

10,000 PERISH IN SOUTH SEA CYCLONE; HUGE WAVES SWEEP ISLAND COASTS

Society and Tahiti Archipelagos Devastated by Worst Storm Ever Known in Southern Pacific—Wind Rages for Two Days at 120 Miles an Hour.

San Francisco, March 4.—The Evening Post states that 10,000 persons perished during the storm on Tahiti and adjacent islands, several of which, its account says, have disappeared. It places the damage at \$5,000,000.

Papeete, Tahiti, Feb. 15, via San Francisco, March 3.—The most destructive cyclone ever experienced in the Society and Tuamotu Islands occurred on Feb. 7 and 8. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at \$1,000,000, and presumably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamotu Islands. The city of Papeete was inundated and about 75 buildings destroyed, including the American consulate and the French Government building. The shipping in the harbor of Papeete escaped injury, owing to the direction of the wind, but fears are entertained for vessels which were caught near the Tuamotu Islands.

Fears for Vessels.
It is feared that there has been heavy loss of life in the lagoons of Tuamotu Islands.

The schooner Papeete was submerged for an hour near Anua, Tuamotu. Her captain, Philip Michaelis, estimated that the waves were 65 feet high. It was impossible to see 20 feet away at 3 p.m., and the sailors had to be lashed to the vessel. M. Maradi, a French resident at Papeete, Tuamotu Islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the government buildings and dwelling houses were swept away. Many of the natives climbed coconut trees, and others put out to sea in small boats.

Bridges and roads were damaged on the island of Tahiti. Bread fruit, coconut, banana and plantain trees were blown down in great numbers, which will result in hardships to the natives, and materially affect commerce during the next two or three years. The French gunboat Zelee, has gone to the Tuamotu Islands with supplies of food and fresh water. The British consul has appealed to the Government for aid for 500 British subjects. Some Americans have sustained heavy losses, and probably there will be instances of destruction. The Americans are hopeful of securing help from the United States. Money and food are required.

Struck Island at Midnight.
The cyclone reached the velocity of 120 miles an hour. It struck the islands about midnight on Feb. 7, and continued until about 4 o'clock on the next afternoon. The island of Anua, Tuamotu group, is believed to have been the center of the storm.

At Papeete about 7 p.m. on Feb. 7, the sea began to break heavily over the reef, the waves in the harbor washing over the quay. There was no perceptible wind. Toward 10 o'clock persons dwelling in the waterfront abandoned their homes, many saving small portions of their belongings. The merchants and clerks went to the stores and warehouses only to discover that it was impossible to save goods on the lower floors. An hour later high seas broke completely, demolishing ship and buildings, besides causing great damage to the coal sheds. The guardian of the arsenal, Teffer Adams, an expert swimmer, was in the water for many hours and assisted in warning and reaching others.

Misses Swept Away.
The village of Taronia, near the arsenal, was completely swept away. It consisted of the mission buildings and homes of native converts of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints' mission. A settlement nearby composed of dwellings of several hundred Cook Islanders (British subjects), was completely destroyed. Frequent, severe, and living near that community, had to take to an adjacent swamp which became inundated and he was compelled to battle with the waves for many hours. Further east on the beach road all the houses were swept away for about a half mile.

At Taunua, the family of Herman McNeil had a thrilling experience, their residence being badly damaged by waves, which compelled the family to flee to a native house. Frequently the water was up to their necks and they were compelled to cling to trees. Other fine homes were badly damaged. Mrs. Gooding, an aged American, narrowly escaped death, being caught by debris in her room at Papeete when it collapsed.

Consulate Collapses.
At 8 a.m. the American consulate collapsed. In the absence of the American consul, his mother, Mrs. Doty, supervised the removal of the archives, aided by several missionaries. Mrs. Doty was in serious jeopardy several times. The records were temporarily stored at the Latter Day Saints' Mission House. Mrs. Doty's family also accepted their hospitality.

The substitute guardian at the quarantine station at Moutautia Island, Papeete harbor, was waving a lantern for many hours during the night, as he and his wife clung to the tops of coconut trees in the midst of waves.

