

DEATH AND RUIN FOLLOW STORM

Dixie Land Is Devastated by Tropical Hurricane.

Forty-Eight Lives Lost and Other Fatalities Rumored—Miles of Territory Are Laid Waste and Crops Ruined—Property Loss Will Reach Into Millions.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—At least 48 lives were lost in the tropical hurricane that swept this part of the country Monday and Tuesday night. It is reported 50 others perished in Lower Terre Bonne parish, but this report has not been confirmed.

The property loss is far heavier than was first believed and will run well into the millions.

Miles of territory have been laid waste and crops have been practically ruined. Shipping of all kinds in the bayou inlets was destroyed. Storehouses, sugar mills and dwellings at Houma and other villages were badly damaged.

The damage at Grand island and Chaniere Caminada was heavy, but no lives were lost. The crops on that island were totally destroyed, for the water swept across two or three feet deep. The orange groves were whipped clean of fruit and foliage, hundreds of trees being uprooted.

The first message from the islands was received today when the mail steamer Grand Island reached this city. It was feared before the arrival of the boat that hundreds had lost their lives. In the tropical storm of 1903 no less than 1,500 people were drowned on Chaniere Caminada.

PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENTS.

Bomb Is Found at Meeting Place of Taft and Diaz.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 23.—The discovery tonight of a bomb in a residence in course of erection in Juarez, across the border in Mexico, caused a sensation.

The authorities were notified and 12 workmen were placed in communication. It was first reported the bomb was found in the rear of the customs house, where President Taft and President Diaz are to meet October 16, but this was later denied by the authorities.

The residence of Camillo Arguelles, where the bomb was found, is a block from the customs house, where the meeting of the presidents is to take place. A visit by President Diaz to Arguelles, who is a close personal friend of Diaz, was thought probable. Colonel Corella, commanding the regular army in Juarez, says the object was a small piece of dynamite.

"It was not more than a quarter of a stick," he said. "It probably was thrown there by a revolutionist some months ago, when arrests were being made of these people."

ROBBERS SLAY SIX.

Thieves Murder Whole Family in West Virginia for Loot.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 23.—An entire family of six persons was murdered and the bodies of all but one of the victims were burned with their home at Hurley, Va., early today.

The motive evidently was robbery, as the owner of the house, an aged woman known as "Aunt Betty" Justice, was generally supposed to keep a large sum of money in the place.

Mrs. Justice, her son-in-law, George Meadows, his wife and their three children were the victims. Meadows' body, badly mutilated, was found in the yard.

The half-burned bodies of the two women and three children were found beneath the debris of the house, each body bearing evidences of murder before the house was burned.

The thieves were supposed to have secured the \$600 which "Aunt Betty" always carried on her person.

Judge Williams Seriously Ill.

Portland, Sept. 23.—George H. Williams, Oregon's distinguished statesman and jurist and Portland's former mayor, is lying at the Good Samaritan hospital seriously ill, having been removed there at 9 o'clock last night. Judge Williams is being treated by Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie. He has been suffering with some indisposition for several weeks, and has gradually grown worse. Late last night it was reported at the hospital that he was resting easy and that he was in no immediate danger.

Rear Admiral Clark Ill.

Fremont, O., Sept. 23.—Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, United States navy, who commanded the battleship Oregon during the Spanish-American war, was taken seriously ill today. When the war broke out the battleship Oregon was in Pacific waters. The vessel was ordered to hurry to Cuba, and Captain Clark took the big fighting machine around the Horn at full speed all the way. The voyage was a most conspicuous feature of the war.

Strikers Stone Trolleys.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 23.—Riots resulting from the streetcar strike resulted in serious injury to nine men last night. Two of the injured are motormen who were struck with bricks.

THE CENSUS POSITIONS.

Appointment Clerk Pindell Explains Method of Application.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Appointment Clerk Pindell, of the U. S. Census bureau, states on the subject of the census examination, October 23d, that the distinction between the permanent census force and the additional temporary employees provided by the Thirteenth Census act is quite important and should be remembered. As vacancies occur on the permanent census they will be filled, as heretofore, by transfers from elsewhere in the service, or by selections from the existing registers of the civil service commission.

Persons now on the registers of the commission are, therefore, eligible for appointment to vacancies on the permanent census roll, but there is no greater opportunity during the decennial period for such appointments than there has been heretofore. The additional temporary positions, authorized by the Thirteenth Census act, except those above \$1,200 per annum which will be filled largely by transfers from the permanent census roll, will be given to those persons who pass the test examination on October 23d. Those now on the registers of the civil service commission, who desire appointment to these additional census places, should take the test examination at their present eligibility avail them nothing in respect to appointments to these positions. The fact that a person is on the civil service register does not prevent him from taking this test examination.

