

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN STORM WHICH SWLPT TEXAS COAST

Fatalities at Texas City, LaPorte, Morgan's Point, Seabrook and Other Gulf Towns Due to Hurricane.

DAMAGE AT GALVESTON BELIEVED TO BE GREATER THAN IN STORM OF 1900

Newspaper Man Who Viewed City From Wrecked Causeway Says Property Loss is Enormous and Many Lives Must Have Been Lost—Soldiers and Citizens Caught in Wreckage of Collapsed Three-Story Building at Texas City—Reports Conflict as to Loss of Life—Bales of Cotton Washed Far Inland From Galveston Docks by Tidal Wave—Not an Elevator Left Standing.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 18.—Scores of lives were lost and millions of dollars of property was destroyed in the West Indian hurricane that swept the Texas coast yesterday and the day before, according to information received from the stricken districts which have been cut off from communication with the outside world. Before noon the total number of dead was reported as nearing 100, with no definite news out of Galveston, which city is believed to have been hardest hit.

The damage to cotton will be from 15 to 25 per cent of the entire crop of central Texas and will cost the growers millions of dollars, according to estimates made here.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 18.—With the storm abating and communication being re-established early reports today indicated that scores lost their lives in the West Indian hurricane that swept the Texas coast at various points, starting Monday.

A copy of Tuesday's Houston Chronicle, sixth edition received at Waco, says that twelve soldiers were killed and sixty injured and thirty or forty civilians are reported dead at Texas City. Part of the fatalities came from the collapse of the Thompson building, a new three-story structure. The Houston Post however, limits the dead there to eighteen.

Six dead are reported from La Porte, Tex., eight from Morgan's Point, three from Sylvan Beach and three from Seabrook.

Galveston Damaged. According to a copy of the Houston Chronicle which has reached Temple, Tex., J. R. Montgomery, a correspondent of the paper, viewed Galveston from points of the wrecked sea wall and causeway. He estimates that the damage will exceed that of the 1900 storm. He says he believes many lives must have been lost, but wireless dispatches from the city so far do not agree with him.

Storm damage at Houston, according to the Chronicle is estimated at \$1,000,000 but no mention of loss of life in the city is made.

Believe's Interview with Correspondent Montgomery says: "I am confident that the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could not see an elevator on the port side of the city and my opinion is that a number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands."

I believe the property loss will be greater than that of 1900."

Montgomery made his way to the draw bridge of the Galveston causeway and, owing to the fact that this structure was swept away, he was forced to go back to Houston. He made the trip in an auto.

Hit by Tidal Wave. "He encountered indescribable conditions," he said. "The bridges at Clear Creek and Dickinson were washed out and we ran our auto over the railroad bridges on and across the ties."

"We saw thousands of bales of cotton on the prairie all the way from Virginia Point, (the mainland end of the causeway) to the town of LaPorte, far inland. These were washed from Galveston docks by the tidal waves."

"The water must have been several feet over the causeway and serious damage must have been done it by washing out of large quantities of fillings in the center."

Dead Animals Numerous. "We saw thousands of dead animals along the way," he said.

He said he saw the buildings at Fort Crockett and all seemed undamaged. He could recognize some of the tall buildings in the city with which he was familiar, but was most impressed with the gravity of the situation by the fact that the grain elevators were gone.

Building Falls. The Chronicle report of the storm at Texas City says: "Twelve soldiers were killed at Texas City during last night's storm when the gravity of the situation was such that the Thompson building, a three-story structure, collapsed. Eight were killed by bricks while four drowned later. About thirty or forty civilians, many of them women and children, also lost their lives."

"Those killed were enlisted men and no commissioned officers were killed."

Military rule is established and the soldiers are fishing corpses out of the water as fast as they can be located.

First Reports Exaggerated. "The first rumor to reach Houston was that between 200 and 250 soldiers were drowned, but this was denied by A. H. Doty, and T. J. Moran, who reached Houston late Tuesday afternoon, making the trip to Texas City in an auto on the railroad track. They said only twelve soldiers were killed and perhaps three times as many were hurt."

