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Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 9, 1898.

In the Pathway of the Cyclone.

A Terror that is Due at the West Indies Shortly.

This is the month when sailors say "stand by" for the tropical hurricanes. It is then that the black West Indian devil comes whooping up the coast, as deadly as his yellow brother, the yellow fever. Of all the storms that sweep through the seas of all the world, there is none that is more to be feared, on account of its fury, frequency and range. The West Indian hurricane, says the Providence Telegram, flies up the coast from the soft tropics, and does not stop till he has exhausted himself hundreds of miles out at sea in northern latitudes. From the islands around Cuba he comes, whirling and dancing, a monster who beats out for himself a track that is often 1,000 miles wide.

The West Indians look forward to the beginning of the hurricane season with fear, and the end of it is hailed with celebrations in which, in many places, even the church takes part. July is the month in which the sailors begin to look out for these storms. August and September are the months in which they are at their worst, and October usually sees their end.

The tropical hurricane is really a cyclone; its path is rotary; it sweeps along with whirling motion, and its winds are being sucked into its centre continually. In the centre of it is a calm spot where there is hardly any wind. This is caused by the terrific suction of the storm, and it is calm there because the winds are flying upward all around it; just as the water streams out from an aperture in the bottom of a confining vessel.

At first thought it would seem that security could be found in the centre for any vessel that is caught in the cyclone; but the opposite is true. So deadly is this centre that hardly a vessel ever gets into it and escapes, and the few that have done so reported their escapes as almost miraculous.

The reason for this is twofold. In the first place, though there is no wind in the centre, the seas that are tossed up in it are terrible. They spout as no seas in ordinary storms do. They run in no determinable direction, but sweep and splurge from point to point, and break as they meet in so violent a way that no ship that encounters them can hope to ride them. Steam is powerless where two such seas meet, as they create such a spout of water that propellers would work in vain to drive the ship through it.

But there is another reason why navigators fear the centre of a West Indian hurricane. It is because the centre is never over the same part of the sea for any appreciable length of time; therefore, the ship would hardly have gained the centre before it would have passed, and the vessel would be getting the other side of the revolving wind storm. Its edge, which is what the ship in such a case would strike, is the worst part of it. The wind there blows with tremendous velocity, and with it comes a cross sea that would appal any mariner. That, added to the jumping, spouting water left by the centre of the cyclone, would sink the ship ninety-nine times out of one hundred.

Starting in the Bahamas, the West Indian hurricane sweeps almost due north, turning a little to the west, till it is flying along close to the coast of Cape Hatteras. When one of these storms is blowing there, one realizes for the first time what it is to double the stormy cape. She is a ship like a church, indeed, that can creep along then without rolling rails under as she "chugs" slowly out in the teeth of the gale. Human voices are powerless in the noise made by the wind and sea, and often it is an impossible task to lie in a bunk without being braced and fastened in so that the blind, crazy lurches shall not throw one out.

They are these West Indian devils which are responsible for the loss of so many south-bound vessels from which no tidings have ever come. It is a stout ship that, once the wrecking of her is begun by one of these deadly storms, can survive even as a derelict. Most ships that fail to fight their way out of the cyclone disappear.

After blowing past Cape Hatteras the hurricane's path generally is easterly, although it still maintains its general direction toward the north. It goes out to sea, where it meets or overtakes transatlantic liners. But, fortunately, by that time much of its force and fury is spent, and while it still is mighty enough to give the big vessels a hard tussle, it is nothing like the black terror that roared up the coast from Cuba to Hatteras.

Shortly after the war of the American revolution a British fleet was caught in one of these tropical hurricanes and failed to get into a navigable zone. Instead the ships were hove to in the danger zone and the entire fleet was taken aboard in the first shift of the wind, which followed almost at once after the ships had been hove down. Eight battleships and more than seventy of the merchant vessels that were in the convoy were lost. The loss in men was more than 3,000.

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Be Sure to Spell it Right. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrdrbbwilandisllogogoch appears in the British Postoffice Guide as the name of a post and telegraph office in the Island of Anglesey. It is said to mean "The Church of Saint Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to a rapid whirlpool and to Saint Disilio's church near to a red cave."

