

THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN HURRICANE

Coasts at Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama Swept by Tidal Wave—Property Damage Estimated at Ten Million Dollars.

(Times Leased Wire.) New Orleans, La., Sept. 22.—Not less than 300 lives were lost and property valued at \$10,000,000 carried away in the tidal wave which swept the coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Monday and Tuesday.

Almost every telegraph line running into this city is prostrated, and when communication with the outlying districts is restored, the list of casualties is almost certain to be greatly increased.

For 25 miles the state coast of Louisiana was swept by the huge tidal wave which rolled suddenly upon the homes of 5,000 fishermen and planters. Scores of these, it is feared, have met death, as the water swept inland for at least two miles.

The only means of communication with the southwest district is by telephone and only a few of these are in working order. From this source it was learned that the flood is one of the worst that has ever visited the gulf coast, and many residents living in the path of the wave say that the toll of 300 lives exacted by the storm is entirely too low an estimate.

Fatalities in New Orleans.

In this city alone 300 city blocks are under water and the property destroyed will run into the thousands. Scores of lives are almost certain to have been lost, but only a house to house canvass will reveal an accurate list of the casualties. Yesterday's reports had 30 dead in this city alone, but it is feared that this number will be greatly increased by to-day's revelations.

Refugees arriving here to-day from the southwest coast of Louisiana say that the wave swept the coast from Grand Island on the west to Vermilion Parish. They are predicting that at least 300 lives were lost in this stretch of territory alone.

Reports from Alabama and Mississippi are coming in slowly. The rice

and cotton crops are said to have been completely ruined.

The property loss in Alabama, it is reported, is almost as great as that wrought in Louisiana. Hundreds of homes have been inundated. Telegraph communication in the flooded district is prostrated and the exact damage caused by the storm will probably not be known for several days.

The Louisiana coast swept by the tidal wave is low and swampy and much of it had been damaged for the production of rice. A number of the planters had their homes near the coast which is very irregular, and it is feared that the water, in places, marooned little colonies of fishermen and planters. There are very few towns of any importance along this part of the coast.

Many Vessels Wrecked.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 22.—A dispatch received this morning from New Orleans states that forty persons are known to be dead in that city, and that the loss in Louisiana alone will exceed \$5,000,000. All railroad traffic in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi is at a standstill, and a number of trains plying between the principal cities in these states that left for their destinations before the storm broke, have not been heard from.

It is believed that the damage to the cane crop will amount to \$1,500,000. Hundreds of vessels are said to have been lost.

Two hundred barges of coal were sunk in the Mississippi river at New Orleans. At Lobdell, La., 106 other barges loaded with coal also went down. This loss is certain to exceed \$1,000,000.

The loss of life to fishermen who were plying their trade when the storm broke cannot be estimated at this time. Railway Service Interrupted.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 22.—Only a few details regarding the damage done by the hurricane at Natchez and Natchitoches have been received here to-day, but it is known that the property loss has been heavy. It is feared also that a number of interior towns, yet unheard from, have suffered much from the storm. No trains have arrived from New Orleans to the north to-day.

JOKES ON WAY TO GUILLOTINE

FOUR MEN PUBLICLY EXECUTED IN VALENCE

Crowd Cheers When Heads of Murderers Fall Into Basket.

(Times Leased Wire.) Valence, France, Sept. 22.—Convicted of fourteen brutal murders for robbery, Pierre Berfuy, Louis David and Lucien Brunier, three of the "four chateaux of the Drome," were guillotined before a vast throng here to-day.

As the heads of the murderers rolled into the basket after decapitation by the heavy blades of the guillotine, the citizens cheered. When the men were marched to their death they joked with each other on the way to the scaffold and displayed the utmost coolness when the executioners made them kneel and place their heads on the blocks.

The murders for which they paid the penalty shocked the whole of France. Upon the discovery of the bodies of each of the victims, it was found that they had all been terribly tortured before the murderers had ended their sufferings by killing them.

FARM HAND IS KILLED BY PIGS

Attacked by Animals and Dies From Shock and Loss of Blood.

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 22.—An unusual tragedy is reported from Chilliwack, in which James E. Hosken, aged 25, lost his life. Hosken, in company with Charles Carter, a farmer, was driving pigs to market along a public highway yesterday, when the animals became uncontrollable. One of them attacked him and Hosken lost his footing. Other animals immediately jumped on him and tore him. Carter ran for help and three men, armed with clubs, finally drove off the blood-thirsty hogs. Hosken died from the shock and loss of blood. He was the son of a clergyman at Mansfield, England, and had been in the country but a short time.

