

ATLANTIC COAST IS CRIPPED BY WORST STORM IN YEARS

GIANT WAVES DESTROY WALLS, FLOOD TOWNS

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Damage Result of Terrific Gale and Heavy Downpour of Rain--Part of Atlantic City Board Walk Washed Away and Fury of Wind Is Increasing--Traffic Paralyzed and Homeless Calling For Help.

New York, Dec. 7.—Monster waves are undermining dwelling houses along the Atlantic coast, yachts are being wrecked, and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage is being done other property by one of the most terrific storms that has visited the Atlantic coast in years.

Houses along the coast whipped by the waves have collapsed after the water undermined the foundations. The retaining walls at Seabright, Navesink and Highlands were ripped apart, and the water rushed into buildings skirting the beach front.

A portion of the Atlantic City board walk was washed away by a huge wave that buried the popular promenade under many feet of water. The steel pier was also badly damaged. The ball room is also threatened, although great efforts are being made to save it.

The fury of the storm is increasing every hour. All of the beach towns are flooded and in many places the water has been driven far into the city streets by the fierce wind.

Railroad and street car service has been paralyzed and abandoned, and a large ship not yet identified is believed to be ashore off Ocean City.

Many calls for help have been received from nearby coast towns.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With storm warnings fluttering along the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Maine, the gale that has been whipping the sea, menacing shipping for forty hours, was increasing today and moving slowly northward.

Unknown warships reported ashore off the Delaware coast is believed by navy department officials here to be one of a foreign fleet. The safe arrival of two American destroyers at Norfolk and a report from the captain of the battleship Kansas that he was riding out the storm off Delaware capes disposed the danger to all American war craft in that vicinity.

The velocity of the gale last night touched high records in some instances. At midnight the wind was blowing seventy-two miles an hour at Block Island.

Sea Bright, N. J., Dec. 7.—The turning of the tide this found Sea Bright's chief streets under water, railroad tracks covered for two miles and the storm lashed sea sweeping through breaks in the sea wall constructed after the floods of last year.

With the high tide to come the situation is alarming and residents here practically abandoned hope of preventing a great loss.

The water is sweeping over the ground floors of houses and there appears to be an unbroken stretch of water between Nomanville and Highlands several miles apart. All business is suspended.

GERMANS RUI MONASTERY MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS OLD

Paris, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Petrograd says: "The Germans have destroyed the monastery of Lenoxyra, fifteen miles northwest of Lodz, which has been in existence a thousand years on the pretext that the ringing of the Angelus was a signal to the Russians. In the attack a priest and two monks were killed."

RAILWAY BUSINESS DECREASE SHOWN IN RECENT REPORT

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Decreases in revenues and operating expenses for September of 90 per cent of the railroads of the country were shown in a summary compiled by the bureau of railway economies. The report covers roads operating 228,041 miles. The total operating revenues for September 1914 was \$269,581,592, a decrease of \$17,792,318 from September 1913. The total operating expenses amounted to \$178,086,808. This was \$14,708,392 less than for the same month 1913.

The next operating revenues for September 1914 on a basis of actual receipts less expenses showed an increase of \$387,984 over September 1913. The receipts were \$91,494,784.

FIRE FROM BOMB EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR; ONE MISSING

New York, Dec. 7.—Fire, believed to have started from a bomb explosion, brought death to a family of four persons and destroyed the central section of the village of Arden-on-Putnam. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

Michael Irele, for whom the bomb is believed to have been intended is missing.

MANUFACTURE EXHIBIT OPENS

All Are Invited to Attend Display of Wares on Main Street.

Although the manufacturers' exhibit has opened, contributors are still entering. C. H. Russell of the Oklahoma Panama Pacific Exposition commission who is in charge said today. Three companies of national reputation were enrolled this morning and will occupy entire booths. This brings the number of exhibits to 158 or more than 50 per cent than the number shown in the main hall at the State Fair this year. Mr. Russell asserts. The last to enter were the A. A. Valentine and Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., manufacturers of Oriental perfumery, who will have the only oriental booth at the exhibit, the Electric Specialty company of Dallas Texas, and the American Mills company of New York, N. Y.

Evaporative criticism has been passed upon the beauty and arrangement of the exhibits by those who were in charge of the state fair hall, and by men who are professionally experts in exhibit arrangement and Mr. Russell is confident that the showing will be one of the best if not the best ever presented in this city.

The third floor of the building is being hurriedly arranged as a curio rack to the tango will be featured on this floor. A store will be located both on the first and third floors for the sale of groceries and many novel schemes will be introduced to dispose of the larger and more extensive articles which have been donated.

The exhibit building is at 5 and 5 West Main street. Visitors are especially invited to be present at the opening this afternoon and evening. The doors will be open from 2 to 5:30 p. m. and from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.

