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MANY LIVES LOST—PROPERTY DAMAGE ENORMOUS

MOBILE CITY PARTIALLY INUNDATED

Lower River Bank Strewn With Wreckage, Cotton Crop Ruined and Water Seven Feet Deep in Many Streets—No Communication With Coast Towns Where Havoc Has Been Great.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—(Via. Meridian, Miss.)—Loss of life, variously estimated from five to fifty persons, many injured, 5000 houses damaged, the business quarter devasted and a property loss of fully $3,000,000 is the effect of the tropical hurricane of the last forty-eight hours in this city.

The storm struck Mobile Wednesday midnight and raged for many hours, the wind reaching a velocity of 90 miles an hour. Water from Mobile Bay was blown into the city by the gale, and for a time the sea daystood seven feet deep in the wholesale quarter from Royal-street to the Alabama River.

The loss of life is believed mainly to be among negroes.

Militia in Control.

Mobile has been placed under the control of the militia. Nobody is permitted on the streets except newspaper men and persons wearing badges. Much apprehension is felt for the suburban towns, and it is feared that they have been obliterated. The loss of life on Dauphin Island probably is heavy.

Many fishermen live on Dauphin Island and other outlying marshy tracts from which no tidings have been received.

The suffering in Mobile is severe. The annihilation of transportation facilities has shut off all supplies and unless help reaches Mobile from the outside world soon, great distress will result.

Every church here was damaged. The damage to Christ Church Cathedral is estimated at $40,000 and to St. Francis' Baptist Church $10,000.

Revenue Cutter Sunk.

Mobile shipping suffered more than anything else. Many of the river boats now are beached or sunken and complete wrecks. Their docks and those of private corporations are fearfully wrecked. The revenue cutter Alert has gone down in Mobile River. She was rammed by some unknown vessel and sank immediately. Her crew is believed to have escaped.

The city was put under martial law at dark Thursday and no person is allowed to enter the wholesale quarter.

All wharves from Frascati-street, the extreme south end of the city, as far up the river as Three Mile Creek are wrecks. This includes also the new Mobile & Ohio docks and the Louisville & Nashville docks.

Telegraphic communication is paralyzed, with poor prospects of wires for several days.

All business has been suspended. The Mobile & Ohio Railroad was the first to get a train out of the city, leaving at 4 a. m. Friday.

Numerous saw mills in the southern and marshy regions have been either washed away by the terrific waves or torn to splinters by the wind. Their lumber and timbers are to be seen scattered over the city and floating down the slowly falling river.

The harbor steamer Kamp Carney plying between Mobile and the eastern shore, lies beached just across the river, and opposite St. Francis-street. Her sides are jammed in and her upper structure blown away. Much fear is entertained for Fort Morgan where the government quarantine station is situated and many soldiers live. In the city many persons and much livestock were rescued after heroic efforts. Such cases were numerous.

Provisions Exhausted.

Provisions are almost exhausted. Restaurants feed many, but have no supplies on hand for the future. Ham and eggs are the staple food. These, too, soon will be exhausted. Wholesale houses lost many thousands of dollars from the flood, and willingly paid as high as $1.50 an hour for common labor, earnestly begging men to accept such pay, so frantic were they to save goods. Even at this figure few men would accept work.

Between 6 o'clock Thursday evening and Friday noon trees were felled and

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FIFTY DEAD; PROPERTY LOSS $3,000,000.

At least 50 lives were lost, 5000 houses were damaged, and $3,000,000 damage resulted from the tornado that struck Mobile, Ala., Wednesday night and devastated the business section of the city.

Five river boats were sunk at the wharves.

The business section, a quarter of a mile wide, thru the whole length of the city, was inundated, and the city, on Thursday night, was in darkness.

Militia guard the streets, with orders to shoot to kill. Pillagers are reported in the business section. One negro was caught and nearly beaten to death.

Buildings have been razed. A river steamer turned turtle, but her crew escaped. A revenue cutter was lost.

Surrounding towns have been devastated.

The velocity of the wind was 90 miles an hour. At times the sea stood seven feet deep in the wholesale quarter.

Provisions are almost exhausted, and supplies cannot be got into the city.

Every church was damaged, as also were many of the hotels.

Communication with gulf towns is shut off, and it is feared loss of life along the coast has been great.

ONE ARREST, 7 WARRANTS FOR BRIBING ELECTORS

Sensational Allegations Concerning the Conduct of the London By-Elections of Last Year—102 Voters in One Subdivision Accepted Money to Support Hyman — Prominent Citizens Charged.

