

Palatka Daily News

RELATIVES KEEP VIGIL ALONG DOCK AFTER STORM

Death List From Blow Around New York Will Be 50

SEARCHERS STILL OUT Waters Dotted With All Kinds of Craft As Storm Struck

(By Associated Press) New York, June 12.—The death toll of the hurricane which swooped down on the metropolitan area late yesterday passed the sixty mark today with indications that the total number of dead might go much higher.

The death list leaped ahead when the incoming tide returned eighteen bodies swept to sea last night. Four more bodies were recovered at Hunter's island and two were picked up at Flaversham island.

(By Associated Press) New York, June 12.—Daybreak this morning found hundreds of parents, children and relatives still standing vigil at the docks at City Island, awaiting the arrival of police boats which during the hours of darkness had searched the waters of Long Island sound for additional victims of yesterday's terrific storm.

Powerful searchlights played over the water as the ghastly quest went on but the swift tide apparently had borne away the bodies not recovered last night, and early today the police reported that the list of known dead had not been augmented.

More than fifty persons were thought to have lost their lives and upwards of 100 were injured in the stampede, which reared out of the hills of northern New Jersey, beat the Hudson in foam-capped breakers, swept across New York city and then seemed to center its wild energy on City Island and its vicinity.

Thousands Were Out.

Thousands of rowboats and launches defied the sound off City Island just before the breaking of the storm; when it had passed, the water was strewn with overturned craft, and the buildings on shore resembled a battle-torn village in No Man's Land.

Many parties hurrying for safety saw people struggling in the water, but dared not stop for fear of capsizing their own craft. The rescue work started immediately, but darkness and the panic-stricken crowds hindered the labors of the volunteer life savers.

Property damage estimated at from \$1,000,000 to several times that amount was done by the tornado.

The storm followed a day of intense heat and was as sudden as it was violent. Low hanging clouds across the Hudson river were observed, but they seemed to be far away, and danger unforeseen. Then, like magic, the western heavens took on a sinister aspect, the clouds seemed to dip toward the earth, and before the frightened people exposed to the elements, could reach places of safety, the wind came.

Claron's Point, a recreation place near City Island, was in the direct path of the hurricane. A ferris wheel, heavily freighted with children and young people, had just begun to revolve with its passengers, when the wind struck it. So sudden was the transition from a bright June sky to dark clouds that the men in charge of the wheel could not stop it and discharge the people in the cars before the top of the wheel was torn away and the remainder crashed to the ground, a tangled skein of steel. Dozens were buried in the wreck. Six bodies were later taken out, and more than two score were attended by ambulance surgeons. A seventh victim died this morning.

Frail Buildings Crushed.

Poses Searching for the Slayers of a Trolley Conductor

(By Associated Press) Richmond, Va., June 12.—With four negro suspects in jail, Richmond police early today were searching the negro section in South Richmond for the murderer or murderers of Harry L. Bursleson, Virginia Railway and Company conductor, who was stabbed to death last night when a crowd of negroes attacked him after he had been ejected from a trolley car a negro who the police say had been disorderly. Threatening trouble between the races following the tragedy was averted by the prompt work of the police and today no trouble was feared.

FIGHTING PARSON ON TRIAL TODAY ON MURDER COUNT

Rev. Wilburn Alleged to Have Killed Three Men

(By Associated Press) Charleston, W. Va., June 12.—The trial of Rev. J. E. Wilburn, charged with killing three Logan county deputy sheriffs during the miners' armed march from Kanawha and Boone counties to Logan last summer was to begin here today. The case was transferred from Logan to Jefferson county on a change of venue. Rev. Mr. Wilburn is one of eight men in jail here under a similar charge.

The deputies who met death during hostilities between the miners, deputies and volunteers of Logan were John Gore, John Gafarago and George Maney. While the charge against Wilburn is the killing of Gore and his companions, he also has been indicted for treason and under the Redmans act in connection with the march.

The Redmans act specifies that it is a misdemeanor for two or more men to conspire to inflict personal injury upon a person; a felony to carry the conspiracy, and murder if the person upon whom the injury was inflicted dies.

The treason charge arose from the allegation that Wilburn was among a number of men who took up arms against authority. The state will charge, it was said, that Rev. Wilburn led a band of men from Blair to surprise the deputies. It is charged that at that time the minister declared:

"Now is the time to lay down the Bible and take up arms."

and women, tearing blindly at the wreckage, hindered rather than helped the workers engaged in lifting the ruins of the wheel. Police reserves, numbering two hundred were rushed to the scene and they restored order. The gale, which swept across the entire metropolitan district was accompanied by rain which stung like a lash from the force of the winds.

