

CUBA DEVASTATED BY GREAT STORM

Havana Flooded and Valuable Property Destroyed—Loss Will Mount Up Into Millions.

Only About Ten Per Cent. of Annual Crop Will be Harvested—Many Lives Lost.

Havana, Oct. 17.—The island of Cuba has probably sustained the greatest material disaster in all her history in the practically continuous cyclone which began with light rains on Thursday morning, developing into torrential floods and devastating hurricanes, and continuing this evening.

Even now there are fears of another cyclone on account of the rumors of the approach of a third storm reported to be forming south of Jamaica.

In addition to the great destruction to sugar and tobacco plantations many thousands of peasants in the three western provinces have been rendered homeless and destitute by the loss of their homes and the food crops, especially plantains and corn.

While all communication with the interior has been cut off, there is reason to hope that Oriente, Camaguey and Santa Clara have escaped the greatest fury of the storm.

Havana Inundated.

In the city of Havana the losses probably will exceed a million dollars, mainly due to the destruction of the customs house shed which was filled with perishable goods, the sinking of scores of lighter boats, many of them containing valuable cargoes which had been unloaded from steamers and the submerging of about one square mile of the residential section of the city facing the sea.

The sugar plantations suffered less seriously, but great damage has been done to standing crops by the change of wind in the second storm.

Within an hour after the seas began to rise, the pounding of the waters had broken a breach through the maelstrom sea wall in this city.

The waters, still rising, invaded all the seaward part of the city until 3 o'clock in the afternoon there was three feet of water.

President Gomez in an automobile visited the inundated section and other threatened sections of the city.

He directed the work of rescue and encouraged the soldiers, police and firemen, and later visited the hospitals, to which many injured and destitute persons had been taken.

All the steamers in the harbor remained at anchor, the engines working and holding their ground.

MAINE ODDFELLOWS MEET AT PORTLAND

Report Of Rebekah Grand Officers Show Order Has Strong Foothold With Membership Of 21,383 In State.

Portland, Maine, Oct. 17.—The annual meetings of the grand bodies of Oddfellows which convene in Portland this week began this evening with the meeting of the Past President's Association of Rebekahs.

The report of the grand officers of Rebekah's show the total membership to be 21,383, a net gain of 743. The total number of lodges is 121, a gain of two. There were withdrawn or dropped during the year 696; deceased, 196; expelled, three. The receipts for the year were \$1,946, and the expenditures, \$1,314; balance on hand at end of year, \$229.

WILL MAYOR OF ROME BE GOOD NOW?

Montreal City Council Adopts Resolution Censuring Chief Magistrate Of Holy City—Protest From Ministers.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—The big Roman Catholic demonstration on the Champ de Mars, last night at which resolutions were adopted denouncing Mayor Nathan, of Rome, was followed this afternoon by the city council adopting a resolution censuring Mayor Nathan on behalf of the Catholic population of Montreal for what were termed his "blasphemous insults," to the pope.

The resolution, however, was not passed without a protest from a number of the Protestant aldermen who contended that such an action was not called for. A protest was also received from the Montreal ministerial association which took the ground that such action would only tend to create discord in the city.

MANY MOURN FOR MRS. HOWE

Prominent Figure In Life Of Boston For Two Generations Removed By Death—Funeral Arrangements.

Boston, Oct. 17.—The passing of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, while not unexpected because of her advanced years, takes a prominent figure from the public life of Boston, and all classes paid tribute today to her memory. Governor Draper said: "To few it is given to have lived so long and to have so warm a spot in the affections of the people. She left powerful reminders and memories of her worth." Mayor Fitzgerald said that "her death removes one of the great historic figures of Boston during the past two generations. Her broad spirit knew no distinctions of race, but like a true American of the old school, she responded to the call of liberty and patriotism from whatever quarter it issued."

Funeral Thursday.

Middleton, R. I., Oct. 17.—The funeral of Mrs. Howe will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Church of the Disciples, Boston. The body will be taken to Boston in a special attached to the 9 o'clock train from Newport on that morning. Burial will be in the family lot at Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge.

The list of bearers, made public tonight, includes five grandsons and three grandsons-in-law. The grandsons are John Richards, Henry Hall, Marion Hall and Samuel Prescott Hall. The others are the Rev. Hugh Birckhead, Charles Wiggins and Carlton Shaw.

Tonight at 9 o'clock the chimes on Channing Memorial church in Newport where Mrs. Howe had attended services for many years, during her stay here, were tolled to announce her death, a custom in vogue at the church for many years, on the night of the death of people of prominence.

EXAMS FOR A. O. H. SCHOLARSHIP HERE

Woodstock Sends Two Young Men To Write In The Competition For Opportunity Of College Course.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Oct. 17.—Ralph Cogger and Ray Fever will leave tomorrow evening for St. John to try the exams Wednesday morning for the A. O. H. scholarship.