The Houston Post's story said: "Texas City has sustained a severe blow as the result of the same storm which swept the Gulf coast. An enormous damage of \$40,000 was done there, but only eighteen lives lost. Information to this effect was brought to Houston Tuesday night by E. V. Rhodes, superintendent of the terminals of the Texas City Company, who left Texas City Tuesday afternoon and was relayed by four autos."

READY TO AID GALVESTON. State Prepares to Send Supplies and Tents to Stricken City.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 18.—While state militia officers sought to communicate with Galveston today, tents, blankets and coats were ready in the adjutant general's department for shipping to Houston or Galveston for the use of the storm refugees as soon as the needs of the sufferers can be ascertained. The assistant adjutant general says supplies will be rushed under canvas to the coast.

Damage which will run into millions of dollars has been done to the cotton in Texas by its storms of Monday and Tuesday. Reports from towns in central Texas say that cotton open in the bolls was blown out of the bolls and was water in the ground by the rains.

Small towns between Dallas and the coast have suffered much. We left Alvin at 8 o'clock in the morning with a relief train, but were stopped by the water at Hitchcock. From there to Galveston the track is under water. The Hitchcock yards were under water and bales of cotton, lumber and other debris were floating about."

Houston Hard Hit. Property Loss Totalling Millions Due to Hurricane's Mail to Dallas. Houston, Aug. 18.—The only one person, a negro, lost his life, Houston has sustained a loss estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in the worst tropical storm in the history of the Texas coast. Not a single business house, not a single escaped damaged home. At 4:30 this morning, when the storm reached its height the barometer fell to 28.21, the lowest reading in the history of the world. At that time wind puffs attained the terrific velocity of ninety miles an hour.

Five thousand refugees from Galveston are in Houston, having come on special trains Monday afternoon after storm warnings had been issued. It is thought here that the Galveston wall and causeway acted as a buffer and prevented, at any rate the wholesale loss of human life which was expected. The greatest apprehension is expressed and Houston, in spite of its own disaster, fears for its sister city.

The storm raged without intermission from 7:30 to 5 a. m. The wind blew from all directions. Two hospitals were blown away. The storm is thought to have struck the mainland between Houston and Galveston possibly visiting its full fury on Houston.

South Coast Undamaged. San Antonio, Aug. 18.—Point Isabel, which yesterday was reported to have been flooded, is safe, according to news received today. The storm is said to have done little damage on the coast from Corpus Christi to Brownsville and no lives were reported lost in that section.

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

Galveston Soldiers Safe. Galveston, Tex., by wireless from United States transport Buford, Aug. 18.—There is considerable suffering in the city. The water system, lighting system, gas and street cars are out of commission. There is no drinking water in the city.

Three hundred feet of the causeway has been destroyed. All officers, classified employees, enlisted men and their families are safe.

Storm Moving Northward. New York, Aug. 18.—Reports received by the United States weather bureau here today indicate that the center of the tropical storm which passed over Galveston Monday, was this morning centered near Fort Worth, Tex., and that the storm was slowly moving north with decreasing velocity.

GERMANS TAKE CITY OF KOVNO

Capture Strong Fortress Standing in Way of Advance Eastward.

SERIOUS BLOW TO RUSSIANS' CAUSE

Fall of City to Result in Consolidation of Teutonic Lines Extending From Baltic Provinces to Galicia—Famous German General, Von Hindenberg, in Personal Command—Assigned to Task Because of Importance.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Aug. 18.—The following announcement was made here today, officially: "The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material which has not been determined, has been in the hands of the Germans since last night. More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storming in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians."

Capture is Important. Military experts are agreed that the loss of Kovno will be a serious blow to the Russians.