Huge trees in Central Park were uprooted and tossed across the drive-ways. Five people were hurt when the wind blew out great plate glass fronts of stores along Broadway and scattered hardware and clothing along the street.

In Brooklyn lightning struck a street car and knocked six passengers unconscious.

Searching Ruins at Newark.

UNIONS MAY RUN BIG STRIKE FROM CANADA IS CLAIM

In This Way Hope to Evade Trust Laws of States

LABOR LEADERS EVADE Say Establishment of the Headquarters There Business Plan

(By Associated Press) Chicago, June 12.—While additional wage cuts threatened \$40,000,000 a further reduction to 350,000 more railway employees, it was rumored today that any rail strike growing out of pay decrease decisions by the United States railroad labor board might be directed and financed from Canada to evade the recent decision of the United States supreme court holding unions liable for damages caused by their members.

Leaders of the rail unions said to be contemplating the move viewed the establishment of Canadian headquarters as legitimate because the unions are international organizations. Financial penalties in case of a walkout could thus be averted, it was said.

The new wage reduction order is expected to increase the total cut from railway workers' wages to approximately \$150,000,000 a year. Clerks, signal men, stationary firemen, oilers and marine department employees will join the shipmen and maintenance of way employees as victims of the slash.

Strike ballots to the 400,000 railway shopmen, sent out from Chicago, were accompanied by the following letter:

"Every possible effort should be made to obtain a vote of every employee eligible. The ballot will be tabulated as soon as possible and there will be no stoppage of work until you are properly authorized to do so.

"This is the time for action and not talk or unnecessary delay. The railway employees' department desires that every ballot shall be in Chicago at the earliest possible moment and in no case later than June 30."

Lenine Now Able to Be Up and On the Job Again

(By Associated Press) Moscow, June 12.—Premier Lenine's condition continues to show improvement, it is stated in official circles, and he is now able to walk in the gardens and dictate letters. Contrary rumors still prevail, but the pessimistic attitude of the communistic circles ten days ago, when the premier was admittedly in a critical condition, has vanished since the specialists have pronounced his ailment curable.

Only the absolute conviction that Lenine is forever out of action would lead to the appointment of any one to succeed him permanently, and it is now the feeling in official circles that unless unexpected developments occur the premier will be back in the thick of the nation's affairs within a few months at the most.

ALDORTH MAY RECOVER

(By Associated Press) Augusta, Ga., June 12.—Chances for the recovery of Lieutenant Richard T. Aldworth, of Los Angeles, who suffered a fractured skull and lacerations about the body when the airplane he was piloting crashed to earth at Old Camp Hancock here yesterday afternoon, were brighter this morning, although the outcome of his battle for life was said to be still doubtful.

Incendiarism in Ireland Extends Into West Meath

(By Associated Press) London, June 12.—A Central News dispatch from Belfast today reports the extension of incendiarism over the week-end into West Meath, in which several country houses were burned, supposedly in reprisal for happenings in Belfast. In every case, says the message, the houses destroyed were occupied by Protestants. Torehouse, an Elizabethan mansion owned by Colonel Pilkington, was one of the buildings destroyed. When messengers were sent to Mullingar to summon the asylum fire brigade there they were told to go to Belfast, the dispatch states, and most of the people in the district refused to help save the building.

In Mullingar several shops of Protestants were smashed. Terror is prevalent there, adds the message, and many persons are preparing to leave town.

Griffith Sees Peace.

(By Associated Press) London, June 12.—Articles of the new Irish constitution were revised so satisfactorily, The Evening Star asserts, that Arthur Griffith will return to Dublin with them tonight. It adds that Colonial Secretary Churchill may postpone his statement in the house of commons until tomorrow so the announcement of an agreement may be made simultaneously in London and Dublin.

Mysterious Murder Puzzles Officials of Duval County

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, June 12.—Shot under mysterious circumstances near White House midnight Saturday, David T. Bell, Jr., 21, well known in that section of Duval county, died in the office of Dr. H. A. Ives, 15 Forest street, early yesterday morning. Bell expired soon after being placed on the operating table.

Bell, mortally wounded from the charges of buckshot in his chest and abdomen, was carried to the doctor's office by Noah Crawford, Cecil Rafus and J. H. Nolan, all of whom have been placed under arrest in connection with the case.

Deny Knowledge of Crime.

They deny all knowledge of the shooting, stating that Bell was shot from ambush when he got out of the automobile in which the four men were riding, to retrieve his hat, which had blown out of the machine. The four men were in Crawford's Ford automobile. They stated they heard a number of shots just before Bell called to Crawford that he had lost his hat. The driver stopped the machine, they stated, and Bell got out and walked back down the road.

Staggered Back to Machine.

