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ONE-HUNDRED-MILE HURRICANE SWEEPS WHOLE PACIFIC COAST

Frightful Storm Comes With Cyclonic Force and Causes Much Damage

EVERYTHING MOVABLE SCATTERED BY WINDS

Thunder and Lightning, Storm and Rain Cause Terror and Confusion

Harling itself northward with frightful power, at the rate of from 80 to 100 miles an hour, the worst hurricane experienced by the oldest residents of Coos Bay swept the Pacific coast yesterday and left devastation and flood in its wake.

Trees Bend Double The trees of the forests was almost bent double and many a monarch received its death blow.

Disasters Feared All day long eager questions were asked as to the vessels at sea and appeared marvelous that no disasters were reported.

No Storm Cellars The hurricane was just about as anybody who has not lived in Kansas, where they use storm cellars, had ever experienced, and very shipmaster in the harbor said they had never seen anything like it since navigating the coast.

Hurricane Forecasted The reports indicated that the hurricane was advancing rapidly from Mendocino north and before 9 o'clock it had reached Cape Blanco, where a wind of from 100 to 110 miles an hour during the night was recorded.

Gleaner Bucks Storm. At the Umpqua River, the tug Gleaner, Capt. Butler, which had been backed with four other vessels for several days, towed the three-masted schooner Louise to sea and then headed south for Coos Bay at 2 a. m., when the hurricane struck her.

Louise Hove Down. The last seen of the Louise she hove down close and efforts being made to lower her foremast which appeared to become fouled at the throat.

WORST STORM WAS IN 1880

Yesterday's Gale Reminds Old Residents of Severe Gale Years Ago

Yesterday and last night's storm was the worst since 1880, according to the older residents of the Bay. That storm was more severe while it lasted, but the gale prevailed only for an hour or so.

Capt. Alec Hall and Judge John P. Hall recalled that storm quite vividly. It was on January 8, 1880. It came up suddenly and its approach could be heard in the distance, being similar to a cyclone or tornado.

In Marshfield, North Bend and Empire many houses were unroofed by the gale. At Empire the lower Bay was so rough that the Arcata, the old tug and other vessels had to run up to North Bend for shelter.

Capt. Dave Holden and others recalled it, but thought that it was in the seventies. Capt. Alec Hall says that so many trees fell across the old Coos Bay wagon road that it was impossible for rigs for months afterwards.

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Takes Solid Water. Solid water was taken aboard by the tug and as each successive steep round over her the spray went high above her funnel.

Michie Seeks Safety. The big dredge Michie, which had been moored to the dock at Empire, commenced to carry away the wharf and she cast loose and steamed up to North Bend out of the fury of the gale.

No Distress Calls. He called repeatedly for answers up and down the coast, but only a faint call from Cape Blanco was heard in the afternoon. No ships sent in calls for aid and despite the hurricane, no rumors of disaster were heard or the wires.

SCOTS OBSERVE BIRTH OF POET

Burns' Anniversary Celebration in North Bend is Well Attended.

The anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns was fittingly celebrated by the local clansmen, on Saturday evening, January 23, at Loggie Hall, North Bend.

The gathering was without a doubt the largest of the season. It is estimated that the attendance was in excess of three hundred.

The able master of ceremonies, Dan McDonald, in the absence of D. A. McLeod, who was unavoidably detained, called on Duncan McArthur for the opening address.

Mrs. J. Brown, of Eastside, started out with the intention to sing once, but so well were her selections rendered that the audience encircled the singer to give two more selections.

Plans were effected at the gathering toward forming a permanent organization among the local Scotch fraternity and the joint committee on the celebration was appointed to serve and perfect plans for the formation of a Caledonian Club.

The committee who will arrange the permanent organization is as follows: chairman, Dan McDonald; Robert Banks, Peter Loggie, Alan Todd, A. H. McKay and Duncan McArthur.

Wires All Down. The storm put the telegraph wires, long distance telephone wires and every means of communication out of commission yesterday and it will be several days before all repairs have been completed.

There was considerable excitement and danger on Central avenue last night when the electric power wires broke and the live ends banged against the wet posts or lay on the ground, splitting fire and flashes until the town was lit up as though from an electrical storm.

Working on Wires. About two o'clock this morning the wind began to go down and considerable work was done on wires all over this city and North Bend. It will be several days, however, before all wires will be in good working order.

Telephone Wires Shut Off. Telephone wires and all means of communication to Allegany were shut off by the blowing down of the telegraph and telephone poles.

Shipyards Afloat. The shipyard of Matson & Bjorquist on Catching Inlet was swept into the inlet by the high wind.

A gasoline boat, the property of Tom Archer, sank off the landing at Eastside. The railing on the Eastside bridge was badly torn up and parts blown away.

ALASKA BILL GOES THROUGH

Railway Measure to Open up Country Passes by a Large Majority

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Alaska Railway bill was passed by the Senate Saturday evening, 46 to 16.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—An amendment was agreed to according to the railroad the right of jury in damage suits.

Senator Sutherland suggested that the Federal Employers' Liability Law of 1908, limiting the defense of railroads in the states against damage suits, should be amended so as to apply to the government railroad in Alaska.

The LaFollette amendment authorizing the President to withdraw all public lands within at least one mile of the road was beaten without a roll call.

