

TROOPS GUARDING AGAINST LOOTERS

Government Property and National Banks in Galveston to Be Protected.

CAVALRY IS SCATTERED

Casualties Among Soldiers Are Reported, but Not Authenticated.

Families of Officers and Men Lose Heavily.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Colonel Waltz, commanding the Nineteenth Infantry at Galveston, reported to the War Department last night that an account of reports of looting in the city and the property of the government to protect government property and national banks.

He said the storm which swept the city was practically over, and that the sea was receding.

General Bell telegraphed the War Department from Houston last night, saying normal conditions were gradually being restored in Texas City, although the enemy camp had been totally destroyed.

General Bell suggested that a transport now at New York, be loaded with supplies, which should be used by the Army, if not needed by the civilian storm victims.

Cavalry Forces Scattered. The following related wireless dispatches from Houston last night were received by General Bell before he started for Houston:

"All mounted portions of command were scattered in night of storm seeking ground high enough to save animals that not all are assembled yet, and impossible to account for all of them as yet. Not definitely assembled, but many rumors have been coming in reporting losses here and there. Possibly some of them may turn out to be true, but most casualities have been authenticated among civilian population, but it seems probable that loss of life has not been great."

"Not possible to care for homeless families of officers and enlisted men in Texas City. Many officers' families lost everything and nearly all the families of enlisted men. We are endeavoring to find a building big enough to hold all the latter and will organize a mess with soldiers to care for them temporarily at Government expense."

Families to Be Sent Away.

"Officers' families will be provided for at their expense at Houston or elsewhere. Shall ship all families out. Not possible to bring order out of chaos until all families gotten out of Texas City. No accommodations in Texas City and community to care for homeless civilian population."

The message from Houston said:

"Reached here 1:30 today. Conditions between here and Texas City bad. Not yet heard from Galveston, go 20 north of bay all indications force of wind greater than in 1900. Great concrete causeway greatly damaged throughout and destroyed in sections. Many demolished and badly damaged houses, uprooted trees, drowned animals and high water observed en route. Miles inland night of storm to reach land not covered by water."

Country Transformed Into Lake.

"Most of the country between Texas City and Webster still a shallow lake of salt water."

"Will certainly be impossible to re-establish rail communication with Galveston within less than a month. Supplies can reach here by boat from Houston via ship channel. Every indication of high water at Galveston. Country north of bay strewn with thousands of human bones from Galveston warehouses."

Loss of life probably not great.

"Will return to Texas City tonight. Reach there next morning. No regular trains running on any lines. No mail or telegraph lines operating. Telephone lines all down. Might be advisable to leave Houston for New York with supplies. If not need for issue to population can be used by army."

FORCE OF WIND WAS TERRIFIC

Associated Press Man Brings Story Out of Galveston.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 19.—An Associated Press representative at Galveston reached Houston late last night and made the trip by means of the launch Sunflower, an 18-foot rowboat, and an automobile. He left Galveston at 10 A. M. He said that the wind was from the Sam Houston dredge boat which had been given up for lost by the owners.

"We headed for Dickinson Bay," said the correspondent tonight, "but were delayed two hours when our boat broke down. Finally a small rowboat came along and we transferred to it and went to Dickinson bridge, where we took an automobile into Houston."

The Associated Press man was accompanied by a telephone lineman, who carried a field telegraph instrument. They hoped to re-establish communication between Houston and the Island City.

The Galveston seawall is in part, according to the word the two brought. The causeway was washed out from both east and west ends, but the drawbridge was unharmed. The Galveston seawall boulevard was washed away from several blocks from Seventeenth street east.

"The terrific force of the wind and waves which battered the seawall at Galveston can be somewhat estimated from the fact that the big granite monuments at the foot of Tremont street, seen from their bases, were hurled completely across the boulevard, while many of the iron light poles were uprooted from their concrete bases and blown for blocks," said the correspondent.

"The storm was predicted two days in advance by the United States Weather Bureau and every resident had ample time to seek a place of safety."

