

THE HURRICANE IS APPROACHING ATLANTIC COAST

After Slaying Thousands of the Inhabitants of Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The weather bureau has just issued the following bulletin: "The hurricane center is apparently approaching Nassau in the Bahamas. The storm will increase in intensity upon reaching the Gulf Stream. It will probably reach the South Atlantic Coast of the United States tonight."

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The Evening Journal's Ponce special says: "It is now plain that Ponce was the greatest sufferer by Tuesday's hurricane. The rivers Portuguese and Canas overflowed through the city, drowning thousands. Five hundred bodies have already been recovered. It is feared that the number of deaths will exceed those of the storm of 1897, when 6,000 were killed."

An eye-witness who was on top of a large stone building in Almira Plaza, saw the bodies of men, women and children floating in the water in the streets everywhere. The hurricane was far more to render assistance. Towns Tallaboa and Joan Diaz were destroyed, only the large church edifices being left standing. There is not a drop of water in Ponce to drink. The cisterns are full of salt water from the sea, and the stench arising from the dead bodies is dreadful. Advances concerning destruction in other towns continue to come in. Unless quick relief comes, hundreds may perish of hunger.

SAN JUAN, Aug. 11.—Reports of loss of life caused by the hurricane, are coming in slowly, but enough has been received to indicate that Ponce was hit hardest and that deaths there will run into the thousands. Over 600 bodies have been recovered there, and the work of burying the dead is going on night and day. An epidemic of disease will probably be caused by the stench arising from decaying bodies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Neither the cruiser New Orleans nor the Maclista, the warships sent to San Domingo, have been heard from since the hurricane passed, but no apprehension is evinced regarding their safety, as the storm center seems to have passed north of San Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The following additional information about the West Indian hurricane was received from Gen. Davis at San Juan this morning. "Latter reports state that the hurricane was far more severe in the interior and southern part of the island than it was here. Data for an estimate of the number of Porto Ricans who lost everything is deficient, but I am forced to believe that the number cannot fall below 100,000, and that famine is impending. I ask for 2,500,000 pounds of rice and beans, equal quantities of each, to be immediately shipped to Ponce and this place. Many deaths are reported of natives killed by falling walls. So far only one soldier is reported dangerously wounded. Several towns are entirely demolished. No definite reports have arrived yet from Mayaguez and Ponce, but they were in the vortex of the storm. At least half of the people of Porto Rico subsist entirely on fruit and vegetables, and the storm entirely destroyed this source of support." Secretary Root will issue a proclamation calling for assistance from the different states of the union. He has ordered the chief commissary at San Juan to issue supplies to the destitute.

Miss Almada M. Simpson a few days ago was one of Ballard's most popular young ladies with the bright promise before her of becoming a happy bride on the 14th inst.

While busy with the preparations for her wedding she was attacked by the dread disease meningitis, which resulted in her death this morning. Miss Simpson was only 17 years old. She was the betrothed of a young man named Wilcox, who is also very popular in the mill town.

The young bride whom death claimed with such startling suddenness will be buried in her wedding dress. The sad event has cast a gloom over the whole community.

Allen Esplin, implicated in the Phillips robbery with Steve Ly, several weeks ago, was released from the county jail today on bonds furnished by Louis Matthews and Nellie and C. J. McFarland.

Judge Jacobs today issued orders for the drawing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock of 18 petit jurors to commence serving September 5, and until dismissed.

The disbarment proceeding against M. L. Baer in the case of N. C. Rosenfeld vs. Baer, was continued this morning until September 8.

The following divorces were granted by default today by Judge Jacobs: George W. Lincoln vs. Martha L. Lincoln; D. C. Ballantine vs. L. A. Ballantine; Anna L. Kelly vs. Henry Kelly; and F. D. Phillips vs. F. D. Phillips.

An unusual proceeding took place today in Judge Jacobs' court. Cora Muller was granted a divorce from Wm. Muller by Judge Thomas J. Humes, February 4, 1895, \$500 alimony and \$50 attorney fees. Today she appeared in court and the finding of facts was filed and the decree was signed.