ROBBED THE GRAVE.—A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated him as follows: "I was in a dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at F. Potts Green's drug store.

Interesting Facts.

In a recently discovered Roman tomb the skeleton of a woman was found which had a complete set of false teeth, beautifully wrought in pure gold.

A record price for old silver was established in London recently by the sale of an Elizabethan seal top silver spoon, weighing an ounce and a half, for \$150—that is, for \$100 per ounce.

Dawson City now has two newspapers—The Yukon Midnight Sun and the Klondike Nugget. Both are weeklies, and are sold at 50 cents per copy. At present they are devoting more space to war news than to the doings of the gold-seekers in Alaska.

In the Chicago directory the name of George Washington appears 10 times, John Adams 25 times, Thomas Jefferson only once. James Monroe 7, John Quincy Adams 8 and Andrew Jackson 15 times. There are 53 persons named Dewey, and not a person in Chicago named Shafter.

The Napoleonic campaigns lasted 16 years; the War of 1812 more than three years; the War of Greek Independence seven years; the Crimean War two years; the Italian war more than one year; the Civil War more than four years; the Franco Prussian and Russo-Turkish wars each about one year. What is known as the Seven weeks war, between Prussia and Austria, lasted, in fact, seven months. The war just closed will be recorded as the shortest war of the century.

Lava streams that have flowed out of Vesuvius during the last three years have deposited 105,000,000 cubic meters of lava on the sides of the mountain. A cone of lava 300 feet high has been formed, out of which fresh streams are flowing. The valleys on either side of the observatory peak have been completely filled up.

The Arabs attach great importance to the water supply of their communities, and travelers say that where a rich American would bequeath money to founding a hospital or decorating a church, a rich Arab can think of no other channel for his charity than the construction of a fountain which will assure him the blessings of future generations. The real author of "A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," which has been described since the Santiago fight as the new national anthem, is, according to a dispatch from Denver, an old negro woman, named Amanda Green, who sang it for years before it was finally picked up by a traveling actor. The latter got the tune and fixed up the words to suit himself, retaining, however, the title and the main idea.

Korea's Seven Wonders.

The seven wonders of Korea are: (1) The marvelous mineral spring of Kinsanto, one dip in which is a sovereign cure for all the ills that human flesh is heir to. (2) The double springs which, though far apart, have a strange, mysterious affinity. According to Korean belief, there is a connection underground, through which the waters of the two springs flow into the ocean, in such a way that only one spring is full at a time. The water possesses a wonderful sweetening power, so that whatever is cooked therein becomes good and palatable. (3) The cold wind cavern, whence comes a never ceasing wind so piercing that nothing can withstand it, and so powerful that the strongest man cannot face it. (4) The indestructible pine forest, the trees of which grow up again as fast as they are cut down. (5) The floating stone, a massive block that has no visible support, but, like Mohammed's coffin, remains suspended. (6) The warm stone, situated on the top of a hill and said to have the peculiarity of spreading heat and heat all around it. (7) A drop of the water of Buddha, for 30 paces round which no flower or vegetation will grow, nor will birds or other living things pass over it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

More Hot Water Cures.

Pieces of cotton batting dipped in hot water and kept applied to sores, fresh cuts, bruises and sprains, is the treatment now adopted in many hospitals. Sprained ankles have been cured in an hour by showering them with hot water, poured from a height of a few feet. It is well known that tepid water acts promptly as an emetic.

Hot water taken freely half an hour before bedtime is the best cathartic in case of constipation.

A strip of flannel or a napkin wrung out of hot water and applied around the neck of a child that has crup will usually bring relief in ten minutes.

A towel folded several times, quickly wrung out of hot water, and applied over the seat of pain in toothache or neuralgia, will generally afford prompt relief.

This treatment in colic acts like magic; cases have been known which have resisted other treatment for hours and yielded to this in ten minutes.

There is nothing that will so quickly out short congestion of the lungs, sore throat or rheumatism as hot water, when applied promptly and thoroughly.

