

# FLORIDA PENINSULA DEVASTATED BY STORM

### Serious Loss of Life Reported at Key West—Many Refugees Are Flocking to Savannah—Towns Are Flooded

(Times Leased Wire.) Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—The great Florida peninsula and the territory south of Savannah is devastated today. Death and destruction accompanied terrific storms that swept the south coast, the Greater Antilles and the Gulf of Mexico during the last four days.

Florida is isolated and only meagre reports of the havoc wrought by the elements have been received.

Key West is deserted and has sustained the worst damage and it is reported that the greatest loss of life occurred there.

The extension of the coast railroad over the Florida Keys, one of the most costly engineering structures in the south, was demolished and that loss alone will reach \$2,000,000.

The railroad tracks, bridges and embankments at Jacksonville were swept away Monday night. Tusculum is reported flooded by the surging St. John's river and warehouses holding 17,000 bales of cotton were endangered. Whether the cotton was destroyed could not be ascertained.

Tampa has not been heard from since Monday, when the wires went down under a 90-mile gale.

That scores of workmen perished in the country between Jacksonville and Savannah, where the storm centred yesterday, is probably true. The storm was reported as moving northward without abating its force.

The probabilities are that few deaths occurred in the cities, the fatalities being confined to the open country, where no protection against the storm was afforded and where it was impossible to give aid to the injured.

At 700 miles since the hurricane struck Florida has the wind blown at less than 60 miles an hour.

Conditions here are becoming worse. Tybee island, at the mouth of the Savannah river, is deserted and the inhabitants are making their way to Savannah.

## SEVEN BALLOONS REMAIN AFLOAT

### LEADERS HAVE TRAVELLED OVER 600 MILES

#### The America Believed to Be Headed Directly Toward Hudson Bay

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 19.—Sailing along on a 35-mile breeze, the balloon America II, piloted by Allan D. Hawley, took the lead in the international balloon race to-day, and is now believed to be heading directly toward Hudson Bay, 600 miles from the start, and a good 50 miles ahead of her nearest competitor, which is believed to be the German balloon Dusseldorf.

At 8 o'clock this morning, 40 hours had elapsed since the race was started, and only three of the ten entrants had come down. According to the best calculations, the leaders in the balloon race have already covered between 500 and 600 miles, and it is believed all records will be broken before the race is ended.

The light for first place has been hard, and all last night it was a nip and tuck affair between Pilot Gerike, of the Dusseldorf, and Pilot Hawley, of the America II. For many miles the two gigantic balloons sailed along, the America about five miles in the rear.

In passing over Monroe county, Hawley took his balloon up a thousand feet or more, struck a swift air current and rapidly pulled ahead. After that the Dusseldorf veered northward, met with adverse currents and apparently could not "untrack" itself.

The German pilot, Van Abercorn, in the Germania, began meeting with hard luck at this stage too, and the America II, gained an advantage that it is believed will be hard to overcome. The Germania finally struck a favorable air current, and was last reported over Hart, Mich., travelling at a 30-mile gait.

The Hamburg III, pulled up well during the night, and is now supposed to be close behind the Dusseldorf.

The Aurora, Isle De France and Helvetia, all still up, are believed to have been carried in a more northerly direction than the four leaders, and probably are flying over the Great Lakes to-day.

The America II is the sole remaining hope of the United States being the only American balloon entered in the race, which is still afloat, the St. Louis No. 4 and The Million Population having given up. The St. Louis landed last night at Hillman, Mich. The other balloon descending was the Condor, a French entry which came down last night at Two Rivers, Wis.

Balloon Reported. Little Current, Ont., Oct. 19.—An unidentified balloon passed Mantowaning, Manitowish Island, early to-day, at a height of 1,500 feet. The balloon was headed north-northeast.

Gale on Lakes. Alpena, Mich., Oct. 19.—Grave fears are felt here to-day for the safety of

vannah, fearing that their homes will be overwhelmed.

Brunswick, Ga., was inundated last night, but no details of possible loss of life or property were obtainable. Last reports from St. Augustine and Miami were that both places were flooded.

The damage to small craft was heaviest along the east and west coasts of Florida. The latest dispatches from Jacksonville mentions the rescue of the family of the late Senator-elect Brownard from St. George Island, which was swept by the terrific winds.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—The Florida hurricane struck Savannah late this afternoon, cutting off all communication with the coast city.

All of Florida and half of Georgia is isolated as far as land communication is concerned.

Vessels Wrecked. Havana, Oct. 19.—The damage done by the Florida hurricane is far greater than at first reported.

