

HURRICANE TAKES HEAVY TOLL

First Definite Word from Storm Stricken City

Leaving Miami Wrecked Tropical Storm Is Now Striking At Pensacola

More Than a Thousand People Are Dead and Casualties Are Expected to Mount Higher and Higher as a Complete Check-Up Becomes Possible

(By The Associated Press)

MOBILE CUT OFF BY STORM

Birmingham, Sept. 20.—A radio message from the Warrior River service boat, 12 miles north of Mobile today said that all lines of communication with Mobile had been lost and that the storm was rapidly gaining in intensity.

The first news dispatch received direct from the storm-shattered city of Miami since the disaster estimated the dead at between 600 and 1,500.

These figures did not include casualties at Fort Lauderdale where 100 were reported dead, or at Moorehaven, 75 miles northwest of Miami, where huge waves from Lake Okeechobee took heavy human toll.

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

The hurricane today had roared across the Everglades and out into the Gulf of Mexico and was striking at Pensacola just before that city was isolated from communication.

Efforts were made to communicate with Pensacola from Mobile by radio but the antenna at the Mobile station was put out of commission temporarily.

Fort Lauderdale is said to have been one of the heaviest sufferers, but a wall of silence is guarding the extent of the toll in that city.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Weather Bureau report the Florida hurricane moving inland to Pensacola and Mobile. At 8 o'clock this morning the barometer at Pensacola was 29.10 inches and the wind was blowing 100 miles an hour, northeast.

Mobile, Sept. 20.—The tropical hurricane that left death and disaster in its wake in and about Miami is today advancing upon Pensacola, with the wind blowing 50 miles an hour, according to reports received here by telephone from the weather observer at Pensacola.

West Palm Beach, Sept. 20.—Southeast Florida, lashed by a hurricane Friday night and Saturday, today had estimated its death list at over 1,000 and property damage at more than \$125,000,000, with every indication that the toll of death and disaster would mount higher as a complete check-up became possible. Two thousand persons are reported injured.

The water is knee deep in the streets of Miami, and at Miami Beach the public utilities are closed. Drinking water is scarce. Urgent appeals for water, food and clothing have brought relief trains.

Deaths in Miami and vicinity are placed at 804, including 590 in Miami, 250 in Hollywood, and 184 in Hialeah. Other estimates are 100 dead at Fort Lauderdale and a similar number at Moorehaven where the waters of Lake Okeechobee whipped over the dykes flooding the city. Forty women and children were drowned. Clewiston is believed to have been washed away.

Troops have been sent to the stricken areas. The hurricane today is at Pensacola.

Telegraph Wires Down Atlanta, Sept. 20.—The hurricane that raced across Lower Florida over the weekend today reported is descending upon Pensacola in the extreme Northwestern part of the state. Wire communication with Pensacola was interrupted early today when the Associated Press circuit and Western Union lines went out. Western Union reported all wires into Pensacola lost and communication severed virtually at all points between Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama. The storm apparently headed toward Burwood, Louisiana.

Anxious Relatives Here Seek Word From Florida

Anxious relatives have kept busy the telephones of The Daily Advance last night and today, seeking information from relatives in the area on the Florida East Coast stricken in the storm, which broke late Saturday. Everywhere on the streets, the terrible hurricane has been the chief topic of conversation today.

So far as can be learned, only a few Elizabeth City families have kin in the devastated area. Dr. James H. Thayer, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, reported that he had a brother and sister living in Miami, Norman H. Thayer and Mrs. Ernest L. Symms, and Mrs. C. P. Brown stated she had two sisters there, Mrs. A. W. Wood and Mrs. M. L. Heard. Up to mid-afternoon, press dispatches had brought no word from any of them, or their families.

Many other Elizabeth City residents are concerned over the terrible havoc reported to have been wreaked by the storm in the magnificent planned resort of Hollywood, through having invested in real estate there. Dozens went to Hollywood last spring on trips arranged by the promoters of the development there, and a substantial sprinkling of them bought lots.

The general impression here was that property values of the East Coast, at least, would be depressed heavily as a result of the storm, though one of the more optimistic expressed a feeling that this depression would be admitted to a feeling of relief and easiness.

