

The Dalles Chronicle

WEEKLY



PART 2.

VOL. X

THE DALLES, WASCO COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

NO. 36

HORROR OF IT INDESCRIBABLE

Barge Loads of Galveston Dead Given Hasty Burial in the Gulf of Mexico.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 11.—G. L. Ross, passenger conductor on the International & Great Northern railroad was among a party of refugees who reached this city at midnight. Mr. Ross said to a reporter:

"I will not attempt to describe the horror of it all; that is impossible. When I left Galveston men armed with Winchester were standing over burying squads and at the point of rifles compelling them to load the corpses on drags to be hauled to the barges on which they were tossed into the sea. As I left I saw a barge freighted with dead on its journey to the Gulf.

"This manner of burial is imperative; the living must be protected now."

Mr. Ross' story was confirmed. Adjutant General Scurry, who is now in Houston, states it is his opinion that the state militia will be called out and sent to Galveston to prevent looting, vandalism and other lawless acts.

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 11.—Adjutant-General Scurry, who reached Galveston last evening by boat from Houston, today sent a courier to Houston to notify the militia companies of the state that he would call on them for details for service in Galveston. Captain Roache, of one of the Dallas infantry companies, was notified to have his men in readiness for orders.

Information leaks out that the horrors of vandalism and general looting have been started by the vicious and criminal element at Galveston. It is expected that the city will be placed under martial law.

Worst Not Yet Known.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 11.—The dreadful fatality of Galveston is looking worse in the face of the latest facts brought out. Three men who reported here tell of so many dead bodies being found in a single house or yard or one block that the conclusion is almost irresistible that a greater number than a thousand lives have been lost. They tell that twenty or thirty or more were lost by the collapse of a single large house, the victims having gathered there for safety, but they are unable to say anything about hundreds of small houses that were swept away, some vacant, but many occupied, but without a mark or sign or a memory to recall the lost.

The minute details are wanting, and no list of names approaching completeness can be had for weeks, and it is almost sure that a complete list will never be found. As time wears along the names of different persons will be recalled by those who were neighbors, and they will be set down in the great death roll that will be made up, but those who do not know their neighbors can never call their names, and the identity of the lost will be passed to eternity without remembrance.

The city of Galveston and her people are industriously devoting themselves to relieving the distressed people. Her business men are losing not a moment. Two boats and two teams containing supplies and disinfectants have gone forward from Houston. Last night large wagons jostled along the streets with boxes of prepared food to load them on boats or cars. The mayor has sent out calls to the larger cities of the state for immediate help.

Legations Leaving China.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The following dispatch has been received at the war department:

"Taku (no date) Adjutant General, Washington—afternoon 4th.—Evidence accumulates that diplomatic relations will not be resumed here for a long time. Russian legation leaves very soon for Tien Tsin. Appears to me certain that the Chinese government will not return here whilst foreign army remains, and if this is true, our legation can transact no business. My opinion Pekin to be merely a camp of the foreign army pending settlement by the powers at other points.

What Galveston Needs.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 11.—The following statement of conditions at Galveston and appeal for aid is issued by the local relief committee:

"A conservative estimate of the loss of life is that it will reach 3000; at least 5000 families are shelterless and wholly destitute. The entire remainder of the population is suffering in a greater or less degree. Not a single church, school or charitable institution, of which

Galveston had so many, is left intact. Not a building escaped damage, and half of the whole number were entirely obliterated. There is immediate need of clothing, food and household goods of all kinds. If nearby cities would open asylums for women and children the situation would be greatly relieved. Coast cities should send us water as well as provisions, including kerosene oil, gasoline and candles.

MORE HEARTRENDING FEATURES

Nothing to Encourage the Hope That the Number of Dead is Over-estimated.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 11.—Details from the storm-swept district of Texas hourly disclose more heartrending features and confirm earlier rumors of one of the greatest catastrophes of late years. No wire communication is yet possible with the city of Galveston, and the only definite news obtained so far has come by tug-boats and refugees.

There seems to be no ground for the hope that fuller details would show a reduction in the number of lives lost, and a conservative estimate is given at 1000 dead, all told. The property loss is perhaps, even higher than at first given.

In the city of Galveston the dead are being gathered up as rapidly as possible, taken to sea on barges and there consigned as their last resting places. This action is necessary to protect the survivors from pestilence, and the ground is too wet to permit of digging graves.

Ghouls have begun their work, and bodies are being stripped of their valuables.

Relief trains are hurrying forward with supplies as rapidly as possible. Outside Galveston, smaller towns are beginning to send reports as telegraphic communication improves, and many additions to the list of dead and property losses are received. Richmond and Hitchcock each report 102 lives lost. Taloma, Arcadia, Velasco, Seabrook, Belleville, Arcola and many other towns from one to eight dead.