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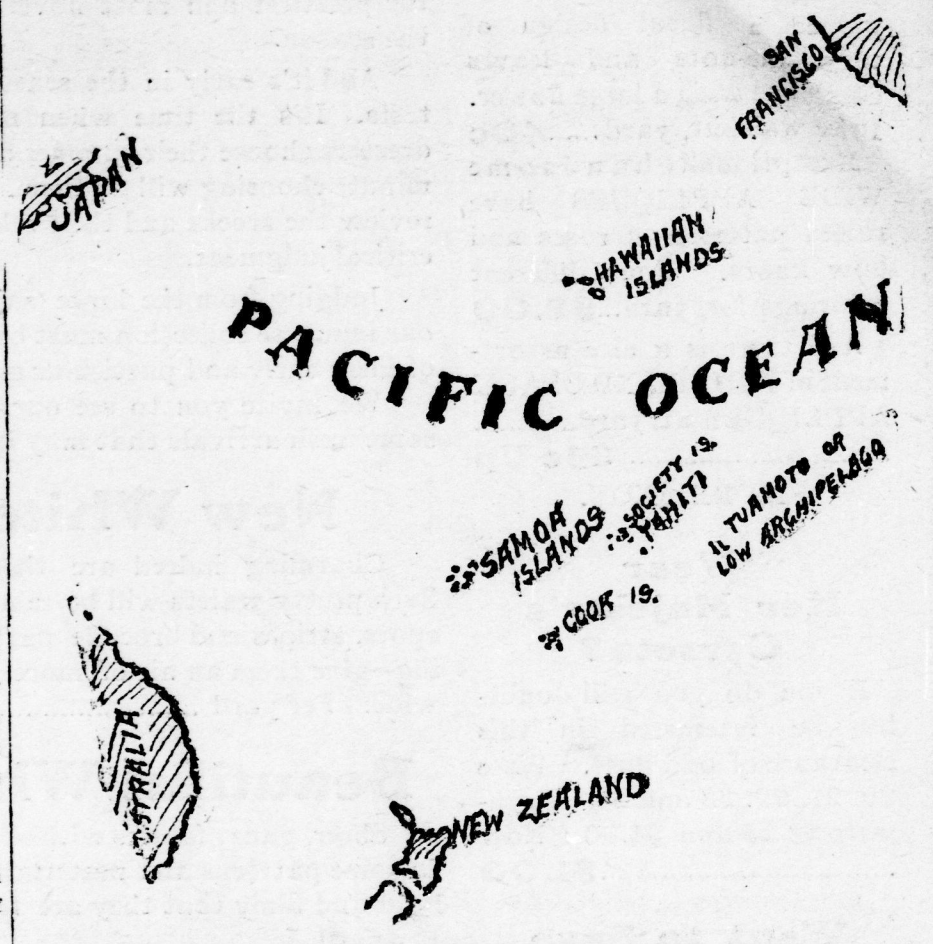


CHART SHOWING SOUTHERN PACIFIC ISLANDS, SWEEPED BY DEVASTATING CYCLONE.

PARIS CHEERS FOR KING EDWARD

A Significantly Warm Welcome for His Majesty at the French Capital.

Paris, March 4.—King Edward's visit to Paris is attracting great attention, enormous crowds cheering his every appearance on the streets today.

The cordiality of the greetings exchanged between the King and President Fallieres during his majesty's official call at the Elysee Palace was much remarked.

The conversation between the two lasted half an hour. Later the president returned the call at the British embassy, where a state dinner was held tonight.

At the dinner, President Fallieres and Premier Rouvier, with their wives, were among the guests. There were no speeches. Afterwards King Edward, President Fallieres and M. Rouvier conversed for half an hour in the smoking-room.

During the course of the day former Presidents Loubet and Casimir Perier left their cards at the British embassy. The King invited M. Loubet to dinner on Monday.

The Princesses Beatrice and Ena of Battenberg, who lunched with King Edward today, will leave for Biarritz, Monday, where they will await the King's arrival.

Later an interview between the Kings of England and Spain will take place, at which official consent to the marriage of Princess Ena to King Alfonso will be given.

Murder and Suicide.
Buffalo, N. Y., March 5.—Henry L. Whitbeck, a dentist, killed his wife with a hammer today and then literally blew his brains out with a Mauser rifle, loaded with a soft nose bullet.

