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FIFTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE SAID TO HAVE LOST LIVES IN STORM

Reports Received Today From Jacksonville, Fla., Report That a Reign of Terror Is Existing Now in Storm-swept Key West and That More Than Fifty Vessels of All Descriptions Have Disappeared and the Crews and Passengers Are Probably Lost—Survivors Suffering.

VANDALS RAIDED THE DEMOLISHED KEY WEST HOMES

Martial Law Has Been Declared on the Island and the Government Will Forward The Federal Troops.

A WIRELESS MESSAGE RELATES CONDITIONS

Terrible Hurricane Strikes Ill-Fated City Yesterday Afternoon and It Raged Several Hours.

(American News Service) Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 12.—Reports received here today estimated the loss of human life in the hurricane around Key West will reach fifteen hundred. More than fifty vessels of all sizes are reported destroyed and many sailors missing. Wires are greatly crippled. Vessels carrying large passenger lists are days over due and not yet heard from. At some points the wind reached a velocity of a hundred miles an hour and awful devastation resulted. Key West is under martial law and many looters have been summarily shot. Cold weather is adding to the sufferings of the victims of the storm-swept area. Property loss at Key West will total three hundred thousand dollars.

A REIGN OF TERROR. New Orleans, Oct. 12.—A wireless bulletin from an unidentified vessel off southwest Florida coast, says 800 lives were lost off Key West coast by drowning. "Chaos and terror" were the last words of the interrupted message. Tampa telephones that a reign of terror exists at Key West. The storm demolished homes are being plundered. Regular troops have been asked for and Washington has authorized the same.

SNOW IN THE NORTH. Chicago, Oct. 12.—Snow fell here, at Battle Creek and other Michigan points today, as well as throughout northern Indiana.

KEY WEST STRICKEN. Key West, Oct. 12.—Key West is a city in mourning. Its children are homeless and scattered. Hundreds of its buildings are in ruins. Scores of lives are believed to have been lost in the West Indian hurricane which raged here all day yesterday.

Warnings of the approaching storm were given early when word was received of the havoc wrought in Havana by the hurricane which was headed this way.

No special preparation was made to withstand the gale beyond the making fast of shipping in the harbor and finding safe anchorage for the small craft.

When the first puff of the hurricane struck the city, however, its residents realized that the blow they were for was unusually severe.

The wind soon gained a velocity of 60 to 80 miles an hour, with occasional spurts exceeding 100 miles.

Rain fell in blinding sheets, and the sea was lashed to fury by the wind.

Houses Were Crushed. Houses in exposed places gave way to the violence of the gale and collapsed like buildings of cards. The wind was laden with flying timber from their ruins. People, terror-stricken, sought safety in the open, where in many cases it is believed they met death.

Minutes dragged into hours, but the fury of the storm was unabated until late in the afternoon, when the sky began to clear, but the sea continued its work of destruction.

By 6 o'clock the situation had so much improved that a mass meeting was held to organize search and rescue parties.

The mayor proclaimed martial law, calling out the Key West Guards to patrol the city.

An appeal for aid and troops has been sent to the governor of the state and also to the federal government at Washington.

People Flee From City.

Chaos reigns on every hand and few people remain in their homes, hundreds of which have either been totally wrecked or damaged.

Much concern is felt for the 2,000 or 3,000 men working on the Florida East

Coast railroad, being built on the keys from the mainland to Key West, where three years ago the works were badly damaged and 140 men lost their lives.

All efforts of the officials of the Florida East Coast railroad here to get in communication with the men working on the Keys have been in vain. Between 2,500 and 3,000 workmen are employed on the construction work on the Keys, where there is a slight protection from the fury of the storm.

At Tampa, Fla., much apprehension is felt for the safety of the Mallory Line steamer Lampasas and the P. and O. steamer Olivette. The Olivette, bound from Tampa to Havana, was spoken to yesterday morning at 9 o'clock by wireless, but nothing has been heard from her since. The Lampasas was due to reach here at noon yesterday.

Other Steamers Caught.

Two of the big Southern Pacific passenger steamers plying between New York and New Orleans are in the midst of a hurricane. One is the *Momus*, with a large list of summer tourists, which sailed from New York Saturday morning.

TRIBUTE TO PAIGE

Beautiful Memorial Service Held Today by the Wayne County Bar.

A RESOLUTION PREPARED

One of the most appropriate and beautiful memorials ever paid to a member of the Wayne County Bar association, upon his death, was that paid this morning by the attorneys to Raimero Paige, who died Sunday at Indianapolis, as a result of an operation. Mr. Paige, while not active, from a professional standpoint, was well and kindly known by every member of the bar, which organization feels deeply his loss.

Expressions of condolence and sympathy were drawn up by a special committee and read in court this morning by John L. Rupe. Following the reading of the committee's expressions, they were approved and accepted by the bar association.