Father Wallace, of Campbellton, is chairman of the provincial board that intends to give eight young men a three years' course in one of the Catholic colleges in Antigonish, Halifax, Chatham or Memramcook and after their graduation to continue sending eight more to be repeated, it is expected for many years to come. Six young men have already entered upon their studies and the two allowed to the St. John diocese will be selected Wednesday.

FRENCH RAILROAD STRIKE CALLED OFF LAST NIGHT



A FRENCH EXPRESS TRAIN.

The French "train rapides," as they are called, can hold their own with the crack British and American trains.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The railroad strike was formally called off tonight. This was decided at a meeting of the strike committee of the national railroad union. Work will be resumed on all lines tomorrow.

The French railway system, now tied up by a great strike of trainmen, is no slouch of a system. Even when compared with our crack Canadian lines the French lines show up well. Of course their "restaurant cars" don't quite equal ours in point of service and their "wagons lits" don't class with our Pullman sleeping cars, but for ordinary service they can show us a thing or two.

You can get trains oftener on the average French road than you can in this country and you are pretty certain to be on time at your destination. The French roads of late have been running express trains, or "trains rapides," as they call them, that outstrip the best of the crack English expresses and are fast enough to give the Canadian used to ocean limited trains all the speed that he can desire. And if you are content to travel third class you can travel a good deal cheaper in France than you can in this country, and with quite as much comfort as you can get in the average day coach in this country, excepting perhaps those of the very best trunk lines. The French roadbeds are much better.

Most of the French cars are compartment cars with doors at the side and with no doors connecting one with another. This system facilitates the loading and discharging of passengers, for no matter how many cars there may be in a train, it can be filled or emptied in the time it takes to put ten people into a compartment or get ten people out of one.

STORM OVER APPOINTMENT IN ALBERTA

Hon. Frank Oliver Disregarded Agreement Made By Liberals That Competent Conservative Should Be Judge.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Strong protests have been made to the government regarding the appointment of W. C. Simmons, of Lethbridge, to the Supreme Court bench of Alberta.

It is understood that the Conservatives and Liberals of Alberta had agreed owing to the death of capable Liberal lawyers in the province to recommend the appointment of a certain Conservative. However, it is understood that Hon. Frank Oliver determined to make a party appointment in spite of the recommendation of the Liberal lawyers of the province. His action is being much criticized.

SCHR. TEASER ASHORE ON HARRIET'S ISLAND

Tug Leaves Yarmouth To Go To Her Assistance—Rev. A. R. Spragg Accepts Call To Calgary.

Yarmouth, Oct. 17.—The Gloucester schooner Teaser, which left Yarmouth this morning for Tusket Island is ashore at Harriets Island. A tug has gone to assistance of the vessel.

MAKES CAPITAL OF CLERK'S INDISCRETION

Ottawa Free Press Calls Upon Sir J. P. Whitney To Ask For Resignation Of Minister Of Education.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The Free Press (Liberal) tonight calls upon Sir James Whitney to insist upon the resignation of Hon. Dr. Reame, minister of public works for Ontario, as a result of the publication of Hon. W. J. Hanna's letter regarding Bishop Fallon and bilingualism in schools.

NO WORD RECEIVED FROM WELLMAN

Balloon America Expected to be in Vicinity of Cape Sable This Morning.

SCHR. ROSEWAY TOTAL LOSS ON ANTICOSTI ISLD.

Rescuing Tug Failed To Float Stranded Vessel And Crew Have Abandoned Her—Is Owned In Shelburne.

Special to The Standard.

Glace Bay, Oct. 17.—The three masted schooner Roseway, Capt. J. N. Spang, which ran ashore on Anticosti, on Oct. 8th, has been abandoned by the crew and will be a total loss.

The Dominion Coal Company's tug D. H. Thomas, has been at the scene of the wreck for the past three days endeavoring to render assistance but yesterday was obliged to desist and return to Gaspe last night, when the underwriter's agent was landed. The Thomas returns to Sydney tonight. The schooner Roseway was a schooner of 291 tons gross and 254 net and was built at Shelburne, N. S. in 1907 and is owned by G. A. Cox, of that place.

INMATES OF HOUSE DRUGGED

Thieves Used Some Means To Stupefy Entire Population Of Boarding House In Order To Work Undisturbed.

Waterville, Me., Oct. 17.—The inmates of the boarding house conducted by Mrs. D. H. Ingalls at 5 Appleton street, are suffering from the effects of what they believe to be some drug administered by burglars so they might ransack the house undisturbed some time last night.