The official German statement of yesterday announced the capture of Kovno, with 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns. This was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper, but its accomplishment so speedily was not looked for. The German general, Field Marshal von Hindenberg, personally took command of the army attacking Kovno. The selection of Germany's national hero for this task indicated the importance of it attached by the German general staff.

Kovno, capital of the Russian province of the same name, is on the right bank of the Niemen. It is a fortress of the first class. The civilian population of the city is more than 75,000.

The capture of this city will result in welding the northern and central Teutonic forces into a consolidated line from the Baltic provinces to Galicia. Kovno is a unit of a line of fortresses running from the Niemen south and east, connected by railroads. On this line are Groeno, Brent, Brent-Lutovsk and Lutsk.

The capture of Kovno raised the question whether the Russians can retain this line, or whether they will again be forced to make a general retreat. The fortress is 550 miles southwest of Petrograd.

May Evacuate Vilna. Petrograd, via London, Aug. 18.—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.

RUSS SITUATION CRITICAL. Army Fails to Rally Sufficiently to Check Austro-German Advance.

London, Aug. 18.—The fall of the Russian fortress of Kovno makes the situation in the east theater of the war critical. The Russian armies apparently have been unable to reorganize sufficiently to check the Austro-German advance against the outer defenses of the Petrograd provinces.

The armies of the central powers show no disposition to relax pressure on the east front, nor are they likely to do so until they have tried once more to separate the Russian north and south armies and capture Brest-Litovsk.

Turks Fight Stubbornly. News from Turkish sources that the new landing party on the Gallipoli peninsula near Sulva bay has been engaged heavily is confirmed in an official report today from Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, the British commander at the Dardanelles front, stating that the British left had won 500 yards of ground, including a Turkish trench. Sir Ian Hamilton also reported the repulse of a determined Turkish attack against the Australian position.

Little change is reported in the diplomatic situation in the near east. Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, who asked for four days in which to study conditions before deciding whether to form a new cabinet, is believed to have decided with King Constantine, but it is not considered probable that the result will be the early entry of Greece in the war on the side of the allies.

Venizelos to Form New Cabinet. Venizelos today notified King Constantine of his readiness to form a new cabinet in succession to the Gounaris ministry, which resigned at the opening of the Greek parliament yesterday, according to a dispatch to the Central News Agency from Athens.

Cotton Proclamation Due. London, Aug. 18.—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.

DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID AND DIES. Otto Rannen, Glove Cutter of Grinnell Found Dead in Room With Empty Bottle at Side—Came to Grinnell From Waterloo.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Aug. 18.—Otto Rannen, a late arrival in Grinnell, committed suicide some time during the night by drinking carbolic acid. His dead body was found this morning in his room in the Hiser rooming house at the corner of Commercial and Broad streets. An empty bottle which had contained the poison was found in the room.

Mr. Rannen came here just a few hours previous to his death. He was a glove cutter by trade and secured a position in the local factory, working there for the first time Tuesday afternoon. He had been employed in a similar capacity for fourteen years in Waterloo, where a wife and two children reside. He was about 45 years of age.

Mr. Rannen left a written request that the W. O. W. lodge of Chicago be notified of his death and that brothers standing in the lodge be informed. Another letter which has not been opened was addressed to the wife. No reason is known here for Rannen's action. The relatives have been informed and the body is being held here pending instructions from them.

Des Moines Player to Big League. Des Moines, Aug. 18.—Carl Sawyer, second baseman of the Des Moines Western League club, has been sold to the Washington Americans. It was announced today by Manager Isabell Sawyer was obtained from the coast league last winter. He has a fielding average of .953 and a batting average of .333 so far this season.

Elk Flies in Aeroplane. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Aug. 18.—Edward Brande, a Grinnell business man, is expected here this afternoon flying with Billy Robinson in his aeroplane. Brande will, it is understood, announce his candidacy as a dark horse in the race for the presidency of Iowa Elks Association.

Haitians Want to Fight. Cape Haitien, Aug. 18.—Another detachment of American marines has been landed from a warship off this port.

