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TEN CENTS A WEEK

STORM LOSSES WILL REACH INTO MILLIONS

Five Dead at New Orleans, While Property Loss There and Elsewhere is Great.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 22.—While the re-establishment of communication with isolated points along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi may add a few to the number of persons who lost their lives as a result of Monday's hurricane, the indications are that the list of dead will not be swelled very materially. Besides the five men who lost their lives in New Orleans Monday, but four deaths have been definitely shown. These include two at Jackson Miss., and one at Gramercy, La., and one at Palquemine, La.

The day was marked by the usual rumors which follow immediately after a severe storm on the Gulf Coast. All kinds of reports became current in connection with the fate of 500 passengers in a Gulf Coast train on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The train had last been heard from early Monday at Chef Menteur, a fishing camp twenty miles away. Developments during the day proved the passengers had been marooned for a day and a half on a small strip of land with practically nothing to eat and with the hurricane sweeping in waves which threatened to engulf them. There were many women and children among the passengers.

Steamer Rescues Train.

The scene at Chef Menteur Mon-

day night was a pitiful one. No sign of relief was in sight and the passengers did not believe that their friends in New Orleans were aware of their plight. A representative of the Associated Press headed a party of male passengers who worked their way through the swamp and marsh to a point where they were picked up in an exhausted condition by a relief train which brought them to New Orleans. Their report of the destruction of the Louisville and Nashville tracks and the flooding of that section resulted in a relief party being sent by steamer by way of Lake Pontchartrain.

Food was taken out on the relief steamer which last night returned to New Orleans with those who had been marooned at Chef Menteur since Monday.

That considerable property damage and possibly some loss of life was caused at points west of New Orleans is believed here. The hurricane headed in a northwesterly direction from New Orleans, according to the local office of the United States weather bureau. The section is completely cut off from New Orleans and it is impossible at this time to obtain any definite news from there.

300 Coal Barges Sink.

It is reported that nearly every

plantation between New Orleans and Baton Rouge suffered damage from the storm. Many sugar houses were demolished in whole or in part and the cane crop was seriously injured. It is believed that the damage to the cane crop will amount to a million or more dollars.

A negro laborer was killed in the collapse of a sugar house at Gramercy.

Two hundred barges of coal valued at about \$600,000 were sunk in the Mississippi river here as a result of the hurricane. It is said that about 75 per cent of the coal can be recovered. News has reached here that 106 barges loaded with coal went down in the Mississippi river near Lobdell, La., as a result of the hurricane sweep. The cargo was valued at \$500,000. It is possible that portion of it can be saved.

DEATH FOLLOWS IN

STORM KING'S WAKE.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 22.—Two persons were killed here as a result of the storm which swept portions of Mississippi Monday. Their death was caused by falling walls. Hundreds of buildings were unroofed in the city, fences carried away and trees uprooted. The east dome of the new capitol building was crushed in and a number of upper rooms flooded.

The equinoctial hurricane swept upward from the Mississippi coast, carrying death and destruction in its wake. It is believed that other lives have been lost and property damaged to the extent of several million dollars. Wires are down in all directions and Jackson has been almost entirely cut off from the outside world since midnight Monday. Train service is crippled, and no passenger trains have reached this city over the Illinois Central from the South since Monday afternoon. Charles Clayton and Karl Wooster, blacksmiths, were caught beneath falling walls here and badly mangled. Wooster was killed outright, and Clayton died yesterday.

The old capitol building was unroofed, several sections of the roofing being carried hundreds of yards. The stables at the fair grounds were demolished and several of the exhibit buildings badly damaged.

In the business district, many signs were carried away, roofs taken from buildings, plate glass windows broken and stores flooded.

It was a sleepless night for the entire population of Jackson. When morning came they found the street strewn with debris, telephone and telegraph wires in a hopeless jumble and evidence of property loss that will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Meagre reports are coming in from South Mississippi and all carry a story similar to that of the damage inflicted in Jackson save that the destruction was much more extensive as the coast was approached. It is believed that the timber destruction will equal that of four years ago when more than five million dollars worth of timber was felled.

Both of the power plants in Jackson were put out of commission before midnight and the city was plunged into total darkness. Power service was partially restored yesterday morning.

DAMAGE AT PENSACOLA.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 22.—The damage caused by the Gulf storm of Monday night and Tuesday morning has been light as compared with previous years, notwithstanding the wind blew with almost hurricane force throughout the night and the tides were higher than for several years. The greatest loss was the washing away of tracks along the bay shore and the wrecking of small boats and timber rafts.

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COOK'S BROOKLYN RECEPTION RESEMBLED RIOT

Struggling Masses Fight One Another in Efforts to Gain View of Explorer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—"I come from the pole. I have brought my story and data with me. I do not come home to enter into an argument with one or fifty men, but I am here to present a clear record of a piece of work of which I have reason to feel proud. I am perfectly willing to abide by the decision of competent judges. My report will not be presented, but I bring America living witnesses to prove that I have been to the pole."

This was the statement made by Dr. Cook yesterday. Early in the morning the explorer of the polar regions was on the deck of the "Oscar II" awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Cook and his two daughters. As soon as they arrived, Dr. Cook, regardless of the cameras trained on him, embraced his wife and children. Soon Dr. Cook was transferred from the "Oscar" to the "Grand Republic." As he stood aboard a young lady threw a wreath of roses around his neck.

