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STORM ON GULF COAST.

Galveston And Score Of Lesser Towns Swept By Hurricane. Over 100 Dead. Property Loss Millions of Dollars

A hurricane swept the gulf coast Monday flooding Galveston and many smaller Texan towns, doing much damage to property and destroying a number of lives.

Latest reports from the stricken district place the number of lives lost at over 100, distributed as follows: Virginia Point, 30; Texas City, 18; Galveston, 14; Morgan's Point, 11; Hitchcock, 7; La Porte, 7; Port Arthur, 7; Lynchburg, 3; Sylvan Beach, 3; Seabrook, 3; Houston, 2, with a number of places yet to hear from. The first reports placed the loss of life at Galveston at over 500 but later accounts deny this.

The property loss is variously estimated at from twenty-five to thirty million dollars, the estimates being in many instances vague, but in others fairly accurate. Galveston suffered the heaviest property loss, the damage being estimated at fifteen million dollars. Besides the losses enumerated there is a heavy loss to cotton growers in the storm belt, reports stating that fully 25% of the crop in central Texas was ruined. Only the sea wall, which has been erected since the storm of 1900, saved Galveston from extinction; the government record showing that the storm was greater than the one which caused such a loss of life fifteen years ago. The record shows that the wind rose to 92 miles an hour, eight miles more than the record in 1900, and the waters of the gulf encroached three miles inland from its high water mark of the previous storm.

Governor Will Probe Lynching Of Frank.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Aug. 17.—Governor N. E. Harris, who came here today to attend the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans, announced that he would return to Atlanta tonight to aid the prison commission in an investigation of the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

"The people are entitled to all the facts in the case," said the governor, "and I propose to see that they shall have them."

WORK OF THE YEAR

From United States Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Portland, Oregon

Figures just compiled by the Forest Service, covering its work in Oregon and Washington for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, show, among other things, that the Service has built 90 miles of road, 426 miles of trail, and 625 miles of telephone line, besides erecting 12 bridges and 30 lookout stations.

The detailed figures give the Oregon forests 85 miles of road, 566 miles of trail, and 625 miles of telephone line, 5 bridges, and 27 lookouts; while in the Washington forests have been added 5 miles of road, 159 miles of trail, 170 miles of telephone, 7 bridges and three lookouts. The bridges represent only structures costing over \$100. Small bridges over culverts and the like are ranked as part of the road. For administrative purposes the Service has built in Oregon 24 cabins, 8 barns, 20 miles of pasture fence, and developed 10 springs; and in Washington it has built 12 cabins and 1 barn, built 10 miles of pasture fence, and developed 9 springs.

The rangers have done a large part of the labor necessary in making these improvements. It is the policy of the Service to develop communication as fast as funds will permit, not only because roads and trails and telephones mean better protection for the forest wealth which the government is guarding, but because these means of communication make the National Forests more accessible to the general public. To date in Oregon and Washington, over 4000 miles each of trail and telephone have been built, and 101 bridges and 55 lookouts have been erected. Of the bridges, 7 are of the suspension type.

Motorcycles Records Made At Tacoma Races.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 16.—New world records in the 100, 200 and 300 mile events were made yesterday on the Tacoma Speedway association lattice track, by Earl Armstrong of San Francisco. He won the 300 mile race on an Indian in three hours, 45 minutes, 29.2 seconds. His average was 79.84 miles. His average for 100 miles was 81.41 miles an hour, and for 200 miles, 82.81 miles an hour.

RAILROAD GRANT LANDS.

Governor Will Call Meeting To Consider The O. & C. Land Problem.

Governor Withycombe has decided on the salient features of his plan for the selection of the delegates to the conference, to be held here in the near future to consider the Oregon & California railroad land grant problem, and it is said that it will provide that delegates be appointed by the county courts and the leading commercial, civic and labor organizations of the state. Formal announcement of the plan will be made as soon as all the details are worked out, within a few days.

The Governor has been anxious to evolve a plan which would give fair representation to the conference, and after weeks of consideration it was finally decided, it is said, that the fairest representation would be obtained by allowing the county courts and the various leading organizations in the state to name the delegates. The plan contemplates that each shall name a certain number of delegates. They will be advised of the plan and the number of delegates they are to appoint by mail.

The conference will consider ways and means of protecting the states interest in the land. The United States supreme court in a recent decision issued an order restraining the company from further sales of the land under the grant until congress could legislate on the subject, and the object of the conference will be to decide upon a plan which will protect the state's interest, and aid the Oregon delegation in having congress adopt it. Under the grant the railroad was to sell the land to settlers at \$2.50 an acre, and the government favors a classification of the lands for sale, and a division of the surplus over this sum among three funds—the school fund, the road fund and the irrigation fund. In a general way he several months ago announced his plan, and will submit it in a more complete manner to the conference, it is said. It was submitted to the members of the legislature, and the majority of them approved it.

