

FLOOD, FIRE AND STORM

One Hundred Persons Meet Death in the Florida Hurricane.

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Havoc Caused by the Great Tidal Wave That Swept Cedar Keys.

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Sad Scenes of Desolation and Devastation in a Path Fifty Miles Wide.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 2.—The West India hurricane which struck Florida Tuesday, though it lasted but three hours, was the most disastrous storm ever experienced in Florida.

Fully a hundred lives were lost and perhaps 10,000 people were rendered homeless. The course of the storm was from Cedar Keys, on the Gulf coast, north by northeast to and through the thriving town of Lake City.

In Jacksonville scores of buildings were unroofed and trees blown down. The storm had the characteristics of a tornado. It skipped some places in its path, bounding over to others, where ruin was wrought. Cedar Keys was exposed to the full force of its fury.

Lake City had almost every tree in the town blown down and for two days the streets were impassable. Two people were killed—a prominent lady, Mrs. Frazer, and a negro boy.

In Baker County, which joins Columbia, not a score of houses out of a thousand were left standing. Grain stored in barns was blown away or destroyed by rain.

At Macclenny, in the same county, the same fate might be told. Here many houses were razed, while the roofs of others went whirling through the air.

SCENES OF DEVASTATION.

Vessels Go Down in the Hurricane and Many Lives Are Lost. SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 2.—A letter from Cedar Keys, Fla., dated October 1, says: The West India hurricane, of which the Weather Bureau gave warning, struck Cedar Keys about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and left a scene of wreckage and devastation in its wake.

It is by far the most destructive storm that has ever visited this portion of the east coast in twenty years, and the property loss is immense. Though warning had been given nothing indicated a blow of unusual severity.

At 7 o'clock an immense tidal wave came in from the south, carrying destruction with it. Boats, wharves and small houses were hurled upon the shore, and breaking into fragments, rendering them almost impassable, while the torrents of water rushing through every open space would take the strongest man off his feet.

The Swansea Ice Factory, Wolf's Cedar Mill, the Eagle Pencil Company's mill, also the large lumber mill of V. J. Herlong and the planing mill of Moyer & Sons, just completed and ready for work, suffered considerably. The Florida Cen-



GOLD BUG



STRADDLE BUG



SILVER BUG



HUM-BUG

CLOUDS CLEARED AWAY AT CANTON

And They Will Disappear From the Nation Next Month.

MCKINLEY CAN'T LOSE.

That Is the Opinion of Leaders Who Call Upon the Major.

GREETINGS OF DELEGATIONS.

Confidence, Says the Republican Candidate, Will Restore the Prosperity of the Nation.

CANTON, Ohio, Oct. 2.—After nearly a week of continuous rain and wind, which have greatly interfered with the reception of delegations by Major McKinley, the sun broke out this morning and the clouds were cleared away.

Mr. Dingley said: "The outlook for a Republican victory is more than promising. It seems now only a question of how large a plurality will be given Major McKinley."

Mr. Dalcott said: "I have been all through West Virginia, and I am convinced that the State will be carried by the Republicans."

Mr. Lodge said: "Speaking for Massachusetts, I can say that the majority for McKinley this year will far exceed the Republican majority of two years ago, which was 64,000."

Mr. Roosevelt said: "The indications are that New York will give McKinley the greatest majority ever accorded any candidate. In fact the sentiment in the East is all in favor of the Republican ticket."

Rutherford Hayes, son of the late President Rutherford B. Hayes, called on Major McKinley to-day, as did also Harry Garfield, son of the late President James A. Garfield. Bishop Van Vleet called this afternoon.

It gives me special pleasure to meet at my home in a joint meeting the citizens of the State of West Virginia and of my own native State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—The storm of Tuesday and Wednesday did great damage at the National cemeteries in the vicinity of Washington. The sexton at Arlington National Cemetery reports that the trunks of fallen trees lie across the tombs all over the grounds.

At the Soldiers' Home Cemetery thirty beautiful trees, most of them oaks which have withstood the storms of more than fifty years, have been laid low. Three hundred trees have been counted fallen in the Soldiers' Home grounds and General Stanley states with the present force it will take three years to clear up the brush.

SEALS ARE SAFE FOR THE PRESENT

Cannot Be Killed at the Cliff House as Has Been Urged.

LITTLE TO THE RESCUE.

The Assistant Attorney-General Temporarily Protects the Amphibians.

THIS CITY OWNS THE ROCKS.

But the Government by Special Act of Congress Can Protect the Bay Fish Industry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—Assistant Attorney-General Little of the Interior Department to-day gave an opinion at the request of Assistant Secretary Sims of that department concerning the seal rocks, situated off Point Lobos.

"I am asked for an opinion as to whether the Secretary of the Interior is charged with the duty of carrying into effect the right reserved to the United States in the first proviso of said act to 'at all times control and limit or diminish the number of seals resorting to said rocks so as to protect the fisheries and fishing industries.'"

"It is urged that seals have become so numerous on these rocks as to seriously interfere with the fisheries industry in San Francisco Bay, and the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries recommends that these seals be entirely destroyed or their number diminished to such an extent as to grant the relief asked."

"I find in the papers a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to the effect that the City and County of San Francisco, Cal., has accepted the trust imposed by the act. I am of the opinion that this is a matter exclusively within the jurisdiction and control of the Congress of the United States.

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The Damage Estimated at Five Million Dollars, and Great Destitution Now Prevails.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The steamer Andes, which arrived this afternoon from Jamaica ports, brings news of the great fire which destroyed two-thirds of the town of Jacemel, on September 19, 20 and 21.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the alarm of fire was given and every effort was made at once to have it extinguished. The fire originated on the hill near the cathedral and completely destroyed that edifice. The flames went seaward and burned all the houses and stores between the hill and the sea. No water could be obtained at any time during the fire, which raged from Saturday morning until Tuesday night, when the Andes left. On that night the fire was still smoldering.

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