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## DISASTROUS WORK OF TIDAL WAVE

Southern Towns Inundated and Loss Will Be  
Many Millions

Not a Building Undamaged in Pensacola, Wharves Swept  
Away and Steamers and Other Craft Blown Into the  
Town—New Orleans Isolated as Well as Other Places  
and Details Are Very Few—Wind Blew a Hurricane.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27.—The tropical hurricane which for twenty-four hours has been churning the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and doing much damage on the coast and far inland, is tonight whipping through North Alabama in a northeasterly direction at a velocity but slightly less than the forty-eight miles an hour recorded in New Orleans during the day. Reports received by the Associated Press do not indicate any loss of life but the damage to property is enormous. All wire communication is disarranged seriously and in some instances has resulted in cutting off cities completely. Mobile not having been heard from for nearly twenty-four hours. Numerous washouts have occurred, the interruption from this cause in one case extending thirty miles.

Pensacola, where the maximum velocity of the wind probably was felt early this morning, reports a property loss of \$3,000,000 and rumors of loss of life, which it is impossible to confirm as the uncertain wire, which held long enough to glean this information late this afternoon, failed with the coming of night.

New Orleans furnished numerous wild rumors during the day but later reports from there indicate that, while there was considerable damage to property, there has been no loss of life.

Wires between New Orleans and the Gulf are down and it may be several days before anything can be heard from the territory between the Crescent City and the Gulf or from the shipping which is riding out the storm in the open Gulf. Biloxi, Mississippi, Mississippi City and Moss Point (Miss.) have not been heard from for nearly twenty-four hours. Moss Point reported the water at four feet deep in the streets. There was a heavy rain and high wind at Montgomery (Ala.), but no serious damage.

A gale is blowing at Birmingham, after a day of steady rain and at Memphis the rain has been continuous for thirty-six hours.

Atlanta began to feel the storm at noon but up to 8 o'clock its force had not been increased to an extent portending serious results.

Railways Heavy Sufferers

The damage to railroads is heavy. Reports to the officials of the Louisville and Nashville road from the superintendent of the Mobile & Montgomery railroad say that their lines will approximate \$1,000,000. The tracks between Bienville (Ala.) and Pensacola (Fla.) are obstructed and in some places are badly torn up by falling trees. The section between Georgetown and Graceville (Fla.) has suffered seriously. At Pensacola the Louisville & Nashville grain elevator has been destroyed and the tracks under water at several places in the vicinity of New Orleans. No word has come from any other railroads having terminal at Mobile.

The waters of Lake Pontchartrain, which for the past 24 hours have been five feet above normal, causing a serious overflow in parts of New Orleans, have subsided. The water submerged districts have begun to drain off and the wind which veered to the northwest, is driving the waters of the lake towards the Gulf.

Pensacola Inundated.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 27.—The worst sea storm and hurricane that the Gulf coast has experienced since the village of Pensacola on San Rosa Island was swept away 107 years ago, began last night and

## CAN HE DO IT?



"Impossible," says the New York Herald, referring to the efforts of Hearst's managers to add him to the list of New York's Governors, among whom were Marcy, Tilden and Cleveland.

## STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST COLLINS

Chief Clark Produces Miss McAulay's Kerchief  
from Prisoner's Valise

Name in Full Stamped in Corner of It—Daniel Lynch of  
Carleton Testifies That Suspect Had a Lady's Gold Watch  
at a Spruce Lake House With Letter "M" on Case, and  
a Girl Corroborates Him—Other Witnesses Give Very  
Important Testimony Also.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Hopewell Cape, N. B., Sept. 27.—The strongest evidence for the crown which has yet been given in the preliminary examination of Thomas Collins, suspected of the murder at New Ireland of Mary Ann McAulay, was that of Chief Clark of the St. John police force at this afternoon's session before Magistrate Stuart at Hopewell Cape. The production from a valise taken along with Collins in Dean's Hotel at Musquash of a silk handkerchief on which was worked the name "Mary Ann McAulay," is in itself damaging to the case of the prisoner as are also a number of statements he made to Chief Clark while in jail at St. John, the principal one of these was in regard to a gold watch which Thomas Lynch, of Carleton, carried away Collins carrying at Spruce Lake and which after the suspect's arrest was not found and has never been located.

Mr. Clark, in his evidence, said that Collins for a time had denied ever having the watch, but later said he had thrown it away. The prisoner showed more interest in the evidence than he had ever previously displayed and especially so when the valise was opened in court and its contents laid out on the table at which he sat watching eagerly every movement and when the lady's gold watch had been removed the prisoner was peering intently although the court room was not more than comfortably warm.

The emptying of the valise was one of the most interesting features of this afternoon's case. It was a grey telescope grip and was found to contain the following articles: One pair men's drawers, bath towel, two undershirts, cotton shirt, brush and two combs and clothes brush, two neckties, six linen handkerchiefs, four men's and two ladies'. A silk handkerchief embroidered worked in one corner with "Buffalo exposition, 1901" and in the other with the name, "Mary Ann McAulay," box soap, cake toilet soap, matches, pack of cards, razor in case, pencil and small case pocket plaster.