Another shot was heard, they said, and in a few moments Bell staggered back to the machine, stating he had been badly wounded. The prisoners stated they placed Bell in the car and started at top speed for Jacksonville for medical and surgical aid.

They reached Dr. Ives' office shortly after 2 o'clock, but the wounded man was then in a dying condition.

Jax Negro Runs Amuck, Shoots a Man and 2 Women

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, June 12.—After shooting Will Munds, negro, to death on West Fifteenth street, about half a mile west of the Innes Automobile factory in the Grand Park section, early Sunday evening, Clarence Jackson, negro, ran amuck, seriously wounding two negro women and firing at two other negro women and a small boy, and up to 1:30 o'clock this morning he had evaded capture by a posse composed of deputy sheriffs, policemen and citizens said to number more than a score of men.

Pals Go to Ocala for Pair of Games

The Pals went over to Ocala this morning to play a series of games with the Wild Cats, the first game to be played this afternoon. After tomorrow's game the Pals will go to Leesburg for three games, returning here next Saturday to play the Saints.

CAPITAL REMOVAL DIRECTORS WILL MEET TOMORROW

Plan for Enlisting United Front From Legislators

HOLD CONVENTION NEXT May Try for Amendment to Be Submitted by Next Legislature

Twenty-eight county vice-presidents of the Capital Removal Association will arrive in Palatka this evening and tomorrow morning for the purpose of an executive meeting at which time campaign plans will be mapped out and the ball set in motion for the effort that will be made to have the people of the state vote for a change in the state's seat of government.

The session of the directors will be held at the court house, and will be presided over by President George H. Wilder, of Plant City. It is believed that a plan to pledge every south Florida senator and representative to work for a joint resolution at the next session of the legislature submitting to the people a constitutional amendment at the next general election in 1924 for removal of the seat of government.

The legislature has no authority to change the capital location, as this is fixed by the constitution, but it can submit an amendment to the constitution to the people for their ratification. Heretofore the legislature has refused to do this. The very determined attitude of many south Florida counties for either capital removal or state division, it is hoped, may be the means of forcing a compromise one way or the other.

Whether for not reappointment will come in time, or will give south Florida sufficient strength in the legislature to put over a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment is, of course problematical. However, the addition of new counties, and the law yet to be passed fixing senatorial districts, will decide this matter.

In the amendment which will be voted on this fall no provision is made for apportionment of senators, although the method of assigning legislators is fixed on a population basis. These are problems which will confront the association when it meets here tomorrow.

\$4,000,000 Fund Is Raised to Retire Y. M. C. A. Workers

(By Associated Press) Buffalo, June 12.—Without publicity or public appeal, the raising of a fund of \$4,000,000 to provide for retirement of veteran Y. M. C. A. executives throughout North America is nearing completion, it was announced here today by A. H. Whitford, local Y. M. C. A. secretary and chairman of the fund committee.

It had been originally planned to close the campaign on January 1, 1923, but indications are that the fund will have been fully subscribed within the next two weeks.

Secretaries will have the privilege of retiring at the age of 60, but may continue if they so elect. Former secretaries are provided for under the plan. Canada, Cuba and Brazil have made contributions to the fund and association secretaries there will share in its benefits.

The Rockefeller Foundation subscribed \$1,000,000 to the retirement fund, conditioned on the raising of the \$3,000,000 from other sources. New York state led with contributions of \$231,245; Pennsylvania was second, and Ohio third. The bulk of the first \$2,000,000 was raised in New York, Chicago and Cincinnati.

Earthquake Shocks Recorded Twice in Twenty-Four Hours

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 12.—A heavy earthquake shock was recorded at the Georgetown University seismological observatory last midnight and a less severe tremor, probably more distant, was recorded about six o'clock this morning.

The first quake began at 11:54 o'clock last night and continued until 1 o'clock this morning, with the greatest intensity about five minutes after midnight. The center of the disturbance was estimated at 2,100 miles from Washington in a southerly direction.

The second quake lasted about half an hour.

LABOR FEDERATION HAS BIG PROBLEMS AT ANNUAL MEET

Open Shop and Unemployment Two of Greatest

(By Associated Press) Cincinnati, June 12.—The open shop, unemployment, wage reductions, recognition of soviet Russia, the one big union, court decisions and injunctions affecting labor and other subjects formed the major issues that confronted the American Federation of Labor convention which convened here today.

The report of the executive council on many of these issues was ready for presentation to the delegates.

No debate was on the program for the opening sessions because of the preliminary routine and introduction of resolutions, some of these possibly presenting new issues. Delegates here for the opening session were elected to number 500, forming what Samuel Gompers, the federation president, described as the "parliament of labor."