The house was ransacked from top to bottom, small amounts of money and little articles of value being taken from beside the beds of sleepers. Considerable noise must have been made and the visitors must have been at work some time, but no one in the house was disturbed, and all awoke this morning feeling stupid and slightly ill.

No trace of any drug could be found about the house and one theory is that something was thrown into the furnace in the cellar, as entrance was gained through the top of the house. The total value of the property stolen is small and the action of the thieves in searching the house has peculiar features. There is no good clue.

GOVERNMENT ALARMED OVER BYE-ELECTION

Fearing Defeat, Laurier Himself Takes Personal Part In Fight In Drummond-Athabaska—A Bad Omen.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The Government views with considerable alarm the forthcoming by-election in Drummond Athabaska, rendered necessary by the elevation of Louis Lavergne to the senate.

Disparaging reports regarding the progress of the Nationalists have made in the constituency have been reaching the premier, and accordingly he went himself today to the scene of the coming conflict. Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the very rarest occasion has taken any part in by-election contests.

It is understood here that unless the Government makes a good showing in this constituency, which has hitherto been won by huge majorities, and in which at last election no Conservative could be found to run, its downfall in Quebec at the next general election will be taken for granted.

14 KILLED IN ELECTION RIOTS

Gendarmes Fired Into Crowd When Attacked By Radicals In Guadeloupe Town—Innocent Party The Victim.

Basse Terra, Guadeloupe, Oct. 17.—Five men and three women were killed and at least 25 other persons wounded, six of whom will die, during rioting at yesterday's election. Of the dead, one was a woman 70 years of age, who was shot behind the closed doors of her home which stands opposite the town hall.

The rioting occurred in the Petit Burg district of this city, the capital. The trouble began through the election from the hall of the representatives of the radical party at the moment that the voting ceased and the inspection of the ballots was to begin. The radicals who charged frauds against Governor Gautret and the government party at the elections last April, protested against this election and when outside, stoned the building. Finally rallying their forces and declaring their right to be present at and assist in the canvass of the votes, the radicals attempted to force an entrance and assaulted 12 gendarmes who stood in their way. The gendarmes fired a volley over the heads of the radicals and then shot indiscriminately into the crowd.



FREDERICK W. MANSFIELD.

majority in favor of the nomination of Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, for governor, the committee of four appointed by the convention to select a candidate in place of Frederick W. Mansfield, of Boston, was still deadlocked when it adjourned tonight. The mail vote resulted as follows: Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, 495; Charles S. Hamlin, of Boston, 484; James H. Vahey, of Watertown, 3; Charles F. O'Riordan, of Boston, 3; Frederick W. Mansfield, of Boston, 1; Blanks, 3.

The state committee sent out ballots to delegates and had 989 replies all of which came by special delivery letters to William P. Hayes, secretary of the committee of four and the count was made in the presence of a company of newspaper men. Soon as the count was completed the committee went into session and Major Robert A. Crowley, an ardent Hamlin supporter, as once announced that he would not recognize the poll of the delegates and would not be governed by it. He presented the name of Chief Justice Aiken as the fifth member of the committee, a position not yet filled.

F. J. McLeod, chairman of the state committee and a Foss supporter, stated that he would not vote for Judge Aiken, as he believed the committee would agree upon a candidate unanimously within a short time.

The deadlock therefore continued. While the vote was being counted backers of Mr. Foss for governor and of Thomas P. Riley of Malden and Thomas F. Cassidy of North Adams

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GARAGE BURNS AT MONTREAL

Firemen Injured When Gasoline Exploded Blowing Off Roof—Six Autos Destroyed—Loss \$5,000.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—As the result of a fire which broke out this evening in an automobile garage on Guy street, belonging to J. L. Marler, damage to the extent of \$25,000 was done and three firemen injured.

The garage was on the ground floor of a two story building and the flames had made considerable headway when the firemen arrived. While they were at work an explosion of gasoline occurred blowing off the roof of the building and knocking over a ladder on which firemen Beaulieu, O'Reilly and Fortin were working.

The men were hurled to the ground and badly injured. The building was gutted and six autos were burned.

AIR CORPS FOR BRITAIN

London, Oct. 17.—According to an official announcement, Major Sir Alexander Benneman of the royal engineers has taken command of the newly formed military air corps. The corps will consist of expert military and civil aeronauts who will be divided into two departments, ballooning which will also include dirigible work and aeroplaning.

The ballooning will be carried out at Aldershot, where the headquarters of the aeroplaning will also be, although the greater part of work of this nature will be carried out on Salisbury plain.

MISS CROCKETT'S FUNERAL. Frederick, Oct. 17.—The death of Miss Marion Proctor Crockett, on Sunday, was the first break in the family of Dr. William Crockett, formerly chief superintendent of education, in 47 years.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Dr. Crockett, on George street.