Blank application forms and the circular of instructions were ready for distribution by September 10th. As soon as the applicant completes his application in every respect, it should be addressed and forwarded to the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C., and not to the census bureau. Care should be taken that the envelope containing the application is properly addressed and sufficient postage stamps are affixed. If the application is satisfactory a card will be mailed the applicant and it will admit him to the examination. An application must be filed in sufficient time to arrange for the examination at the place selected. No request will be granted for an examination otherwise than as scheduled for the cities and states on October 23d.

TAFT STARTS WATER.

Opens Gates to Famous Gunnison Tunnel in Colorado.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 24.—President Taft spent yesterday on the western slope of the Rocky mountains amid a succession of magnificent scenes. In many respects his day was one of the most interesting he has had since leaving Boston.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in the West and far out in the foothill of the mountains, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection that started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. The greatest irrigation project the United States government ever has undertaken was thus put in operation and the opening was the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of the Uncompahgre.

During his travels yesterday the President had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train ran through stretches of country where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few greasewood bushes or sagebrush. The out of a rocky canyon the train would suddenly come upon a veritable oasis, where fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

The tunnel has been hewn through six miles of a mountain range and when the project is completed next spring it will divert the waters of the Gunnison river, now flowing to the Gulf of California, to the valley on this side of the mountains, where minor private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

Austrian Capital for California.

Los Angeles, Sept. 24.—Plans for utilizing waters from the Colorado for the generation of electric power, launched two years ago by Count Apponyi, an engineer of international reputation, who formerly held a colonel's commission in the Austrian army, are being matured rapidly, according to information given out by the count today. Behind the project, he stated, is Count Lascio Szechenyi, who married Gladys Vanderbilt, and through him the Rothschilds have been interested.

Madrid Denies Defeat.

Madrid, Sept. 24.—The government is either unwilling or unable to give a statement of the Spanish casualties in the latest fighting with the Moors in Morocco. The news of a Spanish defeat received at Paris is discredited here, and the government declares the Spanish victory is complete. It is announced that the tribesmen are expected soon to ask for peace. It is known that the loss has been heavy. It is said 400 were killed on each side.

Frederick Grant for President.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Major General Frederick Dent Grant, son of the famous leader of the Union forces during the Civil war, is being boomed as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition party in 1912, by members of the organization who are assembling in this city to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the party.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

OREGON SALES SECOND.

Total Receipts of General Land Office Fall Off, However.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The total cash receipts of the general land office for the fiscal year ended June 30, last, were \$11,627,687, which is a decrease of about \$1,000,000 compared with the previous year, according to a statement issued by the commissioner today.

Of the total receipts, \$9,235,234 was received from the sales of public lands and \$159,491 was received as reclamation water right charges. Of the sales of public lands, the reclamation fund will receive approximately \$8,500,000.

North Dakota leads the states in the amount of receipts from the sales of public lands, with a total of \$1,282,686, and Oregon is next, with a total of \$959,963. The total area of land patented during the last fiscal year was 13,072,377 acres.

TAFT WANTS NEGRO VOTES.

Deplores Any Discrimination Against Black Men.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Taft has placed himself on record, in a letter to a local newspaper, as being opposed to suffrage restrictions intended to discriminate against the negro race. In answer to a letter asking his opinion concerning the franchise amendment to the Maryland constitution which is proposed, the president says:

"It is deliberately drawn to impose educational and other qualifications for the suffrage upon negroes and to exempt everybody else from such qualifications."

"This is a gross injustice and is a violation of the spirit of the fifteenth amendment. It ought to be voted down by every one who is a Democrat or a Republican, who is in favor of a square deal."

Internal Revenue Increases.

Washington, Sept. 24.—There was an aggregate increase of \$1,190,037 in internal revenue receipts for last month, as compared with the corresponding period of 1908, the receipts aggregating \$20,284,735. For spirits the total revenue was \$9,319,872, which is an increase of over \$285,000 as compared with the 1908 receipts for the same month; tobacco receipts aggregated \$4,740,083, which is an increase of almost half a million dollars; fermented liquors \$6,078,540, which is an increase of almost \$500,000.

