



TEXAS DEATH LIST IS MORE THAN 100

Damage Is Estimated at \$30,000,000.

500 GALVESTON HOUSES FALL

1000 Feet of Seawall Washed Out; Causeway Breaks.

CITY IS WITHOUT WATER

Ships Wrecked and Martial Law Is Declared—Houston and Several Other Cities and Towns Suffer Enormous Damage.

Virginia Point 30	Port Arthur 4
Texas City 15	Lynchburg 3
Galveston 14	Sylvan Beach 3
Morgan Point 11	Seabrook 3
Hitchcock 7	Houston 2
La Porte 1	

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 18.—Direct word from the storm-swept communities of the Southeast Texas coast brought details of the tropical hurricane which put Galveston, Houston, Texas City and scores of other cities and towns in dire peril. With large sections of the district yet unheard from, the death list was more than 100, the heaviest reported loss being from Virginia Point, opposite Galveston. The property damage may exceed \$30,000,000, with Galveston contributing half that amount. Loss estimates incomplete. Property loss estimates were vague except in a few instances. Houston, Texas City and Port Arthur advices gave fairly definite figures for those places, but most of the other towns reported in such phrases as "considerable," "very heavy" and "not yet estimated."

Some of the estimates were as follows: Galveston \$15,000,000; Seabrook \$100,000; Houston \$10,000,000; Texas City \$40,000,000; Sylvan Beach \$100,000; Port Arthur \$20,000,000.

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CAMP FOR BUSINESS MEN IS DESIGNATED

Military Training to Be Given in Northwest.

AMERICAN LAKE SITE IS CHOSEN

Details Probably Will Be Worked Out at Vancouver Barracks.

TREE YIELDS \$3000 CROP

Alligator Pear Insured Against Wind and Fire for \$30,000.

63 TONS OF SUGAR WANTED

Inmates of Washington Institutions Average 3 Pounds Monthly.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD COMES

Two Million Dollars to Be Received Into American Money.

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Czar Loses Second Line Northern Fortress.

RUSSIANS NEARLY ENVELOPED

Vilna Under Incessant Aerial Raid; Evacuation Planned.

GERMANS GET 400 CANNON

Von Mackensen Is Attacking Outer Works of Brest-Litovsk in South. British Expert Thinks Move Against Petrograd Likely.

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FRANCE STEELED TO LONG PERIOD OF WAR

Allies Are Expected to Help by Spring.

OPINION

People Believe Roumania Will Join at Agreed Moment.

DUTCH RUMOR CREDITED

Story Circulated That England Has Made Agreement With Holland to Permit Attack on Belgium by Way of Rear.

DORY SAILS 1800 MILES

Two Alaska Fishermen Make Voyage in 16-Foot Flat-Bottom Boat.

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Wednesday's War Moves

KOVNO, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, has been captured by the Germans, and the road to the Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd Railway is now open to the troops of Emperor William.

The capture of the fortress was another triumph for the German 16-inch guns, which throughout the present war have been brought against no fortifications they were unable to reduce. With the fortress of Kovno the Germans have taken more than 400 guns, and, according to their account, an enormous quantity of war materials.

This, however, is not the most important part of the matter to the Russians. Besides opening the way to Vilna, which is an open town, and from which most of the inhabitants have departed and from which everything that might be of use to the invaders has been removed, the fall of the fortress takes away the last protection, with the exception of the Russian field army, to the main-line railway to the capital, and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the rear of the Russian armies retreating to the Brest-Litovsk line and those operating in Southern Courland.

Grand Duke Nicholas apparently expected the fall of Kovno, for his arms are hastening their retirement in Poland eastward. They still hold their own from Kovno to the south of Osovetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the northwest by Generals von Schalz and von Gallwitz, and from the west from Archduke Leopold, who has crossed the Bug River and is approaching the Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok railway. It is the same in the south, where General von Mackensen, after many rebuffs, finally has succeeded in driving the Muscovites into their outer positions of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk.

For the first time since he began his retreat from Western Galicia in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinion of military observers, finds part of his army in serious danger of envelopment. The military writers express curiosity as to how he will extricate himself.

The Russian troops are in orderly retreat, as is evidenced by the fact that outside of the guns taken with the forts of Novogeorgievsk, two more of which have fallen, the Germans make no claim to the capture of artillery. It would appear also that few prisoners have been taken, which doubtless means that considerable parts of the Austro-German in their most recent advance have not met with serious fighting.

With Kovno in German hands, and another German army across the Bug, south of Brest-Litovsk, a speedy exit according to military observers is the only safe one for the Russians if they are to escape before the second set of plans prepared for them are closed.

While fighting to crush the Russian army, the Germans are finding time for their activities in other parts of the Austro-German front. They have captured their seventeenth air raid on England on Tuesday night, visiting eastern counties, where they dropped bombs, which, according to the official communication, killed 10 and wounded 30. As in the last raid, the Admiralty reports that it believes that one of the Zeppelins, of which there was supposed to be four, was damaged.

The German submarines also have been busy during the day the sinking of three British and three neutral steamers and a trawler has been reported.

