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SEVENTY BODIES OF FLOOD VICTIMS ARE RECOVERED

Mutilated Beyond Recognition in Fierce Hurricane; Injured May Run Into Hundreds

PROPERTY DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Sinton, Texas, Sept. 16.—Seventy bodies of flood victims, mutilated beyond recognition, have been recovered at Sinton, the relief headquarters for the entire surrounding bay shore territory.

The count so far shows that 40 were found at Westport, 22 at Whitepoint, four or five below Odem and a few at Portland. No one was killed at Sinton, but property damage was high. Bodies are being held at ranch houses and schools.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 16.—With troops patrolling the main streets and relief trains headed this way from many parts of the State, Corpus Christi to-day began slowly emerging from the wreckage caused by the gulf hurricane which struck the city early Sunday, bringing death to an unknown number of persons and doing property damage of millions.

It was impossible this morning to get anything like a correct estimate of the fatalities. In the city proper, the death list was placed by some officials at between the ten and twenty-five, but that was regarded by many as far too conservative. In some quarters it was said the number of injured would exceed 200.

3,000 Homeless.—One report in circulation to-day but as yet unconfirmed was that 120 bodies, most of them recognized as residents of Corpus Christi, had been taken from the wreck near Portland on Nueces Bay, upon which Corpus Christi is situated.

More than 3,000 persons were made homeless. However, with the coming of relief trains, it was expected that by night most of these would be taken care of.

Considerable anxiety was expressed regarding the fate of the launch Waldo with fifteen persons on board, which left Corpus Christi Saturday afternoon on a fishing excursion. Since the launch was seen to have been received from the party, which includes four women.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Town.—Fears are entertained that a heavy casualty list will be reported from surrounding towns, several of which were directly in the path of the storm.

The storm sent a tidal wave ten feet high over the business and north beach districts of the city. At the height of the tidal wave practically the entire business section was partly submerged. The water was about four feet deep in the lobby of the Nueces Hotel and every business house between the bluff and the bay was under water from eight to ten feet. House boats fishing craft and wreckage of every conceivable character were piled in the streets by her assailants.

Military rule was invoked yesterday and no one was allowed to enter the wrecked portions of the city. All foodstuffs that have escaped damage by water were sold under direction of city officials, one day's rations being allowed to the customer.

The city was in darkness last night. From fifteen to twenty-five persons are known to be dead, approximately four thousand are homeless.

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Candidate Dies of Heart Disease After a Long, Hard Campaign

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Sept. 16.—On the eve of the primary election at which he was a candidate for nomination for county commissioner of Cumberland county, William O. Neidig died suddenly last evening at his home on Trindle Road, a short distance from town, from heart disease. Mr. Neidig had been conducting a vigorous campaign for nomination and had just returned home from visits to various parts of the county.

Mr. Neidig lived in Mechanicsburg for many years and was a member of the borough school board for several years. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg and of the Mechanicsburg Lodge of the Knights of Malta. Previous to moving to Mechanicsburg Mr. Neidig was a successful farmer of Hampden township and was the township assessor.

Mr. Neidig was 61 years old and is survived by his wife and six children: Ralph J. Neidig, of Montana; William M. Neidig, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Lawrence Landis, of Springfield, Mass.; Robert J. Neidig, of Mechanicsburg, and Miss Anna Neidig and Frank H. Neidig, at home.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. River: The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. The stage of about 3.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

Now That We Know the Prescription, Why Not Buy It at the Drugstore and Eliminate the Doctor Bills



"Standard" Costumes to Combat H. C. L.

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 16.—Increasingly high prices for women's clothing, forecast by the clothing trade for the coming winter, probably will be combated by the manufacture, under government supervision, of a half-million "standard" costumes and coat frocks such as were manufactured during 1918. Leeds firms have upwards of 2,000,000 yards of material available for the manufacture of these "standardized" garments, but announce that the cost of production probably will bring the cost price of the new lot to \$18 or \$20. Similar garments last year were retailed for \$14 to \$16.

TELLS OF BANDIT CRIMES AGAINST AMERICAN GIRLS

Woman Testifying at Investigation Relates Stories of Cruelties and Outrages

FACE STRIPPED OF SKIN

Two Others Carried to Hills; Feet Shaved Until So Tender They Cannot Escape

Washington, Sept. 16.—With a number of persons subpoenaed and waiting to be heard, further angles of the Mexican situation were expected by the committee before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee investigating relations between this country and Mexico. The subcommittee last night held its first night session and heard its first woman witness.