Daniel Lynch's Story.  
Daniel Lynch, of Carleton, St. John, gave some important testimony. He said he saw the accused, Thomas Collins, at Spruce Lake, 21st day of August. He met him about half past 6 or 7 o'clock. He asked a friend named Martin if he knew where Collins could get a boarding house where he (Collins) could get a boarding house and his friend told him he did not know. Collins had a valise in his hand somewhat similar to the one produced in court. This time he was driving on a double team with Billy Dean and going in the direction of Musquash. He and Dean approached the place where he was, Dean jumped off the team and said "If I can't get enough money I'd treat." Turning towards Collins he said, "Have you any money?" Collins pulled out a red pocket book and taking out about 35 cents gave it to Dean. They went into a house run by a man named Martin and had a drink. After having the drinks they went into the piano room. There were a couple of girls there and after they had sung a couple of songs Collins started to talk to one of them who he knew as Maggie. After talking to her he pulled out a gold watch, which had engraved on the outside the letter "M." She took the watch in her hand and tried to open it. Collins spoke it away from her and opened it himself, showing her the inside. There were three initials on the inside. The watch was a small one and the case worked watch. Collins was asked where he got it and said it was a present he had given his girl. He said the girl died suddenly and the watch had been returned to him. He had another watch, a larger one of silver. It was an open face.

Chief Clark, of St. John, the next called, was on the stand some time. He described the steps taken to apprehend Collins after the murder and the evidence against him. He said that he saw Collins at St. George to St. John with the prisoner. At Dean's Hotel, Musquash, he secured the valise which Collins said was his property and opened it. Chief Clark, at the prosecution's bidding, opened the grip in the court and it was one of the most exciting moments during the examination. The prisoner eagerly eyed the contents as they were picked out one by one and checked off, the perspiration rolled down his face as the witness related the conversation he had with him about the articles. The prisoner told Clarke, the whole trouble was there was Mary Ann Martin at St. John and he did not want to go longer. He knew nothing about the murder until Killen told him. After producing what the valise contained the chief said, "When I took out the drawers they were wet as if washed and wrung out. When I opened the valise I noticed a faint smell of perfume. Chief Clark asked about the watch. Collins first denied having any but afterwards told him he saw it at Spruce Lake and he must have lost it while going for a drink near the Shore Line Railway. When the chief asked him about the other valise he said he had none.

As the chief left the stand he was cautioned by Mr. Tweedie to keep it in his possession and let no one see it. The

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## SIR JOHN BOYD CONDEMNS FOSTER'S LAND SYNDICATE

Tells Insurance Commission That He Didn't Know That  
They Had Put No Money Into the Deal and Had Drawn  
Out \$95,000 Profits and Again Shared More Later On.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, Sept. 27.—Proceedings before the insurance commission today were taken, after the striking disclosures of the recent session. The Woodmen of the World were under investigation and little of interest transpired in the evidence of W. C. Fitzgerald, head clerk of the institution. Before proceeding with the business of the day, Mr. Shepley called attention to the fact that an erroneous impression had been created that the I. O. F. benefited to the extent of \$750,000 from investments in land and lumber. He explained that the statement was put in simply for the purpose of showing the meretricious nature of the investments from a financial standpoint. The profits from all the investments enumerated, however, will not accrue to the I. O. F. as they were

not interested directly in some of the lands. Sir John Boyd supplemented his statement of the previous day by the further explanation in which he made it clear that he had not in any way opposed the proposition that the syndicate composed of McGillivray, Foster and Wilson, having put nothing into the transaction, should receive \$85,000 profit on a turnover of the Pope-Powell lands and afterwards share in the profits of the sale of the lands. His understanding all along was that they were paying their proper share of the concern, and their right to get profits would be only based on the money they put in out of their own pockets. The idea was never communicated to him that the trust company should advance the whole money and that the gentlemen who put nothing in should reap the profits. That was a transaction he could not have sanctioned in any shape or form.

## LOUD SHRIEKS FROM HALIFAX

Proposal to Bring Express  
Steamers Here Direct Has  
His Warm Approval--Try it  
This Winter, He Says.

Public Meeting Protests  
Against St. John Getting  
Part of Atlantic Mail Service.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Halifax, N. S., Sept. 27.—Halifax citizens are indignantly protesting against the proposal which the Allan and C. P. R. Companies are making to the government which the C. P. R. steamers be permitted to proceed direct to St. John to land the mails, the Allan boats remaining at Halifax, and not going to St. John at all.

The position Halifax assumes as set out by the speakers at a large public meeting held in the board of trade rooms today and embodied in a resolution adopted, is that the English mails can be put down in Montreal at least eight hours earlier and possibly 24 hours earlier by landing them at Halifax instead of St. John and that as regards Nova Scotia the delay in getting the mails back from St. John would of course be still greater.

