

500 OF GALVESTON DEAD REPORTED WASHED UP; STORM HORROR APPALS

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 18.—That 500 bodies from Galveston had been washed ashore on high points near Houston was the unconfirmed rumor carried over the first wires into San Antonio this afternoon. The report was made to the wire chief at Houston by a lineman.

LIGHT, WATER AND POWER CUT OFF ON ISLAND

Brief Wireless Today Tells of Much Suffering.

Fatalities May Be Many, Part of Causeway Gone.

DISASTER OF 1900 IS PALED

Texas City Hard Hit, Soldiers and Civilians Dead.

Reports of Widespread Rain Filter Out Slowly.

\$1,000,000 LOSS AT HOUSTON

State Ready to Rush Aid When Needs Are Known.

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Austin, Texas, Aug. 18.—According to the Houston Post story of conditions at Texas City, based on an interview with E. V. Rhodes, who brought the Texas City appeal for aid to Houston, the bodies of eight women were found washed ashore at Texas City Tuesday. These bodies are supposed to have come from Galveston.

HOUSTON HARD HIT

Property Loss From Two to Five Millions.

Not Single Building in City Escapes Unscathed.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 17.—(By Mail to Dallas, Aug. 18.)—Although only one person, a negro, lost his life, Houston has sustained a loss estimated at from two to five million dollars in the worst tropical storm in the history of the Texas coast. Not a single business house, not a single residence, escaped damage, and at 4:30 o'clock this morning, when the storm reached its height, the barometer fell to 28.21, the third lowest reading in the history of the world. At that time wind gusts attained the terrific velocity of 110 m.p.h.

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Crushed by Falling Buildings.

Eight of the soldiers killed in Texas City were caught under the ruins of the Thompson building, a three-story brick structure. The others were drowned. Most of the two score odd

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ATLANTA MAYOR WARNS SLATON TO STAY AWAY

Declares Frank was Meted Out Just Penalty.

Executive Speaks in Defense of Georgia Mob.

BLAME ON 'SUBSIDIZED PRESS'

Southern Says Only People on "Ground" Know Truth.

Holds Judgment of Court "Set Aside by One Man."

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18.—S. G. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, Ga., in a speech at a banquet here last night, declared that Leo M. Frank, who was lynched Monday night, suffered the "just penalty for an unspeakable crime." The Atlanta mayor at the same time warned former Gov. John M. Slaton, now in California, not to

return to Georgia.

Major Woodward's address was at a banquet of the California State Assessor's association. Little or no applause greeted his remarks, although he was listened to with close attention.

Setting the People Right.

In the course of his speech, Mayor Woodward said:

"I am going to take occasion tonight to tell you of the events that have put Georgia on the map in a very undesirable light. I am going to endeavor to set you right. People throughout the United States have obtained their ideas of the Frank case from a poisoned and subsidized press and press reports.

"Common decency prevents me from telling you the revolting truths of the murder of Mary Phagan. I

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ARMY CAMP DESTROYED BY TIDAL WAVE; 5 FEET OF WATER AT TEXAS CITY

Washington, Aug. 18.—War department dispatches sent from Texas City to Houston by wireless this morning said the United States army camp there had been destroyed by a tidal wave and high tide which covered the city with three to five feet of water. Troopers were searching for dead and injured. The storm still raged this morning.

WILL PUNISH MOB

Harris Sets Legal Machinery in Motion in Frank Outrage.

Prison Officials Held Blameless by Commission.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—All the legal machinery available to Governor Harris will be put into motion to apprehend the men who lynched Leo M. Frank at Marietta yesterday.

PORT ARTHUR WRECKED.

Four Persons Killed—Whole Population Is Homeless.

Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 18.—Three men and one woman killed, almost the entire population made homeless and property damage estimated at more than \$200,000, constitutes the toll of the tropical storm which struck Port Arthur, twenty miles from here, Monday night.

Two relief trains with 800 refugees from Port Arthur arrived here last night. They describe conditions there as distressing. Much of the town is under water, the water supply cut off and food scarce.

Sabine and Sabine Pass were deserted Monday night and both towns are reported totally submerged.

