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Showers tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

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3 ARE KILLED AS HURRICANE SWEEPS CUBA

Storm Heads Toward Texas After Causing Great Damage on Island.

FIVE LOOTERS SLAIN

Towns Are Flooded, Houses Are Razed by Terrific Force of Wind.

BY LAWRENCE HAAS
United Press Staff Correspondent

HAVANA, Sept. 2.—A hurricane moved across the Gulf of Mexico toward Texas today, after ripping a path from east to west over Cuba, causing great damage, but taking little toll of life.

Though communication with some provincial towns still was severed, reports to date showed only three known dead.

Seventy-three persons were in hospitals here.

The heaviest death list was that of looters. Soldiers killed five in Havana streets, determined that theft should not add to the loss of hurricane victims. One man was killed by a fall from a roof here, and two men were killed at Santa Clara.

Weather Forecasts Help

Twentieth century efficiency of weather forecasters made it possible to check each time as the hurricane moved westward, and added to the drama of its irresistible progress.

Reports of damage began reaching Havana, in the western portion of the island, Friday morning. The wind swept through the provinces of Camaguey, Santa Clara, and Matanzas, ripping down trees on plantations, unroofing more solidly built houses, felling telegraph and telephone poles, and demolishing shacks of the poor.

Rivers rose and a number of towns were partly flooded. Rains and black clouds preceded the full hurricane winds.

Communication lines stood up long enough to give ample warning, and damage was lessened because windows and doors were secured and small boats were beached. Large ones, including the Cunarder Mauritania, hove to and rode out the winds.

Waters Raged Promenade

The storm hit Havana at 1 p.m. The sixty-mile wind rose to ninety-eight miles, and gusts were reported as high as 162 miles an hour. Telephones were dead. Lightly went out.

The waters of the Gulf rose with alarming rapidity and swept over the Malecon, the waterfront promenade at the northwest corner of the city near the presidential palace. Across the narrow harbor entrance, the waves roared up on Morro castle.

In the city they lapped their way for blocks in toward the broad Prado, and halted there.

By 5:30 p.m. the wind was abating, leaving many persons marooned in the Malecon area.

Streets Are Littered

Streets were littered with glass and foliage. Roofs of some buildings caved crazily down toward the street. Police, soldiers, and members of the ABC revolutionary society turned out into the streets at once to prevent looting.

Relief was organized basily but efficiently. The government was organizing truck caravans and trains to take food and medical supplies to stricken provincial towns.

CODE SIGNED BY POSTAL

Other Wire Firms Put PRA Pact Provisions Into Effect.

Postal Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries today announced signing of the President's re-employment agreement with the substituted provisions of the proposed code for telegraph communication companies, which were approved by the NRA Aug. 30, 1933.

Simultaneously with the signing of the code by Postal Telegraph Company, Commercial Cables, Commercial Pacific, Mackay Radio and All America Cables also signed the PRA code today and put its provisions into effect.

BAR TO HOLD MEETING

Dean Gavit Will Be Speaker at Opening Fall Session.

The Indianapolis Bar Association will hold its opening meeting of the fall season Wednesday at 6 in the Columbia Club, according to an announcement by Homer Elliott, president.

Dean Bernard C. Gavit of the Indiana university law school will be the speaker.

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Taxi War Flares; Three Cabs Damaged and Driver Is Robbed

Six persons are under arrest as result of a taxicab rate war which flared early today, causing damage to three cabs and ten instances of cab box tampering.

Police were instructed at roll call today to take drastic action to end the disorder.

One cab driver reported he was beaten and robbed of \$1.70.

The strife is believed the result of a rate cut put into effect Friday by the Hoosier Cab Company, as its machines and boxes were the only ones molested.

"Anywhere in the city for 45 cents" is the maximum charge of the Hoosier company, based on a rate schedule of 15 cents for the first two miles, and 10 cents for each two-thirds mile thereafter, but with

a limit of 45 cents inside the city.

Those under arrest, all charged with vagrancy, and held under \$2,000 bond each, are:

William Ross, 28, of 431 North Illinois street, a Union cab driver, and his wife, Mrs. Marie Ross, 26; Homer Ettinger, 33, of 828 Empire street; Harold Shrader, 30, of 966 North Meridian street; H. E. Messing, 30, of 928 Daly street, and Harry Ford, 55, Spencer, Ind.

Police said Ross was driving a cab in which the others were riding.

Belief was expressed by police that a radio-equipped car was used by those responsible for the disorder, as no progress was made in the case until efforts to officials were taken off the air and placed on telephones.

Francis Wilson, 432 North Grace

street, a Hoosier driver, said he received a call of get a package at a north side apartment house. While he was on the second floor of the building, all the glass was broken from his cab, including that in the headlights, a shaft was driven through the radiator, and the body of the car dented.