"A latter-day Sodom and Gomorrah" is the impression of some, disaster on a view that it was who inclination of Divine punishment. The immense outlay invested in devices for the vesting of the flesh. One sinfully predicted that the storm would go down in history along with the Lisbon earthquake and other terrible disasters.

Everywhere, further word from the storm-stricken area is awaited with consuming interest.

PECAN GROWERS HERE TOMORROW

Pasquotank Farmers Urged to Meet With Visitors at 10 O'clock

All Pasquotank County farmers have been urged by G. W. Falls, county agent, to attend a session county agent, to attend a session of the North Carolina and Virginia Pecan Growers' Societies, to be held at the Southern Hotel here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, preliminary to a visit by the combined delegation to the pecan farms of C. O. Robinson and F. V. Scott, both near the city.

The pecan growers will stop over here in the course of a week's trip through the pecan growing districts of the two States. The first session, largely devoted to business routine, was held at the Monticello Hotel, in Norfolk, today.

Visiting Elizabeth City tomorrow, the pecan growers will journey to Farmville and Rocky Mount Wednesday, stopping that night at the Sir Walter Hotel, in Raleigh, for an executive meeting. Another session will be held at the Sir Walter next morning, and that afternoon, the delegation will visit several groves near Raleigh. The tour will close Friday afternoon with a visit to a number of groves in the vicinity of Lake Waccamaw, one of which is said to have produced eight tons of pecans in 1924.

The tour and its incidental regional meetings were arranged to present planters and others interested with first hand information on pecan culture, it is announced, and through visits to leading groves to give less successful growers new courage to "carry on."

Only bread and water are available at Hollywood. Bread lines have formed in Miami. Homestead, Naranja, Peters Goulds, Kendall, Perrine and Black Point are hard hit with property damage. The citrus crop is drenched out.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—Estimates of the loss of life from the hurricane which swept over Lower Florida mounted to over 1,000 late last night in revised estimates from the storm-stricken areas. The casualty list in the Miami (Continued on page 4)

PLANS TO SEL COASTAL ROE TAKEN UP HERE

Many Expected to Attend Coastal Highway Association Meeting at City Club Wednesday

OFFICIALS COME

President and Secretaries of Association Send Advance They Will Attend District Session

Plans to "sell" the South Atlantic Coastal Highway, notably to tourists interested in the cause it is the shortest route on the North into Florida, and because of its scenic, historic and recreational features, but to "sell" it to the community, along it will be discussed at a meeting of representatives from North Carolina and Virginia towns and cities at the Country Club here Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Recently logged by a representative of the American Automobile Association, the South Atlantic Coastal Highway is declared to have been found in excellent condition for travel virtually throughout its length; and plans for further advertising it over the length and breadth of the United States will be taken up at the meeting.

Assurance has been received at the Chamber of Commerce here that Norfolk and other cities will send a delegation to the meeting. Senator John A. Leaser, president of the Tidewater Automobile Association, and Frank C. Miller, Norfolk attorney, Mr. Miller will be spokesman for the group.

Word has been received from Frank O. Miller, of Jacksonville, Florida, president of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, that he will be on hand for the session. Mr. Miller will come here from Chicago, where he has been attending a meeting of the board of directors of the American Automobile Association. Fred Ward, of Brunswick, Georgia, secretary of the association, has advised that he will be here also, and substantial delegations from Hertford, Edenton, Washington, New Bern, Wilmington and intermediate communities along the route are expected.

It is hoped that general plans may be formulated for a publicity campaign to be taken up with that to appear in the October number of the American Motorist, which will carry a special section of 16 to 20 pages, devoted to the South Atlantic Coastal Highway, reaching 130,000 motorist subscribers throughout the United States. An extra hundred thousand copies of the special section will be distributed through the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association.

Through these means, and by reason of further publicity in the Blue Book of the American Automobile Association and in the association's southeastern tour book, it is anticipated that an unusual tide of motor tourists will journey the route in the course of the autumn and winter begins in Florida and other Southern States. In this connection, the matter of procuring Federal markers for the route probably will be taken up at the meeting here Wednesday morning.

