

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS PERISH IN HURRICANE

Many Buildings Demolished by Storm Which Sweeps Over Florida Keys--Fears Entertained for Safety of Overdue Vessels.

(Times Leased Wire.) New Orleans, Oct. 12.—Several hundred lives have been lost in the Florida Keys hurricane, according to wireless messages received here to-day. Early advices place the casualties at from 400 to 1,200. From two different sources it was reported that 800 are dead. While full warning was given to the inhabitants of the Florida coast, the West Indies and the Florida Keys that the storm was about to descend upon them, there was very little they could do to protect themselves. The first puff of wind plainly showed that the hurricane was to be one of unprecedented fury. It gradually grew in violence until the gale had reached a velocity of sixty, then eighty and finally 100 miles an hour. Scores of buildings were lifted from their foundations and rent asunder by the force of the gale. Persons caught on the streets were picked up and hurled with terrific force to the ground. It was in this manner that scores met death. It is almost certain that hundreds of workmen among the 3,000 men engaged in constructing a railroad in the lower keys, were blown to death. Great apprehension is felt for their safety. Terrible havoc is certain to have been wrought among vessels at sea, and a number that were due to arrive yesterday and to-day have not been heard from. Among these are the steamers Lam-pasas, Oliveette, Mornus and Antilles. The latter vessel bears Governor Sanders, of Louisiana, and great concern is felt for his safety. The property loss will exceed \$2,000,000. The city of Key West is reported as



THE FIRST SHOT Party in the Trenches:—"That man from Delta again, Billy!"

SOOKE WANTS ITS WATERFRONT SUSPICIOUS OF ROUTE SURVEYED FOR ROAD

Railway Company Appears to Have Aims on Frontage Along Harbor. The owners of property on Sooke harbor have a grievance against the Victoria and Barclay Sound railway, which is now having its survey made. The people of Sooke are in no way opposed to the building of the railway. On the contrary, they are prepared to do everything that they can to facilitate the construction of the road. The location of the preliminary line along Sooke harbor is the cause of the present complaint. When the line was run by the survey party, proceeding from Esquimalt, the water front was reached at the earliest possible moment. From there the route followed was close along the water front on the west side of the harbor. The harbor waters were followed very carefully until the line leaves in the direction of Otter Point. The owners of water front along the harbor have held a meeting and decided to take steps to offset this move on the part of the company. While it is recognized that the line now surveyed is only a preliminary one and not binding in any way, yet the owners fear that the attempt may be made to monopolize the waterfront. Realizing that Sooke harbor is in the near future to be one of the great ports on the southern end of Vancouver Island, the residents of the district are determined that no monopoly shall be created by any company. The owners here, they say, no object in view of holding up the company, but realize that like any other transportation company, it entitled to liberal treatment to serve its ends. No price has been set by the owners on their waterfront, and no concerted attempt will be made to force the railway to pay any stipulated price for what it needs. They are simply anxious to have the waterfront safeguarded for the future needs of the port. A railway along the waterfront would spoil the opportunities for building sites on the harbor, which will, it is felt, be in the greatest demand when the great awakening takes place. At the meeting recently held it was decided to take immediate steps to offset any move to monopolize the waterfront of the harbor. The Sooke branch of the Development League will lend its influence and if desired necessary, the parent body of the Vancouver Island Development League will be asked for financial assistance to see that the waterfront is preserved. There is said by those interested to be no reason why the line should not be built a little back from the water, as a right-of-way equally as good could be there obtained and the portion of land immediately next to the water would thus be preserved for homes and for industrial purposes where desired. TOO LATE FOR MEETING. Montreal, Oct. 12.—Mayor Payette, who has been at logsheds with a majority of the aldermen for some time, scored against his enemies yesterday. A meeting of the council was called for 3 o'clock. At that hour there were only three aldermen present. He got them to sign the attendance book, and they went home. The result was that when ten minutes later most of the aldermen made their appearance, it was too late. They could not, under the rules, hold a meeting.