Miss Agnes Laut, who recently returned from Mexico, in advising against intervention in Mexico, laid before the committee last night a solution of the Mexican problem which she characterized as the "beneficent pacification" of Mexico. In corroboration of her assertion that widespread corruption had afflicted on Mexico "nine years of crucifixion" and that "ninety-five per cent. of the population is calling for help," Miss Laut said. She told the committee of two girls who had been clubbed to death, of two American women who were carried into the mountains of Sonora and there forced to remain by their captors, who shaved the soles of their feet to the quick to make simpler the task of guarding them.

Now a Captive.—An American girl from Nebraska, she said, now is somewhere in the hills, the captive of Mexicans, who dragged her from her home near the gulf coast. When the band appeared they roped her father and mother and when she, 15 years old, threw herself before the Mexicans, they declared they would kill her parents. She fainted and when revived she found herself alone in the hills with her assailants.

An English woman in the State of Zacatecas was more fortunate, according to Miss Laut. In this case the bandit who was fighting with her and then killed two other bandits who held her two daughters.

Another story she related was that of a woman whose skin was stripped from her face, the Mexican cutting from the center of the forehead driven into the face then tearing the covering loose.

Driven Insane.—A Kansas farmer was the victim of the Cedillo brothers in the State of San Luis Potosi, according to her testimony. His wife and daughter had gone to Tampico. While they were gone the Mexicans raided the place, dragged him to a tree, alternately raising and lowering him, jabbing him with bayonets. The man became insane and afterwards died.

30 Women Captured.—Another example of the treatment of women which she cited was the taking into the hills of more than 30 women and girls from a train the Mexicans had captured.

No attempt was made by the witnesses to shield the Carranza soldiers. She admitted that a part of the crimes were committed by bandits, but intimated that a number of the so-called bandits were in reality Mexican Federal troops.

Federal Troops Implicated.—Regarding reports that the rebels have been getting arms and ammunition from the United States, she said that through an American Army officer who had made the investigation for her she found that the rifles of many of the followers of Felix Diaz were of the same pattern used by the Mexican Army, and that they had been acquired both by capture and by purchase from the Mexican Army.

BIG WAREHOUSE THREATENED BY BLAZING CAR

Eight-Story Structure of Harrisburg Storage Company Saved by Firemen

Fire, which completely destroyed a boxcar on the siding of the Harrisburg Storage Company in South Harrisburg, for a time this morning threatened the eight-story structure of the company.

Nothing of value was burned with the car. Received yesterday, it had been unloaded during the day and had been left standing at the unloading door of the storage firm.

The fire was discovered by a watchman, but not before it had gained considerable headway. The alarm was sounded about 6:35 this morning from Box 13 and the Paxton and Citizen companies answered.

Attention of the firemen was concentrated on preventing the spread of the fire. Before their arrival, while it had gained considerable headway, it was prevented from entering Building No. 2 of the storage company, by fire doors and wire glass at the unloading entrance.

BRITTON DECLINES

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 16.—As the chances of having Benny Leonard meet Jack Britton in Connecticut next month have disappeared through the latter's disinclination to make a match the same boxing promoters announce to-day that Leonard's manager, Billy Gibson, has agreed to have his man meet Lew Tindler, the light weight, of Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving Day. The place for the proposed meeting is not stated, but to accommodate New York sport followers it will be as near that city as possible.

GEORGE TIRES OF LIVING BACHELOR'S LONELY LIFE

Applicants, to Qualify For Matrimony, Must Show They're White, Under 65, and Own Nest in Which They'll Live

George Unger, who will be 52 years old the 19th of September, wants a wife! And George is not very hard to please, either. That is, the only thing he stipulates is that she be white and not over 65 years old and by the way, she must own her own home.

WILSON'S CHOICE OF BULLITT IS BEING SCORED

English Paper Calls Him "Explosive Journalist," Seeks Author of Denial

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 16.—An "authorized" denial of statements made by William C. Bullitt, formerly attached to the American Peace Delegation, before the Foreign Relations Committee in the United States senate which is printed in London newspapers, this morning is attracting more notice here than Mr. Bullitt's evidence before the committee.

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Royal Arcanum Meets Here For Annual Session; Plan For Many Events

The executive session of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Penn-Harris. All parts of the state are represented, 238 delegates being here for the State Council.

State Memorial Bridge Application Is Granted

The Public Service Commission has granted the certificate of public convenience asked by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings for the construction of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial bridge, for which formal application was made last week.

The commission has arranged for an engineering conference to-morrow in regard to approaches, piers and other details and will likely issue a supplemental statement in regard to such matters. The apportionment of cost will come up after a contract is let.