A still larger influx of tourists is expected here next autumn, after completion of the \$600,000 bridge now under construction across the lower Chowan River, near Edenton. This bridge is declared to be the longest over navigable water in the world.

FORTY-SEVEN FARMERS JOIN IN RYE PLANTING

Forty-seven enterprising Pasquotank County agriculturists came together in the County's first co-operative purchase of rye last week, buying 480 bushels of the Abruzzi variety, regarded as best adapted for winter pasturage here, according to County Agent G. W. Falls. The low bidder on the rye was the Huxton White Seed Company, of this city, at a price declared to give the purchasers a saving of 45 cents a bushel.

Specifications demanded that the rye be in good market condition, and 90 per cent pure. It is planted as a cover crop, to provide green food for hogs, cattle and poultry during the winter, thereby bridging the gap between winter and spring pasturage.

THREE AMERICANS WOUNDED IN CHINA

Peking, Sept. 20.—Three American sailors were wounded, none seriously, when the gunboat Pigeon was fired on Sunday morning at Yang Yang on the Yangtze river, according to telegrams from Hankow.

Kidnaped



State authorities are to investigate the kidnaping of Father Vincent D. Warren, Catholic priest of Norfolk, Va., who was seized by a band of masked men, warned to stop educating negro children, and turned loose in a woods.

NEW YORK HAS LAW THAT WORKS

Habitual Criminals Are Given Life—Terms in Prison Since July

New York, Sept. 20.—Out of the far reaches of the country, the information has been spread that New York City has found a whip in the law that has struck terror in the underworld. Since July the nation has been hearing of the effectiveness of the new Baumes law in putting the habitual criminal behind the bars. Now the queries are beginning to come in from interested cities as to just how it is being done.

District Attorney Banton says he has had a large number of requests for information about the Baumes law. Additional interest was aroused this week when two burglars, branded as habitual criminals, were sentenced to life imprisonment as the first offenders to receive this penalty in New York County under the Baumes law. On the same charges before enactment of the Baumes law they would have received sentences of from two and one-half to five years. The Baumes law provides life imprisonment for criminals who have "served" time four or more times.

Two years of hard work in hearings and investigations into crime conditions by the Baumes crime commission are represented in the new law. Startling facts and figures regarding the commutation of sentence and the indeterminate sentence, as well as the balling of criminals, brought about the statute now in effect. Dodge and duck as they will, criminals can find no loop holes in the Baumes law. Thousands of crooks who have had light sentences before, will find these old convictions standing them against them if they are convicted again. As second or third offenders they must be sent to prison for ten years or more. A fourth conviction for a felony means life imprisonment.

Moreover, the law has very watchful eyes. In times past if a crook could conceal the fact that he was a second offender, he was sentenced as a first offender, he got away with it. The Baumes law provides that if it is learned later that he had been convicted, he must be re-sentenced.

The new law forces the prisoner to serve his minimum sentence. Formerly a prisoner sentenced to from five to ten years could be released on good behavior in three and three quarters years, or even less. Now he must serve at least five years. Time allowed for good behavior runs only against the maximum sentence.

The new bill laws were drawn to check old, glaring evil, of fresh crimes committed by habitual criminals out on bail. Finger print identification is required prior to admission to bail of every person charged with a felony or certain major misdemeanors. If there is reason to believe the defendant is a second offender, he can be admitted to bail only by a justice of the Supreme Court or by a judge of the general sessions.

There is no mystery about the underworld's dislike of New York's new Baumes law.

DEFENSE WILL BE VERY SILENT IN DAUGHERTY CASE

But Daugherty Would Like to Talk and Tell Many Things That Happened in Harding Reign

COUNSEL TO PLEAD

Lawyers Not Willing for Their Client to Talk and Also Are Anxious to Spare Him the Strain

By ROBERT T. SMALL

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New York, Sept. 20.—From events that have transpired thus far in the trial of Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney General of the United States, and Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, there is every reason to believe that when the prosecution will offer its evidence the defense will offer no evidence. There will be a move for a direct acquittal of the two defendants, and if that fails, the defense will depend entirely upon the arguments of counsel.

