

FEARFUL STORM IN FLORIDA.

Key West and Tampa Wrecked.

New Orleans, October 12.—A wireless bulletin from an unidentified vessel off Southwest Florida this morning says that an outskirt gale swept Key West and 800 persons lost their lives by drowning.

A telephone message from Tampa confirms the extent of the loss of life and adds that Key West is in the grip of a reign of terror. Soldiers have been forced to shoot looters who began their work of pillage before dawn today. Lawless fishermen and cigar makers from adjoining islands who were warned to take refuge in the city when the storm began, started the raid of what was left of the storm demolished houses.

The city is already under martial law and the Key West Guards are doing what they can to preserve order, but regular troops have been asked for and the Secretary of War has directed the commanding officer of the army of Key West to render such assistance there as may be requested by the mayor.

Along the coast giant waves swept over the islands, catching the inhabitants and hurling them into the sea. These islands are practically flat and the 20 foot waves that swept over them swept them clean of life.

Key West proper is a mass of wreckage. Hardly a house is left undamaged. The most conservative estimate of property loss is three million.

It is doubtful if \$500 will cover the loss of life in the swept district.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 laborers on the keys are believed to have perished. The wind reached the velocity of 100 miles an hour.

Report says that 800 people were killed at Tampa. Four hundred men who were building a railroad on the keys, are also reported dead.

At Key West the storm demolished two thirds of the residence section of the city. Ten of the largest cigar factories were destroyed.

The damage is about \$4,000,000.

One hundred vessels were in the harbor and all but the largest were destroyed.

The negro quarter was wrecked. The loss of life is unknown.

The army barracks at Key West were destroyed but there were no fatalities.

There has been a request for military assistance and the soldiers are patrolling the city to prevent looting.

Will Use Polar Bears For Travel.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the well known Danish explorer, who is about to start on a polar expedition has decided to try a remarkable innovation in the use of draught animals for polar travel. He will endeavor to make polar bears draw his sledges.

Some time ago Captain Amundsen made a contract with Carl Hagenbeck, the famous animal trainer, for twenty ice bears three years old. Hagenbeck's men have been industriously at work for a month training the bears. The animals will be shipped to Christiana this week where they will be taken on board Captain Amundsen's ship.

A Hurry Up Call.

Quick! Mr. Druggist—Quick!—A box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve Here's a quatter—For the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself, terribly—Johnnie cut his foot with the axe, Mammie's scalded, Pa Can't walk from piles, Billie has boils and my corns ache. She got it and soon cured all the family. It's the great-healer on earth Sold by J. E. Shell.

Wilbur Wright Makes New Record.

College Park, Md., Oct. 9.—Wilbur Wright broke one world aviation record this morning. Over a measured course of 535 yards and back, starting at a marker post, flying to another post and back, the Dayton aviator made the distance in 574 seconds, establishing a world's record.

Wright made three flights this morning. At 8:55 he started with out the use of the weight or monorail, and remained in the air for six minutes, flying at the rate of 46 miles an hour. At 9:38 o'clock he ascended and made the record flight. At 9:53 he made an experimental flight to test the ability of the machine to get off the ground without the weight or monorail, and stayed up for half a minute.

Today Wright not only shattered a world's record, but he has demonstrated the ability of his aeroplane to rise from the earth into the air without the use of weights or a running start.

Prohibition Here to Stay.

New York, Oct. 10.—"It looks to me as if the South would be solidly prohibition within the next five years," declared Governor Ansel of S. C., "Prohibition is making tremendous strides all through the South. In my State, S. C. the places where a thirsty man can get a drink are few and far between." And then he proceeded to tell how prohibition had gained a foothold in the State and spread prior to August last.

"Fifteen additional counties went 'dry' at the elections in that month," he continued, "and after November 15, next, it will be possible to get a drink in only six counties of the State, and then only through the medium of the county dispensary."

Governor Ansel discussed other phases of the liquor question and concluded by saying that "there is no doubt that the prohibition movement has come to stay, and that it is making steady progress." Such a potent factor has it become throughout the South, he stated, that all political parties are forced to recognize the issue.

At Canton, N. C. says an exchange, is located the largest pulp mill in this country, if not in the world. It cost from two to three million dollars; works about eight hundred men and runs night and day the year round. It takes 375 tons of coal a day to keep the machinery going, and requires 400 cords of day to supply this machinery with material to operate upon. The plant consists of thirty-nine buildings, all sizes, and, when it is lighted up at night, looks more like a town than just one plant. Very little of this wood pulp is made into paper here, but most of it is shipped North to be finished into paper. They are considering now the advisability of putting in a finishing plant here to supply the Southern trade.

Lucrative Job Killing Prairie Dogs.

Kansas City Dispatch. More than 750,000 prairie dogs have been killed in the last six months by J. W. Holman, the officially recognized United States Government poisoner of the pests in the Southwestern States.

"I am going to kill at least 1,500,000 dogs during the next eight months," said Mr. Holman, "Strychnine is mixed with wheat and about a teaspoonful is placed at the entrance of a prairie hole. Each teaspoonful killing three dogs.

The government pays a cent and a half a head for killing the dogs.

The Clark's Creek Dredge Boat.

Lincoln Times.