Thomas J. Study, Perry J. Freeman, John L. Rupe, Judge Henry C. Fox, C. E. Lindemann and others also spoke concerning Mr. Paige, all extolling his good qualities and regretting very much his untimely death.

A GENEROUS ACTION

The prize money won by Lawrence D. Commons, proprietor of the Commons' Stock Farm at Centerville, in the horse show, held under the auspices of the Fall Festival association, has been turned back to the association. The prizes amounted to about \$30.

A FINE ADDRESS DELIVERED LAST NIGHT BY WALKER

Prominent Jurist Speaks to Members of the Commercial Club on Benefit of Municipal Research.

WAS FIRST MEETING OF WINTER SEASON

He Advised Inventories of the City's Property and Was Surprised When Told That Was the Custom Here.

Judge Merle Walker, of Indianapolis, made a strong, practical and interesting address last evening at the first open meeting of the Commercial club for the season of 1909-10, on the subject of municipal research. There was a fair sized attendance and everybody enjoyed the speaker.

Business to come before the club was deferred until later this month, at which time there will be a called meeting. It was intended to take up the matter of holding a May Festival here next spring, but in deference to Judge Walker, this was not considered.

Not all of Judge Walker's statements about municipalities and their management, were typical of local conditions, but because they were true of the majority of the municipal governments, they went unchallenged. B. B. Johnson, member of the board of works, corrected Judge Walker on one or two occasions.

Meeting of Benefit.

That the meeting resulted in much good, was evidenced from the expressions given in favor of municipal research, by members of the club who spoke, including William Dudley Foulke, N. C. Heffronius and Pettis A. Reid, members of the municipal research committee of the club; John F. McCarthy, president of the club, and others.

Judge Walker, in discussing the subject of municipal research, dwelt on the general conditions more than the specified. But, however, he illustrated his points with conditions existing in different large cities, where municipal research had been tried out. He said that such research had been found to be practical in every instance where it had been tried, up to date, and he encouraged the local club and, more especially, its committee, to take active steps along these lines.

He advised an inventory be taken of all the city possesses and was somewhat surprised when informed that the city had but recently adopted such a procedure. He said that the outgoing administration should give to the in-

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HOSPITAL TAG DAY

The annual Hospital Tag Day, which has for several years past been so successfully managed by the Ladies' Aid Society of Reid Memorial Hospital, has been appointed by the ladies this year for Thursday, October 21st.

One of the chief needs of the Hospital and the people of the city, who have friends there, has been and is, some convenient and inexpensive means of transportation to and from the institution. A year or more ago a corporation was formed to provide a means of cheap transportation about the city which it was hoped might supply this need concerning the Hospital. A large electric machine was purchased by this company which proved impracticable and no substantial benefit was realized from it. The Hospital had nothing to do with the purchase of this conveyance, nor with the company, except some of the trustees were stockholders in the company as individuals.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Hospital have determined, in case the donations by our citizens, are as generous as they hope for, to devote the proceeds of this year's Tag Day, to providing a suitable conveyance, to be run to and from the Hospital, to be owned and controlled by the institution and for its benefit. The purpose and plan of the ladies is, to provide such means of transportation to and from the Hospital primarily for the use and benefit of such of our citizens who have friends there, or who wish to visit the institution and who do not own private conveyances. It is proposed that such conveyance shall be controlled by the Hospital management and run to and from the institution at convenient hours, for a nominal fare of not more than ten cents each way per passenger.

While such means of transportation is intended primarily for the class of citizens referred to, it will of course be open to the use of all citizens alike, who wish to visit the Hospital for any purpose, or to those who wish to use it between the points it will run. The physicians of the city generally, and all who are familiar with the Hospital work, are in hearty sympathy with this purpose of the ladies, because all realize that it will supply a long felt need, both of the Hospital and all our citizens who have occasion to visit the institution for any purpose.

Barrie May Marry "Pink Pajama Girl"



OCT. 12 CHESTY: IS COLUMBUS AND FIRST SNOW DAY

Four Hundred and Seventeen Years Ago This Date Prominent Genoa Citizen Discovered America.

TODAY DADDY WINTER DISCOVERS RICHMOND

Only One Honor Lost by the Date Now in Our Midst—It Was Not Coldest Day of Present Season.

While everyone is shivering around a little bit of a blue blaze in the grate and making a careful invoice of their winter supply of clothing and proclaiming "what a terrifically cold day it is," it might be interesting to note that today is not the coldest day thus far this fall, that is from a standpoint of low temperature.

However, this date, October 12, is somewhat chesty over the fact that it is the four hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the discovery of America by that prominent citizen of Genoa, Italy, Mr. C. Columbus; also because in this present year it marked the first snow flurry of the season.