She Would See Him Soon.

Mr. Greville was persuaded when he was over 60 years of age to attend a spiritualistic seance. Foster, the presiding spirit, was in great form, and the revelations were astounding. Greville sat silent and his aged, wizened face was as emotionless as a mask. Suddenly the medium grew excited and said to the old gentleman: "A female form is bending over you. Oh, the extraordinary likeness!" Greville sighed. "She lifts her hands to bless you." Greville sighed again. "It is your mother." "Ah, poor thing!" said Greville. "I am glad."

"She smiles. She says all is well with her." Greville sighed again and said: "I am delighted." "She says she will see you soon. You are old, and you must meet her before long."

Then Greville quietly observed: "That's very true. 'm going to take tea with her this evening."—London Graphic.

What Boots It?

"Do you ob. serve, sir," said Spooney, "that the old controversy about the stage pronunciation of Irish has cropped up again? One man who says the Irish never say praste for priest, or swate for sweet, declares that their way of pronouncing meat for meat and bait for bait is correct and that we English ought to talk like that." "Pooh!" rapped out Waggle. "I've heard that an Irishman never opens his mouth but what he puts his foot in it, and confound it, they now want the English to swallow their brogues."

No Trace of Andree.

Professor Northor's Search for the Balloonist Proves Fruitless.

TROMSOE, Norway, Aug. 30.—The steam whaler Fridtjof, having on board Walter Wellman and the members of his expedition to Greenland, has returned after landing an expedition at Cape Tegethoff, on the southern point of Hall's Island. While the Wellman party were returning they met the expedition to Franz Josef Land, under Dr. A. G. Northor, at Koenigsjar Island, and were informed that all search for Prof. Andree, the missing balloonist, had proved fruitless.

Professor Northor's expedition is financed by King Oscar and a number of private persons, and sailed early this year with the hope of finding Prof. Andree, the missing balloonist, who ascended from the Island of Tromsoe on July 11th, 1897.

Serious Lack of Currency.

Big Crops and the War Make It Felt by Bankers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—There is a probability of a lack of currency as the work of moving the immense crops proceeds. Already the banks of New York are experiencing a shortage in small currency and have not only appealed to the treasury department at Washington for aid, but have sent requests to Chicago banks to send all the currency they can get, offering to pay the expressage. The amount of small bills the war has put into circulation has helped to make the question of currency a serious problem. Leading financiers say gold will have to be transported in lieu of currency.

IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT.—That you enrich and purify your blood in the Fall as in the Spring. At this time, owing to decaying vegetation, a low water level, and other causes, there are disease germs all about us, and a weak and debilitated system quickly yields to attacks of malaria, fevers, etc. By purifying and enriching your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla you may build up your system to resist these dangers, as well as such ailments, as pneumonia and the grip which come with cooler weather. To be on the safe side, take Hood's Sarsaparilla now, and always be sure it is Hood's and not something else represented to be "just as good."

Explained.

Friend—"To be frank with you, I can't see how Mrs. Hardcash happened to consent to your marriage with her daughter." Mr. Silimpurse—"She said I was the only young man who showed any consideration for a mother's feelings. You see, when the other fellows took her daughter out riding they seldom got her back until after dark, but when I took her I always brought her home promptly in an hour." Friend—"Hump! How was that?" Mr. Silimpurse—"The other fellows had their own rigs. I hired mine."—New York Weekly.

Doctor—"I hope your husband followed my prescription." Mrs. Chubb—"No, indeed! If he had he would have broken his neck!" Doctor—"Broken his neck!" Mrs. Chubb—"Yes. He threw it out of the fourth-story window."

Reduced Rates and Special Trains to Grange Picnic via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the annual picnic and exhibition to be held at Grange park, Centre Hall, Pa., September 10th to 17th, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from Renovo, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, including stations on the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch, Shamokin Division, and Summit Branch, to Centre Hall and return, September 10th to 16th, valid for return passage until September 17th, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents).