Deaf Mutes to Help.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Believing that deaf mutes would make good operators for the puncturing and tabulating machines to be used in compiling the returns of the next census, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is inclined to appoint them to such positions, if capable men apply. This work requires great care in its performance, for the reason that there is no way to obtain a check on the result and the secretary can see no reason why the deaf and dumb should not be especially efficient.

Jap Laborers to Re-Enter.

Washington, Sept. 23.—All the Japanese laborers who, while returning from the canneries in Canada where they had been working during the summer, were held up by the United States immigration officers, have been ordered re-admitted into this country. The Department of Commerce and Labor, in deciding in favor of the Japanese, holds that the laborers went to Canada for temporary purposes only and had no intention of abandoning their domicile in this country.

Cuba Is Sadly Stricken.

Washington, Sept. 24.—More than ten lives were lost and property worth over \$2,000,000 destroyed in the tornado which recently swept over the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Reports of damage are just reaching Havana. More than 2,000 people are without shelter or supplies. Several hundred houses and huts and tobacco barns, several thousand acres of tobacco and many small vessels along the coast were destroyed.

Red Cross Asks for Aid.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The National Red Cross today issued an appeal to all its branches in the United States to procure food and clothing for the benefit of flood sufferers in Mexico. In a dispatch to the State department today Consul Hanna at Monterey further depicted the great loss and intense suffering occasioned by the Mexican floods. "The conditions are terrible," he telegraphed, adding that he is assisting in every way possible.

Riding Test Is Criticized.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The Roosevelt riding test for the officers of the army is a detriment to the service, rather than an aid in efficiency. This, in substance, is the severe criticism of the tests made by General Albert L. Meyer, commanding the Department of Texas, in his annual report. General Meyer favors yearly examinations of all officers to ascertain their fitness for their duties.

573,531 Aliens Come.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A net increase of 573,531 in the population of the United States by the arrival and departure of aliens occurred during the last fiscal year, against an increase of 209,867 over the previous year. There was a falling off in immigration from 782,870 aliens during the previous fiscal year to 751,786 last year.

SILETZ SEEKING PATENTS.

Court of Equity Is Hearing Oregon Homestead Cases.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Proceedings looking to compelling the patenting of the long-suspended Siletz homestead entries in Oregon were begun in the court of equity in this city today. Stearns & Loughran, local representatives of A. W. Lafferty, of Portland, filed a bill in equity praying for an order restraining the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office from promulgating final decisions now in course of preparation, directing the cancellation of the entries in question until the final hearing on a bill for a mandatory injunction compelling the issuance of final receivers' receipts as of dates of reception of final and commutation proofs at the Portland land office.

These cases were adjudicated by the interior department upon contests filed against entries long after the lapse of two years from the dates on which proofs were received at the Portland office, and it is contended by counsel for the claimants that the department acted without its power in authorizing proceedings under contests filed after that period, it being argued that submission to the register and receiver of proofs, regular in form and unobjectionable, entitled the claimants to final receivers' receipts on the dates when such proofs came in the hands of the register, and the receiver had later, it is alleged, defaulted in his duty under a law in withholding the issuance of such certificates at that time.

Counsel contend that the issuance of receiver's certificates was a ministerial act, which might have been compelled by mandamus, inasmuch as the proofs when received at the Portland office were unobjectionable. Had the certificates been issued when the proofs were presented at Portland, the contests brought more than two years after the making of proofs would have been barred by the provisions of the act of March 3, 1891.

Rasin Wine Fight On.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The taxability of rasin wine was threshed out at a five hours' hearing before the commissioner of internal revenue today and decision on the question was reserved. The rasin fight dates back five years and was brought to a head last autumn, when an order was issued by the internal revenue commissioner holding that rasin wine was taxable. This order was suspended from time to time and was to have gone into effect September 1 last, but was postponed for 30 days to permit the incoming commissioner to consider the case.

Old Capitol Guide Dies.

Washington, Sept. 25.—One of the most striking and picturesque figures around the capitol building was removed by the death today of John Callan O'Loughlin, a former Confederate soldier, old railroad man and for many years a guide at the capitol. He was personally known to all the present and many former members of the senate and house and during his long service at the capitol has shown to thousands of visitors the interesting objects about that historic building.

To Sell Canal Zone Junk.

Washington, Sept. 22.—At the offices of the Panama Canal commission bids were opened today for the sale of what remains of the old French company's machinery in the canal zone. The amount of this junk is estimated at over 100,000 tons, and includes old locomotives, dump cars, barges, dredges and miscellaneous junk left on the isthmus by the French, together with a quantity accumulated since the beginning of operations by the Americans.

Uncle Sam to Rescue.