TWO GIRLS INJURED

Toronto, Sept. 22.—Driving a team at a sharp clip down Cottenham street yesterday, Arthur Evans, expressman, dashed into a group of ten little girls on their way to school. Ethel Rogers had her left leg and collarbone broken and Leta Cheyne had her left arm broken, while other girls were severely cut and bruised.

FAVORS FREE TRADE IN COAL

ELIAS ROGERS SUGGESTS POSSIBLE AGREEMENT

Head of Crow's Nest Pass Co. Tells of Benefits of Arrangement.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In an interview accorded a representative of the Times at the Empress hotel this morning, Elias Rogers, president of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway Company, intimated that the question of reciprocity in coal between the United States and Canada is not only still a live issue, but he believes it is almost within reach of accomplishment.

Mr. Rogers, who has been in the city for the past two days into the local government on questions affecting the great industry in the Crow's Nest Pass, of which he is the directing head, returned Canada to make to Mr. McBride and his colleagues; but it is not improbable that the conference had to do with the matter of the revision of a scale of taxation, under which the mines are at present operating.

In regard to this latter question, Mr. Rogers talked with the utmost freedom. He believed that the facts of the situation were known to all the people on both sides of the line they would be unanimously in favor of reciprocity in this product.

"In Western Canada," said Mr. Rogers, "we have in abundance coal of the finest quality, and in Western America there is a scarcity of it; in Central Canada there is a scarcity of coal, and in the Middle States there is an abundance of it; down in Nova Scotia we have lots of the finest coal, and in the New England states there is very little. So you see that the situation is unique in respect to conditions favorable to a mutual interchange of this prime product."

Asked what was the feeling in Canada and the United States generally towards the question of reciprocity, Mr. Rogers replied: "The people of Canada are, I think, very favorably disposed to a free interchange of coal. The only opposition to the proposal, as far as I have been able to ascertain, would come from the companies operating the coal mines in Nova Scotia, and I cannot see why they should take such an attitude."

It is argued by these coal mine managers that if coal were placed on the free list they would lose their market in Montreal, of which they have monopolized the supply, and are compelled to erect at New England ports expensive dockage facilities, which might, after a period, be rendered valueless owing to a reversal of policy on the part of the Canadian government. I do not think there is proper ground for these fears. I do not see the necessity for the construction of great dockage facilities at New England ports to handle the product of the mines of Nova Scotia. Let the consignees and others interested in the business in the New England states do the work, as we in Canada do it where we get large quantities of coal from United States ports.

"In respect to the feeling in the United States on the matter of free trade in coal, I believe the only opposition to the movement comes from the state of Wyoming. The coal of Wyoming at present finds its market in the Coeur d'Alene country, and of course in the event of a superior quality of coal being allowed to go in from Canada duty free, this market would be lost to them."

"What do you think is the feeling in official circles at Washington and Ottawa?"

"I have reason to believe," replied Mr. Rogers, "that the Washington government is favorably disposed towards reciprocity in coal, and as far as I have been able to test the feeling of the Ottawa administration on the matter, the feeling is similarly favorable."

"The duty on coal entering Canada is to-day 60 cents per ton, and the duty on entering the United States is 45 cents."

"Should both countries agree to allow coal in free trade would mean much for British Columbia, as the number of men employed at the mines would be largely increased."

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"The duty on coal entering Canada is to-day 60 cents per ton, and the duty on entering the United States is 45 cents."

"At the present time we are paying out no less a sum than \$2,000,000 annually in wages. Should the duty be removed on coal going to the United States our business would increase so much that we should very shortly be in a position to employ men who would be drawing an aggregate payroll of \$5,000,000 per annum."

"You know the larger the output and the volume of business the less expense in operating a mine, once you have got things in running order. A popular misconception exists in respect to the earnings of the Crow's Nest Pass Co. A mine pays as it is worked to best advantage; and where the output has to be curtailed for reasons which are removable it is always the aim of the company to get its property working to its maximum capacity, otherwise it is only a hazardous proposition."

Mr. Rogers is leaving for Vancouver on this afternoon's boat and will continue thence to Toronto, stopping en route for a time at Fernie.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Deer Lodge, Mont., Sept. 22.—Nells Nelson, a well known pioneer of Montana, was instantly killed to-day when he was struck by a Northern Pacific train while attempting to pass over a crossing. Nelson was 65 years of age.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING BABY

FINDING OF BODY LEADS TO ARREST

Is Suspected of Having Murdered Number of Infants She Had Adopted.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 22.—Mrs. Maud Turner is confined here in jail following the discovery of a five months' old baby lying dead near the railroad tracks, not far from Niagara Falls. The authorities claim that they have evidence to prove that the woman strangled the infant to death in this city, after which she packed the body in a shoe box and hurled it from the train near the falls.