Battleships Go To Vera Cruz.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Secretary Daniels has ordered the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana, now in the Gulf of Mexico, to proceed to Vera Cruz. This course has generally been expected, but not until today was it acknowledged at the navy department.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Wapato lake has 100 acre flax crop coming on.

Organized labor at Portland at Portland continues to fight permanent highway construction as conducted by Multnomah county.

Portland is moving for a city manager in place of its 'you-tick-me-and-I'll-tickle-you' commission.

Roth Grocery Co., Salem, will erect \$20,000 brick building, two story.

Portland-Willamette Iron and Steel works is employing day and night shifts.

Supt. Campbell has returned from Coos Bay and says that trains will be running there by May 1.

Waldo Copper Co. shipped first carload of ore over new railroad to Grants Pass.

Pacific highway to be paved from Tolo to Central Point.

Last legislature enacted 53 game laws—great industry, this legislating.

Holland contracts for 100,000 boxes Hood River apples 1916 crop.

St. Helens—Columbia River Cannery running steady on vegetables.

Donald will improve 10,000 feet of streets.

Manufacture of peppermint oil in Linn county under way.

Millersburg will vote on erecting \$9,000 school house Aug. 2.

Albany—Site selected for \$1,500,000 paper mill at Albany.

Those who hold the office of public defender, the office sought to be foisted on taxpayers for cities and counties, naturally defend it publicly.

Yamhill county has oiled fifty miles of main highway for \$1,500.

Gold Hill—Rogue River Public Service Corporation preparing to resume work on plant here.

Contract awarded to Clark & Henry Const. Co. for paving of Alder street, at Eugene, for \$1.73 per cu. ft. or \$32,915. Pavement to be 24 ft. wide, 5 in. concrete base, 2 in. bitulithic wearing surface.

The first mile of hard-surfaced road built in Coos county and a \$370,000 bond issue is proposed.

Hood River plans county flower planting campaign.

Halfway—Water bond issue of \$20,000 voted on Aug. 16.

Baker will put streamer lights on its principal streets.

Medford is promised a \$600,000 sugar factory in time for the 1916 crop.

Marshfield—The Courtney mill which has been idle for some time has been reconstructed and made ready for cutting lumber. At the present time the owners are negotiating for a contract for 5,000 ready-to-erect houses.

Linn county clover seed industry yielding 8 bushels to the acre.

The forestry generously allows people to build summer homes in the forest reserves. It is doubtful if any but people of wealth can afford the luxury.

Eugene—Municipal water commission would raise rates for water used by the city to keep rates down for consumers.

East Portland getting new bank and business men's club buildings.

Woodburn will vote on \$40,000 bond issue for high school.

Mossbacks are litigating proposed union high school at Holly.

Corvallis—C. E. Hout erects 2-story brick, 50x100.

Miners Week At Fair.

All mining men and miners of Oregon will be interested in the fact that during the last of September a "Miners Week" will draw thousands to the exposition. Some of the largest men connected with the mining industry are back of the idea and are co-operating with the officials here in the effort to interest both the big and the little fellow in the states of Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California.

The details of the program will be forthcoming as soon as possible and it is already certain that the week will have very much of greatest interest to those interested in any way with taking from the earth the wonderful stores of riches with which nature has endowed the mountains and valleys of this great country.

HOOPER ESCAPES**FROM JAIL.**

Noted Highwayman Ties Sheriff Smith, Drives Out Of Town. Officers Search Without Avail.

John Austin Hooper, said to be a paroled convict from the state prison at Folsom, Cal., suspected with having robbed the bank at Rogue River, a store at Hornbrook, and a number of other robberies, and who was held in the jail at Grants Pass on a charge of holding up and robbing the Southern Pacific depot at that place, escaped from the jail with a fellow prisoner named Colinge, early Sunday morning.

It seems that Sheriff Smith entered the jail about nine o'clock Sunday morning with breakfast for the prisoners, unlocking the doors of the cells in which they were confined, in order that they might eat their meal in the corridor when the man Colinge grappled the sheriff around the waist pinning his arms to his body, Hooper then disarmed the sheriff and threw him into an empty cell and locked the door. They relieved the officer of money—80 cents, his gun and some tobacco, and leisurely leaving the jail encountered a man driving a horse attached to a buggy. Taking possession of the rig they drove to the outskirts of the town, where they separated, Hooper telling Colinge that he would meet him later on.

Colinge was arrested about half an hour after the escape, but the officers were unable to find any trace of Hooper, who was next heard of near Rogue River where about nine o'clock Sunday evening he halted E. Kroh of Grants Pass, and by threats backed by a gun, compelled Mr. Kroh to convey him in his auto to a point this side of Rogue River; here Hooper alighted with the remark that he had about forty miles to travel and believed that he would walk the balance of the way.