The driver who reported he was beaten and robbed was Fred Owens, 1130 North Illinois street. He said that on returning to his parked Hoosier cab in the 100 block East St. Joseph street, four men attacked him and took the money.

A brick was hurled through the windshield of two other Hoosier cabs whose drivers were Lewis Poynter, 318 West Thirtieth street, and George Stewart, 2354 Leland avenue.

CODE TO OPEN NEW ERA FOR UNION MINERS

Peace Treaty to Be Handed President on His Return Next Week.

END CHECKOFF SYSTEM

Evils of Company Houses and Scribes Also Will Be Eliminated.

BY FRED H. KURY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—A peace treaty for capital and labor in the coal industry, with many new personal privileges for miners, will be ready for President Roosevelt when he steps ashore from the yacht *Nourmala* here Monday night or Tuesday morning. These liberties, which mean a man's job prior to NRA, come after hard-fought battles of their leaders, led by John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers; Phillip Murray, international vice-president; and Pat Fagan, president of district No. 3.

To gain them, the union men have given up one of their weapons, the checkoff system of collecting union dues from the employers.

Details of their victories were revealed today. Although the code can not be quoted until it is approved by the President, it has been learned from indisputable authority that it will contain provisions to eliminate the coal and iron police, whose operations are bloody chapters in the history of coal.

Company House Evil Ended

Also out will go the operator-hired deputy sheriffs.

The code as now written also provides that miners need no longer live in company houses to work in the coal fields. Deduction of rent from the pay envelopes that sometimes contained no money at all, and many times showed the worker owed the operator a deficit in the end of a two-week period also will disappear.

In the future a miner can live where he chooses. No longer will his bed and board be the choice weapons of the operators, for the New Deal provides that he can not be required to buy in company stores, where the prices for the meager fare of "sowbelly and hominy" kept the average miner in virtual penance.

Child labor must disappear entirely from the coal fields.

The miner of the future will not be in a position to boast that he went into the pits at the age of 12 or 14 to labor in the sputtering glare of a carbide lamp under conditions that made him an old man before he was 35.

Age Limit Is 18

Under the code no one will be able to work below the surface before he is 18. The "trapboy," the stable boy, and the child loader or miner will have disappeared as soon as the coal code becomes effective.

Another feature is that the miner must be paid in coin of the realm—not scrip, which formed a great total of the currency put into the pay envelopes of miners, particularly in the western Pennsylvania fields.

If he did earn a surplus over his "store bill" and rent charges, the miner of the past was kept in bondage by scrip acceptable only at company stores, where charges often were 30 to 60 per cent higher than the prevailing cash prices on the most necessary commodities.

As the pick, shovel, black powder, carbide, and other necessities of the trade are furnished by the miners in some instances, they also were sold at exorbitant prices by company stores.

This also is eliminated in the new code.

Checkoff Is Eliminated

Universal recognition of the checkoff system, the man who weighs each miner's output at the pit mouth, now becomes a fact. Under the code, the check-weightman no longer will be a "company man," but elected by the miners themselves, and paid by the company to assure full credit for product of their labor.

Officials of the miners' union, on the other hand, have sacrificed their claims to the famous "checkoff" system. That was the plan where the miner's dollar a month dues to the United Mine Workers was deducted from the envelopes and paid in bulk to the local labor organization leaders.

In the future, the support of the miners' union will be left solely in the hands of those who voluntarily pay at the end of each month.

All these new privileges will come to the miners coincident with the celebration of Labor day.

WINE FAR IN FUTURE

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Not since the Romans conquered France have grape vines flourished in Montmartre.

Three years a reserve fund will be raised so that it will not be necessary for the county to borrow money while awaiting the state funds.

Return of superior court judges from vacations is expected to bring about formal protests against failure to raise salaries of bailiffs and court reporters.

The council is said to be aligned against any salary increases or expansions of any character in county offices.

The formal meetings are expected to consume the entire week, while the council attempts to lower the tax rate from 76 cents to 50 or 55 cents.

Vorhees declared that the council will be satisfied with the \$74,000 increase in the commission's own budget for food and maintenance of county institutions.

Rising prices were held as responsible for the increased cost of operating county institutions.

May Borrow Money

In cutting the old age pension appropriation, the county will depend on borrowing money if necessary to make payments until the state pays its one-half of the estimated cost of the pension.

Joe McLaughlin, chairman of the

commissioners, the Marion county

council lopped \$125,000 off the proposed appropriation of \$400,000 for old age pensions in Marion county.

The cut, reported today by Dow

Vorhees, county commissioner, re-

duced the county levy 2 cents.

Several councilmen battled to re-

duce the appropriate one-half, or to \$200,000, but compromised on \$275,000, when commissioners pro-

tested the excessive slash.

Formal sessions of the council will begin Tuesday for considera-

tion of the budget.

Protests Start Tuesday

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