Following the apprehension of Mrs. Turner, the police have received a score of letters from persons in different sections of the country whose children she has adopted, making inquiries regarding their babies put in her charge.

When taken into custody the woman had another child with her.

The police have obtained information leading them to believe that she murdered the children and then threw their bodies into Lake Ontario.

Mrs. Turner is also known under the aliases of Gylan and Greenleaf in Toronto, and under these and other names the authorities have discovered that she advertised in San Francisco, New York, Toronto, Buffalo and other cities of the continent.

It is known that she was given \$100 recently by the parent of the dead infant, and it is the theory of the police that she has been making her living by receiving payments for the adoption of babies of which she rid herself by strangling them.

PROSPECTOR HAS ENCOUNTER WITH BEARS

Succeeds in Killing Four Animals in Kootenay River District.

Rossland, Sept. 21.—J. H. McDonald, the well-known prospector of this city, had a thrilling adventure with bears on a prospecting trip from which he recently returned. While crossing the summit in the Kootenay district his attention was attracted by the whining of some animals across a small ravine. On looking closely he observed a large brown bear at the foot of a tree in the act of making her two cubs ascend the tree where they would be out of danger. It was evident that the mother bear had scented the presence of a man and desired to hide her progeny. When the cubs had ascended the tree the mother came at a good gait towards Mr. McDonald, who, in descending the adventure, said: "I let her come within 100 feet of where I stood, took careful aim over the sights of my rifle and killed her instantly. Then I went to the foot of the tree and heard, and being eager to capture them alive, proceeded to cut the tree down. I stood my rifle up against another tree 15 feet away, and when the tree was cut about half way through I heard a noise behind me and, turning round, was somewhat surprised to see the male bear coming rapidly towards me and only a few feet away from where my rifle stood. I took up my rifle and pulling it quickly I succeeded in hitting the enraged animal twice, the latter bullet breaking his back. The bear fell within six feet of where I stood, growling so loudly that he could be heard for a considerable distance. During the combat I lost my footing on the steep slope on which I was standing, and slipping a distance of ten feet, fracturing one of my ribs. I was determined, however, to secure those cubs, and returned to the tree, and, not being able to cut it down, owing to my fractured rib, I took up my rifle and dispatched them. I removed the pelts from the bodies of the two larger animals. They weighed over 40 pounds each when green, and I had to throw my blankets away, as I could not pack them and the hides to the railway."

NEW POWER HOUSE AT LADYSMITH

Work is Now in Progress—Wiring of City Almost Completed.

Ladysmith, Sept. 21.—At the meeting of the city council last evening, the much discussed matter of metres for the electric light plant was brought up again. It was decided to test the Toronto metre. By adopting these metres it is estimated the city would be saved some hundreds of dollars.

Work has commenced on the new power house and the wiring for the city is now almost finished.

The new cement sidewalks, put down by Parritt Bros. from First avenue to the new post office is now complete and is a great improvement to the city.

The steamship Greenwich, loaded with 560 tons of sack coal leaves to-day on her last trip of the year to Fernie.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 22.—Secretary Moffatt, of the Provincial Workmen's Union, says the strike of Dominion Coal Company's miners has practically fallen through, and the company has all the men it needs.

BATTLE RAGES IN MOROCCO

SPANIARDS ARE DRIVING BACK TRIBESMEN

Both Sides Suffer Heavy Losses—Twenty Spanish Officers Slain.

Gibraltar, Sept. 22.—The fiercest battle of the war of the Spaniards against the Riff tribesmen is progressing to-day, according to advices received here. The tribesmen were defeated yesterday when the Spanish forces operating to the westward took possession of Tasdirat and Yatch, retreated and reformed their broken lines, renewing the attack early this morning. The Spaniards are fighting desperately with the hope of checking the advance of the Spaniards.

The columns under the command of General Marina are reported to be slowly forcing the tribesmen back.

The losses on both sides are enormous, and the slaughtered dead mark the path of the Spanish advance. Twenty Spanish officers are known to be dead, and the country for miles around is strewn with the bodies of Moors who have been killed by the heavy gun fire of the Spaniards.

Forty thousand Spanish troops are engaged in the action, and it is estimated that 50,000 Moors are participating in the battle against Marina's troops.

The country where the bloody battle is being waged is arid, and the soldiers are fighting in the open. The heat is intense.