The defense has been accused of making the chief Government witness its own witness in an attempt to prove through the Government claimant, Richard Merton, that his claim was a legitimate one and was presented to the Attorney General and the Alien Property Custodian in proper form. If Merton became a witness for the defense he is likely to cause counsel to build up a case which is a legitimate one. District Attorney Buckner presents his case. It is plain to be seen that there have been several varying interpretations of important clauses in the law authorizing the return of seized German property and the defense will claim that Messrs. Daugherty and Miller were entirely honest in their view of the statute.

The prosecution asserts the law was interpreted differently, however, in the Merton case than it had been theretofore and that this is another link in the circumstantial chain which the Government is attempting to forge.

It may not be such an easy matter, however, to keep Mr. Daugherty off the witness stand. He has been asking for a chance to tell his story of the last few years. As a witness, however, he would be held to relevant matters affecting the present trial. That would not be entirely to his liking. The former Attorney General would like to pay his respects to some of his accusers and would like to give his views of recent events in the life of the nation. His attorneys do not want him to take the stand. They think it unnecessary. They know furthermore the strain under which Mr. Daugherty has labored and they are not anxious that he face a new ordeal.

It is recalled today that Mr. Daugherty issued a rather curt statement some months ago in a statement which he has neither amplified nor explained. In it he said:

"The people of this country have been fed up on lies. The reason for this has not yet been made public. Things going on in Washington are for a purpose not yet given. It is too early even now to tell the whole inside story. I took me a year, with all the facilities I had as Attorney General of the United States, to believe such a program, a propaganda, and plot could be conceived. It will all come out in time. The liars and liars will all wake up when the press of the country is willing to publish the real story."

"The Government is sound, and like the truth, will survive and prevail. At the proper time there will be much said and proved on the subject of the tragedy that shortened the life of one President and had much to do with the taking away of other innocent persons. A continuation of what was started to a certain extent in the Harding administration is neither helpful nor harmful to our present President, nor is it so intended. This is all I have to say at present."

SEND HELP THROUGH AMERICAN RED CROSS

Washington, Sept. 20.—President Coolidge today appealed to the American people to come to the assistance of sufferers in the Florida disaster. In the Presidential proclamation he asked that contributions to the relief fund be sent to the American Red Cross.

Flock Of Youthful Offenders Tried In Court Here

Material in abundance for a moralist who might compose an essay on the waywardness of modern youth was forthcoming in large measure in re-order's court today, as an aftermath of the week-end. In fact, at one stage of proceedings, it looked as though Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer might be presiding over a session of Juvenile Court. He delivered himself in characteristically vigorous fashion, declaring the worst trouble with boys today was that their parents failed to look after them properly.

"When I was a boy," he commented, "if I failed to get in by 9 o'clock at night, I had to make an explanation. I had to give a report of exactly where I had been. If parents nowadays would see that their boys were in by 9 o'clock, and would sit down and talk to them, they would be a lot better."

Four youngsters were up on charges of having small quantities of liquor in their possession. One of the four was under 15, and was sent on to Juvenile Court, and the other three were fined \$10 and costs each. A fifth boy, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$25 and costs and probation for further judgment in the case was continued for two years.

Four colored defendants, three masculine and one feminine, faced the court on charges of being drunk. They were Elijah Swails, Willie Smith and Leonia Sawyer, masculine, and Lizzie Price. All Smith paid an additional \$10 and costs on a charge of assault, the evidence being that he blacked both the Price woman's eyes in the course of a little argument. It submitted to the charge, declaring that he slapped her a little too hard, while playing.

PLANS FOR FAIR FAST PERFECTED

Unusual Attractions Promised for This Year's Big District Festival

With more trophies for exhibitors than ever before, and an exceptional array of amusement features, this year's Greater Albemarle District Fair, promises to eclipse all others held in this section, according to officials of the fair association. The fair will open the following Saturday night.

