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SOUTHERN HURRICANE BLOWS ITSELF OUT

400 DEAD, 150 MISSING, 50,000 ARE HOMELESS

Rescuers Believe Final Death Toll Will Reach More Than 700—Ocean Waters Give Up More Bodies

MARTIAL LAW REMAINS IN FORCE

Boats Reported Beached and Bridges Washed Out; Long Lines of Destitute Inhabitants Served at Emergency Relief Centres; 74 Jailed for Looting

LEAVING a long trail of destruction and hundreds of dead, injured and homeless, the tropical hurricane, which came out of the Bahamas Friday to rage across Southern Florida and along the eastern gulf coast, finally has blown itself out in southern Mississippi.

With direct communication restored to the last of the isolated cities—Pensacola—it appears that there was no loss of life along the gulf, although the wind at times reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour, comparable to that which levelled towns on the southeastern Florida coast, leaving at least 400 dead, 150 or more missing, 5,000 injured and 50,000 homeless.

Varying estimates from the 60-mile coastal area in the path of the gale placed the property damage between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Rescue and relief workers believe complete search of the mass of tangled wreckage in the storm or more stricken towns and cities and count of the bodies cast up by the waters of Biscayne Bay, will swell the death toll to more than 700.

250 DEAD AT MIAMI

The death list at Miami alone was expected to reach 250 this morning, as additional bodies were given up by the waters of Biscayne Bay. More than 3,000 injured have been given medical attention by the Red Cross workers, 22 were reported dead at Miami Beach.

A missing list of 70 at Hollywood was expected to increase to 40 known dead as the back country where many are believed to be, is thoroughly searched for possible casualties. Two hundred and fifty injured persons have been given medical attention.

The death list at Fort Lauderdale remained at 11, with 20 seriously injured numbered at more than 800. Twenty of these are expected to die. Five hundred others are reported injured in the suburban cities of Ft. St. John and Ft. Pierce.

STREETS PATROLLED

Martial law remained in force throughout the storm area, with national guardsmen patrolling the streets. With the location of the 8th body at Moorhaven, workers placed the probable death toll at 150. Martial law was established here yesterday with batteries of national guard artillerymen in charge. Twelve persons lost their lives at Fort Myers on the west coast, eight were killed at Lakeland, and virtually a score of smaller cities in the territory between West Palm Beach and Miami on the east coast reported scattering casualties ranging from one to seven.

Late reports from Pensacola on the west coast where the hurricane struck with waning force as it passed inland, said some lives were lost with property damage estimated at \$2,000,000.

SUFFERERS AIDED

Many boats are reported beached and several bridges are said to have been washed out. Pensacola was cut off from surrounding territory for 24 hours, and the arrival of an adequate supply of fresh water, sanitary conditions have been greatly improved, in Miami, and Hollywood, whose water and sanitary systems were totally destroyed.

As search went on for additional dead throughout yesterday and last night in Miami, long lines of destitute filed past emergency relief centres for small portions of bread and fuel.

LOOTERS JAILED

Seventy-four persons were arrested for looting stores and other places of business destroyed by the storm. Groceries and druggists are dispensing food and medicine freely, in many cases to persons unable to pay.

MEANWHILE relief units are arriving hourly from the north, with supplies of food, fuel, water, medicines and money.

APPEAL FOR LIQUOR

SEBRING, Fla., Sept. 22—An urgent appeal for a large shipment of liquors for aged and infirm refugees and for rescue workers at Moorhaven was broadcast last night by the Sebring Chamber of Commerce. Any shipments made, the appeal said, should be addressed to the Chamber of Commerce. It was added, that the liquors would be administered carefully as medicine.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22—Among the list of identified Florida storm victims received here this morning, is Mrs. Roberts of Victoria, identified at Miami. No fatalities are given.

DAMAGE AT PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 22—(By wireless to New Orleans)—Damage from the hurricane here was confined to ships aground, roofs torn from buildings and bridges washed away. It was

Protraction of British Strike May Aid Maritime Winter Ports

Demand For More Beer Starts Mutiny In Dutch Regiment; N. C. O. Killed, Soldiers Hurt

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Sept. 22—The unsuccessful demand of soldiers of the Twelfth Regiment for more beer, after a long march in broiling hot weather, caused a mutiny at Assen yesterday which resulted in the death of a non-commissioned officer and the wounding of a number of soldiers.

When the troops, who consisted of men called up for annual training demanded the additional beer, the non-commissioned officer refused to comply, whereupon the men smashed their barracks windows and wrecked the canteen. Officers, being unable to quell the disturbance, summoned the guard, which fired a volley in the air. This only incensed the men, who sang the international.