While the storm was at its height, fires began to break out. At 9 o'clock Monday night the first alarm was sounded. The wind was blowing at 52 miles an hour. Horses attached to hose wagons were terrified by the storm and refused to move. Firemen pulled the hose from the wagon and ran with it half a mile to the fire. Upon their arrival, however, the water supply had been destroyed. The fire burned itself out. This occurrence was repeated half a score of times during the period of the storm.

"When at 10 A. M. today we left the island city the fire practically had confined itself to the structures first attacked and danger of a disastrous conflagration appeared to be over."

"During the storm it is estimated that 10 large steamers moored to the wharf front broke from their fastenings and drifted out into the Galveston Bay. Seven of them are aground. The names of the vessels were not ascer-

tained. Several of them were driven inland from three to eight miles by the terrific wind and water.

Reports that four Government craft and two the property of the Bowers Dredging Company, were lost with 200 souls proved untrue, when the boats were discovered aground on the mainland at noon today with all safe.

GREECE IS BARGAINING

Services Held More Valuable Than Early in War.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 19.—Advices of a confidential nature, received here from Athens, outline what is declared by the policy decided on by ex-Premier Venizelos, who has been asked by King Constantine to form a Cabinet and has announced his readiness to do so. The outline is substantially as follows:

M. Venizelos affirms that he has no preconceived bias against the central

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Suppose you are a workman down on your luck, earning barely enough to support yourself and your family. You cannot afford to pay more than \$8 or \$10 a month for rent. Yet you want to live in a good neighborhood, where the house and your neighbors will be clean.

The Octavia Hill Association has answered that question for the first time in this city almost 20 years ago, and it has been answering it ever since for a constantly increasing number of persons.

The buzz of saws and the bang of hammers tell you, as you pass the corner of Chatham and Cambria, that the Octavia Hill Association is at work in the neighborhood, and as you look in the direction whence come the noises, you see a number of houses apparently not much different from any other row of houses in the neighborhood. You have to inquire a bit before you see any difference.

In the first place, these houses, two stories in height, are going to rent for \$12.50. There will be 16 of these houses when plans are completed. They will be two-family houses at \$10 for each apartment, and four two-family houses at \$12.50 an apartment. The houses have five rooms, a bathroom, the apartments three rooms and a bath.

Profit Not Aim.

The idea is not to make money, but to provide a cheap house, and, at the same time a good one, for the poor.

The Octavia Hill Association does not want to make money; that is, does not want to make much money. The association pays a small dividend each year, 4 per cent, which is less than the shareholders could make elsewhere with their money.

"Philanthropy and 4 per cent" is the way Fred C. Field, superintendent of the organization, sums up the motives of its members. It is not charity in the sense that the Octavia Hill Association stands in the position of a friendly landlord.

The operation at Chatham and Cambria streets is different from any in the city, except other similar operations that have been undertaken in the past by the Octavia Hill Association.

The plans call for the erection of 22 houses on Chatham, Gaul and Cambria streets, and in the center of the lot going to be a big open space that will serve as a playground for the children of the tenants in the daytime and as a kind of meeting place for the adults at night, where they may gather to talk over their common problems; where the men may sit and smoke their pipes, under more favorable circumstances than are afforded by the front-door step, and where the women likewise may gather, in the open air, to exchange tales of their joys and sorrows.

Artistic Touches Given.

It is expected that all of the houses will be ready for occupancy by October 1, and work is now being rushed. Unlike most cheap dwellings, these are being constructed with artistic touches. Some of the houses are set back a few inches from the street line to lend variety. Each of them will have a pretty garden in the front-doorway and the usual monotony of many of Philadelphia's red-brick rows will be varied by other touches of the builder's art.

The lot on which the houses are erected is 165x212 feet. Deciding on an extension of the activities, the Octavia Hill Association has decided to build and decided on this locality. It is said that the need of low-priced dwellings is great here, for the property is close to the city center and is surrounded by many large industrial establishments.