ARREST MADE IN TORONTO AND COURT HEARING BEGUN

There was a veritable bomb exploded yesterday in political circles when John O'Gorman of the Munro Commission Co. this city, but formerly of London, was arrested on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to bribe in the London by-election of last year. He appeared in police court and an immediate hearing of the case was begun, evidence being given by John Collins, an ex-hotelkeeper of London.

As a further result of Collins' revelations warrants were last night made out calling for the apprehension of seven others, two of them being leading citizens of London. At midnight the chief of police at London declined to say whether the informations had reached him. The seven who are accused of having assisted in the wholesale bribery of voters are:

George Reed of Reed Bros., manufacturers of ledgers and blank books.

Ed. I. Sifton, manager of the Electrical Construction Co.

Dan Wiley of the customs service.

Wm. J. Mulloy, an ex-hotelkeeper.

Wm. Serviss, a carpenter.

Jos. Hardy, now on his way home from Manitoba, and

George Ardy.

The O'Gorman warrant was placed in Provincial Detective Rogers' hands for execution, and O'Gorman was taken at once to the police court. He declined to plead or elect. Mr. Robinette appeared for him, and protested that the case should be heard in London, but evidence was taken and the case will be continued on Tuesday.

Collins' Allegations.

Summed up, the allegations of Collins were these:

That he and Mulloy worked together in the buying of votes in the Dominion election of 1904, the provincial election of 1905, and the federal by-election of 1905, when Hon. Charles Hyman defeated Wm. Gray, during the heat of the autonomy legislation campaign.

Mulloy and Collins worked chiefly in polling subdivision No. 8, in the Second Ward, and Collins also did considerable in subdivision No. 7.

When Mulloy was buying votes he told Collins that the money was coming from O'Gorman of the Munro Commission Company, No. 2 Court-street, Toronto, which, Mulloy said, had something to do with providing supplies for the G. T. P. construction. When a voter was approached and found to be willing to accept something for his vote, the money was not paid over, but was placed in the hands of a third party, satisfactory to both, who acted in the capacity of a stakeholder. Collins himself held quite a number of these bribes.

During the by-election, Collins was quartered at the Queen's Hotel, London, and voters were brought to his room, and in the presence of Mulloy, were impressed with the fact that as they were being paid they would have to see to it that they voted "right." Then the money was placed in an envelope and sealed, and Mulloy handed it over to Collins, who afterwards returned it to Mulloy, Mulloy keeping a

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WESTERN WHEAT YIELD.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The trade and commerce department has received reports which indicate the wheat yield in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is placed at 85,000,000 bushels. There were 4,500,000 acres under cultivation. It is said that the yield would have been considerably larger but for the hot wave in August, which was very severe.

About 6,000,000 bushels of the new crop has been inspected. Of this 25 per cent. is No. 1, 40 per cent. No. 1 northern, 15 per cent. No. 2 northern, 80 per cent. of the yield to be high grade. The fine weather is facilitating threshing, etc. Some damage from frost is reported from the Regina country.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

A. C. Craig of Dutton Struck by M. C. R. Express.

London, Sept. 28.—A. C. Craig, manager of Molsons Bank, was struck by the express at Dutton this evening, while standing between the tracks at the M.C.R. Depot. He was hurled 50 feet and killed instantly.

Mr. Sifton of Highgate attempted to rescue Craig, and narrowly escaped.

Deceased was a son of Canon Craig of Petrolea.

INSANE PATIENT SUICIDES.

Brockville, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—D. J. McDonnel, an asylum patient, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself in his dormitory. He suspended himself by means of a sheet from the head of an iron bedstead, which he had placed in a perpendicular position.

BOY FALLS FROM WAGON.

Windsor, Sept. 28.—Arnold Graves, a 6-year-old colored lad, met almost instant death to-day by falling from a lumber wagon near the corner of Mercer and Wyandotte-streets.

DEAL CONSUMMATED.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—D. M. Stewart, general manager of the Sovereign Bank who returned from Europe to-day, says that the deal between the Dresdner Bank and the Sovereign has been consummated.

A. F. MACLAREN HOME.

Stratford, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—A. F. MacLaren, M. P., his wife and son, Kenneth, are expected here tomorrow from their European trip.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Sept. 29.

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Grain commission, board of trade, 10 a.m.

The hounds, at the Kennels, 2.30.

Lacrosse, Toronto and Tecumsehs, Hanlan's Point, 3.

Football, Victoria v. Peterboro, Varsity field, 3.

Argonaut's regatta, 3.

Laying of cornerstone for St. Cyprian's Church, Christie-street, 3.

Broadview Boys' Institute fair, afternoon and evening.