CURRY PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Catherine Forty Dies at Mrs. Bentz' Home in Bunker Hill

Mrs. Caroline Forty died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Bentz, in Bunker Hill, Sunday afternoon after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Forty was an old resident of this section, having moved to Curry county about thirty-five years ago. Her husband died about thirteen years ago, and about nine or ten years ago she moved to Marshfield to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bentz.

SAYS HUSBAND ASSAULTED HER

Mrs. Lola Belieu Has Husband Arrested for Battery— Trial Wednesday

Charging her husband with assault and battery, Mrs. Lola Belieu appeared before Justice Pennock this morning with the right side of her face marked up where she said her other half had struck her, and swore to a warrant against him.

Belieu appeared before Justice Pennock this afternoon and pleaded guilty to slapping his wife on the face. He declared, in extenuation of his act, that she had thrown an alarm clock which had hit him in the back of the head and raised a large lump.

Belieu was arrested and fined several weeks ago for striking two men who attempted to remove the fixtures of a restaurant from the portion of the building rented from him.

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MANY VESSELS OUT IN STORM; LITTLE DAMAGE IS REPORTED

ADELINE IN EARLY TODAY

Steamer Arrives in Today After Terrific Trip From San Francisco

The Adeline Smith arrived in at 9 o'clock this morning from San Francisco after weathering one of the worst storms that her master, Capt. W. W. Olson, has encountered in his many years at sea.

The seas were running mountain high, higher than old mariners had ever anticipated they could roll. Standing on the bridge of the Adeline, one had to look heavenward to see the crest of the great seas that came dashing from the southwest.

About 9 o'clock last night, the wind gauge registered a wind velocity of ninety-two miles per hour off Cape Blanco. Capt. Olson met the A. M. Simpson near Cape Blanco. She had got well out and southward before encountering the storm.

South of Cape Blanco he met two vessels that were faring badly. Off Coos Bay last night he sighted an unknown steam schooner that was headed southward with a card, but the wind and sea were taking her backward.

There were no passengers on the Adeline and she rode out the storm in fine shape. However, there was no rest for Capt. Olson or his men and he reached home today practically worn out by the long vigil on the storm tossed vessel.

UNKNOWN MAN SAVED CHILD

Stranger Rescues Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Burrows

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Burrows, of South Marshfield, are seeking to ascertain the identity of a stranger who last Thursday saved the life of their little daughter. After saving the child from being lost in the soft mud fill, he went away and did not tell who he was.

The child who is about three years old, started out from home to meet her sister, who was en route from school. Before she had gone far, the nice sand on top of the dredge fill proved too alluring and she started out over it.

When the stranger, who was the only one to witness her danger, saw her, her head was just above the dirt. It was up to her eyes when he reached her and another moment or two she would have been completely out of sight, buried alive in the mud and probably lost forever.

Three Boys in Boat. Three boys, in a small rowboat, were caught in yesterday's storm. Starting out early Sunday morning before the storm arose, they crossed the Bay and were near Eastside when the hurricane struck Coos Bay.

North Inlet Flooded. North Inlet came in for its share of damage, the waters rising and flooding the lowlands, the velocity of the wind tearing away dykes. Several trees were torn up on the ranch owned by A. Ruth on North Inlet, the trees being torn up by the roots and leaving a furrow from three to five feet.

the rain-thickened air and her master and crew congratulated themselves on having a comfortable berth at the railroad dock to lie in instead of riding out the storm off shore.

Hurricane Appears to Have Been Worse Between Blanco and Arago

SHIPS HEAD OFFSHORE; ESCAPE FULL FORCE

Three-Masted Schooner Louise With Jibs Carried Away is the Only One Damaged

VESSELS IN STORM

Three-masted schooner Louise left Umpqua yesterday half an hour before hurricane reached river. Sails carried away.

Steam schooner San Gabriel left Umpqua on Saturday for California. No wireless aboard.

Two-masted schooner Lily left Umpqua for San Pedro on Saturday. Three-masted schooner Sadie left Umpqua for San Pedro on Saturday.

Steamer Alliance left Columbia River Sunday noon for Coos Bay. Heading south at last wireless report.

Steam schooner A. M. Simpson cleared from Coos Bay for San Francisco Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. No wireless aboard.

All of the above craft with the exception of the Alliance, were heavily loaded with lumber. The vessels arriving during the storm were as follows:

Steam schooner Adeline Smith from San Francisco. Off bar last night and came in this morning.

Steam schooner Hardy from San Francisco came in early yesterday afternoon.

Sea-going tug Gleaner came in at 4 o'clock after 4½-hour run against hurricane from the Umpqua.

Up to a late hour this afternoon no report of disaster at sea had reached Coos Bay, though Wireless Operator Williamson swept tirelessly with his invisible probe from his tower on the top of the hill back of Marshfield.

There were plenty of steamers and sailing craft at sea yesterday and some of them were right in the path of the hurricane, but if any damage has been sustained by any steamers or vessel of any description it could not be learned.

Judging from what he learned by wireless, Operator Williamson believes that the storm was more severe between Blanco and Tillamook than at any other point on the coast, the wind reaching its highest velocity between Blanco and Cape Arago.

The gasoline schooner Rustler, which is loaded with freight for Gold Beach, will also try to get out of the harbor tomorrow if the weather improves.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS ROAD. A big landslide occurred this afternoon just north of the old stave mill and near the J. W. Mitchell home.

SUFFRAGETTES MEET DEFEAT. The woman suffragettes met another defeat today when the House Rules Committee, by a vote of four to four, failed to report a resolution for the appointment of a standing suffrage committee.