NEW U. S. MINISTER TO CHINA RESIGNS

Was Recalled From San Francisco by Secretary of State. (Times Leased Wire.) Washington, Oct. 12.—The state department to-day announced the resignation of Charles R. Crane as minister to China. Crane was recalled from San Francisco last week, the day before he was to have sailed for China. He had attended a banquet given in his honor by the Chinese merchants of San Francisco, and had made speeches in the east and central west regarding the Oriental situation. It has been suspected that Secretary Knox thought that Crane talked too freely for a diplomat and did not show the proper amount of discretion in his remarks. While the resignation was announced in a formal manner, it is generally supposed here that the action is the result of Crane's public speeches. Secretary of State Knox, in a formal statement to the press this afternoon, said: "I reluctantly reached the conclusion that the good of the service demands that I should inform Mr. Crane that his resignation would be accepted, and I have done so."

RAILWAY RETAINS DELTA HIGHWAY APPEAL DISMISSED BY SUPREME COURT

Vancouver Church is Given Custody of Infant Child. Ottawa, Oct. 12.—In the Supreme Court yesterday the first case argued was the Corporation of Delta vs. the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway and Navigation Company. The dispute involved the possession of a highway on which the railway was constructing its line. The municipality asked for an injunction to restrain it, and an order that the road should be restored into its former condition. While the litigation was in progress an application was made to the board of railway commissioners and the railway was placed in possession of the disputed land. At the opening of the case it appeared there could be no question except academically in reference to the control of municipalities in British Columbia over highways, and the railway commissioners having placed the railway in possession, nothing but the question of costs could be involved. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., was heard on this question. A. H. McNeill, K. C., who represented the railway company, was not called on for a reply. The court, on the authority of Archibald vs. Heisde, dismissed the appeal with costs. Custody of Child. In re Howard was next heard. This appeal involved the guardianship of a female infant claimed respectively by the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver and the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Mr. Justice Martin directed the custody of the child to be delivered up to the latter, and his decision was affirmed by the Full Court. F. Hellmuth, K. C., moved to dismiss the appeal of the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver on the grounds that proceedings had not been commenced within 90 days from the decision of the application for habeas corpus. W. Nesbitt, K. C., opposed the motion on the ground that the delay had occurred in the signing and entry of judgment which had not taken place until two months after the date of the appeal, and that the time for appeal should run from the final order on the nineteenth of August last, consolidating and settling the orders already made. The motion was granted and the appeal quashed with costs. Taxation Appeal. York vs. City of Edmonton was the next case. The appellant is proprietor of the Windsor and Alberta hotels in the city of Edmonton, and paid in respect to each a license fee imposed by the city on obtaining his liquor license. The city subsequently taxed his floor space not occupied by bar-room and wine cellars on an assessment for business tax. He paid this tax under protest, and then sued to recover back \$500 from the city on the ground that he had been taxed twice in respect to the same business. Judge Stewart decided in his favor at the trial, but the Full Court, reversed the decision on the ground that the license fee was not an imposition in virtue of a license granted under the Alberta liquor license act, and that the clause in the city charter prohibiting double taxation referred merely to those for licenses issued under the authority of that charter. Judgment was reserved.