Washington, Sept. 25.—One hundred American citizens stranded at Nome will be brought to Seattle on a revenue cutter. Telegraphic orders went forward today from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hill directing the deputy collector of customs at Seward, Alaska, to have a revenue cutter proceed at once from Seward to Nome, there to take on board the men and women who are destitute.

Seize Japanese Poachers.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Another seizure of Japanese, alleged seal poachers, this time at Adlars island, in Alaskan waters, was reported to the Treasury department today in a telegram from San Francisco. Special Agent Judge seized two boats with a total of six Japanese on September 2, and the men were brought to San Francisco yesterday by the revenue cutter Bear.

To Collect Tonnage Tax.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Collection of the tonnage tax under the tariff law, recently enacted by congress, will be begun on October 5. Notice to that effect has been sent by Acting Secretary Ormsby McHarg, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to all collectors of customs.

Lear to Succeed McHarg.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Charles Lear, of California, solicitor of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is mentioned here for successor to Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary, whose resignation from the department becomes effective October 1.

Ballinger Is To Join Taft.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Secretary Ballinger left this evening for Denver, where he will join President Taft on his Western trip. Mr. Ballinger expects to accompany Mr. Taft only as far as Seattle, and to return here toward the latter part of October.

PREPARING FOR CONGRESS.

Display of Dry Farming Products Arriving at Billings.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 22.—While farmers throughout the West are preparing samples of their products for display at the International Dry Farming exposition which will be held here October 25-29 in connection with the Fourth Dry Farming congress, the Montana board of control is rushing work on the exhibit hall where the results of dry farming operations will be exhibited in ocular demonstration of the success of intelligent application of scientific principles in practical agriculture.

For the main division of the exposition, the local committee has secured the wool warehouse, one of the largest buildings in Billings. The building is 60 by 160 feet and is located along the railroad tracks in the center of the city. Its barn like interior is being transformed from the unaesthetic crudities of warehouse architecture into an attractive exhibition hall by a force of carpenters and decorators. Two high partitions will divide the room into three compartments, or large aisles, with a total of 92,000 square feet of wall space. At the base of each partition and around the walls of the entire building, shelves are being built, which will give nearly 4,000 square feet of space, making a total of approximately 96,000 square feet of available exhibit space.

The grains and grasses and other products which are to be displayed on the walls and threshed grains, roots, fruits and vegetables will be shown on the shelves. A false ceiling is being put in 14 feet from the floor and decorated with bunting and flags. The walls will have a background of black cloth. When the exhibits are in place, the gold and green of grains and grasses outlined against the black background and the red, white and blue of the national colors upon the ceiling and about the walls, will make a picture of striking artistic effectiveness.

The floor space will be divided into 20 foot squares and above the center of each square will be an arc light.

Exhibits are already beginning to arrive and are being placed in the exposition hall.

FAVORS CORPORATION TAX.

President Taft Says It Is Better Than Income Tax.

Denver, Sept. 22.—Making his way still further to the West, President Taft arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and last night, in the Denver auditorium, where a year ago William J. Bryan was nominated as his opponent in the presidential race, he faced a crowd of thousands that in its noisy welcome and continuous enthusiasm recalled some of the scenes of convention week.

President Taft, switching from his purpose to discuss the conservation of natural resources, last night took up the corporation tax and defended it against the proposition to impose a direct income tax, which he said seemed likely to pass the senate when the corporation tax was devised as a compromise. The president strongly urged, however, that the states ratify the proposed income tax amendment to the constitution in order to make such a tax available in time of necessity.

The president declared that the corporation tax was in itself the best form of income tax that could be levied, and pointed out that it contained many of the best features of the income tax law of England. The president declared it would be possible so to amend the corporation tax as to include within its scope every desired feature of an income tax except the levy upon incomes derived from actual salary and professional services.

The president said he opposed direct income tax except in cases of emergency and he believed it to be a prime fault in the Federal constitution that no provision is made for a direct levy to meet wartime or other extraordinary expenses.

Massacre Report Denied.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The report that anti-Jewish riots have occurred at Kiev is officially denied at the chancellery of Premier Stolypin. The official news agency and newspapers have no word of rioting and it is thought the report is based on an incident which occurred at Slobodka. A band of 15 members of the Reactionary league appeared on the streets on that day and fell upon the promenade Jews with cries of "here is quality for you," and began to beat them. Police appeared and the Reactionaries fled.