The Brooklyn reception resembled a riot as struggling masses of humanity sought to see Dr. Cook. With great difficulty the police made way for his automobile, which he entered as soon as he landed and drove through the streets to the Bushwick Club, where, after luncheon, the doors

were thrown open and the multitude gathered in the streets filed through to see the noted explorer. After three hours the doors were closed, and the public reception ended.

Dr. Cook refused to discuss the controversy further until Peary arrives. When he arrived at the club a multitude wildly cheered him, calling for a speech. He bowed to them and entered the club.

WILL ACCEPT NO INVITATIONS.

SYDNEY, Sept. 22.—Commander Peary will accept no invitations to receptions or public honor until the question of the discovery of the pole is decided by scientific authorities. He issued a statement to this effect last night.

He said he couldn't tell when the public would be given a statement, but that it would not be long, probably two weeks. He leaves Sydney this morning and will reach his home on Eagle Island Friday.

Commander Peary reached here yesterday morning, and as the ship came in the harbor he was given a hearty welcome. Mrs. Peary and children met him ten miles from here, and threw kisses to the commander while the crew of the "Roosevelt" cheered.

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of Sarasota Man

SARASOTA, Sept. 22.—Much mystery surrounds the disappearance from Sarasota of T. C. White, who had been the engineer of the ice plant up to three weeks ago. Mr. White left his duties at the ice plant to go to Fort Myers, as he alleged, to obtain an option on a certain piece of phosphate land. Two local capitalists made the trip with him, looked over the property on which an option was to be obtained, and allege that they gave Mr. White \$300, which was to be paid down on the option, in which the three were to have equal interest. White departed with the \$300 to get the necessary signatures at Fort Myers. He wired his partners that the option was all right, but that he would have to go to Plant City to get a signature. He spent Sunday, September 5, with his wife, who was visiting her parents at Starke. He took a train from there at 4 o'clock

Sunday morning, ostensibly to go to Plant City to get the signature referred to. That is the last known of him. His wife returned to Sarasota Saturday evening from her visit to her parents, nearly distracted.

White had been suffering for some time from a discharge from his right ear which was very painful, and he had been unable to sleep unless under the influence of morphine. His wife fears that he may be ill and in some hospital or asylum. His brother-in-law, who is a resident of Jacksonville, has searched the hospitals of that city without success. He left a few bills due in town and these, together with the \$300 entrusted to his care to obtain the option referred to, are considered by some to be strong reasons for believing that his absence was premeditated. He has been a wanderer over many lands, according to his talk among his associates.

State Wants \$250,000,000 From Insurance Companies

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 22.—Supplementary to a suit recently filed by Attorney-General Stirling and District Attorney Strange at Tupelo, alleging violation of the anti-trust laws of this State by seventy-two insurance companies, District Attorney J. D. Thames filed a suit yesterday in the chancery court here against thirty other companies operating in Mississippi, seeking the assessment of maximum penalties aggregating \$250,000,000. The suit filed yesterday is styled the State of Mississippi ex rel. complainants, vs. Globe and Rutgers Insurance Company, et al., defendants. The declaration says in effect

that the companies sued own stock in other insurance companies which are competing corporations and, it is alleged, this is in violation of the anti-trust laws of Mississippi. The penalty for violations of the anti-trust laws is prescribed as not less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000 fine per day. The suit is in relation to alleged offenses committed from the first of January, 1908, up to the present time.

Some article that is simply "in the way" at your house might, if advertised, be sold to someone who is anxiously looking for it.

Florida Convicts Will Receive Tickets to Their Homes

Governor Gilchrist has pointed out to the various boards of county commissioners a certain law which was passed at the last session of the Legislature changing somewhat the status of county prisoners.

One section of the new law makes it the duty of the county commissioners to provide that on the discharge of any county convict, at the expiration of his sentence, he shall be returned to the place of his conviction, or the price of his fare to such place in money given him.

In addition to this the convict, if his sentence did not exceed four months, shall be paid three dollars, in cash, and five dollars if his sentence exceeds that term.

The money so paid is to be taken from the hiring fund if the prisoners are leased; but if they are not, then the money must be paid out of the

fine and forfeiture fund of the county.

The intent of the provision is a most human one, says The Miami News-Record.

A prisoner is often discharged from service at a place some distance away from his home, without a cent in his pocket, either to provide food for himself or to pay his fare to any place where he may find friends or work.

The practical effect will be to lengthen the terms of convicts serving time for misdemeanors.

Judges will naturally see to it, in making their sentences, that the extra expense imposed by this recent law is paid for in hard labor by the convicted man, and will impose such sentences as will cover the added cost.

On the whole, however, the law is a good one, and will probably work well in actual practice.

Nearly a Carload of Liquor Was Found at Boardman

OCALA, Sept. 22.—One of the most important blind tiger raids ever made in this county was brought to light Monday night on the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Hutson from a visit through the northern part of the county. Three arrests were made, two at Boardman and one at Fairfield. The prisoners are Henry Wall, Sim Simpson and Andrew Reggen, all colored.

The first place visited was at Boardman, and from the amount of wet goods found in the place, business was very thriving, and was conducted along wholesale lines. Nearly a carload of liquor was found by the officer and brought to this city. The

second emporium was located at Fairfield, but this place was conducted on a much smaller scale. The prisoners were locked up in the county jail, and will be given a preliminary trial before Judge Bell.

Violating Game Laws.

C. W. Parker, living near Silver Springs, who was arrested Monday afternoon, charged with violating the game laws, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, and to serve ten days in the county jail. The specific charge against the defendant was the killing of three wild turkeys in Marshall swamp.