Ship in Distress.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 18.—The army wireless station here today in attempting to reach Galveston, via the wireless, heard the United States army transport Buford say that the Buford "had a talk with a ship in distress."

DAMAGE TO COTTON CROP WILL RUN INTO MILLIONS

Austin, Tex., Aug. 18.—Damage which will run into millions of dollars has been done to the cotton crop in Texas by the storms of Monday and Tuesday.

Reports from towns in central Texas say that cotton open in the bolls has blown out of the bolls and beaten into the ground by the heavy rains which accompanied it.

It is estimated that 50 per cent of all the cotton in this section was open and that from one-fourth to one-half of the open cotton was

On this calculation, the damage will be from 15 to 25 per cent of the entire cotton crop of central Texas.

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LIQUOR, POLITICS, VIRTUE, HONESTY IN BOTKIN CASE

Plenty of Life's Thrills and Frills in Hearing Today.

Circus Parade of Warden's Actions Up for State View.

SECRETS OF PRISON'S WALLS

Officers Admitted Drinking and Taking "Night Out."

Catholics and Masons Also Failed to Get Along Together.

Politics, religion, liquor, virtue, efficiency, honesty—all became issues today in the hearing which concerns J. D. Botkin's job as prison warden. A half dozen former employees testified as to things that went wrong. All spoke feelingly in the matter. Most of them admitted they had participat-

ed in the wrong doing. None of them told Warden Botkin of the revelry by night in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas City or the prison barracks. Each man was convinced that he had lost his job without cause and was the victim of an evil design.

Testimony before the commission in the Botkin case, today assumed the proportions of a circus parade. The things that Botkin did, the things he didn't do, the things of which he knew and the things he knew not of—each and all found a common dumping ground in the record of the hearing and will have a bearing as to whether Botkin should be separated from his

pay check. Every brand and stripe of political affiliation was represented in the list of men who once drew a check from the state and worked at the prison.

There was the case of T. J. Laughlin, a Topeka man. He went to the prison as a guard—a loyal, patriotic, law-abiding citizen who lost his job and changed his politics.

A Night of Pleasure.

Laughlin's troubles seemed to decorate the events surrounding the escape of one Dr. King, convicted forger from Kansas, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Then they went to a resort where they visited some ladies of light and frivolous habits. All drank beer, Laughlin thought the party spent two or three hours at the picture show and twenty-five minutes at the house of pleasure—but he wasn't right certain about it.

"Ever tell Warden Botkin about it?" asked Joseph Lafferty on cross-examination.

Laughlin did not.

"Are you a Democrat?" was asked.

"I ain't now," asserted the discharged guard, who added that he had since become a loyal Republican.

"Just why were you fired?" urged Lafferty.

The witness didn't know. But further cross examination revealed that two days after the Leavenworth celebration and 24 hours after Dr. King walked away from the prison guard and never came back, that Warden Botkin had dismissed him from service.

Next came J. S. Stevenson of Topeka—a Democrat. Stevenson went to the witness stand under 120 pounds steam pressure. Stevenson had been discharged from the prison guard and he was anxious to tell his story that Botkin might also go.

Drinking Inside Prison Walls.

Stevenson provided names of prison officers whom he claimed to have seen drinking within the prison walls. The witness had failed to report such action to the warden, although he admitted he knew it was a violation of the prison rules.

"Drank sometimes yourself?" asked Lafferty after Edwin McKeever had completed the direct examination.

"Sometimes," asserted Stevenson. "I'm a man who always takes a drink when he wants it. But I haven't taken a drink for six months and haven't been under its influence for six years."

Stevenson then told of drinking in the prison barracks, in Leavenworth and Kansas City. Once he had been suspended—most unjustly, he vowed—because some one told the warden he drank.

The witness also told of the time when Joe Casey, deputy oil inspector, and Fitzgibbons, deputy prison warden, assessed the prison employees in order to pay the bills for the 1915 campaign. Stevenson's assessment was \$20. Some of the officers, said the witness, made campaign trips.

Testifying further, Stevenson said he had seen employees take supplies from the prison.

Topeka Cop's Story.