A volley of real cartridges then was fired and a non-commissioned officer who had taken no part in the disturbance, was killed, and a number of privates wounded. Serious disorders also have been reported at Ede. The war office stated that complete order had been re-established in the army. The Dutch press recently has reported dissatisfaction among the troops because of complaints that they were trained excessively during the hot summer months.

DR. FOSTER SAYS VENIOT ASSURED CABINET POST

Question of Department Still in Doubt; Report on Maritime Disasters

Hon. W. E. Foster, who returned last night after a six-day visit to Ottawa under the chairmanship of Premier-elect Mr. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, told a Times-Star reporter that he was practically assured of his position as minister of the Liberal Government cabinet group will be the Hon. Peter J. Veniot, former Premier of this province and the present leader of the Opposition.

That Premier King would be announced on Thursday, if not in its entirety at least almost complete, was another statement by Hon. Mr. Foster. He stated that he was sure that the new government as possible sworn in before the new Governor-General, Lord Bynoe, the retiring Governor-General, sails for his home in the Old Country on Friday, so it will be necessary to have as many members of the new government as possible sworn in before the new Governor-General arrives to prevent any delay in the organization of the next parliament.

PORTFOLIO IN DOUBT

As to what portfolio in the King Cabinet the Hon. P. J. Veniot would be asked to fill, Dr. Foster could not state. He said, however, that he was sure that he would be one of the vigorous personalities and practical experience of the New Brunswick would be of most service. There would undoubtedly be a re-arrangement of the former King Cabinet as affecting the former ministerial group. One instance in particular would be that of British Columbia which this election returned only one Liberal member. It was probable the Ministry of Public Works now held by Dr. J. H. King would be removed to the East as far as representation was concerned.

Asked what the particular inside news of the hour was at the Federal capital as a result of the governmental turnover, Dr. Foster said there were mixed feelings of surprise and satisfaction, particularly satisfaction, inasmuch as one of the major parties had a clear mandate. Both Conservatives and Liberals had been in conference for several days clearing up departmental business. He had never seen Ottawa quite so busy on Parliament Hill or in quite such a complex state.

Hon. Dr. Foster smiled broadly, when asked if he had been created a senator or if such a recognition of his services had been tendered him. "There is no vacancy, somebody says," the Doctor remarked, "so how could there be any appointment?"

MARITIME REPORT

Another important matter discussed by Dr. Foster upon his arrival was the Maritime situation. This report is due to be presented almost immediately as Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, the chairman, is to sail for the other side on Friday. Dr. Foster was asked if he had any idea what the report was going to recommend or what the nature and scope of the report would be.

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Ruins of First Hebrew Colony In Palestine Are Uncovered

LONDON, Sept. 22—Ruins of the first Hebrew settlement in Palestine after the parting of Abraham and Lot, have been discovered near Nablus—the Shechem of the Old Testament—by the international archaeological expedition, headed by Professor Ernest Sellin, of Berlin University, says a despatch to the Daily Express from Jerusalem.

The excavations revealed, among other things, the walls, gates and towers of the city, which Abraham built the altar to sacrifice Isaac and where Jacob buried his idols and where, according to tradition, Joseph was buried. There were also found the remains of a Canaanite temple and Seal images.

Cold Nerve



KING URGED TO ATTEND EMPIRE CONFERENCE

London News Asks Him to Make Sacrifice

PREMIER CABLES

In Published Statement Declares He Has Given No Interviews

By HERBERT BAILEY

LONDON, Sept. 22.—A cable to the London Daily News from the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, denying that he has given or authorized any interviews with "respect to the general election or the Imperial Conference" and adding: "So long as the present ministry remains in office I prefer giving no statement whatever," has revived interest in the question of the Canadian representation at the Imperial Conference.

Hugh Redwood, writing in the Daily News, urges Mackenzie King to attend and says, "in authoritative quarters it is generally admitted that King faced special difficulties owing to the coming by-elections and the change in the government. But it is strange to say that he would be making a sacrifice and voluntarily giving up his seat in the House of Commons to attend the conference. To do this he did not need his own seat. He could have done so in the House of Commons more than three weeks. The Canadian High Commissioner might represent him at last meetings."

URGES APPROVAL OF INDIES PACT

Bermuda Business Man Says His People Resist Under Canada's Delay

MONTREAL, Sept. 22—Urgent appeal for early ratification by the Dominion Parliament, of the treaty between the British West Indies and Bermuda, was made in address here yesterday by John J. Arnold, business man of Bermuda. Increasing difficulty is being experienced in trying to explain to the West Indian and Bermuda people, why there should be this delay. Particularly has this been so in the last six months, said Mr. Arnold.

