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TERRIBLE HURRICANE SWEEPED THE BAHAMAS

Settlements Wiped Out in Many of the Islands and People Homeless

Driving of Salt Water Across the Land Has Destroyed Vegetation and Inhabitants Find Shelter in Caves--Food and Water Scarce and Government Sending Supplies to Sufferers.

Nassau, Bahamas, Sept. 24.—Only very fragmentary reports have yet reached the seat of government here as to the damage done to the outlying islands of the dependency which were ravaged by a terrible hurricane from the 10th to the 14th instant, but such news as has arrived is sufficiently bad.

The storm appears to have originated near Turk's Island, and swept with ever increasing fury up the long string of islands running southeast from here. All appear to have suffered badly, though Long Island is the only one from which coherent reports have so far been received. There the gale blew for two days with excessive fury, and the settlements are practically obliterated from end to end. The inhabitants find shelter in caves and food and water is scarce.

BIG GRAIN SHIPMENTS VIA ST. JOHN

Fourteen Million Bushels Expected to Be Handled at Fort William for This Port.

Fort William, Sept. 28.—Fourteen million bushels of grain is prospectively to be handled at St. John during the coming winter. This grain will all be handled at Fort William. As grain arrives here from the west it is unloaded into elevators, and after being weighed is reloaded into cars for shipment east. Last year was a very busy season for all-rail wheat traffic, but it is expected that all records will be broken this winter.

FOG LIFTS AT MONTREAL AND RELEASES STEAMERS

Tie-up Has Lasted Many Days and Costs Companies \$50,000—Heavy Rain Breaks Long Drought.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—The long drought which has prevailed in this district, was broken tonight, when a light rain started about 6 o'clock to be followed by a very heavy rain, which started at 11 o'clock and already nearly half an inch has fallen with a promise of plenty more.

NEW HAVEN ROAD HAD POOR YEAR

Deficit More Than \$2,500,000 After Paying Dividend of Eight Per Cent.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 28.—President Melvin's annual report to the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Company, shows operating revenue for the year of \$33,147, as compared with \$33,601,836 in the previous fiscal year. Operating expenses were \$38,213,557, as compared with \$37,859,081 in the previous year.

Boston Food Fair Opened. Boston, Mass., Sept. 28.—Preceded by a street parade of some length, the Boston Food Fair, under the auspices of the Boston Retail Grocers' Association, was opened today at the Park Square Coliseum.

NORTH SHORE FOREST FIRES GROWING LESS

Indications of Rain Cheer People of Chatham and Other Parts

W. S. Loggie Sanguine After Cancellation of Some Districts—Sailor Implicates Captain in Theft Charges.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 28.—The long spell of dry weather is in a fair way to be broken up and the indications point to a heavy rain during the night or tomorrow. Sunday was almost insufferably hot and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the wind changed and since that rain has threatened. This morning there was a light mist, growing heavier before night and a downpour is hoped for. Rain now would relieve the scorching fever epidemic, increase the water pressure in case of fire, and extinguish the forest fires raging at different parts of the country.

The latest development in the theft case is the reported implication of Captain Kane, of the schooner J. B. Martin, who is accused by the prisoner, Paul Gallant, of leading him on in the crime. The prisoner was remanded until tomorrow and he will likely be defended by Tweedie & Haviland.

The police have about given up hope of apprehending Phineas Burns who is wanted in the junk stealing charge. For some time the whole police force have been scouring the woods where it is thought Burns was hiding and having failed to locate him it is believed he has been assisted to escape by his friends.

W. S. Loggie, M. P., has returned from a tour of parishes of Hardwicke and Glenelg and expresses himself as confident of the result of the election. He had four public meetings besides canvassing the electors and will undertake another tour this week. Tonight the Liberal committee will submit the names of the committees as published.

The Chatham football squad have been setting in some hard practice and will play a game with Loggieville on Saturday. It is planned to get on a game with St. John clubs, Moncton and P. E. I. teams.

The quarterly meeting of the Miramichi Presbytery will be held in St. James' church, Newcastle, tomorrow morning. Rev. Dr. Miller, of Halifax, will lay before the meeting a plan to start a branch of the Laymen's Missionary movement in Northumberland County.

Two Fatal Trolley Collisions in Brooklyn. New York, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Two men were probably fatally hurt, six others were badly injured that they were taken to a hospital and a dozen others were seriously bruised and cut with broken glass, when two trolley cars crashed together in Brooklyn today.