"Our consideration of industry and industrial problems," said a formal statement by Mr. Gompers forecasting the convention's work, "will be from the point of view of service to the masses of our people. Our consideration of political problems will be from the point of view of freedom and progress for humanity."

The big national guard armory, far removed from the city's business district, is the seat of the convention.

W. L. Riles, Former Palatka Citizen, Dies at Bradentown

W. L. Riles, born and raised in Putnam county, died at Bradentown Sunday night after an illness of about a year. He was 60 years of age, and leaves a widow, two sons, two half sisters and two half brothers, and a brother. His sons are Norman O. Riles, of Palatka, and William Riles, of Monmouth, Ill. Mrs. R. H. Hanley and Miss Florence Davis, of Palatka, are half sisters, and A. G. Davis, of Jacksonville, and W. Carl Davis, of Palatka, are half brothers.

The remains will be brought to Palatka for interment in West View cemetery, the hour to be announced later.

For many years Mr. Riles, with his brother, R. J. Riles, engaged in the jewelry business in Palatka. He went from here to Leesburg, where he remained for three years before going to Bradentown, where he remained until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Knights of Pythias. Sympathy of friends here go out to the bereaved relatives.

GIRL FOUND DEAD AT EDGE OF CAMP EUSTIS.

(By Associated Press) Newport News, June 12.—Miss Rose Brady, was found dead early yesterday in the bushes within Camp Eustis. Her skull had been crushed with a piece of gas pipe and abandoned by the murderer. She had no money or valuables and the investigation is based on the theory of attempted criminal assault. It was evident that the girl had fought desperately and was killed by her assailant.

SALES IS HEAD OF COOPERATIVE PLAN TO FINANCE GRAIN

Fact Comes Out in Investigation in Chicago

CAUSES FLURRY IN PIT Plan Believed to Be Inimical to the Big Traders

(By Associated Press) Chicago, June 12.—The Chicago capitalist said by James K. M. Mason in his testimony before a special senate committee investigating the United States Grain Growers, Inc., to be willing to spend millions in promoting the sales department for the grain growers was Burton F. Sales, a millionaire member of the Board of Trade.

Sales admitted to a representative of the Associated Press today that he was the man referred to.

Mason's testimony that the Board of Trade man was willing to help finance the co-operative organization, which is looked upon by big traders as inimical to their interests, created a sensation in financial circles here, but identification of Sales caused even greater surprise.

Lost Aviator Is Able to Make His Way From 'Glades

(By Associated Press) Arcadia, June 12.—Treed by a panther and compelled to spend the greater part of a night in the branches of a large cypress in the wilds of the big cypress country; devoured by mosquitoes; his clothes torn to tatters by the cruel teeth of the giant saw grass of the south Florida swamps; without food for nearly forty hours—these were among the experiences of Cadet Raymond White, Carlstrom field aviator, whose plane crashed in the wilds of southeastern Lee county last Thursday about noon, and who returned to the flying field this afternoon in one of the planes that had searched for him since last Thursday.

Cadet White, whose home is in Pritchett, Texas, was making a practice flight from Carlstrom field to Okeechobee City and return last Thursday. The first part of the flight was completed without incident and Cadet White, flying alone, started on the return trip, becoming turned around and losing his bearings and his sense of direction completely almost as soon as he started the visit of the panther and the exhaustion of his walk, in which he covered at least fifty miles of the worst country in south Florida.

Four big de Havilland planes, requested by Commandant Roase, of Carlstrom field, from Montgomery, Ala., arrived at the field about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. The planes left Montgomery at daylight yesterday morning and made the trip of approximately six hundred miles without difficulty.

MATHILDE'S SWISS LOVER HAS GONE INTO SECLUSION

(By Associated Press) Zurich, June 12.—Major Max Oser, middle-aged Swiss riding master, whose long-distance courtship of 16-year-old Mathilde McCormick, of Chicago, have kept them both in the public eye for six months, has gone into strict seclusion and yesterday refused to make any comment upon the efforts of Mathilde's mother, Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, to prevent the nuptials.

"Major Oser is living quietly like any other man who is sure of his position," said one of his intimate friends. "Sensational press reports, letters and telegrams from the United States cannot evoke any response from him."

Despite the fact that litigation in Chicago over the guardianship of Mathilde and involving her matrimonial hopes, halted the girl's trip to Switzerland after she had reached New York, friends of Major Oser expressed belief yesterday that she will soon return to Switzerland.

BAKER IS SHOT DEAD

(By Associated Press) Belfast, June 12.—Edward Devine, managing director of a bakery concern in Belfast, was shot dead today in his office. Three men forced entrance to the office and shouted: "Hands up!" Devine rushed at them whereupon they killed him.