Murder Follows Church Row.
Chicago, March 5.—A man was murdered last night, apparently as a result of the quarrel between the factions of the church of the Providence of God. A. Marzewski, 22 years old, was shot and killed by one of four men who attacked him at Throop street and Archer avenue. He died an hour later. His assailants escaped.

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SENTENCED TO GO TO CHURCH

How a St. Kitts Magistrate Dealt Out Justice to Thieves.

St. Catharines, March 5.—Judge Carman dealt leniently with William Perry and Garnett Dawson, the two convicted chicken thieves, who pleaded guilty.

When the two young men were brought into court his honor told them he had been looking up their record, and that he had resolved to give them one more chance to reform.

His honor exacted a promise from each of the accused to go to church at least once a Sunday until June, and to quit drinking. He made that a distinct condition in allowing them to go at liberty, and the young men were very willing to make the promise.

They also had to give bonds for appearance at the June sessions.

CHARGE CONSPIRACY

Industrial Workers Start a Defense Fund for Haywood and Moyer.

Chicago, March 5.—Charles O. Sherman and W. E. Trautman, president and secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, have issued a signed statement declaring that the arrest of Messrs. Moyer and Haywood, of the Western Federation of Miners, on a charge of murder, is part of a conspiracy of the mining capitalists to break up the federation.

The Industrial Workers have started a defense fund, with which to fight the case in the courts, and ask that contributions be forwarded to headquarters at Chicago.

J. P. to See King.

Rome, March 5.—J. Pierpont Morgan, who arrived here yesterday, will be received by King Victor Emmanuel shortly.

Copeland Company Wins.
Ottawa, March 5.—The Copeland-Chattemon Company, of Toronto, got judgment against the Guarin Printing Company for an infringement of their loose ledger system, in the exchequer court today.

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great to estimate. His influence will be sure to make itself felt in all quarters, and we hope to hear of many such gentlemen lending their influence in this direction and working for the good of their fellow men."

The Travelers' Grievance.

Mr. McDermid was then questioned in regard to the grievance of commercial travelers in local option towns, and he made the following statement:

"From the travelers' standpoint, and I may say the standpoint of common sense, we think the municipality that does away with the barroom should also take upon itself the responsibility of providing accommodation for the traveling public."

"But slight should not be lost of the fact that it is not alone in local option towns that the travelers have grievances in regard to sanitation and accommodation."

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Flirting in Choir

St. Catharines, March 5.—Rev. W. B. Nevitt, son of Dr. Nevitt, the well-known Toronto clergyman, created a sensation at St. Barnabas' Church, here, yesterday, where he officiated for the first time, by the announcement that he has dispensed with the services of the lady members of the choir. His only explanation was that it was owing to the awful stories he had heard about flirting. The churchwardens were angry, and yesterday locked the church organ and had the water power turned off so that it could not be used. At the evening service a small organ was pressed into service from the Sunday school. Friends of the lady members of the choir are very indignant, and there promises to be trouble.

TOOK VALUABLE RINGS

Windsor Jewelers Victimized to Extent of Three Hundred Dollars.

Windsor, March 5.—Saturday evening a well-dressed stranger examined some rings in Howell Bros' jewelry store. He left, saying he would return to make a purchase. After his departure, two rings worth \$300 were found missing.

A WEB BIT OF HUMANITY

Little Girl in Lanark Home Welghs But 27 Cents.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kingston, March 5.—Mrs. Cyrus Tuck, of Lanark, gave birth a few days ago to a girl baby, which weighed 27 ounces. Although so small it is perfectly formed and apparently in good health. It is kept in wadding and crowds of people are visiting the home to see the wee bit of humanity.

McINNES GUILTY

Fine One Hundred Dollars for Libelling Hon. Walter Scott.

Regina, Sask., March 5.—J. K. McInnes was found guilty on the charge of criminally libelling Hon. Walter Scott in December last, in charging that Mr. Scott had attempted to bribe him with an offer of \$10,000 for his stock in a railway charter. A nominal fine of \$100 was inflicted, as the prosecution only desired conviction, not punishment.

THE "PROPER THING"

Women's Dress Less Expensive This Year, Says an Expert.