Former Preacher Fills Job.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Adolph C. Eberhart, who, by the death of Governor Johnson, becomes the chief executive of the state, was born in Sweden, 38 years ago, but came to Minnesota in 1881. He attended the public schools and was afterward graduated from Gustavus Adolphus college, at St. Peter, as a minister of the Gospel. Soon after his graduation Mr. Eberhart abandoned church work and took up the study of law.

Big Land Deal Recorded.

Merced, Cal., Sept. 22.—One of the largest land deals recorded in this section of California was completed today, when the C. W. Wooster company, of San Francisco, took a bond on the Chowchilla ranch, 14 miles south of Merced. The ranch contains 108,000 acres and the deal is said to have involved more than \$1,000,000. The Wooster company plans to irrigate the tract and colonize it.

DEATH WATCH BY JOHNSON ENDED

Long Fight for Life Lost by Governor of Minnesota.

Three Times Elected Chief Executive of His State and Was Candidate for Democratic Nomination for President of United States—End Comes at Early Hour.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 21.—Governor John A. Johnson, three times elected governor of Minnesota and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States, and looked upon by many as the possible Democratic standard bearer in 1912, died at St. Mary's hospital here at 3:25 o'clock this morning following an operation last Wednesday.

Death watch was kept at the bedside of Governor John A. Johnson all day yesterday. Mrs. Johnson and two attending physicians sat by the dying man, hourly expecting the end. At intervals bulletins were issued, and each message from the sickroom was less hopeful than the one preceding.

In the early morning Mrs. Charles and William Mayo issued the first bulletin:

"Governor Johnson has not made natural progress; his condition is grave," it read, and waiting friends at once stormed the hospital for further news.

At 2:30 p. m. word came from the sick room that the governor had been in a semi-comatose condition for two hours. The source of this information said the patient might continue in this state for days, but there was slim hope that he would live more than a few hours.

Next came the brief bulletin, "Life is fast ebbing."

At 1:15 this morning Dr. Mayo said: "There is absolutely no hope. However the governor may not die for several hours yet, possibly not before 6 o'clock."

At 12 o'clock Governor Johnson was conscious and complained of being uncomfortable. He was conscious almost all night and evidently realized the end was drawing near, although he said nothing.

SOUTH IS STORM SWEEPED.

Gulf Hurricane Brings Death and Destruction.

New Orleans, Sept. 21.—After attaining a velocity of 60 miles an hour at New Orleans, last night, the West Indian hurricane that struck the Louisiana and Mississippi gulf coast was reduced in its intensity.

It left four dead at New Orleans and perhaps others along the gulf coast, though no definite advices of mortality in other sections have been thus far reorted here.

The property loss in New Orleans will exceed \$100,000. Many houses were unroofed and many frail buildings were partially destroyed. With all wires down it is impossible to ascertain the loss of life or property along the gulf coast. The ferry steamer Assumption sank, but no lives were lost. Much property along the river front was damaged.

Taft Reviews Troops.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 21.—With a review of 5,200 soldiers from all over the Middle West by President Taft yesterday the greatest army maneuvers and tournament in the history of the country began.

Brigadier General Charles E. Morton, commanding the department of the Missouri, stationed at Fort Omaha, is in command of the operations.

Cavalry, infantry and artillery took part in the tournament. Many valuable prizes are offered for the best tactics, feats of horsemanship and evolutions. The Third battalion, Sixteenth infantry, captured first prize for wall scaling. A record of 27 seconds was made.

Old English Coin Valuable.

Rich Hill, Mo., Sept. 21.—Tom Brown, an English coal miner residing at Panama, a coal camp four miles south of this city, is the lucky holder of a five guinea English gold piece, dated 1691. It had been handed down in the Brown family from one generation to another until now. It is valued at \$3,850. At least that is the offer made by a Boston coin dealer. Only two coins of this denomination and date are known to exist, one having recently been purchased by the English government.

To Remove Fulton's Body.

New York, Sept. 21.—The surviving grandchildren of Robert Fulton, in a letter addressed to Cornelius Vanderbilt, president of the Fulton monument association, sanctioned today the removal of Fulton's body from a vault in Trinity church to a mausoleum and memorial to be built in Riverside drive. The movement for the Fulton memorial has been under way for some time and \$40,000 has been subscribed. In all it is proposed to expend \$3,000,000.

Cubans Are Destitute.

Havana, Sept. 21.—Telegraph wires and bridges between Havana and Pinar del Rio are still down and consequently it has been impossible to ascertain the extent of the damage wrought by the storm in that section. It has been learned, however, that many hundreds of peasants are destitute because of the destruction of their huts and crops.