Mayor Macleith, G. S. Campbell and G. E. Faulkner, who were the chief speakers, spoke of the offer of the Allan to their boats lie over here instead of St. John as a sop and urged that Halifax be on its guard not to sell its birthright for a mess of pottage.

Hon. W. S. Fielding was present but made no remarks, merely stating that the minister preferred not to speak as the matter was under the consideration of the government.

Sir Montagu Allan, who is in the city, was invited to be present but did not accept.

The resolution, which was unanimously adopted, was as follows:

"Whereas it has been the invariable custom during the winter season for the mail steamers to land and embark the Canadian mails at Halifax as being the nearest available port affording the quickest rail connection with the rest of Canada; and

"Whereas a proposal has been made to change that arrangement by landing the weekly mails alternately at Halifax and St. John; and

"Whereas the effect of landing the mails at St. John would be that the province of Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton, the province of P. E. Island and Newfoundland, would receive their mails at least 24 hours later than if they were landed at Halifax, that the rest of Canada would receive their mails from eight to twenty-four hours later than if they were landed at Halifax; therefore

"Resolved that in view of the most injurious effect on the business interests of the whole country; further

"Resolved that in view of the fact that the Canada seeking support and co-operation in securing prompt and efficient mail service, to the post-master general and minister of trades and commerce with a request that they call upon the Allan line to carry out their contract with the government in its entirety and land and embark all mails at the port of Halifax during the winter season and to the premier and members of the federal government."

## LUNENBURG MAN FLEECD AT BOSTON BY AN OLD GAME

Boston, Sept. 27.—Austin Conrad, a farmer of Lunenburg (N. S.), was floored by two strangers today when about to board the steamer Prince George, of the Dominion Atlantic line, for Yarmouth. He accepted a check for \$750 drawn on the First National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, as security for \$15, he learned two confidence men, who wanted, they said to pay a freight bill. The check was worthless.

## DR. PUGSLEY SEES N. Y. HERALD IS OUT AGAINST HEARST

New York, Sept. 27.—In his account of the Buffalo convention the Herald bitterly assails Hearst and Murphy. It says in describing the result and the methods which brought it about:

"It is Charles F. Murphy's candidate against the candidate of President Roosevelt. Mr. Murphy tonight completed the work which he had engaged to do by delivering the Democratic convention, bound hand and foot, but not gagged. W. H. Hearst, the nominee of the Independence League."

## BIG PRIZES OFFERED CANADIAN ARCHITECTS

Government Offers \$8,000, \$4,000,  
\$2,000 and \$1,000 for Best  
Designs for Departmental Buildings.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The Canadian architect who will furnish the best design for new government departmental buildings on Sussex street, Ottawa, will be awarded a prize of \$8,000, the second best gets \$4,000, the third \$2,000 and the fourth \$1,000. The designs will be called for very shortly. Messrs. E. Burke, of Toronto, and A. Chase, of Montreal, two prominent architects, and D. Ewart, chief architect of the department of public works, will be a board of assessors to decide the prize winners. The designs will be numbered and the name and number will be given in a separate envelope so that the assessors will not know who the designs belong to.

The competition is to be limited to sketches in ink. No brush work is to be allowed except in finishing the windows and sections.

Col. Vidal May Lose Sight of Eye.  
Ottawa, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Colonel Vidal met with a serious accident today as he was using some liquid for a sore eye and by mistake took carbolic acid. It is not known yet the extent of the injury.

East Elgin Nominations.  
Toronto, Sept. 27.—(Special)—At Aymer today Granville H. Haight, Liberal, and David Massey, Conservative, were nominated for the commons for East Elgin seat vacated by A. B. Ingram, M. P.

## FATE OF CUBAN REPUBLIC WILL BE DECIDED TODAY

Americans Stay Intervention So as to Give Warring  
Factions Another Chance to Come to Terms--Congress  
Refuses to Accept Palma's Resignation and Deadlock Exists.

Havana, Sept. 27.—The Moderate party tonight decided to make a final effort to perpetuate the authority of the Palma administration by determining to reject the resignation of the president when presented to congress tomorrow. When this decision was reached, Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, the American commissioners, had already concluded to intervene, but they agreed to await tomorrow's developments as they are anxious to afford the Cubans every opportunity to work out their own salvation.

President Palma steadily refuses every solicitation of his friends to withdraw his resignation. Typical of this was the cablegram he sent to President Roosevelt in response to the final urgent message from the American president that he renounce the claims of the crown. In this President Palma expressed his warm appreciation of President Roosevelt's efforts to secure peace for Cuba and the friendship he has always shown the Cuban people.

## BEGINNING IN WEDNESDAY'S SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH. MOST EXTRAORDINARY OF RECENT SERIALS--"DOUBLOONS"