news dispatches, was much impressed with the Old North State. The run was made on fast schedule and not many towns had the opportunity of seeing the President and his party. Stops were made at Charlotte and Spencer. Several thousand people were waiting at Charlotte and the chief Executive made a short speech. At Spencer a big crowd also awaited him as the train pulled in at 6:15 o'clock in the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Harding both appeared on the platform. The President asked a number of questions about the industries and crops and labor conditions. He was especially cordial to a newspaper reporter. He shook hands with a number of citizens and school children.

The President was on his way to Birmingham, Ala., where he spoke Wednesday at the Birmingham semi-centennial. He expects to be in Washington again this morning.

Stallings-Watson

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Edgar Watson invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Betty to Mr. Edward Thomas Stallings on Wednesday evening, the ninth of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one at half after eight o'clock Methodist Episcopal Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Eagle Tries to Carry Off Child

Vanderhoof, B. C., Oct.—A bald eagle with a wing spread of 7 feet attempted to carry away a nine year old girl named Gibbs from her home. The struggles of the child and her mother prevented the bird from getting away and it was finally beaten to death. The girl suffered a number of flesh wounds.

STRIKE IS CALLED OFF BY THE UNION CHIEFS

Chicago, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press)—The rail strike scheduled for October 30 was averted tonight when leaders of the switchmen, trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen, at a joint meeting, adopted a resolution withdrawing authorization of a walk-out and officials of the railroad telegraphers' organization announced they would take similar action. These were the only unions which had authorized a strike.

TENTH ANNUAL JOHNSTON COUNTY FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

Biggest and Best Fair That Has Yet Been Held in Johnston—Friday Is Educational Day.

The tenth annual Fair of the Johnston county Agricultural society will be held at the fair grounds in Smithfield on November 1, 2, 3, and 4. Apparently a greater interest is being taken in it this year than during any previous year. Secretary Averá informs this paper that his plans have never before been in better shape, nor have the prospects been brighter.

The opening day is Tuesday, 1st, with a parade led by Gloths' two bands and the Camp Bragg military band, as the feature.

The midway will be made up of the Gloths Greater Shows. This organization is larger and stronger and the claim is made that it has the best road shows of any show that has made the various fairs of the South this year. This show comes to the Johnston County Fair from Virginia and has 18 cars of paraphernalia. A number of free acts will be given, among the acts, a high dive by Billy Kline, the Paldrens Lamp Jumpers. This act was featured by Barnum and Bailey circus for four years. The fair will also be featured this year by the fastest horse racing to be found anywhere.

The premium book was printed several weeks ago. A glance at this attractive book shows that the premiums this year are larger than for any other. These offers should attract a large number of exhibitors, thus making the agricultural and home economics department the best ever.

Friday, the fourth will be Educational Day. It is hoped every school in the county will turn out for the day and permit their students to attend this Johnston county product. On that day all school children, when accompanied by their teacher, will be admitted into the grounds free. A football game in the afternoon between Smithfield High School and the Odd Fellows Home of Goldsboro and possibly many other athletic events will be pulled off. No extra charge will be made for these contests.

Begin planning right now to attend; the success of the fair depends upon YOU.

ELEVATION NEWS

Rev. E. M. Hall, of Benson filled his regular appointment at Elevation M. E. Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Bailey of near Coats spent the week end with Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Medlin.

Mrs. Dallas Stephenson of Pleasant Grove spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crech.

Mr. Moses Johnson of Rocky Mount is here on an extended visit to his brother, Mr. T. A. Johnson.

Messrs H. D. Stevens and Herman Morgan spent Tuesday in Smithfield on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stevens spent Saturday in Smithfield shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crech and daughter, Lucy, spent Sunday with Mr. Crech's brother, Mr. Noah Crech in Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Johnson of near Coats spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thornton.

We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Nancy Stevens and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dorman and Messrs Moses and T. A. Johnson spent Wednesday in Coats.

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U. D. C. Convention at Twin City

The annual convention of the North Carolina division of United Daughters of the Confederacy, opened in Winston-Salem, Tuesday night, Oct. 25th, with an address by Miss Alice Baxter, of Atlanta, Ga., vice-president general of United Daughters of Confederacy, who represented the official staff of the general association.

Northfleet camp, United Confederate Veterans, attended Tuesday night's session in a body. Mrs. H. L. Riggins, and Mrs. P. A. Gorrell entertained the members of the executive board of the division at a luncheon at the Country Club Tuesday afternoon.

Special music was rendered at each session. More than 200 Daughters attended the convention.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Teachers Meeting Called for Tomorrow; Supt. Hipps Asks for Co-operation

The public schools of Johnston county will open on Monday, October 31st in all communities where we have been able to secure teachers. There are a few vacancies still in our schools which will make it impossible to open quite all of the schools at this date. In schools where we are unable to open the 31st, we shall open just as quickly as we can provide teachers.

We are calling a teachers' meeting in Smithfield, Saturday, Oct. 29th. At this time important announcements will be made concerning the schools of the county. We are hoping to have present at this time a full attendance of our teachers.

We urge all the patrons of the schools to have their children ready to enter school on the opening day. It means much to have the children in school regularly from the very beginning. We are hoping for a great year educationally and ask the co-operation of the people in every way.

W. H. HIPPS,
Superintendent.

LOBO, NOTED CATTLE KILLER SUCCUMBS TO HUNTER'S RIFLE

Lobo, the wolf, king of the Arizona cow killers, is dead. After a long and successful career as a cattle bandit on the Arizona plains he has bitten the dust at the command of a Government hunter who brought him down with one shot from a rifle. And at that the rifle had the rear sight missing.

For three years, according to the report received by the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Lobo has taken toll of purebred Hereford stock near Kingman, eluding all hunters and leading apparently a charmed life. Once in two weeks the old bandit of the plains went over his trail. On one ranch alone 50 fine whitefaced yearlings have fallen victim to his skill and cunning within a year. Several other ranches tell similar stories of Lobo's depredations.

Perhaps it was the old wolf's belief that his luck would last forever; perhaps it was that he was getting old; anyway he got careless. Wary of men, the big fellow didn't mind the near approach of an automobile containing the hunter—and fell at the crack of the first rifle. He weighed 78 pounds after the skin from the shoulders to the head was removed and was the largest wolf ever seen on the range.

Cattle and rangers of Arizona are sleeping easier as a result of Lobo's death, and several thousand dollars in stock will be saved annually.—Government News Letter.

Washing Tuberculosis Away

The Englishman's insistence on his morning splash, even if he has to carry his tub about with him, and the American's determination to have a bathroom in his home, regardless of cost, are justified at last. A daily bath is considered either a luxury or waste of time by enough people and nations to make Sir James Crichton-Brown's statement at a conference of sanitary inspectors in England a contribution to the science of health. "If every one took a daily bath, hot or cold," he said, "tuberculosis would virtually disappear from the world." He says we have a long way to go to attain a proper standard of personal cleanliness. He would legislate the great unwashed out of existence by having a tub in every home, even if the state had to supply it.

There is much in this suggestion, for there are still people, even in America and England who do not know the value, not to say the joy, of a daily scrub. That the flesh is weakened by bathing is a superstition that persists in too many homes. Physicians could dispel such beliefs if they would, but perhaps they fear to insult their patients even when they know the advice is needed.—N. Y. Tribune.

If the sun were extinguished suddenly, we should not be aware of the fact until six minutes and 18 seconds afterwards.