A separate corporation, known as the Philadelphia Model Homes Company, was organized, in order to finance this latest undertaking. When the success of this venture is demonstrated the same company will carry out the work in other neighborhoods.

The entire party will leave in a special car on the O. V. & N. train, leaving here at 10 o'clock this morning, and will return over the same road at 7 o'clock tonight.

Representative Humphrey was with the committee a part of the time while in California. Representative Johnson will accompany them to his home on the Lewis and Clark River Commercial Club. He will confer with the committee on the train today relative to proposed improvements in the Columbia and Snake rivers between Cello and Lewiston.

CATHLAMET MAN DEAD

George W. Jones, Resident of Oregon Since 1863, Dies.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special)—George W. Jones, a well-known resident of this place, died at his home here Wednesday of heart trouble. He had been ill for several years with a complication of diseases. He was born in Boone County, Iowa, December 23, 1848, and crossed the plains with his parents when seven years old. He served in the Mexican War in 1872 and 1873. In the early '80s he came to Cathlamet and in 1888 married Maude Graham, daughter of Judge Jesse Graham, another pioneer.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. May Ankeny, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Maude Irving, of Frank, Bruce and George Jones, of this place. The funeral will be held Friday from the Congregational Church.

VETERAN CLERK TO REST

Commissioner Dieck Grants Leave on Learning of Indisposition.

J. B. Gehr, veteran clerk in the city building bureau, is to get the three months' leave of absence he asked for from Commissioner Dieck. The request at first was denied, but yesterday Mr. Gehr was informed that if he would make application in writing the leave would be granted.

Mr. Gehr says his reason for wanting to get away is because of the poor condition of his eyes, due to the poor lighting conditions where he works at the City Hall. Commissioner Dieck says he did not know this was the reason the leave was asked when the request was rejected at first. His leave of absence will be without pay.

While men weary without of restaurant fare, home cooking isn't much of an aid to matrimony.

NEAT HOMES GO UP

Philadelphia Organization Is "Friendly Landlord."

RETURN ONLY 4 PER CENT

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AVENUE NAME IS CHANGED

South Half of Lucky Now Is East Morrison, North Half East Alder.

Lucky avenue on the East Side met the unlucky fate Wednesday of having its long-cherished name sidetracked for a new one. The city council adopted a resolution changing the name of the south half of the avenue to East Morrison street and the north half to East Alder street.

Ever since it has been a street it has been known as Lucky avenue. The residents on the north side of the street, but the Council decided it was bothersome, as part of the street is an extension of Morrison street and the other part an extension of Alder street.

STEAMER SCRAPES REEF

Northern Pacific Touches Rock, Making San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Passengers who arrived here last night from Portland on the Steamer Northern Pacific say that the big turbine, which had 700 passengers on board, scraped the reef on the north side of Alcatraz Island, in this harbor.

The ship entered the harbor in a dense fog. There was a panic, the passengers say, as the ship scraped the reef and the vessel almost immediately swung out into the channel.

MOCLIPS HAS \$20,000 FIRE

Beach Resort Hotel Patrons Are Forced to Flee From Blaze.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special)—A fire caused damage to the amount of \$20,000 at Moclips, a Grays Harbor beach resort Wednesday, when an early morning blaze destroyed two hotels, a store, a dancing pavilion and three cottages. The hotels, the Leland and the McCammon, were each

valued at about \$5000. These were insured.

The greatest loss was suffered by Carl Cooper, owner of the dancing pavilion, valued at \$3000. The insurance policy on this expired two days ago. Earlier in the year Cooper lost the Pacific Beach Hotel by fire, with little insurance on the building. The fire started at 2:30 o'clock this morning and spread rapidly. It could not be checked because of lack of fire protection. The hotel patrons were forced to make a perilous exit, but all easily got clear of the burning buildings.

PLAINT DUE TO ASPARAGUS

Powers of Juggler Called Necessary to Eat Vegetable.