EXTENDING RAILWAY AT PRINCE RUPERT

Contract Awarded Involving Expenditure of Over Half Million Dollars.

Prince Rupert, Sept. 21.—The contract for extending the railway right-of-way along the front of the townsite to Seals' Cove and the Mill has been let. Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart have signed the documents, and before Mr. Stewart's departure for the south he let the sub-contract.

The work is probably the heaviest along the road and will involve an expenditure of over half a million dollars. The length of the extension is three and one half miles, and if it is double-tracked it will cost from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

The work is to start immediately, and continue through the winter. It will take probably a year to complete the job.

The contract is sub-divided into two sections, of about equal proportions. Angus Stewart gets the first half, and V. W. Smith & Co., get the other section.

FRENCH OFFICER CRUSHED TO DEATH

Aviator Killed While Attempting Flight in Biplane.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Capt. Ferber, of the French army, was instantly killed to-day while attempting a flight in a bi-plane at Boulogne Sur Mer, on the French coast. The machine fell to the ground from high in the air, and Capt. Ferber was terribly mangled.

When Capt. Ferber's machine collided with the ground it somersaulted and he was buried beneath the debris and horribly crushed. Although there was a breath of life in his body when he was released from the wreckage, he died on the field and before the arrival of surgeons.

Capt. Ferber was one of the best known of the French aviators. He always made his flights under the name of "Derue" because his family, which is an aristocratic one, objected to his using the family name when making aerial trips. He has made several dare devil flights since the meeting at Rheims.

The machine was flying alone close to the ground and was starting to ascend when the front wheels caught in the ditch. This caused the machine to somersault and the motor fell upon the chest of the aviator.

WOUNDS WOMAN AND ENDS OWN LIFE

Carpenter Tries to Kill Wife From Whom He Was Divorced.

Berkley, Cal., Sept. 22.—Phillip Becker, a carpenter, early to-day lay in wait for his former wife, from whom he had been divorced three years ago, and shot her in the breast, and then sent a bullet through his own brain, dying instantly.

Ever since their divorce Baker had been begging his wife to return to him, but she steadfastly refused. Mrs. Becker lived with her sister-in-law on Alcatraz avenue. The man knew that his wife would leave early this morning for her place of employment, and he concealed himself in the doorway of an adjoining house, and when she passed stepped out and began to talk to her. In a few minutes the shooting took place.

GUS CARLSON WAS SLAIN BY HOLMES

Wife of Murdered Man Makes Confession at the Preliminary Hearing at Nanaimo—Prisoner Committed for Trial.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Sept. 22.—William Holmes was to-day committed by Police Magistrate Yarwood to stand trial at the next sitting of the Assize court here on October 15th for the murder of Gus Carlson on the night of September 13th. The court room was packed to the doors, hundreds being unable to obtain admission. A report that Mrs. Carlson was to make a confession of murder and contradict her burglar story told at the inquest created a big sensation throughout the city, and among the crowd that attended the trial was a large number of women. In the expectations of hearing a sensation the crowd was not disappointed, when Mrs. Carlson confessed that her husband had been murdered by William Holmes, a man well known by her and for months a boarder at her house.

Mrs. Carlson, wife of the murdered man, stated that she went to a show accompanied by Mr. Carlson and two children on the night of the tragedy. After the show was over they went home, when they got home, Edwin, the eldest boy, went in the house first, Mr. Carlson following.

"We went into the dining room," continued Mrs. Carlson. "Mr. Carlson undressed the little boy and put him to bed. I went into the kitchen to get some medicine. When I returned from the kitchen Mr. Carlson got into bed and I went to the front side. I slept on the inside, on my left side with my face to the wall. Mr. Carlson lay on his left side. We had very little conversation, only talking about neighbors."

"The clock struck ten as we got into bed. I dozed off to sleep. I do not know whether Carlson did or not. I was aroused shortly. I heard a noise in the bedroom just like a thud. When I heard the thud I jumped to the foot of the bed and exclaimed, 'Oh, my God.' I saw a form standing in the doorway. The form did not say anything. I could not distinguish the form because the light was dim.

"After making the exclamation I was struck on the forehead, by whom I don't know, but by the form that was in the doorway. The blow kind of stunned me. The form said nothing. I made no further remark at the time.

"When I recovered from my stupor I saw a man standing over me. The man was Willie Holmes. I did not know where the body of my husband was at that time. I had not seen it recovered. When I saw Holmes standing over me I said, 'Will, why did you do this?' and he said, 'Have you not suffered long enough?'