Chicago, March 5.—Women's dress will be less expensive this year than ever before, in the opinion of Miss Elizabeth A. G. White, president of the Dressmakers' National Protective Association, who arrived here last night to preside at the convention of the association, which opens today. As to colors, Miss White said, white and gray will be stylish, but the plain black runabout dresses, trimmed with white lace, will be the proper thing for this season, while silk gloves must be worn invariably.

WILL HAVE COUNSEL THERE

Ontario To Be Represented Before Insurance Commission.

Toronto, March 4.—The Province of Ontario will be officially represented at the inquiry to be made by the Dominion Government's commission on insurance.

Premier Whitney was asked by a reporter on Saturday if a decision on the point had been reached.

NO REDUCTION HERE

All Grand Trunk Train Crews Are Still at Work.

A Stratford dispatch says that the Grand Trunk has laid off twenty freight brakemen there, and that a number of conductors have been set back to brakemen.

The open winter has enabled the company to handle its freight with much greater ease than during the severe winters of the past few years, and this meant less work for the train crews. The Mogul engines also have much heavier trains than the old type of locomotives, and this has also had its effect on the train crews.

No reduction in the forces at London or Sarnia Tunnel has been made, nor has there been any intimation of a change. Traffic continues good.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

St. Louis, N.Y., Southampton, Genoa, Calcutta, New York, Naples, Calcutta, New York, Liverpool, Calcutta, New York, Glasgow, La Gascogne, New York, Havre, Imbria, Liverpool, New York, St. Paul, Southampton, New York, Tunisian, Liverpool, Bremen, Montezuma, Antwerp, St. John, Chemnitz, New York, Bremen, Lombard, Naples, Bremen, Hamburg, Naples, Bremen, Oscar II, Copenhagen, New York, La Bretagne, Havre, New York, Mason holds the secret.



HERR VON RADOWITZ, Head of the German Delegation at the Moroccan Conference.

FLOE DRIVEN ASHORE

Fishermen Adrift on the Ice Reach Land in Safety.

Cronstadt, Russia, March 5.—A block of ice from the Gulf of Finland with about 150 fishermen on it has been driven ashore here. The ice-breaker Yermak has gone to the rescue of the remainder of the fishermen.

It was announced yesterday that it was feared 800 fishermen with their families, who were afloat on the ice, were doomed to perish.

MCCURDY COMING BACK

Ex-Insurance President Will Be On Hand for Investigation.

New York, March 5.—It appears from the Herald that Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, before sailing for Paris on Wednesday last, entered into a written undertaking with District Attorney Jerome to return to this country at any time his presence might be desired, and to return by Sept. 1 in any event.

This is taken to confirm the report that the district attorney is preparing certain life insurance matters for the grand jury. Mr. Jerome, it also appears, was shown a certificate from Mr. McCurdy's physicians, representing that the former president of the Mutual was in a physical condition demanding absolute rest and removal from the scene of his many business cares.

Delaney Nicoll, personal counsel to Mr. McCurdy, says that his client entered into a written undertaking to return to New York before Sept. 1.

"Mr. McCurdy is in no danger of prosecution upon any criminal charge," said Mr. Nicoll last night.

GRAIN VIA THE PORTS

Output By Way of Fort William and Port Arthur Greater Than Ever.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 5.—The returns for the past season for the output of grain from the west by lake ports shows a big gain over 1905. The receipts of grain at Fort William and Port Arthur for the six months of the fiscal year of the shipping season were 42,325,558 bushels, compared with 24,292,244 for the same time in the previous year. The receipts of wheat alone were 31,091,193, compared with 23,831,383, for 1905. Shipments of wheat were 34,794,323, as against 18,604,109 for the six months last year. There are in storage at both ports 6,421,873 bushels, as against 5,505,993 for 1905.

The insurance commission met in Judge McTavish's office at the court house this afternoon, and sat for a few minutes. The commissioners afterwards called upon Mr. Fielding. They are making arrangements for sittings of the commissions.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Moderately Cold.
London, Monday, March 5.
Sun rises, 6:48 a.m. Moon rises, 12:51 p.m.
Sun sets, 6:10 p.m. Moon sets, 2:11 a.m.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2 below—10; Victoria, 36—52; Vancouver, 36—51; Edmonton, 2—8; Calgary, 16—44; Qu'Appelle, zero—16; Winnipeg, 6 below—24; Port Arthur, 25—38; Toronto, 29—36; Ottawa, 24—30; Montreal, 18—33; Quebec, 16—29; Halifax, 16—46.