The Key West cable, which failed while the storm raged, was restored this afternoon and reports of scores of vessels wrecked were received.

The British steamship Inventor rescued ten sailors of the Spanish barque Hugo and six sailors of the American schooner Martin. Others aboard the vessels were drowned.

The Norwegian steamer Fos is stranded at Boca Grande Island and the German steamer Herman Fresh is disabled in Alligator Bay.

The condition of the vessels was not reported in the earlier dispatches.

Storm Warnings. Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—Shipping to-day was warned of an impending storm crossing to Lake Superior and the Florida hurricane a point in the Atlantic ocean off the New England coast. The gale from the Great Lakes is moving in a northeasterly direction, while the hurricane is heading northward at a great rate of speed.

## REAL ESTATE DEALS IN COWICHAN DISTRICT

### Number of New Comers Take Up Land—Pheasants Reported Plentiful But Wary

(Special Correspondence.) Cowichan Station, Oct. 19.—A number of real estate deals have been reported recently. Messrs. Graham, Phipps and Kingscote have each sold parcels of land to newcomers, who are building homes for themselves.

The building trade is also active. At least six new residences have been completed or are being completed within the last two months. Among those who have built are Messrs. Willis, Norrie Bros, Averill, Mearns and Cole.

A. Bell, who is at present in charge of the quarry at Kokislah, has purchased 35 acres from J. Graham.

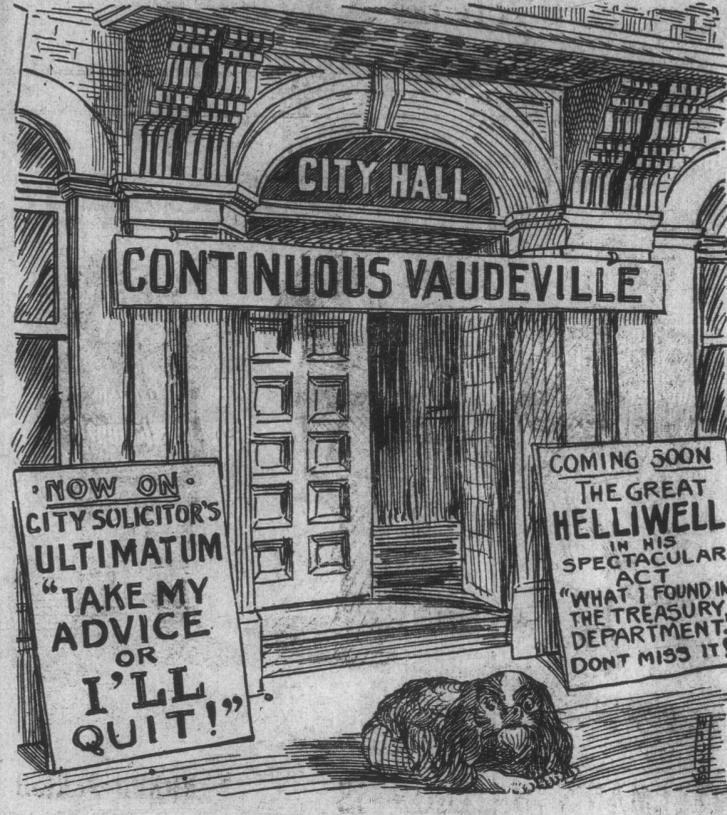
H. May is opening a real estate office here. The fruit crop, especially apples and pears, was exceptionally good this year, but one cannot fail to think that something must be wrong when on driving round the district one sees so many trees still laden with beautiful apples, which the owners say it does not pay them to pick. The present cost of picking, packing and getting them to market does not leave the grower anything for his toil.

A gang of men under L. Truesdale, has been driving piles, laying plankings and widening the beach road. This is an improvement which will be much appreciated.

There is a big run of cohoes on at the bay just now and a spring salmon weighing 87 lbs., was caught the other day.

The South Cowichan Bridge Club opened the season with a dance in the hall here on Wednesday evening last, which was a very successful affair. About 70 members and their friends were present. The hall was tastefully decorated, the music, which was supplied by Miss Devitt of Nanaimo, was all that could be desired, and the supper provided by the ladies was excellent.

Since the shooting season opened no large bags have been recorded in the district. The pheasants seem to be plentiful but they are very wary and hard to get. Several owners of land have to remind strangers in the district that climbing a fence and shooting in enclosed land constitutes a trespass, but this reminder is in many cases ignored, for some hunters, when warned off one man's land, go on that of someone else. Thus it is that those who ask permission find themselves often coldly received and wonder why.