"I think Holmes was the same form I saw in the doorway. Holmes said he was going to tie me. I made no reply. He tied my hands around my feet and my mouth. He tied my mouth first. There was no conversation between Holmes and me when he was tying me."

"After he tied me he said he was going to take the money out of my husband's pocket. I think he took the money out of my husband's pants pocket. I do not remember any more. I did not see Holmes go out of the room."

Mrs. Decour, a neighbor of the Carlson's, testified to having heard Carlson and the prisoner having a row six months ago. Carlson told Holmes he was going to tie me. I made no reply. He tied my hands around my feet and my mouth. He tied my mouth first. There was no conversation between Holmes and me when he was tying me."

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El Paso, Texas, Sept. 22.—Governor Folk, of Missouri, in a speech made public here to-day, sowed many metaphorical tacks in the path of the Taft machine which is due here October 15th, when he declared for the abolition of the tariff as a revenue raiser provided any other system of taxation could be substituted. Folk said in part:

"There is no principle involved in the talk that the tariff is too high on one thing and too low on another," he declared.

"The whole system must be assailed. The Democratic party must come out, not for revision, but for the abolishment of the tariff altogether, even for revenue, if revenues can be raised in any other way."

"President Taft only added fuel to the fire in his Winona speech. Sentiment is growing against the tariff, and it will be the issue in the next election, with the Republican party split wide open over it. I believe that Roosevelt will be the next candidate, because the people want him more than they do Taft."

FIVE RIOTERS SENT TO JAIL

Gaspé, Sept. 22.—Nineteen of the twenty-four fishermen arrested, some days ago for causing a riot have been acquitted, but the other five, alleged to be the principal rioters, were condemned to eleven months' hard labor each.

REPORTED ENGAGEMENT.

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room. Willie Holmes tied me. My sister was out at the time. I did not hear her come in. When I came to I called for help to come and untie me. My husband did not move after he was struck. He made no noise because he thought I would holter."

Witness recognized the blood-stained pillow slip produced in court as belonging to her and used on her bed on the night of the murder. She saw the prisoner on the morning of the 13th at her own residence. She had a short conversation with Holmes.

Continuing, Mrs. Carlson said: "He asked me how I was feeling. I said not very well. He asked me if my husband had been abusing me again, and I told him no. He said he was sure that he had. Holmes said something about doing something to my husband some day. I cannot remember just the language of the remarks, but gave me the impression he was going to do my husband bodily harm. I think I told Holmes that my husband alone. I saw Holmes on Wednesday morning at Barton's house for about five minutes. I can't remember what our conversation was. Holmes said something about being a bad job, evidently referring to the murder of my husband."

Witness recognized the prisoner as Willie Holmes, the man who tied her and struck her on the night of the 13th.

"He is the man I asked what he did that for."

Annie Hoult, sister of Mrs. Carlson, recognized the prisoner as William Holmes, whom she met fifty yards from the Carlson house at 8:30 on the night of the murder. On the Saturday previous she had met Holmes at Carlson's house talking with Mrs. Carlson. The prisoner said he would like to do something to some one, but she thought they were referring to Carlson. The day after the murder she met Holmes at the Barton house, walked down town with him and talked about the murder. Holmes said: "They killed him. It will save me from doing it now." Holmes formerly boarded with the Carlsons. Witness had heard Carlson threaten Holmes's life, and had heard Holmes threaten Carlson's life. Prisoner told witness Carlson had told him to leave the house. Holmes visited Mrs. Carlson once or twice each week, always in Mr. Carlson's absence.

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Berlin, Sept. 22.—Not since the great massacre at Kishinef in 1903 has the German press been so aroused over an anti-Jewish outrage as it is to-day over the reports of the terrible massacre at Kief and its suburb, Solomko, coupled with the frantic efforts of the Russian government to suppress the news.

The official news agency of Russia, which is controlled by the government, and sends out such matter as is given official sanction, to-day is denying the reports of the massacre, but the special correspondents of the great Berlin newspapers and of the United Press confirm the reports.

The Berlin office of the United Press was the only agent which sent an account of the massacre to the American continent yesterday. The Berlin papers to-day are filled with long accounts of the horrible slaughter and merciless torture and mutilation of bodies.

It is learned that neither woman nor children were spared, and that many were killed outright, while hundreds were wounded and tortured. The reports say that the houses of the Jews were sacked and destroyed, the property and personal effects being destroyed. When the massacre was at its height the murderous mob seemed directed only by frenzied desire for blood and destruction.

None of the perpetrators have been arrested, and it is evident that the authorities condoned the outrage.

It was announced to-day that prominent Jews of Berlin will send a protest to the Czar.

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