In most of these places many houses have been totally destroyed, and thousands of head of livestock killed.

The railroads alone will suffer millions of dollars in actual damage, to say nothing of the loss from the stoppage of business.

The International & Great Northern and Santa Fee have miles of track washed out, and the bridges connecting Galveston with the mainland must be entirely rebuilt.

Five Thousand Dead.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 11, 10:45 p. m.—The Post correspondent was instructed to forward the following address to the people of the United States:

"Galveston, Tex., Sept. 11.—It is my opinion based upon personal information that 5000 people have lost their lives here. Approximately one-third of the residence portion of the city has been swept away. There are several thousand people who are homeless and destitute; how many there is no way of finding out. Arrangements are now being made to have the women and children sent to Houston and other places, but the means of transportation are limited. Thousands are still to be cared for here. We appeal to you for immediate aid.

WALTER C. JONES,
Mayor of Galveston."

Japanese Will Not Retire.

LONDON, Sept. 11, 5 a. m.—Lord Salisbury will return to London Friday, when some fresh developments in the Chinese situation are expected.

Beyond Japan's reply, showing her intention to continue to occupy Pekin, there is little to throw further light.

From Shanghai comes a report that Li Hung Chang has dispatched an urgent telegram to the empress dowager at Tai Yuan Fu, announcing the purpose of the allies to advance to Pao Ting Fu, and perhaps even further.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard asserts that everyone in Pekin is living on "batter beef" and hard tack.

Allied Forces a Happy Family.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 10.—The Taku steamer, which has arrived here brings reports of the latest events in Pekin. These advices are to the effect that the greatest harmony prevails among the officers of the allies, who treat each other with extreme courtesy, and that the soldiers are living as though members of one army. Late arrivals say that if any clash occurs during the occupation of Pekin, it will be brought on by the diplomats in Europe and not by the soldiers in the field.

GHOULS ROB THE DEAD

Thirst, Heat and Disease Threaten the Living—Over Fifty Robbers and Mutilators of the Dead Shot.

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 12.—A bulletin from Galveston, via Virginia Point and Houston, received here at 11 a. m., says: "The situation grows worse every minute. Water and ice are needed. People are in frenzy from suffering from these causes. Scores have died since last night and a number of sufferers have gone insane."

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—The ghouls have been holding an orgie of the dead at Galveston. The majority of these men were negroes, but whites took part in the desecration of the dead. Some of them were natives and some had been allowed to go over from the mainland under the guise of "relief" workers. Not only did they rob the dead but they mutilated bodies in order to secure their ghoulish booty.

A party of ten negroes were returning from a looting expedition. They had stripped corpses of all valuables and the pockets of some of the looters were fairly bulging out with fingers of the dead which had been cut off because they were so swollen the rings could not be removed. Incensed at this desecration and mutilation of the dead, the looters were shot down and it has been determined that all found in the act of robbing the dead shall be summarily shot.

During the robbing of the dead not only were fingers cut off, but ears were stripped from the head in order to secure jewels of value. A few government troops who arrived and private citizens have been patrolling the city and have endeavored to prevent the robbing of the dead, and on several occasions have killed offenders. It is said that at one time eight were killed, and at another time four. Altogether, the total of those executed exceeds 50.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—Order has begun to take the place of chaos, which has reigned in Galveston since Saturday's terrible storm, and citizens are recovering from the stupefaction of the sudden disaster. All conservative estimates have been shattered by the estimates of Mayor Jones, of Galveston, and other prominent and conservative men, who, in a statement to the Associated Press, declare that 3000 deaths will result from the storm. Over 100 lives were lost at other points in Texas.

Ten millions of dollars, it is said, will cover Galveston's property loss, while half as much is an estimate of that of remainder of the state.

Late advices say 700 human bodies have been weighted and sunk at sea—some identified, but more going to their graves unknown.

Martial law prevails now and vandalism is being brought to a sudden check. Sickening details of the work of ghouls in mutilating and robbing the dead have been received and half a hundred of these men have paid the penalties of their crimes by summary deaths.

The water supply is now reported as adequate and thereby one of the worst features of the situation is eliminated, for provisions are being poured into the stricken city by carloads.

Many deaths are resulting from unavoidable neglect and the sanitary conditions, and superhuman efforts are being made to clear up the mass of debris which bids fair to breed pestilence.

At noon today the telegraph companies are said to be swamped with press and private telegrams; enough business is piled in the offices to keep all wires busy for twenty-four hours and now matter is being refused. Several tugs should arrive here from Galveston and they will add their thousands of words of press matter and hundreds of private messages to the already congested wires.

Government Survey Just Begun.