Sheriff Smith phoned to the sheriff's office at this place, a short time after the escape, asking for assistance in trying to round up the desperado, and Sheriff Singler accompanied by Jailor Wilson left in an automobile across the hill and through the Applegate valley to Grants Pass, but did not find any trace of the missing man.

At about eleven o'clock at night Sheriff Singler was again called and asked to assist in patrolling the Pacific Highway, it being supposed that Hooper was making for the south where he is said to have friends. Mr. Singler drove to the bridge near Ashland, where a vigilant watch of several hours discovered no signs of the culprit.

Youth On Deer Hunting Trip Shoots Himself By Accident.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 16.—Fred Layton 19 years old, son of A. G. Layton, who lives two miles north of Albany, accidentally shot himself yesterday while hunting deer in the mountains near Alsea. The youth and his father had gone to the Alsea on a motorcycle and in company with other hunters had gone up Alder creek on the west side of Mary's peak. Layton was last seen standing on a log, and it appears that his gun slipped and was discharged, the bullet entering the lower part of the abdomen ranging up through the body and penetrating the lungs.

Several men were soon at his side, and with an improvised stretcher carried the injured man four miles to camp. He died shortly before reaching camp. An inquest was held to determine whether the shot was from some other gun or his own. The body was taken to Corvallis last night. About 20 hunters, who were in the section where the accident occurred, gave up their trip and returned home.

Roseburg Hunters Kill Deer On Opening Day.

Roseburg, Aug. 16. Nearly 100 deer fell yesterday, the first day of the deer season in Douglas county, as trophies of the chase. Probably 400 hunters combed the woods. So far as heard no accident occurred. Hunters reported the woods as filled with underbrush and very dry.

MOB KILLS LEO FRANK.

Is Taken From Prison And Hanged Near Home Of Mary Phagan.

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, and who was taken from the prison farm last night, was lynched 100 miles east of there today by the armed party which took him. He was hanged to a tree.

Frank was brought 100 miles from the prison farm to a point almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan. No shots were fired.

Frank's body, barefooted, and clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was found at 8:30 o'clock this morning. It was believed he was lynched about daylight.

Several automobiles, well loaded left here in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of the machines today, officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank not more than 150 yards from the road.

No End Of The War In Sight.

The allies are meeting a most stubborn resistance on the Bosphorus. Still we suspect that the feeling in England is that Constantinople must be taken, no matter what the cost may be, for until it is neither Egypt, the Suez canal, nor India is safe.

Egypt is filled with Mohammedans, in India there seventy millions of them; it is clear that if the war continues until all these forces are combined and shall have learned their power, nothing in southern Asia or northern Africa will be safe against them. And Germany has stretched a railroad from the Mediterranean as far into Asia as ancient Mesopotamia and should a peace be patched up before Constantinople is taken and a clear way made for Russian ships out from the Black sea, the situation will be a constant menace to both Great Britain and Russia. This is so manifest that it is not impossible that the next great drive of the Germans may be to secure a hold on the Balkan states and try to raise the siege on the Bosphorus. As the war develops, the difficulty of estimating when it will close, grows greater and greater. Unless a pestilence comes, or the people in desperation rise up and demand peace, it is clear that there will be no cessation until "the fiery hosts, now rolling on the foe, shall be mouldering cold and low."—Goodwires Weekly.

Curry County Slayer**Not Yet Found.**

Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 17.—Sheriff Bailey of Curry county, with a deputy and a posse of eight men, have been searching all night, but without success, for R. B. Neff who killed A. J. Wittman at Lakeport Sunday, and attempted to kill Charles Walker, a school teacher. The people of the neighborhood are terrorized fearing an attack, as it is thought that Neff is insane as the result of brooding over the fear of losing some money because he went security for the school. It is reported that there was some trouble about the school funds. There was no reason for killing Wittman except that Neff believed him to be a sympathizer with Charles Walker, whom Neff blamed for the trouble. It is thought that Neff will put up a fight before he will submit to capture, and in his evident insane state it is feared that there will be further bloodshed.

Many Horses Spipped**To European War Zone.**

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 18.—Three carloads of horses, all said to be for use by European countries in the war, have been shipped out of Eugene during the past two days. Frank De Lay, who has been buying horses here all summer for Walcott, Beers and Grant of Kansas City, Mo., shipped a car load on Monday and another carload yesterday. This firm is said to be buying for the British government. J. N. Cobb of this city shipped a carload of the animals to Portland Monday and it is said that they will be reshipped from there to the east to be conveyed either to the French or the British government.

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