

Cuban Hurricane Death Toll 368; Hundred Missing

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 23.—(United News)—With communications slowly being restored to inland points tonight for the first time Cuba has obtained a comprehensive idea of the extent of the hurricane which Wednesday swept northeastward from the Caribbean sea, cutting a swath a hundred miles wide across Havana and Matanzas provinces, and striking the Isle of Pines.

Death toll of 368, about 100 persons missing, more than 3,000 injured and a property damage of \$120,000,000 were the latest estimates, but these were only approximate.

Commercial Attache Pott from Havana reported that none of the large sugar centrals in the three provinces of Cuba, stricken had been damaged. Four small centrals in Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas provinces had been damaged, he said.

Eighty per cent of the sugar cane in the areas reported will survive, he said. This area generally produces about one-sixth of the Cuban sugar crop for which the United States is the largest customer.

The full extent of the damage has not been ascertained, Pott reported.

A new angle of storm destruction was given in a report by the coast and geodetic survey of \$100,000 damage to beacons, buoys and other navigation aids which will have to be replaced immediately before navigation in West Indian waters can be considered safe.

A storm area 100 miles or more in width across the island territory along the path of the storm, also must be re-charted, the report says. Similar replacements must be provided along the Florida section swept by the hurricane of six weeks ago.

AIMEE TO HAVE TWENTY WITNESSES IN DEFENSE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Twenty witnesses will appear for Aimee Semple McPherson next week at her hearing on charges of criminal conspiracy to aid in establishing the plausibility of the evangelist's famous story of kidnapping and imprisonment.

"We will prove, not only that Mrs. McPherson was not guilty of conspiracy, as claimed by the state, but that she was actually kidnaped and that her story of this abduction and her escape is true to the letter," W. I. Gilbert, chief of defense counsel, declared tonight.

PRESIDENT APPROVES VALE RECLAMATION PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Announcement of official approval by President Coolidge of

Administration Is Opposed to Legion Views on Warfare

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—The administration declared war today against American Legion and army propaganda for unrestricted military use of poison gas.

Attacking activities of Major General Amos Fries, chief of the army chemical warfare division, and the recent resolution of the legion, favoring poison gas, a high state department official said the administration would push for senate ratification of the Geneva provisions for abolition of chemical warfare.

The house has already ratified the anti-gas treaty of the Washington arms conference with public approval and therefore considered opposition by army officials and patriotic groups to the similar Geneva protocol, as highly questionable.

the construction of the Vale reclamation project in the state of Oregon at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000 was made by the interior department today.

The President's action gives authority to make the necessary contracts and proceed with the work of building the project, which is to include a \$2,500,000 canal. It was based on recommendations of Secretary Work.

Political Inquiry In Washington Is Now Being Heard

SEATTLE, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—The investigation of democratic senatorial expenditures in Washington state ordered at the request of the republicans became a two-way inquiry today.

Senator Charles McNary of Oregon, representing the senate campaign fund investigating committee, ordered that United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, republican, appear at the probe. Jones is now on a speaking tour in eastern Washington. He will halt his campaign and come to Seattle to testify regarding charges against A. Scott Bullitt, democratic candidate for United States senator.

HIDE SHIPMENT OF GAME ANIMALS IS MADE

Broadcasting that big game still abounds in Klamath county, an unusual shipment comprising about 30 deer hides left this city for Portland yesterday.

The hide shipment was made by J. Bidart, and was consigned to the West Coast Tannery at Portland. While several cars of sheep and cow hides have left here in the past few weeks, yesterday's bundle of deerskin attracted considerable attention from Southern Pacific freight house visitors.

ILLINOIS INDIANS DEVELOP EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX

DECATUR, Ill., Oct. 23.—(United News)—Believing that Indians on the Winnebago reservation near here,

are responsible for the start of a smallpox epidemic, steps may be taken by authorities to quarantine the reservation.

The epidemic, starting in a small way among the Indians, has spread

to such an extent that all Decatur schools have been closed. Thirty-seven families are under quarantine.

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