LAKEVIEW, Sept. 12.—George S. Nickerson, of Klamath Falls, at the head of a special government surveying party, arrived here today and will lay in supplies for a two months' stay. The surveying crew is composed of eight men, and they will start for Rock Creek, this county, tomorrow to complete the surveying and platting of eleven townships of desert land lying in Lake and Harney counties, near the line, which were started by Mr. Nickerson in June, but was compelled to be temporarily abandoned until now.

The surveying of this land will make available 253,440 acres of valuable land to intending settlers. All this land needs to make it productive is water, which can be had either by reservoirs of

artesian wells. A constant flow of artesian water can be had, as proved by numerous experiments near this same land, at a depth of from 100 to 300 feet, and at a cost of about \$100 per foot. The land is nearly all first-class, sandy soil, and all lies in Oregon.

Kruger is at the Jumping-off Place.

LORENCO MARQUEZ, Sept. 12.—President Kruger arrived here last night.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The Boers have decided to make a formal declaration of guerrilla warfare. General Botha is understood to have dissented from this course, but, according to a Post correspondent with Lord Roberts' forces, he was overruled by the other members of the council of war.

The News correspondent in Belfast learns through a refugee from the Boers that President Kruger was at Nelspruit on Saturday and that President Steyn, V. J. van der Merwe, Fournie and Delarey were with him. Lucas Meyer has been deposed from his command, but remains Mr. Kruger's military adviser.

President Kruger is said to be feeble, and apparently takes little interest in the military movements. He remains in his railway carriage, constantly reading palms. It is believed that his ultimate intention is to take flight towards Koomatipoort.

Oregon at Woo Sung.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The navy department has been informed of the arrival of the battle-ship Oregon at Woo Sung. The department was also advised of the arrival at Shanghai, from Coo Foo, of the gunboat Nashville. Woo Sung is the port of Shanghai, and here the Oregon will remain, as her draft will not permit her going to Shanghai.

The war department has been informed of the arrival of the transport Garonne at Manila, on the 7th inst., with eight troops of the First cavalry aboard. These troops were originally intended for service in China, and were among the first to be diverted to the Philippines, in accordance with the department's decision to send no more troops to Taku.

Albany News.

ALBANY, Sept. 11.—Deputy Sheriff Munkers spent Sunday at his home on his farm a few miles from Albany. During the day three men hunted pheasants on his place, and in a short time shot 11 times, generally with fatal effect. Mr. Munkers, as an officer of the law, immediately proceeded to do his duty, and struck out after the men. After a lively chase he succeeded in capturing one by the name of Hermann Schoels, with the birds on his person. The others escaped. Mr. Schoels came to Albany this morning and paid his fine, and promised not to do any more shooting out of season. Mr. Schoels says it is a tremendous temptation to see big, fat birds flying around loose.

Fighting Near Tien Tsin.

TIENTSIN, Sept. 8, via Shanghai, Sept. 11.—A body of 4000 allied troops, including 200 men of the fifteenth infantry, under command of Major Robertson, marched today against the cities of Shen Hai Sien and Ti Li, where the presence of Boxers threatens the Tien Tsin region. The advance was made in two columns for the purpose of flanking the towns. General Dorward personally commanded the expedition. The Japanese siege guns were taken with the expedition, which included a large force of cavalry.

One regiment of German cavalry and one British battery have arrived.

Murder of Americans Still Going On.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—While efforts are being made by the Chinese government to begin negotiations, the killing of American citizens and the destruction of their property continues. Four provinces in China are in a disturbed condition and Shanghai itself is menaced by the disorderly elements. Negotiations cannot be thought of while these things continue, and while there is a possibility of preventing them through the influence of the Chinese government.

Held Up the Overland.

DENVER, Sept. 12.—Burlington train No. 1, known as the overland flyer, was held up by a lone highwayman at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, five miles east of Halger, Neb., near the Colorado line. The robber secured about \$500. He went through both sleepers, but did not molest chair cars. The railroad officials offer \$1000 for his capture and possess have started out in all directions.

Resignation of Botha.

LORENCO MARQUEZ, Sept. 13.—It is reported that Commander-General Louis Botha has resigned the chief command of the Transvaal forces to Commandant V. J. van der Merwe.

ASSURANCE FOR LIFE AND PROPERTY

Farli Li Gives Assurance that American Life and Property Will Be Respected Throughout the Chinese Empire.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The Chinese government has made swift answer to the latest communication from the state department relative to the recognition of Li Hung Chang as an envoy competent to negotiate a peace settlement. There never has been any doubt here as to the sufficiency of Li's credentials as a Plenipotentiary, but the effort of the state department has been to cause him to use any extraordinary powers he might have for the protection of American life and property in China, pending a final settlement. It has succeeded in attaining this object as indicated in the response from Li Hung Chang presented to Assistant Secretary Hill this morning by Minister Wu.