C. M. England, former Topeka policeman, knew he had been discharged because he supported Billard for governor. In fact he testified that was the reason given by Botkin for his discharge. England also knew a

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A PRETTY GIRL BEARS SHAME IN LONELINESS

Betrayed in Love of Prominent Marysville Youth.

She Confronts Father of Her Child in Topeka.

ASKS NAME FOR THE BABE

"Fine Looking Boy," Says Parent and Ignores Her Plea.

Union Pacific Station Scene of the Pathetic Drama.

The high estimation in which a young man said to reside in Marysville is held by his townsmen was seriously jeopardized when he was confronted at the Union Pacific station by his child and its urved mother. Accompanied by a friend and reinforced by Officer Ed Ransom, the girl stopped

the young man, who is a member of the National Guard, at the station while he was passing through the city en route to Leavenworth, and compelled him to listen to her plea that he make some provision for her and their child. Except for the embarrassment which the girl's demonstration caused him, the father of the child was allowed to leave the city burdened by no more care than when he entered and with the good name of his family still intact.

The story which was gleaned from the girl's interview with her betrayer, bolstered up with what little information could be pried loose from the persons who figured in the affair, is as follows:

Stay at His Home.

The girl, who appears to be about 18 years of age, came from Texas a

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BAN FOR COTTON

Britain and France to Hold Prohibit Contraband.

Proclamation of Order Tonight or Tomorrow.

London, Aug. 18.—(4:22 p. m.)—A proclamation declaring cotton to be contraband of war is expected to be issued tonight or tomorrow at the latest by both Great Britain and France.

ROME VS. TURKEY

Porte Forbids Departure of Italians From Country.

Open Warfare Between Nations Seems Near.

Rome, Aug. 17.—(Via Paris, Aug. 18.)—Turkey, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia, has recalled permission for the departure of Italians, a large number of whom including 700 reservists, are waiting to sail at Jaffa, Beirut, Marsina, Alexandria and Smyrna.

The Giornale says the news is confirmed in authoritative circles and it further learns from a reliable private source that Turkey is continuing to send money and proclamations to Libya with the object of provoking a native rebellion against Italy. The paper concludes:

"The cup is full. We have serious reason to believe the government will take energetic action toward the Porte to end these violent proceedings which Italy cannot tolerate."

BASEBALL TODAY.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

St. Joe at Sioux City—first game called off.

Topeka at Wichita—first game called off; wet grounds.

Denver at Lincoln—game postponed; rain.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

New York at St. Louis; game postponed; rain.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

At Buffalo—First game—

Score: R. H. E.
Kansas City 2 5 0
Buffalo 3 10 1

Batteries: Main, Packard and Easterly; Anderson and Blair.

10 DEAD, 36 HURT IN SKY ATTACK ON LONDON SUBURBS

Third of New Series of Air Raids on Capital.

Victims of Zeppelin Bombs Are Civilians.

ALL HOSTILE CRAFT ESCAPES

One Airship Is Believed to Have Been Hit.

Several Buildings, Including Church, Damaged.

London, Aug. 18.—The outskirts of London were raided last night by Zeppelins.

Ten persons were killed. Thirty-six were injured.

The property damage was not large. One Zeppelin is believed to have been hit.

The air raid extended over the eastern counties of England.

The announcement given out by the official press bureau said:

The latest raid, the third of the new series of aerial attacks, which after a lapse of several weeks began on Monday of last week. On the two previous occasions twenty persons were killed and 37 injured.

One of Series of Raids.

London has been visited previously by German dirigibles during the war. On the night of May 31, Zeppelins made an attack on a district described in the official communication merely as "in the metropolitan area."

On that occasion about ninety bombs were dropped. Four persons were killed and a few others injured.

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SLAP ROCK ISLAND

L. C. Charges Directors With Misrepresentation.

Criticises Alleged Improper Stock Transactions.

Washington, Aug. 18.—With the publication today of the interstate commerce commission's report on the financial affairs of the Rock Island railroad, disclosing losses in stock transactions totalling many millions of dollars and enormous profits to promoters of holding companies, the commission's investigation, begun almost a year and a half ago, was brought to a close.