JOHN OLIVE LINES L PLATFORM

New Provincial L Will Aid British Columbia. (Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, Oct. 12.—Enthusiasm was the keynote of the great gathering of Liberals last night at Pender hall when John Olive, the newly chosen leader, outlined the party's platform and showed how faulty were the planks in the edifice of the McBride government. Mr. Olive outlined his policy relative to the Oriental question, railway development, timber and lands, C. A. McCrossan, president of the Young Liberals, was an efficient chairman, others on the platform being Ralph Smith, M. P. of Nanaimo; Dr. Hall, M. P. E. of Nelson; L. D. Taylor, of the World, and T. F. Neelands. Expects Election Soon. Mr. Olive said that he would cast no doubt on Premier McBride's railway proposals, but they had been six years in hatching, and sometimes when eggs are sat on too long they are quite different from what they are intended to be. If the premier brought down a good policy he would find strong support from the Liberals in the legislature. Mr. Olive read what he would call the signs of the times in favor of an election in the near future. He had been accused of offering nothing but destructive criticism, but if the government had nothing to fear why was it afraid. Criticize Finances. Taking up the financial situation he charged that the finance minister had not displayed ordinary sagacity, having borrowed money at 5 per cent, and left a portion in the bank, drawing 3 per cent. Any finance minister who could not estimate the revenue of the country within 80 per cent, was a poor guesser. Here Mr. Olive offered, if he made a wrong statement, to hand over \$100 to any charitable institution. Quoting official figures, he declared that the finance minister had not guessed anywhere near right. He only referred to these matters because the government stood strong on its financial policy. As to expenditure, he said that under representative government money was not voted without the consent of the direct representatives of the people. When the Dominion election was on hand last year \$700,000 was expended on special warrants, and this year many thousands were being now spent. The Attorney General. "Next," said Mr. Olive, "we come to the Napoleon Bonaparte of the party, the attorney general; the brave fighter who goes to England and gets an introduction to the King and then goes to the privy council and loses his suit. The Dominion government was fought by the gentleman on every point, and on every point in the courts he was decided against. After the decisions in favor of the fishermen in prosecutions inaugurated by the attorney general, the gentleman failed to refund the fines and costs." The premier's administration of the mines department was next criticized, the employment of Chinese being referred to. An Old Policy. Whenever a government had nothing else to go to the people with, it went on a railway policy. In 1888 the Turner government went to the people with such a policy, and on that occasion it was with MacKenzie and Mann. Two teams and a scraper were started, but nothing more. In 1902 it was the Canadian Northern again, and again the terms were to be secret until after the election. It worked then, too. The government did not have originally enough to work with fresh man. Mr. Olive parenthetically said that the Liberal party had no aversion to MacKenzie and Mann. Railway men were all alike and they gave nothing more to the people than they were made to. Timber Question. On the timber question, criticism was handed out once more to the government. The Liberals had suggested adopting regulations similar to the Dominion laws in force, but these had been voted down. Nothing new had been learned by the forestry commission, and it would be used by the government as a buffer to let it down easy. The choicest lands of the province had been corroded by speculators, and blame rested on the government, as settlers had been excluded. In conclusion he said the Liberal party stood for progress, the rights of the people and if the Liberals were put in power, much would be done. The Liberals had a policy and had aims for the development of British Columbia.

INVESTIGATING MINE EXPLOSION SEARCHING INQUIRY INTO EXTENSION CASE

Experts Named by Dept. of Mines to Examine Workings Go to Scene. (From Tuesday's Daily.) The inquiry into the cause of the explosion at Extension will be a searching one so far as the department of mines is concerned, and every fact possible bearing on that will be brought out at the inquest which Coroner Davis has opened on two of the victims. This afternoon there arrived from Seattle James Ashworth, a distinguished English mining engineer, who has been appointed by the provincial government to act with W. Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist, in an examination of the mine. Messrs. Robertson and Ashworth went north by the afternoon train, and at the same time H. B. Robertson left to represent the crown at the inquest. Mr. Ashworth is well known in British Columbia. After the Fernie disaster of a few years ago he was engaged by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company to make a thorough investigation of their mines, and since then he has taken a great interest in this province and its mines. He has made a thorough study of mine explosions and has written on this and other mining subjects, being one of the leading authorities in the motherland. A brother, John Ashworth, will be remembered as having attended the meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute here last autumn. WOMAN DISAPPEARS FROM THE PRESIDENT Either Leaped or Fell From Steamer While on Way to Seattle. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12.—R. O. Mournain, of Bethany, Cal., who is in Seattle to-day, reports that his sister, Miss Malinda Mournain, 37 years of age, leaped or fell from the steamship President from San Francisco somewhere between the entrance of the straits and Seattle yesterday. Mournain and his sister were on their way to Seattle to visit an aunt who resides here. When off the Umatilla lights, Mournain missed his sister, and after searching the vessel opened her stateroom door. On the floor were several letters which the woman had just finished writing to friends in Bethany, but in none of these was there anything to indicate that she contemplated suicide. No one aboard the steamer saw Miss Mournain on deck near the time she is supposed to have disappeared, and the manner in which she went to her death is a mystery. HUNTING FATALITY. Sydney, N. S., Oct. 12.—Harry Ritchie was accidentally killed near here while hunting by his foot striking the lock of the gun, causing it to discharge. FIVE KILLED IN COLLISION. Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 12.—Five persons were killed in a collision to-day near Greenville on the "Katy" railroad.

