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GULF COAST STORM

Key West is Caught and Suffers Severely.

FATALITY NOT GREAT HOWEVER

Estimated Damage \$2,000,000—Wood and Brick Buildings Tumble Like Storm Takes to the Ocean and Relief is Felt.

Key West, Fla., Special.—As a result of the hurricane which struck the Southern coast of Florida Monday morning, Key West Monday night was a mass wreckage and the damage to property is estimated at \$2,000,000. Martial law was proclaimed by the mayor at 6 o'clock and the Key West guards are patrolling the city.

The United States government was asked to dispatch troops here without delay, to assist in patrolling the storm-swept area.

Chaos reigned on every hand and few people remained in their homes, hundreds of which were either totally wrecked or damaged.

It is known that many persons have received more or less serious injury and reports are current that several lives were lost.

The storm reached its height at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the wind reached an estimated velocity of 100 miles an hour. There was a hard, steady blow from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., when the wind began to die down and by 4 o'clock the center of the hurricane had passed this point.

The hurricane is the worst that Key West has ever experienced. Of one hundred local vessels in the harbor Monday but five remained at anchor, the others having either gone to sea or been washed upon the beaches. The streets along the water front were a mass of wreckage.

Brick as well as frame dwellings throughout the city suffered alike from the fury of the heavy wind and many miraculous escapes from death or serious injury have been reported.

Besides the several scores of residences either totally wrecked or damaged from their pillars, nine factories were partially destroyed, including the Havana-American, Martinez, Nichols, Ray Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Floras Torris, Cortez and Wolf cigar manufactories.

No. 1 and No. 2 engine houses of the city fire department were destroyed, the firemen narrowly escaping, but several of the horses being killed. The top of the First National Bank was blown off, the postoffice damaged and two running gears of the government coaling station were wrecked.

Every telephone and electric light pole on Duval street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, were blown down.

Great fears were suffered for other points along the coast, but at 9:30 Tuesday night the weather bureau received further fears with the following dispatch:

"Down hurricane warning 10 p. m., Mobile, Pensacola, Panama City, Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Cedar Keys, Rockwell, Tampa, Punta Gorda, Punta Passa, Key West. Storm centers southeast Florida moving northeast. Apparently no further danger on the Gulf coast.

Cuba in Storm.
Havana, By Cable.—The most serious cyclone since the big blow of October 17, 1906, struck Cuba early Monday morning, causing extensive devastation through the whole western portion of the island. In the city of Havana many minor buildings were blown down or unroofed, almost all the trees were uprooted and five persons were killed one by an electric wire and the others by falling buildings. About twenty-five persons were injured.

S. A. L. Makes Progressive Step.
Richmond, Va., Special.—John Nathan Williams is back from the meeting of the reorganization committee and the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line system in New York. He speaks encouragingly of the system and the harmony and cooperation hoped for among interested parties. The system has recently approved five smaller systems in the far South aggregating nearly 400 miles.

Seems a Horrible Murder.
Wentworth, R. I. Special.—The finding of the severed legs of a woman in a grassy spot among some bushes in an outlying section of this town Monday brought to light what the authorities are convinced is a case of murder. The discovery of a New Bedford newspaper of Sunday's date with the portions of the limbs re-attached as the most important clue to the place of the murder, if murder it is. The authorities were of the opinion that the woman was murdered in New Bedford.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S TOUR

Enthusiastic Thousands Greet Him On His Western Trip.

As he was crossing from the Oakland to San Francisco the army transport Thomas was setting sail for the Philippines and by the President's request the revenue cutter Golden Gate, on which he was a passenger, was drawn up alongside the big vessel, the sides of which were lined with soldiers and the families of officers.

On the bridge of the transport the Philippine constabulary band was drawn up and was playing, "Hail to the Chief" as the President shouted across the water to khaki-clad soldiers:

"Good-bye, boys; I wish you a pleasant voyage."

Answering cheers came back to the President.

"Does it make you feel homesick, Mr. President?" asked a member of the President's party.

"Indeed, it does," replied Mr. Taft, "and I would give anything if I were going with them."