The rebels have refused to disarm, and in some sections have expressed a desire to fight the Americans.

ATLANTA MAYOR DEFENDS MOB

Lynch Law as Applied in Frank Case Finds Strong Upholder.

MINDS OF PUBLIC POISONED BY PRESS

J. C. Woodward, in Speech at San Francisco, Defends Mob Law in Defense of Womanhood—Remarks Received With Little or No Approval—Governor Harris Starts Legal Machinery to Obtain Identity of Men.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—J. C. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, Ga., who is visiting in this city, is on record today as declaring that Leo Frank, who was lynched Monday night, suffered the just penalty for an unspeakable crime. The Atlanta mayor at the same time warned former Governor Slaton not to return to Georgia.

Mayor Woodward made his statement at a banquet of the California state assessors' association and their families last night.

Gets Chilly Reception. Little or no applause greeted the remarks of the mayor, who he was listened to with close attention, Mayor Woodward said to take occasion to tell of the events that have put Georgia on the map in a very undesirable light. I am going to endeavor to set us right. People throughout the United States obtained their ideas of the Frank case from a poisoned and subsidized press and press reports.

"Common decency prevents me from telling the truth of the murder of Mary Phagan. I wish you all knew the truth as I do. I know that there is not a member of the jury that tried Frank who, from the time it rendered verdict to this day, has any idea that he would change his decision if put to the test again."

"Georgia is the leading state in the south. Its people can not be classed with tramps, hoodlums, bandits and lawbreakers, but things had come to a point where every avenue of the law had been exhausted and the judgment of the courts set aside by one man the people felt it was up to them to take the law into their hands."

When Slaton Not to Return. "When it comes to a woman's honor there is no limit which will not go to avenge and to protect."

"There were only two people involved in the death of Mary Phagan. I know the negro did not do the deed and I am positive that 75 per cent of the people of Georgia are convinced that the man lynched Monday night committed the deed and they are on the ground and ought to know."

"I know Jack Slaton, have known him for thirty years, or ever since he was a young man. I have been friendly with him for many years and to say it would not advise him to return to Georgia for a year—if ever."

SLATON ANSWERS WOODWARD. Says Mayor is Old and Garrulous and Remarks Mob Stimulant.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Former Governor John M. Slaton, of Georgia, who commuted the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to one of life imprisonment, issued today a statement commending the address delivered here last night by Mayor J. C. Woodward of Atlanta, Ga., and termed the mayor "old and garrulous." He called the Frank case a "football of politics," and added:

"Mayor Woodward suggested I could not with safety return to Georgia within a year. Such a statement is not only a gross reflection on the state but it is absurd and ridiculous and is a further stimulant to the mob impulse coming from an official who should stand in favor of law and order."

GOVERNOR HARRIS INCENSED. Says Effort Will Be Made to Punish Lynchers.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—All the legal machinery available to Governor Harris will be put in motion to apprehend the men who lynched Leo Frank at Marietta yesterday. Governor Harris so announced today when he came here from Fitzgerald, Ga., where he was attending a state confederate veterans' reunion.

"This affair is shocking and I am going to have it investigated to the very limit of my power," he said.

He has not made up his mind what will be done immediately. It is believed much will depend on the feelings of the Cobb county coroner's jury which adjourned to meet Tuesday afternoon. The governor had not decided when he reached his office whether a reward would be offered for apprehension of the lynching party.

E. L. Rainey, a member of the state prisoners commission, arrived here today from Milledgeville. With other members of the commission he was at the prison farm when Frank was taken away. Like R. E. Davidson, chairman of the commission, he is of the opinion that nothing would be gained by an investigation of the events at the penitentiary. Mr. Davidson left Milledgeville early today for Atlanta.

PRISON OFFICIALS ABSOLVED. Commission Holds Warden and Guards Powerless to Resist Mob.