ROBLIN MAY BE TAKEN TO COURT

Senator Jaffray Declares He Will Make Him Prove Charges

WILL RESIST CALL

Shareholders of Ontario Bank Organizing to Fight Double Liability Assessment—Long Drought in Ontario Broken by Heavy Rains.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Sept. 28.—Senator Jaffray, president of the Globe Printing Company, will now issue a statement as to the Globe's relations with the Crown's Nest Company, with which the senator is connected.

The Ontario Bank shareholders are organizing to resist the payment of any call on their shares. They say the bank was palpably mismanaged as the directors did many illegal things, and worst of all when the bankruptcy was known the same directors went ahead and sold out to the Bank of Montreal, and in all the proceedings the shareholders were simply ignored.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN SHEEHAN

Proprietor of American House, Fredericton Junction, Passed Away Early Tuesday Morning.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 28.—John Sheehan, proprietor of the American House, Fredericton, N. B., died suddenly this morning of heart failure. Mr. Sheehan had been very ill in July, but recovered, and was about as well as usual yesterday and had been in Fredericton, Saturday. About 11 o'clock last night he did not feel very well, but his condition did not excite alarm at first. A few minutes after midnight Dr. Murray, his physician, was called and responded at once, but he had passed away before he arrived. He was 61 years of age and had a large circle of friends all over the province. Mrs. Sheehan died four years ago.

OVERDUE SCHOONER BADLY BATTERED BY HURRICANE

Steamer Captain Reports the Wm. J. Lermond with Sails All Gone and Man Swept Overboard.

Boston, Sept. 28.—Captain Best, of the steamer San Juan, which arrived today from Port Limon, Costa Rica, brought tidings of the overdue schooner, William J. Lermond, Captain Mitchell, bound from Philadelphia to Kingston, Jamaica, with coal. On September 16, while on the outward passage, Captain Best sighted the Lermond in lat. 23° 45' N., long. 74° 10' W., about 55 miles north of Bird Rock. She had apparently had a terrible experience. Her captain reported that she was in the midst of the hurricane of September 12 and 13, and had lost all of her sails, her steering gear and boats. Her main crew had been swept overboard and lost. Her captain asked to be towed to Kingsford, but Captain Best was compelled to refuse the request, as his vessel was carrying the mails, and the Lermond seemed to be in no danger, at that time.

Mrs. George E. Woods

The death of Mrs. Mabel Woods, wife of George E. Woods, occurred early Tuesday morning at her husband's residence, 200 Union street, in her twenty-first year. Mrs. Woods, whose early death will be heard with sincere regret by a large circle of friends, had been ailing since last February. She was a daughter of Mrs. and Henry Hall, of 6 Bell street, and is survived by two brothers, Andrew and Alonzo, and three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Blizzard, Mrs. May Davidson, and Mrs. Annie Smith.

Graham Bell to Continue Experiments

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and several other members of the Aeronautical Experiment Association, who attended the funeral of Lieutenant Selfridge, of Arlington, last week, will return immediately to Hopkinton, N. S., where experiments with the tetrahedral kite are to be continued during October.

STEAMER SCHEME FELL THROUGH

Promoters Couldn't Raise the \$10,000 for Fredericton-Woodstock Boat

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Forty-five Enrolled at U. N. B. Monday, and More Coming--Philadelphia Doctor Charged With Violating Game Laws--Other News of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 28.—The residence of John Patterson, of Lincoln, was the scene of a happy event this afternoon, when his youngest daughter, Jennie M., was united in marriage to Milton A. Smith, of Hoyt Station. Rev. A. A. Rideout performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of invited friends. The bride wore a traveling costume of blue French broadcloth, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white roses. At conclusion of the ceremony, supper was served, after which the happy couple drove to Waasas and took their departure for St. John, en route to Boston and New York. The bride was accompanied by a silver tea service from D. E. Smith, of Hoyt, and a cut glass berry dish from Mrs. C. L. Leach, of St. John.

FINAL DRUNK BEFORE PROHIBITION CAME PROVED FATAL

Two Men Dead and Another Found Dying Beside Whiskey Jug--School Children Taken to See the Sight

Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 28.—Believing that the local option law would cut off the whiskey supply, Charles Thresher and Charles and William Lindley on Sunday took a jug of whiskey to a gravel pit to have a farewell drink. Thresher and William Lindley were found dead in the gravel pit and Charles Lindley was found lying near the bodies in a dying condition. Teachers and pupils of the Greenwood School, near the pit, marched past the dead bodies to give the children an object lesson in temperance.

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(Special to The Telegraph.) St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 28.—A disastrous explosion due to escaping natural gas late last night, wrecked the brick house of John Reece, Niagara street, and nearly killed Reece himself. This morning the house looks as if a battering ram had gone through it. The force of the explosion was so tremendous that the whole front and back of the house were blown out, and the furniture in some of the rooms sent flying across the street.