The dredge boat bought by Lincoln and Catawba counties to clean out a channel that will remain open in Clark's Creek having been got in working order. Mr. R. M. Roseman went up last Tuesday to see it working. The boat is on the order of the steam shovel used in railroad building. The machinery and the engine which drives it are on a boat sixty feet long. Projecting from the front end of the boat is a crane which works the shovel. A cubic yard of dirt is scooped up at each dive of the shovel, and is carried over and dumped on each side of the ditch. On an average two yards are taken out per minute. Up to this time the work has been mainly in getting the machinery to working properly and overcoming the little hitches that are always incident to the starting of complicated machinery, but on Tuesday it had been so adjusted they were able to do a full days work and it has kept up its steady speed ever since.

Mr. Roseman and others interested measured the work several times with the rod and saw that it was coming up to the specifications. On Tuesday it cut a channel twenty feet wide, nine feet deep and two hundred and forty nine feet long. This is as good speed as the most enthusiastic advocate of ditching the creek could wish, and if this speed is kept up for a couple of years the people of Lincolnton may expect to see it open up the channel clear into the South Fork river by that time.

Lightning Wrecks a Dwelling in a Remarkable Manner.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that Sunday night at 10 o'clock, during a slight electrical display, a heavy bolt of lightning played a most remarkable prank at the home of Mr. Will Lyster, near Christiana church, six miles from Salisbury. Striking the end of the two story house at the cone, the bolt literally tore the building to pieces, throwing some of it a hundred feet away and scattered and badly damaged the contents. The cradle in which an infant was sleeping was torn to pieces, but the infant was unhurt, and its parents had as remarkable an escape when their bed was demolished. Ceiling fell all over sleeping children, but none of them were hurt in any way. No fire followed the lightning's stroke, but the building was completely wrecked.

Two Hundred Thousand Bushels Corn Ordered.

Mexico City, Oct. 7.—Two hundred thousand bushels of corn have been ordered by wire from the United States by the government of Guanajuato to relieve distress occasioned by the cold weather, which killed all the growing crops. According to George W. Bryan, there is less than two week's supply of food in Guanajuato, and the most energetic measures are needed to relieve the situation.

Night On Bald Mountain.

On a lonely night, Alex Benton, of Fort Edward, N. Y., climbed Bald Mountain to the home of a neighbor tortured by Asthma, bent on curing him with Dr. King's New Discovery, that had cured himself of asthma. This wonderful medicine soon relieved and quickly cured his neighbor. Later it cured his son's wife of a severe lung trouble. Millions believe it the greatest Throat and Lung cure on earth. Coughs, Colds, Croup, Hemorrhages and Sore Lungs are surely cured by it. Best for Hay Fever, Grip and Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell.

Best Apples in The World.

Raleigh News Observer.

Where North Carolina sits in the apple world is the head of the table. The Lenoir News says that Mr. John S. Green, who lives near Blowing Rock, has received a check for one thousand dollars, the same being the first premium on apples awarded by the International Apple Show held at Spokane, Washington, last winter.

The growth of apples in Western North Carolina for profit is only in its infancy. The soil and the climate in twenty counties is all that could be desired for apple culture, and men with money are planting fine orchards. The late Mr. Moses Cone, one of the most capable and far seeing men North Carolina has known in recent years, foresaw that growing apples was to become profitable in Western North Carolina, and his apple orchard in Watauga county is one of the most beautiful sites in America, and it is going to bring in large revenue. Capitalists at home and abroad have planted large orchards in Haywood and other counties west of the Blue Ridge, and the industry is certain to be the most profitable in all our mountain counties, as well as in many other counties suited to the growth of apples.

Apples are apples these days. The time was when they were cheap and not so highly esteemed. Now they are known to be very healthy, as well as very wholesome, and are in the class with oranges. If you want to make money, go to the mountains and plant an apple orchard in the isothermal belt, or come to the pine lands and plant a peach orchard, or go east and grow strawberries. North Carolina is indeed the garden spot and the home of opportunity.

Serious Cutting Scrape in Mitchell County.

Asheville, N. C. Oct. 9. —News has reached here from Mitchell county of a cutting affair which occurred there Thursday, in which Jim C. Phillips, a well known business man, of Ledger, Mitchell county, was seriously if not fatally injured. The particulars of the tragedy could not be learned, other than Mr. Phillips and another man got into a scrape, in which it was stated Mr. Phillips was badly carved up, and was not expected to live.

Mr. Phillips is a prominent man of Mitchell county, and is well known in western North Carolina. He was a prominent Democratic politician and was once treasurer of his county.

Should Mr. Mitchell die, this will be the third homicide in Mitchell county within a month.

Two Charters Today.

Exchange. The Nibelung Gold Mining Company filed a certificate of incorporation today with the secretary of state, among the objects for which it is incorporated, are to secure mineral lands and to operate mines. The principal office is in Caldwell county and the postoffice is Morganton, R. F. D. No. 3. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000 but may organize and commence business when \$1,250 is paid in. The incorporators are Sidney H. Bourne and Henry E. Wood, 43 Exchange Place, Borough of Manhattan, New York, and R. W. Taylor, Morganton, R. F. D. No. 3.

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Respectfully,
A. J. CONLEY
HENRY E. COBB

Oct. 13, '09.