In addition to a daily program of horse racing, an unusual free acts and midway attractions, a 100-mile automobile race will be staged on the closing day of the fair for a purse of \$100, with other special prizes for users of special brands of gasoline and oil. This race will be open to all persons living in the ten Northeastern Carolina counties in the Greater Albemarle Fair District, but is limited to cars not exceeding 24 horsepower.

Heads of the various departments of the fair and their committees are busy working out plans for the event, so that the big festival may move smoothly through the five gala days during which it is to be held.

In all, fifteen handsome silver cups will be awarded prize winners in various departments, as follows with the donors:

Winner in auto race, Miles L. Clark. County winning first place, W. P. Duff. Community winning first place, N. Howard Smith. Farm winning first place, Buxton White Seed Company.

Best ten ears of corn T. W. Wood & Sons. Champion beef bull, Marion C. Love. Champion dairy bull, Savings Bank & Trust Company. Cow, under four years, with highest butter fat production for one day, First & Citizens National Bank.

Best team of horses, The Daily Advance. Best pen of poultry, Bright Jewelry Company. Best loaf of bread baked with Lebanon Belle flour, R. A. Byrum Company. Best pan of whole wheat biscuits, The Independent. Boys or girls' club wearing most points on entries, Louis Selig. School scoring most points, Culpepper Hardware Company.

COTTON MARKET New York, Sept. 20.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.95, Dec. 16.28, Jan. 16.33, March 16.57, May 16.78.

PROSPERITY IS COOLIDGE ISSUE 'TWOULD APPEAR

Callers at Summer Capital and Interviews Given Out Tend to Corroborate This Theory

FIRST CAME FORD

Business and Farm Leaders Invited to Report Conditions and Much Publicity Is Given

By DAVID LAWRENCE

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Washington, Sept. 20.—President Coolidge returns to the National Capital after one of the most unusual experiences in the art of politics by implication. Mr. Coolidge took no active or explicit part in the Congressional campaign, nor there is any indication that he will between now and November. But he brought out and emphasized what he considers the paramount issue—the prosperous condition of the country.

Some callers were invited, others dropped in to pay their respects and their views were given to the assembled newspaper men, but the sum total of the executive offices at the White House was designed to corroborate Mr. Coolidge's estimate of the economic condition of the country.

First there came Edsel Ford who knew from all his many business and farm contacts a seeming contradiction of the farm cry of distress. Then there was Harvey Firestone, Jr., interested in tires which business reflects the growth in purchasing power of the nation. Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears Roebuck and Company, knows the mail order business and what it shows with reference to the buying tendency of the people. If the mail order houses are doing a large volume of business it is assumed that the country is getting along very well indeed.

Men like A. J. Brosnan, head of Mack Trucks, Inc., E. P. Charlton, vice president of the F. W. Woolworth Company, know the trend of business because of their numerous contacts. All these and other callers familiar with the business situation issued generally optimistic statements. They did not, of course, say what they did for political reasons. They believe in the evolution of American business and the remarkable era of summer prosperity which has been witnessed in most lines of business. Mr. Coolidge's mail is full of testimonials of the same kind.

The invitation to a few leaders in business and industry to come to visit President and thus give the newspapers on the doorstep their views was a bit of political advice and strategy.

The President however, welcomed the opportunity further to stimulate business by demonstrating the degree of confidence in the future possessed by certain leaders with whom he conferred.

Men like Louis Liggett of the United Drug Company and Herbert J. Tilly, managing director of the national retail dry goods association have means of getting reports on the upward or downward course of business and they unhesitatingly gave their information including details of those spots where business conditions are not so favorable.

Various farm leaders came to the President's summer camp as well as labor leaders. The idea in this was not to confine the calling list to any one class.

On the whole, Mr. Coolidge did not exclude himself in the Adlon-dacks so far as the newspapers are concerned, for the telegraph offices report that more than a million and half words were filed by them exclusive of the material sent over leased wires. Opposition leaders may be envious of the opportunity for publicity which President Coolidge has but it is recalled by correspondent that other Presidents have taken advantage of it too.

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New York, Sept. 20.—Spot cotton closed quiet, with a decline of 20 points, middling 16.65. Futures, closing bid: October 16.37, December 16.05, January 16.37, March 16.48, May 16.59.