TAFT MAKES SIXTEEN SPEECHES IN ONE DAY

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 28.—Big crowds, manifesting both interest and enthusiasm surrounded the Taft party wherever it stopped today in its course over the Great Northern Railroad, though Minnesota and North Dakota. The sixteen speeches which Taft delivered during the day and evening worked havoc with the splendid voice he started out with this morning and tonight it is again in bad condition.

The day had two features, the Grand Forks, N. D. meeting, and the Fargo rally tonight. In both places tremendous crowds were out and in each city the candidate had to make three speeches. The day that town will be without electric lighting and also without electric motor power for its industries on account of the water being so low at Medicine Lake Dam, where the power station is situated. The dry weather has also been very injurious to the turnip crop all over this province and the tops are now withering up and dropping off.

HALIFAX PURITY LEAGUE FORMED

Both Sides of Politics and Independents on the Executive

WILL RAISE A FUND

Money to Be Spent in Hiring Detectives to See That No Violations of Election Laws Take Place--Organization to Be Permanent.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N.S., Sept. 28.—To conduct campaigns of education, to arouse and maintain an aggressive public sentiment in favor of political purity, to secure the enforcement of the laws against corrupt practices at elections, to investigate the efficiency of the said laws, to form a rallying point for the men in both political parties who are interested in electoral reform and to continue a non-partisan organization, which may act as an umpire in the interests of political purity between the contending parties in electoral struggles, such as the objects of the Halifax City and County Electoral Reform League as set forth in its constitution, which was adopted today, when the league was formally launched.

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KING IS WILLING DUKE SHALL WED MISS ELKINS

Emmanuel of Italy Gives Consent to Marriage of Duke of the Abruzzi

Wedding, According to Present Plans, Will Be in November--Bride and Groom to be Escorted to Italian Home by Squadron of Battleships.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Rome, Sept. 28.—The king's consent to the marriage of the duke of the Abruzzi, to the daughter of the United States Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has been given.



The royal consent of King Emmanuel of Italy, to the marriage of his cousin, Louis, Duke of the Abruzzi, and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has been given. Having won the king's approval after a somewhat prolonged struggle, the duke will leave Italy at once for the United States. The wedding, according to present plans, will be in November. The duke is a captain in the Italian navy, at present in command of Italy's finest battleship, the Regina Elena. Because of that and also because he is a prince of the reigning house of Savoy, he and his bride will be escorted home to Italy by a squadron of Italian warships. The honeymoon will be spent at the magnificent royal palace in Caserta, "the Versailles of Naples." This palace is an imposing edifice, built in the richest Italian style in 1723 by Vanutelli, by order of King Charles III. The south front is 830 feet long by 134 feet high, with thirty-seven windows in each story. The park, with lofty pruned hedges, contains beautiful fountains and cascades, adorned with statues and a remarkable botanical garden.

MONTANA MINERS REFUSE TO STRIKE

Work to Be Resumed in Copper Fields of North Butte Extension, Is Believed.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 28.—The members of the miners' union of Butte, by a referendum vote have decided not to take part in the troubles of the Amalgamated employees in several of the lumber mills at Hamilton and St. Regis. When the wages of the miners and other employees of the Amalgamated were raised a year or more ago the lumbermen were included. When the financial panic made general retrenchment necessary, the miners went back to the old scale. Some of the lumber workers did likewise, but those employed at the Hamilton and St. Regis mills refused. The company closed its mills, but later the new unions were organized and men went to work, while the strikers appealed to the miners' union to refuse to handle lumber from any source in the Butte mines until the demands of the striking lumbermen were adjusted. The miners' union decided to submit the question to referendum, and by a vote of about 4 to 1 decided to keep their hands off the affair.

TWO VERMONT FOREST FIRES SWEEPING ACROSS BORDER

Village of Sutton on C. P. R. Line Threatened With Destruction.

Richford, Vt., Sept. 28.—Two large forest fires were visible from here tonight, one of them moving rapidly in the direction of the village of Sutton, across the Canadian border on the Canadian Pacific R. R. Sutton is about eight miles from Richford. It has a population of 1,200.

WILBUR WRIGHT MAKES THREE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS

Le Mans, Sept. 28.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, made three successful flights this evening. On the first flight he was unaccompanied and remained in the air for one hour, seven minutes, 11 4/5 seconds, covering a distance of about thirty miles. On the second flight he was accompanied by the aviator Tissandier and he succeeded in beating the record for flight with passenger, by remaining in the air 11 minutes, 25 2/5 seconds. His previous flight with a passenger was made on Friday last, when he remained in the air nine minutes, 15 1/5 seconds, at a height of 50 feet.