Articles of incorporation were filed this afternoon by the Alaska Gold & Standard Mining company. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, and the incorporators are C. P. Dyer, T. Appleton and C. L. Parker.

J. L. Anderson, a laborer employed at the city stables, met with a painful accident this morning. He was working on a shed when he slipped and fell to the ground, striking his head on a car struck. The patrol was called, and Anderson was taken to the police station, where Dr. J. E. Critchton dressed his wounds. His right wrist was sprained and several stitches were taken in the cut in his head. Mr. Anderson lives at Fremont, where he has a family.

Driving Out Mormons.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 11.—Two Mormon preachers who passed through here yesterday, said that they had been on Middle Forks creek until last Sunday, when several men came to their church and attacked them. The preachers were thrown from the church and clubbed. The assailants then gave the Mormons two hours to leave.

Large Lumber Purchase.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 11.—The John A. Salzer Lumber Company, of this city, bought eight million feet of lumber from the yards throughout Northern Minnesota and North Dakota yesterday. The sales were by the Sawyer & Arnold Lumber Company, of Minneapolis, the consideration being \$75,000.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 11.—The Standard and South African Gold Diggers' News today say that the Boers now believe that England is resolved to take the Transvaal if war is declared. "Doubtless," say these papers, "England would be victorious; but the Outlanders would be ruined, as the Boers are resolved, in case of war, to destroy Johannesburg and adjacent mines."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—The War department has decided to send the transport Burnside now loading at Philadelphia with supplies for Cuba, to Port Rico, where the supplies she carries can be used to relieve the distressed inhabitants.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 11.—Prince Loben, a full-blooded African, was married today to Florence Jewell, an English girl.

OTIS IGNORED OPERATIONS OF CABLEGRAMS A HOTEL THIEF

HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 11.—Corp. Robert Tait, of Company A Eighteenth United States infantry, who returned yesterday from the Philippines, made some important statements today regarding the conduct of the war by Gen. Otis. Tait, who is an exceptionally intelligent young man, served as telegraph operator at Manila, and in that capacity learned some facts which have heretofore been given no publicity.

Corp. Tait says that not long before he left Manila a cablegram was received from Washington, directed to Otis, in which the secretary of war asked, "Why don't you supply Krags-Jorgensen rifles to the troops?"

Corp. Tait says that he is not sure of the exact date, but that he is sure that the message came from Washington, "Telegraph facts hereafter." Corp. Tait declares that to his knowledge Gen. Otis did not reply to these messages.

A dispatch was received at the local office of the Great Northern this morning, stating that troop L of the Third cavalry left St. Paul, at 3 o'clock yesterday for Seattle. The special train is due to arrive here tomorrow afternoon. The troop is composed of 102 men with horses and equipment, under the command of Lieut. Patterson.

The three troops from Fort Ethel Allen will leave St. Paul in a special train tomorrow and should reach here Monday afternoon.

Special to the Star. VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 11.—The British man-of-war Warrapite, flagship of the North Pacific squadron, arrived in port today. She is replacing the old flagship Imperieuse, which left for England some time ago.

The Warrapite has had an eventful career, and has seen much active service. She is a first class gunboat and was formerly stationed on the Australian coast.

Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Carmack Gold & Copper Mining company, with a capital stock of \$500,000. The incorporators are Fred A. Daniels, L. O. Lone, C. Finch, W. J. McConnell and W. G. Moore.

The Chinese crew of the transport Victoria have evidently determined to make a big fight against being taken to the Philippines. Yesterday they refused to work and made a slight resistance when told to keep to their quarters. Today they secured Attorney Hausman, and six of the crew accompanied him to the federal court to make application for a writ of habeas corpus.

The German peace commissioner to Samoa, and Baron H. von Sternberg, the German peace commissioner, accompanied by Edwin Morgan, of Aurora, N. F., the secretary of the commission, arrived in Seattle this morning from Portland.