Princess, "The Embassy Ball," 2.15 and 8.15.

Grand, Kellar, 2.15 and 8.15.

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FIRST CUBAN REPUBLIC GOES OUT--TAFT RULES

After Day of Waiting President Palma Tearfully Announces His Final Determination to Resign — Spirit of Apathy in Congress.

Havana, Sept. 28.—(2 p.m.)—The governor of Santiago reports that the rebels are organizing and concentrating in the vicinity of that city.

At Guantanamo, Santiago Province, the rebels are collecting arms and horses, and bands of rebels are reported to be around Baracoa, in the same province, indicating that the extreme eastern part of the island is in a more excited state than hitherto believed.

The governor of Matanzas reports that rebels are camped near Matanzas, capital of that province, and are stealing horses.

Rebels have been seen in the vinicity of Colon, province of Matanzas.

It is reported that the rebels have fired on a government force near the Toledo plantation, south of Marianao, Province of Havana, and that they have also attacked the electric plant at Marianao, which is only seven miles from Havana City.

PALMA'S FINISH.

Havana, Sept. 28.—Up to the time that congress took a recess at 5 o'clock this was a day of waiting. After that hour various probabilities became certainties.

By 5.30 President Palma had tearfully but definitely and firmly announced that his resignation was irrevocable. Following this announcement, the moderates held a long consultation at the residence of Senator Dolz, president of the senate, at which it was decided that no moderate should return to the session after the recess which had been declared, thus precipitating a condition in which no provisional president could be elected.

This throwing up of their hands, practically, would give over the control of affairs to the American commissioners.

Taft Waiting.

Up to that point the attitude of the commissioners also had been a waiting one. Secretary Taft said, on leaving to-night for dinner, that he then was in a position where he could not say anything for publication.

During the day Secretary Taft heard various kinds of propositions and counter-propositions about available and unavailable candidates for the presidency, including the extraordinary one from Zayas himself, that his own election as a provisional president might result in peace.

None of these proposals proved agreeable to all factions, and Secretary Taft, after the exchange of several cablegrams with President Roosevelt, assumed a waiting attitude.

Among those who visited the secretary during the recess of congress was Governor Nunez, with other liberal nationalists. They regretted that President Palma persisted in his determination to resign.

Zayas came, too, and declared that Secretary of the Interior Montalvo

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TAFT REGIME.

Havana, Sept. 28.—It is certain that American intervention will take place to-morrow. Twenty-five United States marines were landed here to-night to guard the treasury building.

There will be no further landings to-night, but Secretary Taft's proclamation creating himself provisional military governor of Cuba will be issued to-morrow.

A further force of Americans will be landed to-morrow.

To-night the city is policed by rural guards.

Gen. Rodrigeus, commander of the rural guards, is cooperating with Secretary Taft.

BERGEVIN FOR SPEAKER.

George Smith, M.L.A., Will Be Given Government Rank.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Quite a batch of news items transpired here to-day after the meeting of the local cabinet. It is stated that the speakership will be filled by Mr. Bergevin, M.L.A. for Beauharnois. Hon. W. A. Weir, minister of public works, was the last speaker, and it is said that in order to compensate the English minority for the loss of the first commissioner Mr. George Smith, M.L.A. for Megantic, will be given government rank without a portfolio.

The writs for St. Antoine, L'Assomption, Iberville, and the Magdalen Islands will issue before the session, which will take place in January. It is also announced that the local government will begin the erection of a new jail for this district, the cost of which will be a million dollars.

BIRTHS.

ALDRIDGE—At the Bristol Apartments, on Sept. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Aldridge, a daughter.

DEATHS.

LAWRENCE—At the residence of his uncle, George Broddy, Brampton, on Friday, Sept. 28th, 1906, George Wackson, son of E. W. Lawrence, of Woodbridge, in his 5th year.

Funeral will take place from the above residence on Saturday, at 2 p.m., to Christ Church Cemetery, Woodbridge.

KEENAN—On Sept. 26, 1906, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. McGoldrick, 151 Berkeley-street, Mrs. Catherine Keenan. Deceased was born in Ireland in 1837.

Funeral took place Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

McMARTIN—On Friday, Sept. 28, 1906, Robert McMartin, at 216 Jones-avenue, in his 56th year.

Funeral on Saturday at 2.15, to Norway Cemetery.

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GEO. ROSS GROWS MILITANT OURS IS A FIGHTING RACE

Those of Us Not Willing to Bear Arms Should Leave the Country.