Milledgeville, Ga., Aug. 18.—Prison officials here are held to be blameless in connection with the kidnaping of Leo M. Frank from the state prison farm, in a statement given out Tuesday night by R. E. Davidson, chairman of the commission.

T.-R. BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises Aug. 19 at 5:12, sets at 6:54. Iowa—Rain tonight and Thursday; continued cool.

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Telegraphic News: Many Lives Lost in Texas Storm. Fate of Galveston Yet Undetermined. Bodies Being Washed Ashore. Germans Capture Kovno. Zepplin Raid Near London. Georgia Mayor Defends Mob Lynching. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FIVE.

Iowa News.

Permanent Exhibit of Iowa Products. Census Law Attacked. Corn Stalks Availing. Newspaper Identifies Dead Man. Early Oats Excel. Supervisors Split Over Hard Roads. PAGES SIX, EIGHT AND NINE.

Markets and General.

Fresh Advances in Wheat. Corn and Oats Also Higher. Cattle Market Easy. Hogs in Slight Decline. Japan Blocks Oil Plans in China.

Man of the State Prison Commission.

Mr. Davidson, with commissioners Ralley and Patterson, was here to inspect the penitentiary when Frank was seized.

Mr. Davidson's statement said that as the mob so completely controlled the situation, that "no responsibility rested upon any party."

Some comment was heard here Tuesday as to why the lynchers had to deal with only five men—the warden, the superintendent, two guards and a "trusty" in charge at a gate.

That Warden J. T. Smith and Superintendent J. N. Smith were powerless to resist, it is not questioned here. The body, which was found at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, dangled from the tree for several hours while a throng from the surrounding countryside gathered about the scene. By a vote of the crowd the body was cut down without mutilation and taken by automobile to Atlanta, where another throng congregated to view it.

Think Mob From Marietta. Officials of Cobb county, in which the lynching occurred, immediately instituted an investigation. Coroner French emphasized the jury and announced that the county commission had empowered him to employ additional counsel. Two witnesses appeared before the jury which then adjourned its sessions for a week.

While the identity of one of the members of the mob was known to officials Tuesday night, it was suggested that the fact that Frank was taken nearly one hundred miles in an automobile from the state prison almost to the outskirts of Marietta, indicated that most of the lynchers came from this city.

POSTMASTERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Clear Lake Selected as Meeting Place Next Year. Waterloo, Aug. 18.—The twelfth annual convention of Iowa postmasters of the third and fourth classes will be concluded this afternoon. Election of officers this morning resulted as follows:

President, Al Stader, of Ankeny, editor and publisher of Ankeny Times; vice president, Cyrus A. Polk, of Story City; secretary, Clara Bauman, of Council Bluffs; treasurer, C. Konrad, of Naconia, retiring president.

In a three-cornered fight between Marshalltown, Fort Dodge and Clear Lake for the next convention in 1916, the last named city won out.

TOLEDO MAN TO WED.

Robert F. Ward to Claim Kansas Girl as Bride—To Reside in Central City. Special to Times-Republican. Toledo, Aug. 18.—Robert F. Ward, a prominent young man of Toledo, will be married this evening at 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belding Morse, at Mess City, Kan. The bride is Miss Blanche Morse. Mr. Ward is a son of Dean and Mrs. H. W. Ward of Leander Clark College. Dr. F. E. Brooke, of Marshalltown, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will be at home after Sept. 1 at Central City, where Mr. Ward has accepted a position as superintendent of schools.

Luther League to Meet in Dows.

Special to Times-Republican. Dows, Aug. 18.—The annual convention of the Luther League of the Des Moines district of the United Lutheran church will be held here Aug. 24 to 26. Rev. Orlando Ingvald, of Marshalltown, will introduce the program for discussion, "What Lack Ye Not?"

Bankers at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—More than 500 bankers from every part of the United States are in this city to attend the opening today of the thirteenth annual convention of the American Institute of Banking. Much importance is attached to the present session because of existing financial conditions and changes in the methods resulting from the establishment of a federal reserve bank.