An offset to the German successes in the East, the French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander of the allied forces on the Gallipoli peninsula, announces an advance by the new force of allied troops, which landed at Suvla Bay, and the repulse of a Turkish attack against the right flank of the Australians. The Turks, on the other hand, say that all the British attacks were repulsed.

Any progress made by the British at Suvla Bay would, according to the military experts, be important, as it would threaten the Turks, who are facing the Australians down the coast and, like the other operations against Turkey, would have an influence on the Balkan States, which seemingly are about to decide which set of belligerents they will join. Serbia probably will make her reply this week to the suggestion of the entente ministers that she cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Opinion is divided in Serbia as to what the reply will be, but it is expected it will be favorable.

Serbia, it is asserted, would like to wait the outcome of the Greek crisis before giving her decision. This, however, is likely to continue for some days, and is expected to end in an agreement between King Constantine and the new Premier, M. Venizelos, which will guarantee the continued neutrality of Greece.

SCHEDULE CHANGE CURED

Washington Railroad Lose Right of Alterations "at Pleasure."

OREGON MAN GETS FEDERAL POSITION

ALBANY, O., Aug. 18.—C. M. Hartsock, of Albany, O., has been appointed tapper and computer in the railroad valuation department of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

HARBORS BODY IS BUSY ON ARRIVAL

Portland, Oregon City, Vancouver Inspected.

OUTSIDE DELEGATES HEARD

Celilo Today and Mouth of Columbia Tomorrow Itinerary.

CHAMBER TO GIVE DINNER

Members of Congressional Committee Declare Information Procured on Trip Will Be of Aid to Legitimate Projects.

When the next Congress begins to make appropriations for waterways improvements in Oregon, the rivers and harbors committee of the lower house will have an abundance of direct first-hand information on the subject.

Six members of the committee now are in Portland for the purpose of inspecting all improvements made in this vicinity in the last few years and to learn what additional improvements are required in the next few years.

They are making every effort to gain all the knowledge possible while they are here. They had a busy time yesterday. They visited the local harbor, the locks on the Willmette, at Oregon City and the Columbia River harbor at Vancouver, Wash.

COOS BAY DELEGATES HEARD

Besides that they held conferences with an energetic committee from Coos Bay and heard reports from various other districts that are said to be in need of harbor development.

Today they will go to Celilo to see the locks recently completed there at Government expense, and will learn, if possible, what further appropriations are needed to make the Columbia and Snake Rivers navigable beyond their present limits.

Tomorrow they will go to the mouth of the Columbia to see the jetty construction and the dredging now in progress there. They will inspect, also, the South jetty which was completed several years ago.

From the mouth of the river some members of the committee will go by water to Grays Harbor, while others will return to Portland and start from here for their homes.

OREGON CONGRESSMEN IN ATTENDANCE

The visiting committee arrived in Portland over the Southern Pacific at 7:20 yesterday morning, accompanied by Senators Lane and Chamberlain who had met them at Crescent City, California, and by Representative Hawley, of the First District, who had joined them at Salem. Representatives McArthur, of Portland, who had been instrumental in bringing them here met the party at the station and escorted them to the Multnomah hotel where they are the guests of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

At the head of the party is Stephen A. Sparkman, of Florida, chairman of the committee, and the other members are George F. Burgess, of Texas, ranking Democratic member; Charles G. Edwards, of Georgia; Thomas Gallagher, of Illinois; Charles Lieb, of Indiana, and Robert M. Switzer, of Ohio, the only Republican member.

MEMBERS BRING FAMILIES

In addition, Mrs. Edwards and son, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Lieb, Mrs. Switzer and son, C. L. Sparkman, son of the chairman and his private secretary, J. H. McCann, secretary of the committee, and Josiah H. Shinn, secretary of the Senate committee on commerce, accompanied by Mrs. Shinn, are in the party.

Inasmuch as the party had been long on the road and was dusty and tired after many miles of weary travel, the formal inspection trips did not start until the early afternoon hours.

Meanwhile, however, the members of the committee were busy with the Coos Bay delegation, consisting of Henry Seungataken, secretary of the Port of Coos Bay, and Hugh McLain, postmaster at Marshfield. They insisted that the committee visit the Coos Bay district and learn, for themselves, what the needs of the port there are. But it was explained that this was impossible, so the delegation contented itself with a presentation of arguments and statistical information intended to convince the committee that Coos Bay merits financial aid from the Government for the development of its harbors.

COOS APPEAL PERSISTENT

Incidentally it developed that this was not the first time that the committee had heard from Coos Bay and its needs. Even when the party was in California, Marshfield, North Bend and Bandon residents called upon the committee individually and collectively and presented their arguments. The Coos Bay people also kept them informed by letter and by telegram and by personal appeals at Grants Pass and other points on the way to Portland. Chairman Sparkman promised to give the Coos Bay district earnest consideration. Representative Hawley, in whose district Coos Bay is located, always has been energetic on behalf of the port there and promised the committee yesterday that he will continue his efforts.

"While we are not in the habit of traveling about the country and promoting waterway improvements to every port that we visit," explained Mr. Sparkman, "we will certainly be glad to see the committee."

HOW CONTENTED HE WOULD BE IF THAT DOG WAS MUZZLED.



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