One of the most pathetic incidents of the President's trip marked his stay in Berkeley. He passed in review of the pupils of an institution for the deaf, dumb and blind. The tribute of flags waved with unseeing eyes, of silent nods of the dumb, and cheers from the blind deeply impressed the President.

An all-day stage ride over thirty-four miles of mountain road brought President Taft Thursday night to this little sierra retreat, eight miles from the entrance to the Mariposa grove of big trees, whither the Chief Executive started at sunrise Friday.

News that mountain lions were infesting the park held out hope of adventure for a time, but not even the tracks of one were seen on the road. The President declared that Thursday was one of the most enjoyable days of his life. It was the first glimpse of the Yosemite and the impressive surroundings, the bracing mountain air, the freedom from speech-making all contributed to the pleasure of the first day of roughing it in the Sierras.

His constant coach companion was John Muir, the noted naturalist and explorer.

He alighted from the stage during a portion of the trip and walked a mile or more up the mountain road. It gave him a splendid appetite for the picnic luncheon of fried chicken, potatoes, fruit and jelly served in the Grouse creek pine forest.

The President arrived at Glacier Point Friday evening. The drive from Wawona, where he spent the forenoon visiting the Mariposa big tree groves, was over twenty miles of mountain road and the President was ready for bed immediately after dinner. He arose before dawn and started for the sequoia trees in a dense fog, which quickly cleared, however. He was deeply impressed with the immense trees, especially in the upper groves. He was photographed at the base of the "Grizzly Grant," the biggest and oldest tree in the world; and he was snapped in the stage as it passed through the trunk of the Wawona, one of the largest of the forest monarchs.

The President's speech at Fresno, Ca., Sunday was in reality another Sunday sermon, the third he has preached since his trip began.

His text, quoted from memory, was "He Who Conquereth Himself is Greater Than He Who Taketh a City," and from it the President drew the lesson that popular government must always be a failure unless it is based upon sound common sense and the self-restraint that goes to make the good loser. He drew an analogy between the American people in this respect and those people who in their attempts at self-government follow an election with a revolution.

On his way here President Taft attended morning service at the Presbyterian church at Merced.

A feature of the President's visit to Fresno was the presentation of good will from the Japanese residents.

"We hail you, sir, as the honored Chief of a great nation which we are glad to see in the friendliest terms with ours," they said, "and we also rejoice that our beloved country, Japan, has the honor and great privilege of reciprocating such fraternal regard."

After an all-day stay at El Paso Sunday he President starts on another long jump, San Antonio being his next stop, and there he is to accept on behalf of the United States army a magnificent chapel and library building, the gift of San Antonians, as an appreciation of the American soldier.

SHOWMAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

On Main Street, in the Heart of Washington, Unknown Highwayman Crushes C. R. Shafer's Skull

Washington, N. C., Special.—One of the boldest and most daring assaults and robberies that has ever taken place in this city was committed on Saturday night on east Main street when Mr. C. R. Shafer, owner of several of the Barkoot carnival shows, which have been exhibiting in this city for the past week, was waylaid on his way to his boarding house by a thug, who coming up behind struck him a powerful blow over the right eye with an old gun barrel, felling him at a single blow, and very nearly killing him.

When found both pockets of the man had been rifled and between \$75 and \$100 had been stolen. The patient regained consciousness Saturday morning, and gave a partial description of his assailant. There are slight hopes for the recovery of the injured man.

Nine Bitten By Rabid Dog.

Raleigh, Special.—Saturday 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 Saturday. 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, open-mouthed, 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.

Statesville Revenue.

Statesville, Special.—Cashier Roberts, of the revenue office of Collector Geo. H. Brown reports collections as follows for last month: Lists \$788.68; spirits \$280.28; cigars \$48.00; tobacco \$243,749.64; special tax \$478.88; total \$245,345.48.

Compared with the collections for September, 1908, the collections last month show a decrease of \$165.84. The collections on spirits in September of last year were \$51,144.39; tobacco \$192,899.04. Compared with these figures the collections on spirits last month show a loss of \$50,864.11, but the loss is almost entirely covered by the gain of \$50,850.60 on tobacco, and the decrease in the total collections is therefore small.

Receives Gift From Carnegie.