The commission charges the Rock Island directors with misrepresentation of assets in their reports to stockholders, a practice which it severely condemns, and suggests that those guilty of such acts "should be subject to adequate penalties."

The report is now being considered by the department of justice. The

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COME FROM MISSOURI

Immigrants to Kansas Flock From Sister State.

That Missouri has provided Kansas with more of its citizens than any other state in the union is indicated by preliminary reports received by the board of agriculture in the compilation of the decennial census.

The reports indicate also that immigrants have come into Kansas in large numbers from Illinois and Oklahoma. Final figures, however, have not yet been tabulated.

STATE WIDE RAIN

The Gulf Storm Has Moved Up Into Kansas.

The storm which has been raging in Galveston and other parts of Texas touched Kansas this morning and at 9:30 o'clock, 10 of an inch of rainfall was registered by the weather bureau in Topeka. The rain is reported general over the state.

The forecast calls for rain tonight and probable showers Thursday.

The minimum temperature for the morning was 69. This was at 4 o'clock.

The river gauge recorded 12.7 feet, a rise of 2.6 since yesterday.

The temperature today averaged 7 degrees below normal. The weather was gloomy and threatening. The lowest temperature came at 10 o'clock—57 degrees. The wind was ten miles an hour from the northeast this afternoon.

The hourly readings:
7 o'clock.....71 11 o'clock.....65
8 o'clock.....71 12 o'clock.....63
9 o'clock.....67 1 o'clock.....69
10 o'clock.....65 2 o'clock.....70

KOVNO FORTRESS TAKEN BY STORM BY THE TEUTONS

All Forts and Much War Material Captured.

More Than 400 Cannon Taken in Grand Assault.

SLAYS FAIL BATTLING HARD

Berlin Reports Victory Won Over "Tenaclous Resistance."

Allied Troops Make Farther Advance on Peninsula.

VILNA BLASTED FROM SKY; PLAN CITY'S EVACUATION

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—(Via London, 3:46 p. m.)—German aeroplanes are persistently bombarding the city of Vilna, about fifty miles east of Kovno. The possibility of the capture of Vilna by the Germans is foreseen in Petrograd and operations preliminary to its evacuation are in progress.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayre.)—The following announcement was made here officially today:

"The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material which has not been determined, has been in German hands since last night.

"More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians."

Hard Blow to Russians.

Military experts have agreed that the loss of the fortress of Kovno would be a serious blow to the Russians. The critic of the London Times, in an article published this morning says:

"If the story succeeds in reducing Kovno and is thereby able to cross the Niemen he will be in the rear of the Russian line north of the Sveta, and with the junction of the two wings of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army, the position of the Russian right flank will be very difficult."

Hindenburg Leads Attack.

The official German statement of yesterday announced the capture of the forts on the southwest front of Kovno, together with 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns. This was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper, but its accomplishment so speedily was hardly expected. The famous German general, Field Mar-

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HAITIENS DEFIANT

Refuse to Disarm; Desire to Fight Americans.

More Marines Are Landed at Cape Haitien.

Cape Haitien, Haiti, Aug. 18.—Another detachment of American Marines has been landed from the transports of this port. The rebels refused to disarm and in some sections have expressed a desire to fight the Americans.

BOTH SIDES LOSE

Contract Signed at One A. M. Looked Mighty Fine.

But Oh! What a Difference in the Morning.

In the cold gray dawn of the morning after a contract signed by John W. Krallino did not look the same as it did the night before and at 10 o'clock for \$25 against Allen Carter, proprietor of the American bakery, 915 Kansas avenue, was tried in the court of Topeka this morning.

The testimony in the court showed the Krallino and Carter were in the office of A. P. Tone Wilson between 12 and 1 o'clock and that they had been imbibing rather freely. Suddenly one of the party decided it would be a fine thing if Krallino bought Carter's bakery, paying \$25 down, \$50 the next day (which was July 9) and \$25 with a week besides giving a deed for his property at 514 Lawrence street.

The scheme sounded fine and the contract was drawn up at about 1 o'clock in the morning. Edna