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FORECASTS.

Monday, March 5—S. a.m. Fine and moderately cold today and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 20 16 Clear
Winnipeg..... 4 2 Clear
Perry Sound..... 10 6 Clear
Toronto..... 25 16 Cloudy
Ottawa..... 26 14 Fair
Montreal..... 16 18 Clear
Quebec..... 12 8 Clear
Father Point..... 8 13 Clear

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COUNCIL NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERDRAFT, SAY CITY AUDITORS

Deficit of \$15,000 for 1905 Not Due to Any Mismanagement—Some Estimates Exceeded.

HOSPITAL TRUST OVERRAN ACCOUNTS BY \$2,000

The report of the city auditors, Messrs. Jewell and Dale, will be presented to the city council at its meeting tonight.

As already announced, it shows an overdraft from last year of over \$15,000, but the auditors in justice to last year's council, draw attention to the fact that the overdraft is, in no wise due to any extravagances or mismanagement on the part of the council of 1905.

The report shows that the waterworks last year spent \$6,255 93 more than its estimate, while the hospital trust exceeded its estimate by \$1,923 57.

The West London breakwater account was also overdrawn by the sum of \$4,178 90. These are the principal items which account for the overdraft, and over which, as the city auditors point out in their annual report, the council had no control.

The auditors, however, point out that in all probability the overdraft will be greatly reduced through increase in the estimated percentage on the earnings of the West London breakwater, and also through the city being granted permission by the Legislature to use a certain amount of money which was left over from the time West London was taken into the city, debentures having at that time been issued to cover West London's indebtedness, and a balance having been left on hand which the city has far been unable to use for any purpose whatever.

Though it is shown by the auditor's statement that the board of education has still about \$2,000 of a balance on hand, accounts yet to be paid are set against this, so that no surplus is mentioned by the auditors.

The receipts of the city for the year from all sources amounted to \$588,836 02, against an estimated revenue of \$588,987 02.

Tavern and shop licenses, owing to a couple having been closed up, fell off by \$387 83. Other smaller estimated items also failed to reach the amount expected last year.

General license fees for the city increased, however, by \$308 50, police court fees by \$352 78; market house rentals by \$171 60, city and town hall rentals, etc., by \$217 75, statute labor and dogs by \$157, weigh scales fees by \$31 60.

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CAN SAY NOTHING ABOUT THE PRICE

Mr. Beck Talks of Niagara Power and What It May Cost Consumers.

Hon. Adam Beck visited Mayor Judd this morning and was seen by The Advertiser.

"How are the chances for Niagara power in London this fall?" the reporter asked.

"Good, I think," Mr. Beck replied. "But I can't say anything about what the people will be compelled to pay for the power."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, Toronto isn't paying any less for Niagara power than for steam-generated power."

"But haven't the municipalities power to go ahead and secure their own plant?"

"Well, ex-Mayor Uquhart, of Toronto, said the act of 1903, which gave municipalities power to go ahead is no good, didn't he?"

"But if the municipalities get together and secure their own power, they can fix the price of power at any figure they please?"

"Yes, but when the municipalities are ready to invest \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 in the business, I would like to hear of it."

"How about the Government? Will Mr. Whitney help?"

Mr. Beck smiled.

"Mr. Whitney is the man to see about that," he replied.

MILLIONS IN PIRATES' PLUNDER

ON AN ISLAND IN THE GULF

Boston, Mass., March 5.—Millions of treasure, captured by a cut-throat crew of a vessel, the Jolly Roger, cached on a island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the place of concealment kept a secret for 75 years, and now in the possession of a Boston woman, are fitting before the eyes of half a dozen Bostonians, and there is a possibility that they will finance an expedition to go and get the treasure. There are said to be more than \$2,000,000 of it, and all that is lacking is somebody with money to guarantee the expedition.

A woman who signs herself Susan Mason now holds the secret.

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