"Canadian Night" was celebrated by Zetland Lodge, A., F. & A. M., and notable addresses were delivered last night by Bro. W. B. Northrup, K. C., M. P. (East Hastings), and Bro. Geo W. Ross, M.L.A. The lodgeroom was beautifully decorated, and the maple leaf was everywhere in evidence. The first degree was conferred upon Candidate Thomas J. McCabe, followed by a banquet, at which E. R. Dransfield, worshipful master of Zetland Lodge, presided. There were songs by W. J. A. Carnahan, Robert Gorrie and Bro. Thomas Baker of New York. The toast to the grand master was responded to by the grand master, G. H. Barritt of Pembroke, and Deputy Grand Master E. T. Freed of Hamilton.

In proposing the toast to Canada, Mr. Northrup referred to Mr. Ross as "the most brilliant after-dinner speaker in all Canada." He hesitated to trespass upon what he might desire to say, but he could not refrain, himself, from saying a few words in eulogy of Canada.

The sceptre of the world had passed in time from Asia to Africa; from Africa to Europe; and it was passing from Europe to America.

Her sons were eminent in every land and in every walk of life. Parker, Greenwood, Drummond, Blake, Osler and Strathcona were prominent at home and abroad. England was a great country, but the average Canadian was better educated and better off than the average Englishman. He was a Canadian first, last and all the time, and, also, an imperialist.

Bro. George W. Ross, in rising to respond to the toast of the evening, acknowledged the great ovation tendered by the 200 banqueters present. The Canadians were a great people. "We could make a heaven of a continent," he exclaimed. "We have made a paradise of half a continent. We have a vast country. Ontario is so vast that Scotland might sink in many of our lakes without impeding navigation."

While not a military man, he hoped that Canada would not forget the duty resting upon every nation to organize armies and navies to fight for its rights. The Anglo-Celts are a fighting people, and Canadians, as Anglo-Celts, should be a fighting people. Those not willing to fight should move to some other country.

It was all right to sing "God Save the King," but, as Burns said, let us not forget the people. We must cling to universal suffrage, to the right of self-government. Our children must acquire greater privileges and truer freedom than we now possess. While faithful to King and empire, Canada must always enjoy the first place in our hearts.

MARRIAGES.

ELLIOTT—HIRST—On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 1906, in Old St. Andrew's Church, by Rev. Dr. Milligan, Blanche Marion Hirst, youngest daughter of the late John Hirst, to George Herbert Elliott, both of Toronto.

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Fragments of Strathcona Feast Distributed Among Poor—Is Siberian Route Shorter Than C.P.R ?—English Comment of Canadian Interest.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Sept. 28.—Premier Deakin of Australia has announced the conclusion of a reciprocal treaty with five South African governments.

Fragments of the great Strathcona feast at Aberdeen were distributed among 700 poor people.

A naval correspondent of The Daily News, commenting on Australia's naval program, says Australia is far from recognizing what Canada has long since recognized, that the defence of the colonies rests not on local efforts but on the efficiency of the imperial navy.

Lord Hawke has sailed on the Victorian for Canada on a shooting trip.

Lord Strathcona, interviewed regarding the Aberdeen University celebrations, said he was extremely delighted with the success attending the various functions. Much of this was due to the glorious weather, but he was delighted with the way Aberdeen responded to the call made on her.

At Bow-street police court a lad of 16, who was charged with embezzling employers' money, was remanded in order that arrangements might be made by friends to send him to Canada.

The London County Council is introducing Canadian nomenclature in renaming the streets.

The Edinburgh Scotsman appeals to Earl Carrington to reconsider his decision to open the army contracts to American meat, on the ground that home feeders are already sorely pressed in that trade.

The Glasgow Herald says the decision of the Shanghai postoffice authorities is a great triumph for the Canadian Pacific, but points out the superiority of the trans-Siberian railway, by which at an average speed of 33 miles an hour Shanghai is within sixteen days of London.

The Lake Manitoba embarked a large contingent of emigrants at Belfast Lough.

NIGHT CLERK MISSING.

Wanted to Give Evidence at Gilmour Hotel Fire Inquest.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The police are asked to locate Night Clerk McVeigh of the burned Gilmour Hotel, who left the city.

Thos Babin, proprietor of the house, was on the stand for a couple of hours to-night. He swore positively that all rooms had ropes and that fire escapes were indicated by red lights.

There are still a dozen witnesses to examine and sensational developments are expected before the end of the enquiry.

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STORM COMING.

Buffalo, Sept. 28.—Storm warnings are displayed on Lakes Michigan and Huron, and on the Lower Lakes from Detroit to Buffalo.

RAIN.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales, easterly, with rains.

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