It was pointed out by the speaker, that the trade treaty between the West Indies and Bermuda, which was signed in Ottawa in June 1925, Mr. Arnold proceeded:

"The delegates went back to their respective islands, with the distinct understanding that there would be no opposition by Canada, to the treaty going through. Before the close of 1925, the treaty was ratified by the West Indies and Bermuda."

"It has not been confirmed yet by Canada. There are reasons no doubt, but it is difficult to go down in the West Indies and try to explain why that treaty has not been ratified. To make matters worse, last March two passenger steamers were taken off, leaving only one passenger steamer a month."

Canadian Red Cross Thanked For Offer

TORONTO, Sept. 22—In reply to a telegraphic offer of help towards relieving distress in the Florida storm zone, Dr. James W. Robertson, chairman of the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society, has received the following reply from Judge John Barton Payne, chairman of the Central Committee of the American National Red Cross, at Washington, D. C.

"The American Red Cross is most grateful for your expression of sympathy in the Florida disaster. Ample relief funds will be supplied without delay, and greatly below those of the friends. Many thanks for your offer."

MAGNATES MEET

NEW YORK, Sept. 22—Officials of the National Hockey League are in session at the Waldorf Astoria today, when it is expected some important matters in connection with the forthcoming professional hockey season will be considered and disposed of. No intimation of the nature of the business to be discussed was available this morning, but it is anticipated that the question of disposition of western players will be predominant.

SNOW HITS CALGARY

LAST DAY OF SUMMER SEES FOUR-INCH BLANKET OF WHITE ON CITY

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 22.—Followed by one of the coldest spells of weather which has struck Calgary this season, September 21, the traditional "last day of summer" broke over Calgary Tuesday morning in a blinding snowstorm, which blanketed the city in four inches of white drift, and held temperatures down to eight degrees of frost on the average all day long. The lowest temperature was 20 above zero.

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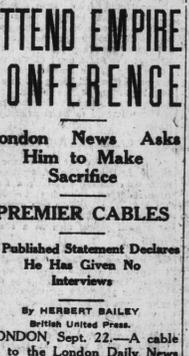
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CROP CONDITIONS

Speaking of crop conditions the summary says:

"Gauging the harvest in the work of the moment, and, as a whole, the harvest, at a conservative estimate, will well up to average. Especially gratifying is the larger yield of the wheat fields of the Prairie Provinces, indicated by the final estimate of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued on September 20. In the current fortnight climatic influences, have been adverse, heavy precipitation of rain, with snow in some districts, lodging considerable grain and lowering the grade, but as a whole the crop is large in quantity, good in quality, and marketable at a profitable price."

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DEMANDS FOR COAL CARRIERS BOOST RATES

European Buyers Holding Off Until Tariff Drops

MONTREAL TALK

End of Mine Tie-up and Lowering of Continental Stocks Will Help

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—The Montreal Gazette today carries the following news item:

"Continued demands for ships to carry coal from America to the United Kingdom, made by British firms on account of the coal strike in that country, may ultimately affect the port of Montreal to a serious extent, if they should be maintained until the end of the present season. Rates for the transportation of grain have been steadily rising, and have now reached a figure that makes it unattractive for European buyers to take grain from this continent. It may make it possible for coal charters have soared to new high points.

"As high a rate as 80s. a ton has been quoted for an early steamer to carry American coal to England, and it is affirmed that the equivalent in this rate in grain transportation to the continent, is around 80s. a hundred pounds. Thus, at this high figure, it is unlikely that European buyers will purchase grain from this continent, if there is any possibility of their being able to hold off until the coal strike comes to an end, with a resultant decrease in the demand for tramp tonnage to carry coal.

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THE WEATHER

Cool and Cloudy

SYNOPTIC—Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast, and over the northwestern part of the continent, while the depression, which was over the northwest States yesterday, has moved quickly northward to North Quebec. The tropic disturbance has moved slowly northwestward with much diminished intensity. Rain has fallen in Ontario and Cape Breton and a fairly heavy snowfall has occurred in Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan.

Coastal winds; cloudy and cool, showers in Cape Breton. Thursday, moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy and cool; probably scattered showers.

TEMPERATURES

Highest Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday, night

Victoria ... 54 46

Calgary ... 52 28

Edmonton ... 22 26

Winnipeg ... 58 54

Toronto ... 62 62

Ottawa ... 52 68

Quebec ... 50 56

Saint John ... 50 58

Halifax ... 58 54

New York ... 68 74

THE BIG FIGHT

THE Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star have completed arrangements for a round-by-round service of the heavyweight championship bout tomorrow night between Champion Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. The detailed report of the rounds will be broadcast from the Canterbury street offices with Charlie Gorman handling the megaphone. The main bout is scheduled to start at 10.45 p.m. Saint John time.