## MUST TESTIFY AT INQUEST

### ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

#### Woman, Taken Into Custody at San Francisco, Tells Contradictory Stories

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 19.—Following the arrest of Mrs. Belle Lavin, living at 22nd and Mission streets, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice but in reality in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, the authorities to-day refuse to say whether other arrests will follow immediately.

The arrest of Mrs. Lavin was made on the strength of a warrant issued by Justice Summerfield of Los Angeles, together with four others which are in the hands of Detective William J. Burns and Earl Rogers of Los Angeles.

Though there is a general impression that other four warrants will shortly be brought into the local officials say they know nothing about the matter.

Mrs. Lavin's arrest took place last night after Chief Seymour had lost all patience at her apparently contradictory statements regarding the actions of "Smithy," the alleged dynamiter, who lived at the 22nd and Mission street house. Mrs. Lavin protested her innocence vigorously before being placed aboard the train for Los Angeles, where her testimony will be taken before the coroner's inquest.

"It's a mistake," she cried. "I am innocent of any connection with this terrible crime."

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## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA

### Senator McGregor Appointed Successor to the Late Hon. D. C. Fraser

Hallifax, Oct. 19.—Senator McGregor has accepted the Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia.

Hon. James Drummond McGregor is a Nova Scotian by birth, having been born in the town of New Glasgow in September of 1833. His father was Roderick McGregor, and his grandfather Rev. James McGregor, a pioneer minister of Eastern Nova Scotia. The present Lieutenant-Governor is a merchant and shipowner, and was twice elected and once defeated as a member of the Nova Scotia legislature. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Commons. Twice Mayor of New Glasgow, he is now a director of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

## CONSIDER PEARY'S PROOFS INSUFFICIENT

### German Astronomer Doubts Commander's Story of Having Reached North Pole

(Times Leased Wire.) Berlin, Oct. 19.—Professor Andreas Galle, the famous Potsdam astronomer, has announced his conviction that Commander Robert E. Peary did not reach the north pole, and that the proofs he submitted in support of his contention were insufficient.

The methods used by Peary in reckoning his position in the Arctic, according to Prof. Galle, were wholly unreliable.

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## WELLMAN NOT DISCOURAGED

### WILL MAKE ANOTHER FLIGHT IN DIRIGIBLE

#### Aeronaut is Planning Second Attempt to Cross the Atlantic Ocean

(Times Leased Wire.) Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 19.—With Walter Wellman declaring his intention "to cross or bust," and with the journalist-explorer being offered financial means for further efforts, Wellman, in all probability, will shortly make another attempt to reach England in a dirigible. Wellman's crew is eager to make another start across the Atlantic, and Joseph Salus, the original financial backer of Wellman's plans, has offered to assist Wellman financially to build a bigger and more powerful balloon. A representative of Salus will meet Wellman in New York soon, and will offer him any amount of money he may need. Salus, discussing the attempt to cross the Atlantic, said to-day:

"Wellman sends a message by wireless to the effect that if he had to do the thing again he could win. To avoid head winds and bad air currents, especially with that darned equilibrium experience, will be of assistance. I am convinced that if a few trial trips had been made it would have been found that the present scheme was crude and needed improvement. However, there were no deaths, and I can see no reason why another trip should not be planned next year."

From Wellman, aboard the steamer Trent, to-day came the following messages by wireless:

"I am going to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible. I am not disheartened by my failure, but have been spurred on to higher ambitions. It was the equilibrium that disabled the dirigible. It was a fatal error, despite the fact that the plan worked well in ordinary flights. We must use a new type of dirigible. Even when the America was drifting helplessly over the Atlantic I discussed what was needed. We are now planning to get busy as quickly as possible. The crew is well."

Scores of theatrical agents armed with blank contracts are awaiting the arrival of the Trent at her dock this afternoon. Wellman and every member of the crew will be bid for, and one agent has been instructed to secure even the cat.

That Wellman and his party were near drowning while the Trent was trying to pick them up, was made known in a message received to-day from Operator Ginsberg, of the Trent's wireless. The Trent missed the lifeboat by inches in rounding-to-leave a line to its occupants. The sea was rough and several attempts were made before the line finally was cast. The message said:

"The Wellman party was nearly capsized two or three times after the Trent sighted them."

The Trent will dock late to-day. She was held outside Sandy Hook this morning by a heavy land fog.

The Rescue. Aboard steamer Trent, via wireless, Oct. 18.—The party of Walter Wellman and his rescue who essayed to cross the Atlantic in the dirigible balloon America, but who abandoned the attempt early to-day, was thrilling.