The department asked Li Hung Chang "without further delay to give assurance that the life and property of Americans henceforth be respected throughout the Chinese empire." The viceroy has given the assurance asked for. His word came in the shape of a cable dispatch to Minister Wu, dated yesterday at Shanghai. Minister Wu called at the state department this afternoon and presented this answer to Mr. Hill. He in turn sent it forward to the president. It will be for the latter to decide whether Li's assurance is sufficient to meet the needs of the case.

It is believed if the powers can get together themselves, and through commissioners arrange for certain common bases of compensation for certain classes of outrages, good progress can be made toward a final settlement. However, if the attempt to secure unity of action in this direction is no more successful than that directed to the evacuation of Pekin, the United States government will look to its own interest and appointing its own commissioners, proceed to deal directly with the Chinese commissioners.

It is believed here that Li Hung Chang already has been advised by Prince Ching of the urgent necessity for his attendance in Pekin to initiate the negotiations, hence his announced intention to sail tomorrow from Shanghai for the capital.

It was stated at the war department this morning no other orders had gone forward to General Chaffee touching a withdrawal. He is ready, however, and waits but the word from Washington to begin his march seaward.

RELIEF IS NOW POURING IN

The Number of Dead Estimated at 5000 and Property Loss May Reach \$20,000,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 13.—From all parts of the United States, and some portions of England, many thousands of dollars are pouring into this city for the relief of Texas' destitute storm sufferers. Trainloads of provisions and clothing are also hurrying toward Houston and Galveston, and the refugees who have arrived here are being made as comfortable as possible.

Estimates of the number dead still vary, Mayor Jones of Galveston, maintaining his opinion that the number will be no less than 5000. Property losses are mounting higher as details arrive, and some estimates for the city of Galveston reach as high as \$20,000,000. There are 25,000 homeless in that city to be taken care of, and it is a question whether Galveston can or will be rebuilt. There seems to be a disposition on the part of leading citizens, however, to start resolutely where the storm left off, and raise a new city from the ruins of the old.

Troops are patrolling the streets, and looting has been given a set-back. Several additional cases have been reported where vandals have been shot down while robbing the dead, but the troops are rapidly gaining control of the lawless element.

Labor and Trust Issues.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Sept. 13.—Governor Roosevelt closed a long day of speech-making with an address in this city tonight. The exercises were preceded by a long torchlight procession and an elaborate display of fireworks. The meeting

was held in the open air, and the governor was listened to by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Governor Roosevelt confined his address to the questions of labor and trusts. He made frequent references to Richard Croker and Augustus Van Wyck, as heavy stockholders in the alleged New York ice trust. He closed with the following words:

"The American who tries to incite one man against another, whether he be a Westerner or an Easterner, whether he be a wageworker or capitalist, or whatever form it takes, the man that does that is doing a thing that is calculated to inflict an irreparable wrong on the country. We need not the gospel of the knife in our affairs, but we need the gospel of brotherhood and honesty. We need honesty to protect the rights of every man, and we shall endeavor to wrong no man. In 1892, when the wageworkers set out to down the capitalist, they did him down. They got him down, but they were under him when he was down. Now, this year, we ask you to judge our future by our past. You have had four years of the Presidency of McKinley, and you are going to have four years more. I will say no more."

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at Blakeley's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. 3

Message From Congress.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Minister Conger cables the state department under date of September 6, as follows: "Hodges killed, Pao Ting Fu."

Minister Conger's dispatch was in answer to a cable inquiry from the department as to the fate of Missionary Courtland Van Rensselaer Hodge and wife, Elsie Campbell Hodge. The couple were natives of Philadelphia and belonged to the Presbyterian mission.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are cured by it. Call on Blakeley, the Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded. 3

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured.

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHERRY & Co., Props., Toledo O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 12

The Assassin Arrested.

PEKIN, Sept. 9.—The Japanese have arrested the assassin of Baron von Ketteler, the late German minister to China. The assassin, who has been handed over to the Germans by the Japanese, has confessed his guilt. He was arrested for trying to sell to a Japanese officer a watch with initials, which he admitted taking from the body of Baron von Ketteler. He afterwards admitted the crime, saying that the imperial government ordered the commission of the crime.

For Sale.

The two buildings owned by Mrs. E. Julian, on Court street, between Second and Third, now occupied as a lodging house and dressmaking shop. The buildings will be sold, furnished or unfurnished, cheap for cash. Apply to Mrs. E. Julian. 13-1nd

Floral lotion will cure wind chapping and sunburn. Manufactured by Clarke & Falk.