Greensboro, Special.—A check for \$25,000 has just been received by the president of the Greensboro Female College from Andrew Carnegie, this being the amount offered conditionally to the College by Mr. Carnegie two years ago. The conditions have been complied with, and this check for \$25,000 completes the \$100,000 endowment fund. The conditions imposed by Mr. Carnegie that he would give \$25,000 after the friends of the College had raised \$75,000 was an incentive and enabled the College to raise this fund within the period of two years.

Accidentally Shot While Chasing a Chicken.

Fayetteville, Special.—Moses McLean Saturday accidentally shot and dangerously wounded his sister, Hagar McLean, while attempting to shoot a wild chicken which the woman was assisting him to round up. A clump of weeds hid his sister from McLean's sight when he fired.

Plenty of Partridges This Season.

Raleigh, Sportsmen will be interested in the information that there are far more partridges this year than there were in 1908, in fact, it is said that over a large area of the State there are ten where there was only one last year. The terrible rains of 1908 drowned vast numbers of the birds. In the early part of last season nearly all the birds killed by hunters were old ones.

Bold Robbery at Washington.

Washington, Special.—One of the boldest and most daring robberies ever perpetrated in this city took place in broad daylight Thursday afternoon when the office of Mr. W. Mayo, a justice of peace, on Market street, was entered, his safe broken into and something over \$100 in cash taken. It seems that Mr. Mayo had gone out of his office for a few minutes and on his return he found the drawer to his safe open and the money missing. The police are at work on the case, but as yet there is no clue to the guilty parties.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

SOUTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION.

Fourth Regular Meeting of This Growing Organization of Cotton Mill Men to Be Held in Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Fall meeting of the Southern Textile Association will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, Oct. 20th. As this will be at the time of the North Carolina State Fair the sessions of the association will be held in the morning and at night, giving time in the afternoon for visiting the fair and looking through the Textile Department of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, which consists of a fully equipped model mill with competent instructors who take an active interest in the work of the association and will render assistance in any possible way to make the meeting of interest and value to every mill man who may attend.

The program of the association will include addresses and papers on Weaving—by Prof. William Nelson, formerly instructor in the Lowell Textile School.

The Spinning Frame—by Supt. T. F. Cuddy, of Clio, S. C.

The Card Room—by Supt. Alfred N. Landau, formerly of the Magninnis Mill, New Orleans, La.

Power Economy in Mills—by Chief Engineer G. F. King, of King's Mountain.

Humidifiers—by Mr. W. P. Hazelwood, of Atlanta.

Care of the Operatives' Health—by Supt. A. S. Winslow, of Clinton, S. C.

The Southern Textile Association composed chiefly of superintendents and overseers of departments in the actual work of cotton manufacturing had its birth in a meeting held in Charlotte last fall which was attended by a number of representative men in these lines, chiefly from North and South Carolina.

A permanent organization was effected with provision for holding meetings quarterly; and the next regular meeting held at Greenville in April was attended by large delegations from the leading mill towns of the Carolinas with representatives from other Southern States.

The meeting at Spartanburg in July was the largest yet held when the attendance was over two hundred, the membership at that time and by additions since having grown to considerably more than 300.

Young Boy Accidentally Killed While Hunting.

Lumberton, Special.—Lloyd Odum, the 15-year-old son of Ferdinand Odum, who lives about seven miles from here, while out hunting with his brother Tuesday was killed. He with a pistol and his brother a gun started in different directions and in a short time his brother hearing a pistol fire called to him, but receiving no answer went to him and found him dead with a wound in the left breast. There were no eye-witnesses of the affair and it will probably never be known exactly how he came to be killed.

Woman Seizes Rat With Hand and Hurls it Against Wall.

Tarboro, Special.—To grab a rat with the hand and hurl it to death is an act of bravery. This happened here, when Mrs. John Grimmer went to her pantry to cut a piece of meat. She found a rat helping himself to her meat, and struck at him with the knife. The blow fell short and the rodent made for the door. With the quickness of thought, she grasped the rat and hurled it against the wall, killing it.

Morphine by Mistake.

Pilot Mountain, Special.—A sad occurrence took place here. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Fulk's little child had sores on its mouth and the mother gave it four grains of morphine by mistake for calomel. Every effort was made to wake the little one, but without avail. The parents are grief-stricken at the child's death.