The America was signaled at daybreak. Operator Irwin signalled to the crew of the Trent that the occupants of the America wished to abandon their balloon. Capt. Downs replied that his vessel would follow the America.

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## "COUNCIL MUST TAKE MY ADVICE OR I WILL RESIGN"

### Extraordinary Attitude Assumed by City Solicitor McDiarmid Causes Sensation in City Hall Circles—Must City Engineer Go?

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The one topic of conversation this morning, in circles where an interest is taken in city hall matters, is the announcement made in the Times yesterday that the city solicitor, F. H. McDiarmid, has tendered his resignation to Mayor Morley.

The Times learns that the letter from Mr. McDiarmid to the mayor recites that he feels he cannot continue to hold the position of city solicitor in view of the action of the council on Monday evening in rejecting his advice regarding asphalt pavement specifications. The solicitor also points out that on numerous questions there has been a difference of opinion between himself and the city engineer and he feels, therefore, that the present situation cannot continue.

The proffered resignation of the city solicitor will receive prompt consideration at the council. Mayor Morley, asked to make a statement about the situation, remarked: "Mr. McDiarmid is too valuable an official for us to permit him to resign."

In view of the fact that the city solicitor takes the position that he cannot work with the city engineer, Angus Smith, it is assumed that another attempt will be made to get rid of that official.

To the Times this morning a member of the aldermanic board said that the public might look for some very interesting developments in connection with the matter of the resignation of the city solicitor, Mr. McDiarmid. He thought the latter had taken a most extraordinary attitude.

"Why," said the Times informant, "the suggestion of Mr. McDiarmid that the city council has no alternative but to accept his advice, if they wish to retain his services, is most grotesque. Just consider the situation for moment. We have a city solicitor and also a city barrister. It has been the custom for years for the city solicitor to do the routine work at the city hall that is to say, to draw contracts and other legal documents and advise the board as to procedure, etc. It has invariably been the practice that when any large question arose it was often at the suggestion of the city solicitor, he be referred to the barrister."

"But now this gentleman from Lind-

which was then drifting with the wind, the engines now being used.

It was decided to launch the steel lifeboat from the albatross which Wellman had taken along with him. This was accomplished only with the greatest difficulty, and after Irwin had been struck with the equilibrium and slightly injured.

## HOLDING LUMBER FOR HIGHER PRICES

### Stock Valued at \$300,000 Now in Big Yards at Mill-side

New Westminster, Oct. 18.—At present approximately \$300,000 worth of lumber of all kinds is stored in the Western Lumber Company at Millside. Owing to the fact that the export price of lumber has been low for the past three months this company and shipments have been cut down to almost nothing while the retail shipments are also greatly reduced.

As so much lumber is being stored for future shipments it has been deemed necessary to enlarge the lumber yards.

The supply of mill logs continues to be satisfactory. Tugs are bringing down boats every few days from the coast despite the rough weather. The company has about 20,000,000 feet of logs at the mill ready for sawing and about 40,000,000 feet of lumber stored in the yards.

The French Canadians brought out within the last year by the Canadian Western Lumber Company are all occupying dwellings of their own and seem well satisfied with their surroundings. They are proving to be good workmen and the company is well satisfied with their venture.

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## SPANISH ARMY REMAINS LOYAL

### PREMIER SAYS THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

#### Declares Events in Portugal Will Not Be Repeated in Spain

(Times Leased Wire.) Madrid, Oct. 19.—Insisting that the loyalty of the army is as great as ever and that "there is absolutely nothing to be feared" from recent events in Portugal, Premier Canalejas to-day declared his utmost confidence in a continuation of peace in Spain.

"Portuguese events will not be repeated here in Madrid," said the premier. "The late Portuguese government lived in a fool's paradise, counting absolutely on the fidelity of the army and the navy. Here in Spain we expected things to happen in Lisbon; only they occurred a trifle sooner than we expected."

"I feel convinced that the Republican success in Portugal will not make any impression on Spain. We tolerate Republicans. They have a perfect right to freedom of speech and liberty of action as long as they are legal and in accord with the Spanish constitution. The Republicans have certainly not succeeded in undermining the loyalty of the army in Spain."

Santa Clara, Cal., Oct. 19.—The seismograph at the Santa Clara college during the past 38 hours registered an almost continuous series of earth shocks which are believed to have been central in the Caribbean sea. The scientists here are trying to connect the terrestrial phenomena with the hurricane now raging in West Indian waters.

## NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

New Westminster, Oct. 18.—Plans for the new Y. M. C. A. building will be finally passed at a meeting of the provisional committee to be held to-morrow evening. Work on the foundation of the building has been in progress for some time. The call for the second installment of the individual subscriptions will be made this month. It is expected to obtain \$10,000 on this call.

## SICILY'S RECORD OF CRIME

Palermo, Sicily, Oct. 19.—Police records have just been published showing 36 murders in the city during the past year, during the present year, either by the Mafia, the Black Hand or brigands. Besides the killed, 80 have been wounded. One of the cent. of the criminals responsible for the killings have been caught and punished.

## IN CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER

### SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY SPENDS A BUSY DAY

#### Possibility of Some Announcement Regarding Island Railways

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, reached the city yesterday afternoon this morning had a long conference with Premier McBride, and it is assumed in well-informed circles that the subject of Canada's greatest railway, now situated which has arisen in connection with railway construction Vancouver Island in view of the fact of the Canadian Northern, and the extension of the latter into the north end of the government, attended such large aid to that of the project.

It is impossible to obtain any information from the project, which reached this morning between Sir Thomas and the premier, but those in contact with the situation say that it would not be surprising to learn that the head of Canada's greatest railway is being appealed to help the government out of the dilemma in which it finds itself. Possibly, as one of the members of the conference, the extension of the E. & N. railway to the north end of Vancouver Island may be expedited.

Present at the conference this morning, besides Sir Thomas, were Mr. Macpherson, general executive agent of C. P. R. for British Columbia, who is the "father" of all C. P. R. enterprise in this island, and Mr. W. W. Whyte, one of the members of the C. P. R. O. members of the party who are in the city with Sir Thomas are 2. B. An president of the Bank of Montreal, one of the members of the C. P. R. O. telegraph lines, and the Misses E. M. Shaughnessy. They are all quarters at the Empress hotel, and may make a return subscription to \$5,000, that it will meet the situation properly.

Sir Thomas had little to say for a location. His present visit to Victoria was merely in the course of the company's lines in Western Canada, progress of which section had greatly impressed him since his last visit, and no announcement of any kind was made on the date when the Atlantic Pacific route, nor could he say the intention of the company was to build a railway to the north end of the Island in the near future.

"I can only assure you," said Sir Thomas, "that the C. P. R. will do all that is possible to meet the needs and requirements of the country, and in the matter of improved transportation facilities to keep pace with the development of the country, that it will meet the situation properly."

Sir Thomas expressed himself as of the opinion that just at present, the construction of an additional to the Empress hotel. As soon as necessary warranted, however, this addition to the great hostelry would be undertaken.

It is hinted in some quarters that of the matters which was discussed at the conference with the premier, was the proposed extension of the line of the Songhees Indian reserve, generally known, the C. P. R. find self much hampered, owing to the inadequate terminal facilities at the Esquimalt Store, and it is improbable that as a result of Sir Thomas' visit the provincial government may at an early date make a loan to the C. P. R. to meet the needs and arrange for the opening of the line to the purposes of the C. P. R. and other railway companies, and to provide terminal facilities there.

Last evening Simon Lewis, in the interview with Sir Thomas regarding the C. P. R. promise of \$10,000 to a new theatre. The result was the president said the company would make a return subscription to \$5,000, moved to this decision by Mr. L. representations.

"I fully realize," said Sir Thomas, "that you must have a nice and comfortable theatre, and I am sure that you will have it. I have been in your, I understand that you have a considerable amount of support ready, and with the help of our friends, I hope that it will be a success. I will soon have a theatre here."

## TWENTY-THREE PERSONS INJURED

### Faulty Rail Causes Southern Pacific Train to Leave Tracks

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 18.—Twenty-three persons injured, when eight of the Sunset Limited on the Southern Pacific, were brought here on a train to-day for treatment.

The majority of the injured are from bona fide home-owners in the El Paso tourist coaches. None was hurt.

A negro porter in one of the coaches undoubtedly saved dozens of lives by creeping through the overhead coaches and turning off the coal gas tanks.

According to the Southern Pacific officials, a faulty rail caused the accident.

As a result of the semi-annual examination for provincial surveys now being held to practice their profession in British Columbia, H. J. P. D. Booth, G. S. Boulton, H. Christie, H. C. A. Cornish, J. Day, J. E. Dawson, H. A. Dempster, J. H. Fraser, L. P. Grant, C. J. King, R. L. Horn, A. G. King, A. Moorhouse, D. B. Morkill, Murray and H. Webster.