LONDON, Eng. 19.—G. K. Chesterton does not like the modern way of eating asparagus.

"Excluding cannibalism," he writes, "and the habit of eating snail (about which I feel no opinion) there is really nothing one can eat which is less fit to be eaten with the fingers than asparagus. It is long; it is greasy; it is too woodshod back to every sort of soft yet sudden catastrophe; it is always eaten with some sort of oily sauce; and its nice conduct would involve three powers of a baronet's juggler, combined with some practice in climbing the greased pole."

"Most things," could easily be eaten with one's fingers. Only this one tiresome, tuppable vegetable I eat between my finger and thumb. I should be better off as a griffin eating the top of a nut tree; it doesn't want any holding up."

BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED

Vancouver Voters, However, Are Not Registering Freely.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special)—In Vancouver there are about 4000 voters, and of this number only about 425 have registered. All must have registered this year to vote at the special election to be held here Tuesday, September 14, to bond the city for \$35,000 to care for the warrant indebtedness which has been accumulating for several years.

So few have registered at this time it is thought the voting will be very light. The sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of bonding the city in preference to making a special levy of 8 mills to retire the warrants now outstanding, amounting to about \$31,000.

DIVA TO SING FOR MR. TAFT

Only Newspapers Will Attend Breakfast-Luncheon Sunday.

Madame Jemelli has promised to sing for ex-President Taft and the members of the Portland Press Club at the breakfast-luncheon to be given to Mr. Taft Sunday at 1 o'clock at the Benson Hotel.

The breakfast will be exclusively for members of the Press Club and active newspapermen of Portland. Addresses will be delivered by Edgar E. Fisher, John P. Carroll and B. F. Irving.

Following the Press Club breakfast Mr. Taft will be taken on a trip over the coast for marital enjoyment. He is expected in Portland at 12:15 Sunday.

EXTENSION PLANS READY

Union Avenue Improvement Proceedings to Be Started Soon.

Plans have been completed and proceedings will be started within a few days for the extension of Union avenue from its present end northward to the city limits to form a connection with the south approach to the proposed Interstate bridge. The proceedings contemplated call for grading and for the construction of a viaduct over the O. V. R. & N. tracks.

The plans for the extension were completed for the extension of the street. This involved the acquisition of a right of way. The proceedings now are for the Interstate bridge. The proceedings for the work is done proceedings will be started for the paving.

NICKELS TO PAY EXPENSES

Idahoan Going to Fair With 3570 Coins of Buffalo Design.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special)—Carrying 3570 Buffalo nickels for expenses on his trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, A. S. Trooper, proprietor of the Carom Club, at Cour d'Alene, Idaho, arrived in the city Wednesday in his automobile, accompanied by his wife. They are en route to San Francisco. Mr. Trooper said:

"We have been putting aside all our Buffalo nickels for the past two years and I expect to pay for everything in this kind of money en route. We expect to stop wherever night overtakes us, as we are provided with camping outfit, etc."

FILMS TO TEACH MOTHERS

Dangers Surrounding Food Supplies to Be Shown in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 17.—Motion pictures will be used in an effort to educate women to the necessity of providing absolutely clean food for their babies in the hot weather.

The Long vs. the Short 'Haul' is the title of a movie that soon will be shown in several St. Paul theaters.

Representative dirty dairies, disreputable and unwholesome supply files and other drawbacks to the purity and wholesomeness of the supply will be shown in the picture.

HOME FACTS

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LUSITANIA SPIRIT HEARD New York Psychic Says Message From Dead Confirmed. NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Miss Theodate Pope of Farmington, Conn., daughter of the late Alfred Pope of Cleveland and one of the founders of the American Society for Psychical Research, has returned to New York after a visit to London to confer with Sir Oliver Lodge, of the London society.

BROADWAY 1000 NEW NUMBER Baggage and Omnibus Transfer Co. The Only BAGGAGE Company In Portland Authorized to Check Baggage at Your Home To Destination BROADWAY 1000