The peace commission left San Francisco April 26, arriving at Samoa May 13. The result of their visit has been the recall of German Consul Rose, and the abolition of the Samoa Kingdom.

"The kingship is not a native institution, but one that was instituted by the missionaries, who thought it would prove a more stable form of government and hold the natives in check. They made a mistake, however, in making the kingship elective, as the chiefs of the tribes had always been hereditary, and the idea of an election was obnoxious to the natives."

"So demoralizing was this move that Lanuoka was defeated by a faction of his own subjects, and he was sent into exile. Between the first and last years of his reign there had been three kings—Tanua's uncle, Tamesese and Mataafa. The latter had rebelled against Lanuoka, and he was also sent into exile, of seven-tenths of the Samoans."

"The first problem we had to meet was the disarmament of the natives—something that many had accounted impossible. We made the demand, offering a receipt for each gun, and either to return it or make compensation for its loss. We also told them that all guns not surrendered would be confiscated, and the offender severely punished. When the Badger sailed around to the appointed place, they were waiting for us with 1,831 out of the 2,220 guns in their possession. On June 20 we received 1,400 of their own guns and 700 British guns, making 3,500 guns belonging to the Samoans and the 700 British rifles. Our success in the disarmament raised us so high in the esteem of all classes, that the rest was comparatively smooth sailing."

"The provisional government is of a judicious character, and this will be largely the style of the permanent government. The minor affairs will be left to the people themselves under their own chiefs. The three consuls take the place of a king. In some matters the treaty requires unanimity of action, but in those of an executive nature, a majority of the board decides. The president of the municipal council is advisor to the executive board. I do not believe the islands to be of great commercial value, though they are of great strategic importance."

Baron von Sternberg and Judge Tripp both expressed themselves as highly pleased with the aspect of Seattle, and regretted they could not stay here longer. After breakfast the party returned to the train and left for Vancouver, B. C.

OREGON BOYS AT PORTLAND

Given a Hearty Welcome by the Webfoot City.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 11.—This city was in holiday attire yesterday, the occasion being the home-coming of the Second Oregon volunteers. The trains rolled into the station shortly after 4 o'clock, and from then until midnight the boys received the heartiest welcome from the citizens.

Last evening the boys were entertained at the Armory by a big banquet. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed, and the scene was one long to be remembered by every one who participated. Speeches were made by many prominent men, including Gov. Geer, Gen. Beebe, H. W. Scott, and Col. Summers. Lieut. Col. Yorlan and Maj. Gantenben responded for the regiment.

SACRED HEART CORNER STONE

The Ceremony Will Take Place August 20.

Rev. Thomas P. Brown and the members of Sacred Heart congregation are busy making arrangements for laying the corner-stone of the new church. The date set for the ceremony is Sunday afternoon, August 20, at 3 o'clock. The foundation of the church has already been laid and the walls are being put up as fast as possible.

A large wooden cross will be erected on the spot immediately beneath where the main altar of the church is to stand. This will be blessed and the priests and acolytes will march around the foundation while blessing them. The corner-stones will next be blessed. A metal box in the corner-stone will contain copies of the daily papers of Seattle, the religious journals of the day, the names of President McKinley, Gov. Rogers and Mayor Humes, a collection of old coins, and other valuable articles.

The Water Front.

Four vessels were taking in coal at the bunkers today—the colliers Mackinaw and Willamette and the steamers Charles Nelson and Queen. The two last-mentioned took on bunker coal.

Steamer Bay City brought in about 800 salmon yesterday afternoon, which were unloaded at the White Star dock and shipped East over the Great Northern railway.

The schooner Bayard with the Kelly expedition for Norton sound, may not get away now until next week. It was thought that she would sail tomorrow. Among her passengers is Mr. Sprout, of Seattle, who went to Kotzebue sound on the schooner Heien last year.

The Pacific Steam Whaling company's steamer which arrived from India under charter of the A. C. company, will remain in port for several days. She will then take on a cargo of coal for the company's canneries in Alaska. On the return trip she will bring down the season's salmon pack.

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