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 14th and 15th, special trains will be run to Centre Hall, leaving Bellefonte at 7:20 and 10:10 a. m. and 7:25 p. m., stopping at principal intermediate stations. Returning, special trains will leave Centre Hall for Bellefonte at 8:20, 6:20 and 9:45 p. m.

On Thursday, September 15th, special trains returning will leave Centre Hall for Lewisburg and principal intermediate stations at 8:20 p. m.

Gettysburg-Washington.

Five-Day Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has arranged for two five-day personally-conducted tours from Buffalo, Erie, Pittsburgh and Washington, on October 17th and November 7th.

Round-trip tickets, including transportation, Pullman berth in each direction, hotel accommodations at Washington—in short, all necessary expenses—will be \$21.50 from Williamsport; \$23.00 from Pittsburgh; Altoona, and proportionate rates from other points.

Tickets will be good to return on regular trains until October 27th and November 17th, but without Pullman accommodations.

Descriptive itineraries and full information can be obtained of ticket agents; E. S. Haver, division ticket agent, Williamsport; Thos. E. Watt, agent, western district, Pittsburg; or George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Philadelphia.

Omaha Exposition.

Eight-Day Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has arranged for a special eight-day personally-conducted tour to the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition at Omaha on October 18th, allowing four full days at the exposition. Round trip tickets, including transportation and Pullman berth in each direction, meals in dining cars going and returning, hotel accommodations and meals at Omaha, and admissions to the fair and carriage drive and hotel accommodations at Chicago, will be sold at rate of \$91 from Williamsport and Harrisburg; \$80 from Pittsburg; and proportionate rates from other points.

The party will be accompanied by a tourist agent and a chaperon, and will travel in special Pullman sleeping cars. For the benefit of those who desire to remain longer in Omaha, tickets will be made good to return on regular trains until November 15th, transportation returning with the reduction of \$15 from above rates from all points.

For further information apply to ticket agents, or Geo. W. Boyd, assistant passenger agent, Philadelphia. 43-34-5t.

HOW BEES WILL FIGHT.—The Hunting-

don Antics gives the following account of the antics and activity of a hive of bees up at Birmingham, and the viciousness the little insects will show when disturbed: "A team of horses hitched to a wagon was left standing in the Birmingham Seminary grounds yesterday afternoon near some beehives. The bees annoyed the horses, which caused them to run away, upsetting one of the hives. The horses were instantly covered with the maddened insects. In their frantic rush, they collided with an apple tree and were thrown to the ground. Two boys saw the catastrophe, saturated sheets with water and with the assistance of A. R. Grier covered the struggling horses with them. They managed to cut the harness and free them from their perilous condition and with some difficulty removed them to a safe distance. Both boys and Mr. Grier were stung through their clothing, having to have the stingers picked from their bodies. The horses were stung all over and their bodies are horribly swollen, but both are expected to recover."

Sinkiller Graffia, a colored evangelist, thus addressed a gathering of negroes in Guthrie, Okla., the other night: "Wherefore, ye black scoundrels, does the turdude of your souls leak? I know. You're been shootin' craps, I done say. You're dallying with God now, but St. Peter'll grab you by the nape of de neck and shakin' dem hosedeed outen your souls. Oh, women, wives of all dese men you can't operate to cover up your sins by copious sprinkling of smokeless powder. Whyfore, that why your souls leak!"

Wife—If Will goes to college you will have to support him for four years before he finishes, dear. Husband—I don't mind that so much. "Then why do you hesitate?" "I was thinking of the four years after he gets through."

His Idea of Luck.—"We don't have no luck at our house like they have over to Jimmy Smithers." "Why, what kind of luck do the Smithers have?" "Jimmy Smithers' father has dyspepsia, an' there's always a piece of pie left over an' Jimmy gets it!"

Accidents Will Happen. Mamma—It must have been three o'clock this morning when the baby woke up. Papa—Yes. He overslept himself.

Bank President.—I want you to shadow the cashier—and—er— Detective.—Yes, sir? Bank President.—You might find out if he has employed anybody to shadow me.

"A penny saved," said Uncle Eben, "is a penny gained. But a penny in debt is l'ible ter grow ter 'bout 'leven dollars in purty near no time."

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