TRAFFIC ON FORT STREET PROPOSAL MADE TO DIVERT SAME

Plan to Connect Richmond Road and Richardson Street. In connection with the proposal to go ahead at once with the local improvement work on Richardson street, the suggestion has been made that in connection with it the city should give consideration to the expediency of arranging for the opening up of a road through the Pemberton estate, known as Gonzales Park, as were such road existent it would be possible to divert all the heavy traffic from Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay districts from Fort street to the southern streets. It will be recalled that when the city council first proposed to lay a permanent pavement on Fort street, residents along that thoroughfare drew attention to what they claimed was a long-standing grievance. This was that the street, being very narrow, with the presence of the tramway tracks and the immense volume of heavy traffic constantly passing over it, it was rapidly assuming a position where it would lose its desirability for residence. This grievance, and it appears to be a legitimate one, could be removed were a road constructed through the Pemberton estate from Richardson street to meet Richmond road. This piece of property has not yet been subdivided, but plans for the same have been drawn and a road is shown as intersecting the property at the point named. It is felt that this would be an opportune time for the city press for its construction, by arrangement with the owners. J. P. Mann, city solicitor, said to Times this morning that with this road available for the use of the public it would be a simple matter for the council to arrange to divert the traffic from Fort street. All that would be necessary to do would be to draw up the by-law to meet the situation and pass it. It was quite within the power of the city to regulate traffic. This was, in fact, a police regulation. TWO MEN KILLED BY BURSTING OF GUN Six Others Sustain Injuries During Tests on Military Reservation. Junction City, Kans., Oct. 12.—By the explosion of a four-inch gun during military tests yesterday, two men were killed and six injured on the Fort Riley military reservation. The explosion was due to a defect in the gun. LIBEL ACTION. Kentville, N. S., Oct. 12.—The Supreme court opened to-day, among criminal cases being that of the King versus Walter M. Carruthers. This is the celebrated suit in which Sir Frederick Borden charges Carruthers with criminal libel in having circulated copies of the Calgary Eye Opener containing alleged libellous statements regarding the minister. Sir Frederick also has a civil action down against the editor of the Kentville Advertiser.

PORTLAND PASTOR'S UNIQUE RECORD

Has Married Over Five Hundred Couples and None Have Sought Divorce. Portland, Ore., Oct. 12.—When Rev. Dr. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational Church in this city, ties a matrimonial knot it never becomes loosened. That is the unanimous testimony of 540 couples who have been united in wedlock by the minister. Dr. Dyott has been in the ministry 18 years. He has married persons on an average 30 couples a year. Not a remarkable record in numbers but in the fact that not a couple has appeared in the divorce courts to undo the pastor's work. "You see, I don't marry everybody," explained the preacher. "I would not care to cast any reflection on any of my ministering brethren, it is for a preacher to do as he likes in this regard. But unless I know the parties who are about to be married, or they impress me as being properly mated, and likely to live happily together, I usually refuse to marry them; I think some of them have learned of the stand I take, as I don't receive as many applications as I used to."