TWO SWEDISH STEAMERS SINK OFF FINNISH COAST

London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Stockholm to Reuters states that the Swedish steamers Luna and Everilda have struck mines off the Finnish coast and that both steamers sunk. The crew of the Luna was saved but all seamen aboard the Everilda except one were lost.

SERVIANS ON OFFENSIVE TAKE AUSTRIAN BATTERIES

Paris, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Nish, Serbia, to the Havas agency reports that the Servians since December 3 have resumed a vigorous offensive. Servian troops on Friday pursued the enemy's right wing as far as Kolubara river and it was there the Austrians abandoned four batteries.

REALLY THE MOST FUTILE THING IN THE WORLD.



A YOUNG DRAMATIC CRITIC TRYING TO WRITE A REVIEW OF A PLAY HAVING A TITLE THAT CANNOT BE PUNNED

RUSSIAN RELIEF ATTEMPT FOILED

Slav Forces Prevented From Joining Army at Lodz--Losses Great.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—An official statement issued today says: "No special reports have been received from the Western theater of war nor from the region to the east of the Plain of Magyarian lakes."

"In northern Poland we gained important successes in the prolonged fighting around Lodz by defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and to the southwest of this city. Lodz is in our possession. Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. Russian losses are very large. An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened armies to the north from northern Poland was foiled by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Piotrkow."

BALKAN STATES PLANNING TO ENTER WAR FOR ALLIES

London, Dec. 7.—Progress has been made toward an understanding in the Balkan states which will be satisfactory to the allies, according to the Athens correspondent of the Telegraph who understands that a telegram has been reached for reapproachment between Serbia and Bulgaria.

The British, Russian and French ministers have visited the Greek premier, the correspondent reports and he says that Greek newspapers declare that the visits concerned proposals that Greece should assist Serbia.

FRENCH DECLARE OFFENSIVE SUPERIOR TO THAT OF ENEMY

Paris, Dec. 6.—Today's official statement says: "In the region of the Yser we continue to attack the few intrenchments still held by the enemy on the east bank."

"In the regions of Armentieres, Arras and Oise, in the Alsace vicinity and in the Argonne there is nothing to report, except the superiority of our offensive."

"In the Champagne district our heavy artillery has shown a marked superiority to that of the enemy."

"There is nothing new on the eastern front and our line of positions at previous days has been maintained."

GARDNER'S PLAN UNWISE--WILSON

President Says Idea for National Defense Investigation "Might Create Unfavorable Impression."

Washington, Dec. 7.—The president has announced that he opposed Representative Gardner's plan for investigating the preparedness for national defense, because he thought it was an unwise way of handling a "question which might create very unfavorable impression."

The statement issued at the White House said the president told Gardner he is in favor of the fullest inquiry by congress committees and that there are no facts in possession of the executive department not at the disposal of those committees.

Gardner said he was not surprised at the president's position and would continue to press for the passage of his resolution.

DINNER TO RIDICULE FOLLIES OF MEN WILL NOT BE GIVEN

New York, Dec. 7.—The directors of the Amen corner, whose annual dinner in February attracts wise attention has decided to hold no dinner this winter. Charles T. White, the president, said:

"There is a pronounced sentiment among the brethren against making merry this winter. The conviction is unanimous that a ten dollar club dinner of 800 people, whose chief purpose is to ridicule, and satirize the follies of men, would be inappropriate when evidence is plentiful that many worthy people in New York will, before the winter is over, be without sufficient food and clothes to keep them comfortable."

PATRIOTIC AUDIENCE ATREND FIRST PARIS PERFORMANCES

Paris, Dec. 7.—The Comedie Francaise and the Opera Comique have given their first performance since the beginning of the war. Each was filled to the capacity and the patriotic programs caused great enthusiasm.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecast: Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, with probably rain or snow - not much change in temperature. 7 a. m. 38, 8 a. m. 38, 9 a. m. 38, 10 a. m. 38, 11 a. m. 38, 12 noon 41, 1 p. m. 41, 2 p. m. 41, 3 p. m. 41, 4 p. m. 41. Precipitation has been general since Sunday morning over practically all of the territory east of the Rocky Mountains. The rainfall was generally very light. Snow was falling this morning in the northern Rocky mountains and along the eastern slope as far south as the Texas Panhandle.

INSANE ASYLUM HOLDS PAUPERS

Stringent Laws May Be Passed Following Investigation of Institutions.

Recommendations urging stringent regulations in the matter of committing persons to the eleemosynary institutions and especially those to insane asylums, may be made to the legislature as the result of visits to these places in the last week by E. R. Howard, secretary of the board of affairs and R. H. Wilson, state superintendent.

At the eastern insane asylum at Vinita it was found that some persons sent there were not insane, but were paupers and should have been cared for by the counties from which they were committed. It is possible that in this particular some law will be proposed whereby those found guilty of such practice may be punished.