Washington Stave Mill Destroyed by Fire—Loss \$10,000.

Washington, Special.—The large stave manufacturing plant of the Moore Lumber Company of this city caught fire Wednesday night about 10 o'clock and rapidly burned down, resulting in almost a total loss to the company. The stave mill was approximately worth \$10,000 and as nearly as can be ascertained there was but little insurance. The local fire department responded to the alarm very promptly and rendered valiant service.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Japan has replaced her residency general in Hsientiao with a consulate.

Many former employees of the Stockholm street car lines have emigrated to America.

Judge E. H. Gary, back from Europe, reported that prosperity is rapidly returning abroad.

The Nebraska Supreme Court upheld the Sibley act providing a twenty-five per cent. reduction in express rates.

A monument commemorating the founding of the International Postal Union will be unveiled at Berne, Switzerland.

Dr. David Starr Jordan said at San Francisco that the Japanese had disregarded every international law in regard to seal killing.

Senor Chaumer, a municipal councillor of Caracas, was shot and killed by the President of the Council, Senor Garcia, in a street of Caracas.

The Grand Jury in Youngstown, Ohio, indicted seventeen city and county officials and contractors for bribery and acceptance of bribes.

Count Boni de Castellane announced his intention to interpellate the French Parliament against the "Spanish repression" committee, on the ground that it was illegal.

The Quebec provincial government, it is reported from Montreal, will prohibit the exportation of unmanufactured timber, but will not impose an export duty on raw pulp wood.

The homicides involved in Lieutenant Clark's Kansu expedition will be investigated at the Chinese Foreign Office, China, Great Britain and the United States being participants in it.

Principals in the Manhattan and Italian opera companies, New York City, took steps to crush out the "claqueurs" who have been demanding money for applause and threatening singers who refused to pay.

Alamance County Fair.

Burlington, Special.—The twenty-second annual Fair of Alamance county opened Tuesday at the Fair grounds here. Most of the day was spent in entering and arranging the exhibits. Never before has there been so large and splendid an exhibit taken as a whole. All of the departments were well filled and some were full to overflowing. It is a matter of gratification to the management that everything is so bright and promising for the best Fair ever held.

Seven White Caps are Convicted.

Raleigh, Special.—After being out all Wednesday afternoon and overnight the jury in the "white cap" case from Mark's Creek township brought in a verdict of guilty against all seven defendants. The verdict took the defendants and their counsel completely by surprise and a demand made by counsel that a poll of the jury be taken. Every jurymen responded "guilty." No appeal was taken.

Fires at Rocky Point.

Rocky Point, Special.—Thomas J. Brown lost his barn, its contents of hay, tools and fertilizer by fire. The loss is about \$500, with no insurance.

Harry Hearne lost a fine saw mill planer, valued at \$1,000, with no insurance. It is dry here and forest fires are raging.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

King Edward has knighted Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell.

Robert E. Peary took part with the Roosevelt in the Hudson-Fulton river parade.

All Mirza, the deposed Shah of Persia, left Anzali, a Caspian seaport, for Odessa.

Dr. F. A. Cook delivered a lecture in Philadelphia and was greeted with an enthusiastic official reception.

William Watson, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, died in London at the age of sixty-six years.

The Rev. Dr. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, denounced intermarriage of Jews and Christians in a sermon in New York City.

President Taft preached a sermon at the laying of the cornerstone of the First Universalist Church, in East Portland, Ore.

John D. Rockefeller advised the boys in the Sunday-school connected with his church in Cleveland how to get and keep a job.

Albert Pulitzer, founder of the New York Morning Journal, committed suicide in Vienna, where he had made his home for years.

Sir Edward P. Morris, Premier of Newfoundland, opposed the entrance of the Commercial Cable Company's new cable into St. Johns.

The Consistory of the Collegiate Dutch Reformed Church, New York City, increased the salary of the Rev. Dr. Burrell, pastor of the church, to \$15,000 a year.

Harry Whitney avoided coming to New York City lest he should meet either Cook or Peary and become more deeply involved in the North Pole controversy.

The Great Northern Railroad put into operation a train to cover the 1814 miles between Seattle and St. Paul in forty-six hours, said to be the world's fastest long distance train.



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