CASE ADJOURNED

Vancouver, Oct. 11.—The case of W. J. Hunter, manager of the defunct Hunter-McKicking wholesale-fruit company, who is charged with the theft of \$127 of the company's funds by W. McMillan of Victoria, the company's financial backer, was again adjourned in police court this morning till Thursday. Mr. Hunter elected for a preliminary inquiry. Mr. McMillan testified that he had put into the company \$5,000 in cash and a \$10,000 guarantee. He explained that owing to some difficulty met in opening the safe it was impossible to bring the company's books at the moment. On this account another adjournment was agreed upon by attorneys.

COURT MARTIAL FOR ENGINEERS

Russian Government Will Prosecute Officers. Authorities Deceived Regarding Fortifications of Port Arthur. (Times Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—The government is preparing to bring the military engineers who superintended the fortification of Port Arthur to trial here. The trial follows the recently completed investigation which proved the fortress to have been not one-tenth as strong as the St. Petersburg authorities have been led to believe. The engineers, the investigation indicated, received enormous sums of money which they pocketed, either doing nothing at all to strengthen the town's defences or throwing up fortifications which, generally, had little more than scenic value. Friends of General Stoessel, who was sentenced to imprisonment for surrendering the fortress to the Japanese, are making much of the showing which they declare completely exonerates him. INSURGENTS REPULSED. Cape Haytien, Oct. 12.—A revolution is to-day in progress in Santo Domingo, according to advices received here. The insurgents, headed by General Andre Navarre, yesterday attacked Dajabon, but were repulsed by the government troops. TWO MURDER TRIALS AT NANAIMO ASSIZES Cases Against Holmes and Watts to Be Heard at Sitting. Nanaimo, Oct. 12.—The Assize court opened this morning. Mr. Justice Clements presiding. The grand jury, after being sworn in retired with two indictments, Rex vs. Holmes, murder; Rex vs. Watts, murder. The court then adjourned until 2 o'clock. Watts is charged with the murder of a man named Holberg at Cumberland and Holmes is charged with the murder of Carlson at Nanaimo, September 13th. W. J. Taylor, K. C. Victoria, is crown attorney. C. P. R. TRAFFIC EARNINGS. Montreal, Oct. 12.—C. P. R. traffic earnings increased \$786,000 for the first week in October.

KING EDWARD IS BACK IN LONDON

His Majesty and Party Leaders Confer. Developments in Fight Over the Budget Are Expected Shortly. (Times Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 12.—The "No compromise on the budget" banner, nailed to the staff by David Lloyd-George and Winston Spencer Churchill has not been accepted by King Edward as disposing finally of his hope of reconciling the warring factions. The King returned to London yesterday. Lord Lansdowne, A. J. Balfour and Fremantle Asquith held conferences with King Edward to-day in rapid succession. Interesting developments in the fight are expected this week.

W. J. BRYAN PAYS VISIT TO SEATTLE

Guest of Exposition Management at Luncheon at the Fair Grounds. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12.—W. J. Bryan arrived in Seattle this morning to be the guest of the A.-V.-P. exposition. Mrs. Bryan, who reached the city yesterday, was joyfully by her husband at the Hotel Washington. After breakfast Mr. Bryan was driven to the exposition grounds, when under the guidance of officials of the fair, he visited the various buildings. At noon a luncheon was served in the New York state building with Mr. Bryan as the guest of the exposition management. In the afternoon Mr. Bryan is scheduled to deliver a lecture, his subject being "The Average Man." This lecture deals purely with economic questions and moral obligations of man to man. Politicians and men who take an interest in the issues of the day are interested in the address to be delivered by the Commoner in the evening in the auditorium. Following this last address, Mr. Bryan will be tendered a reception in the Washington building. KILLED BY TRAIN. Quebec, Oct. 12.—In a collision between a G. T. R. Lewis-Montreal train and a stub I. C. R. train near here last night a sectionman was killed. The collision was due to a dispatcher's mistake. The engines were badly damaged.

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