Other cases are cited in a report made by Secretary Howard and Superintendent Wilson where people have been committed to asylums who have incomes sufficient to bear at least a portion of the expenses they incur at the state institutions. but who do not.

At the eastern Oklahoma hospital for the insane it is shown that there are at least twenty patients confined who in reality should be cared for by other states of which they are residents. This condition is one among others that calls for legislative remedy in the opinion of Howard and Wilson.

Superintendents of these institutions have no recourse. They are there to receive patients when committed and cannot go behind the commitment papers when given them. The circumstances under which these people are sent to the state institutions will furnish the cause for legislation that will be recommended.

Secretary Howard and Superintendent Wilson returned Sunday from a visit to several of the institutions. They will leave tomorrow for another section of the state and will probably spend the present week away.

After visiting the eastern insane hospital at Vinita, they found that the capacity of the present buildings and equipment is about 700.

An average of thirty patients are being sent to this institution each month while only about twice a month are being discharged. The institution is now filled to capacity, and further buildings are deemed to be a necessity under the circumstances. Recommendations are made for two new

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COTTON LEGISLATION IS FIRST ON SCHEDULE

Relief For South, Urged By Representative Henry of Texas, Heads Business Calendar of House at Meeting of Sixty-Third Congress Today - Wilson to Outline Administration Program at Joint Session Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The sixty-third congress reassembled today for its third and concluding session.

President Wilson will deliver his annual address, in person, tomorrow from the rostrum in the hall of the house before a joint session, outlining the administration program. Until that is fully disclosed, the work which will be undertaken during the comparatively few remaining days in the life of this congress, which dies at noon March 4, remains undefined, except that the usual appropriation bills are likely to receive first and chief attention, whether the sixty-fourth congress chosen at the November elections will be called in special session or will not assemble before another year, no one can predict with certainty.

After six weeks of respite from legislative grinding, during which many participated in the political campaign, members of both houses assembled prepared to go on with the unfinished business left over from the last session. That the general appropriation bills would be difficult to complete before March 4 if much other legislation were to intervene, was the consensus of opinion among leaders of both dominant parties. What circumstances may arise from the European war or changed conditions in Mexico may be the deciding influence in the meeting time of the next congress with its new host of Republicans in the house.

With the falling of the gavel in both houses today many legislators, some of them prominent figures for years in the political life of the nation, turn their faces toward private life, for this session of congress is their last unless changing fortunes return them.

Senators Root of New York, Burton of Ohio, Perkins of California, Bristol of Kansas, Crawford of South Dakota, Stephenson of Wisconsin—all Republicans—and Thornton of Louisiana and White of Alabama, Democrats, will go out of office at the end of the session.

In the house, Representatives Underwood of Alabama, Hardwick of Georgia, and Broussard of Louisiana are serving their last terms before their elevation to the senate of the next congress.

Among prominent house Democrats retiring are: A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee; Stanley E. Bowdler of Ohio, who will return the seat he took from former Representative Nicholas Longworth; Robert J. Bulkeley of Ohio; John R. Clancy of New York; Robert E. Diefenderfer, of Pennsylvania; Jeremiah Donovan, of Connecticut; Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama; Henry M. Goldfogle, of New York; Charles A. Korbly, of Indiana; Robert E. Lee, of Pennsylvania; George A. Neeley, of Kansas; Frank T. O'Hair, of Illinois, who will yield back the seat he took from former Joseph G. Cannon; John J. Mitchell, of Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee; Edward W. Townsend, of New Jersey, and many others.

Of the Progressive organization in the house members who will be retired include the party leader, Victor Murdock of Kansas; M. Clyde Kelly, W. J. Hollings and Henry W. Temple, all of Pennsylvania; James C. McLaughlin, of Michigan, and William H. Hinebaugh, of Illinois.

Cotton Legislation First.

The first calendar business before the house today was the cotton relief legislation urged by Representative Henry of Texas and others, who almost prevented adjournment of the last session by insisting on it. The general understanding among members of both houses was that President Wilson would press the bill for government purchase of ocean steamships; the measure to pave the way for ultimate independence of the Philippines; and the measures proposing a comprehensive plan of dealing with waterway improvement and conservation of natural resources.

A general waterway bill to establish a nation-wide system of broad scope, such as has been introduced by a committee of the cabinet, will probably be urged.

Foreign affairs are certain to occupy attention of the senate. The administration is said to desire action on the Nicaraguan treaty, through which the United States would acquire another interoceanic canal route and naval station rights in the Bay of Fonseca for \$5,000,000. It also hopes for action on the pending treaty with Columbia to settle the partition of Panama for \$25,000,000. Opposition to both treaties is promised by Republicans of the foreign relations committee.

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