At day light this morning the thermometer at the water works pumping station east of the city registered 32 degrees. Week before last the mercury dropped to 30 degrees, although the cold was not as noticeable then as now. The cold northwest wind which has been blowing at a fearful velocity all through the day is responsible for the great difference and while it has no effect on the thermometer, it has a visible effect on pedestrians who are forced to brave the elements without their winter overcoats and who are garbed as they were during the hot test portion of the summer months.

The ice on more than one milk bottle which had been left standing out in the summer kitchen all night, had to be broken by the housewife on arising this morning. Ice also formed on the window panes during the night. In fact almost everything and everybody bore that frosty, half frozen appearance today.

Furs were removed from their bed of moth balls. There were a few straw hats in evidence, worn by those who refused to believe that summer was over and winter had really set in. The wearers of the straw lids were subjected to an unlimited amount of ridicule by the more comfortably clad.

The weather man promises still colder weather for tomorrow and there is no use hoping for the present cold snap to abate for several days at least, it is said. It would not be at all surprising if it would snow again tonight.

COLUMBUS HONORED

New York, Oct. 12.—Italian-American patriotic societies and various civic societies numbering 20,000 men paraded today in honor of Christopher Columbus, marking the first celebration of Columbus day, which was made a legal holiday at the last session of the state legislature.

JAFFE TO FIGHT LARCENY CHARGE: SENTENCE SMITH

Latter Greatly Affected, Evidently Believing He Would Escape on State's Evidence Grounds.

JUNK DEALER ASKS FOR A JURY TRIAL

Young Jaffe Is Charged With Having Received From the Colored Man, \$300 Worth Of Stolen Brass.

William Smith, colored, and Samuel Jaffe, a junk dealer, were arraigned in the circuit court this morning, on indictments of the grand jury, charging grand larceny. Smith plead guilty and was sentenced to Michigan City for an indeterminate term of two to fourteen years, while Jaffe demanded a jury trial. Jaffe was defended by Henry U. Johnson, while the state is represented by Prosecuting Attorney Charles Ladd; his deputy, R. K. Shively and Byram Robbins. It is probable that the case will not go to the jury until tomorrow sometime.

After the reading of the grand jury indictment against Smith, the defendant was interrupted in his plea of guilty by poor attorney, P. J. Freeman. After a private consultation, Smith was allowed to plead guilty and receive sentence. The indictment to which he plead guilty charged him with stealing brass from the Richmond City Water Works Company and Charles Johanning. Smith stated to the court that he is 50 years old.

Was Much Affected. Following the sentence of the court, which besides the penitentiary term included a fine of \$5 and disfranchisement for five years, he was almost overcome with emotion. It is thought that Smith anticipated he would be released for state's evidence against Jaffe. When Samuel Jaffe was arraigned he entered, through his attorney, a plea of not guilty. He is charged with grand larceny. Mr. Johnson then examined the jury. He evidenced much anxiety whether any members of the jury had been influenced by press accounts of the arrest of the two men.

The jury, as acceptable to both sides, includes the following: William Rigby, Lafayette Beeson, John Thornburg, William C. Harris, Ora Hinshaw, Frank Englebert, Henry Selkman, Nathan Davis, Daniel Tice, John Ellison, Scott Lichy and Benjamin F. Gardner.

A number of jurors were dismissed, including Alexander Gorman, former superintendent of police.

JAPAN AND UNCLE SAM RUFFLED UP?

Wall Street Hears Today That The Relations Are Very Strained.

JAP AMBASSADOR IS GONE

BUT FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY STATES THAT THE CURRENT RUMOR IS NOTHING BUT JUST NONSENSE.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The rumor prevalent in Wall street that the relations between the United States and Japan are greatly strained, although both governments are doing their best to avoid giving confirmation to the fact at this time, and that as a result Japan is accumulating a gold war fund similar to that of Germany, paying a heavy premium for gold in this country, with a view to probable early contingencies, was received here with the greatest interest.

Baron Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, sailed for Japan only a short time ago. Mr. Keishiro Matsui, the counselor to the embassy, is absent from the city, but Mr. Masano Hanbara, the first secretary, when seen at the embassy this morning, said, when asked about the report: "Can anyone conceive anything more improbable or ridiculous than that Japan and the United States may go to war? What possible foundation can there be for such a rumor? Japan is not accumulating a gold war fund. Why should she?"

The report circulated in Wall street yesterday afternoon was evidently for the purpose of giving some one an opportunity to turn it to profitable account and sell stocks. That this was the fact is pretty clearly shown by the fall in the price of Northern securities, which, it is said, fell off yesterday. Japan and the United States will continue to be at peace."

CRANE LEAVES POST HAD A LEG BROKEN

American Minister Resigns at The Request of Secretary of State.

ACTION IS UNPRECEDENTED

(American News Service) Washington, Oct. 12.—The state department this afternoon announced the resignation of Charles R. Crane as minister to China. It is stated that the resignation of Crane was demanded by Secretary of State Knox. This action is unprecedented in American history.

THE WEATHER.

INDIANA—Cloudy Wednesday, colder.