ZEPPELIN RAID NEAR LONDON

Four German Dirigibles Drop Bombs on outskirts of City.

TEN PEOPLE KILLED, THIRTY WOUND

Third Raid of Series Which Began on Monday of Last Week — Property Damage Not Extensive — Several Women and Children Among Victims — British Aircraft Engage Zeppelins and One is Damaged But Escapes.

London, Aug. 18.—The outbreak of London was raided last night by Zeppelins. Several persons were killed. Damage to property was not important. Ten persons were killed in the air raid. One Zeppelin is believed to have been hit. Thirty-six persons were injured. The air raid was over the eastern counties of England.

Many injured. The statement given out to the press says: "Zeppelins visited the eastern counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft guns were in action and one Zeppelin was hit."

"Air pistols were active, but owing to the difficult atmospheric conditions the Zeppelins were able to get away. "Some houses and buildings and a church were damaged."

"The following casualties have been recorded: "Killed—Men, seven; women, two; children, one.

"Injured—Men, fifteen; women, eighteen; children, three. "All the above were civilians."

Four Zeppelins Seen. A Central News Dispatch from Amsterdam says four Zeppelins were seen over the islands of Wierland and Wieringer, off the Netherlands coast. The dirigibles were sailing from the east in the direction of the English coast. The hour of their appearance is not given.

London has been visited previously by German dirigibles during the war. On the night of May 31 Zeppelins made an attack in a district described merely as "in the metropolitan area." On that occasion about ninety bombs were dropped. Four were killed and a few injured.

The latest raid is the third of a series of aerial attacks which began on Monday of last week. On the two previous occasions twenty persons were killed and thirty-seven hurt.

Two Steamers Torpedoed. The British steamer Bonny, of 2,702 tons gross, and the Dutch steamer Isadora, of 2,044 tons gross, have been sunk. Twenty-one of the crew of the first vessel and eight of the latter were picked up. The trawler George also was sunk, and the crew saved.

EASTLAND WRECK MOVED.

Battered Hulk of Death Ship Towed From Scene of Disaster. Chicago, Aug. 18.—The Eastland went cruising up the Chicago river yesterday. The cheers and waving hands of the thousands of people who attended its departure from the Clark street bridge was absent.

The grim monument was shifted from the grave of a thousand dead twenty-four days after she made world history. Her destiny is undetermined. It may be a junk pile—it may be a rebuilt and remodeled excursion craft.

The United States government had formally given up all interest in the physical possession of the boat and by an order issued before Federal Judge K. M. Landis she was given into the custody of Captain Alex Cunningham, official wreckmaster.

Up the river it was towed backward, a tug at the bow and another at the stern, to a dry dock at Chicago avenue and the river. There it will lay while being repaired or until final jurisdiction is determined.

BOSTON OPENS BALL PARK.

Home of Braves Dedicated—Grounds Have Seating Capacity of 43,250. Boston, Aug. 18.—The Braves field, the greatest baseball park in the country, was opened today as the new home grounds of the Boston club of the National league. Prior to the game with St. Louis the pennant, won by the Braves in the world series with the Philadelphia Athletics last year, was unfurled. It marks the dedication of the grounds.

President J. K. Tener and all the club owners of the National league came here to attend the opening. It was expected the fair weather would bring out an army of fans. The new grounds contain seats for 43,250 persons.

Golf Championship Play Begins.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Tom McNamara, of Boston, led the field in the first round of the western open golf championship today, scoring a par 75 for the eighteen holes. Scores ran high because of a north wind and fast green, which refused to hold approach. Several scores ran over 90, even Chic Evans, four times western amateur champion, taking 97.

Emperor Francis Joseph 85 Years Old.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Austrians living in this city today celebrated the 85th birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph and the Germans honored the ruler of their ally by a display of flags.

Every Austrian soldier in the field will be reminded of the emperor's birthday by receiving an individual gift.