DAUPHIN COWS MAKE SPLENDID BUTTER RECORDS

Dr. Lenker Owns Prize Animal, Giving 1,604 Pounds of Milk in 31 Days

Seventeen cows, owned by members of the Dauphin County Cow-Testing Association, produced more than 1,000 pounds of milk and more than forty pounds of butter fat during the month of August, according to an announcement made to-day by H. G. Niesley, Dauphin County Farm Agent. These figures are taken from the records submitted by Wilmer E. Grubb, official tester of the association.

The record for the month, both for production and for high test in butter fat, was set by a cow belonging to Dr. Jesse Lenker, of this city. This animal produced a total of 1,604 pounds of milk during the month, which tested 54.5 pounds of butter fat.

Thirteen Holsteins are included in the honor roll of seventeen cows, bred by Dr. Lenker, the best record during the month. Four of his herd are included in the honor list. Each produced more than 1,300 pounds of milk. Samuel Geyer and William Peters, of Hummelstown, each had three cows included on the list, while Howard Speece and Irving Curry, of Swatara, are each the owners of two honor cows. Edward Swope, of Hummelstown; R. F. Bell, of Paxtang, and Dr. Jesse Lenker, of this city, are each the owner of one honor cow.

Industrial Truce For Six Months Suggested to Federation of Labor

New York, Sept. 16.—Proposals that the President of the United States be made a member of the American Federation of Labor and that all strikes now in progress throughout the country be immediately canceled in order to meet the present "perilous situation" by which "the foundations of our free democratic government are threatened," are contained in a communication sent to the President and Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, was made public here to-day.

Seven Divisions of New Army Comprise Little More Than One of Old

Washington, Sept. 16.—The seven regular divisions which the War Department plans to maintain at full strength to-day comprise only 31,473 officers and men or but little more than the strength of one division. The First Division, because of its parade here to-morrow, has been kept as near intact as possible and now includes 17,000 men including temporary personnel, but the other six divisions average around 2,500 officers and men each.

On September 5, the Army numbered less than one-tenth of its peak in Europe. The remainder were in this country or enroute home. Resignations of officers in the regular establishment continue to be filed in numbers which cause officials undisguised concern. Since August 1st, 337 resignations have been accepted, of whom 49 per cent. were in the grade of first lieutenant. Better opportunities in civil life and feeling that advancement in the Army will be slow in times of peace are believed to be the reasons for the majority of resignations.

DANIELS TO RETURN

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 16.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels who for several weeks has been with the new Pacific fleet, planned to start on his return to Washington to-day.

HEAVY VOTE BEING CAST BECAUSE OF INTEREST IN CITY'S MAYORALTY FIGHT

POLLS CLOSE AT 7 TONIGHT

Polls opened at 7 o'clock. Polls will close this evening at 7 o'clock. Voters enrolled as Republicans must vote the Republican ticket; as Democrats, the Democratic ticket. Voters who registered and did not specify a party may vote only for Judge of the Superior Court on the nonpartisan ballot.

Workers Report a Close Race Is Resulting in Treasury Contest

MISTAKES IN BALLOTS AND TARDY OFFICIALS ANNOYING

Heavy voting in many city districts was reported by the election boards early this afternoon, in some instances the number of voters who had cast ballots reaching 30 or 40 per cent. of the entire registration in the district.

The mayoralty and city treasurer contests on the Republican ticket in the city aroused the most interest among voters to-day. Alderman George A. Hoverter, of the Ninth ward, together with many friends was actively campaigning in the majority of the districts while the present Mayor, Daniel L. Keister, claimed to-day he had distributed thousands of his cards personally, handing one to each voter. Alderman John H. Shaner, of the Seventh ward, on the so-called independent Republican ticket, had the support of the Doehne-Koons-Worden-Rutherford workers.

Harry F. Oves and C. E. Weber, seeking the Republican nomination for city treasurer, were working hard to-day, they both having the support of many Republican ward leaders.

Only one election board could not open the polling place at 7 o'clock this morning. This was in the Sixth precinct of the Ninth ward, F. I. Hoover, Democratic inspector, not re-elected, was named Democratic clerk. The board were told to wait until 8 o'clock and then hold a curbstone election to fill the vacancy. G. A. Diehl was appointed to the place and W. O. Moyer was named Democratic clerk. The board were told to wait until 8 o'clock and then hold a curbstone election to fill the vacancy.

15,900 May Get Ballots.—During the morning a number of names were added to the books by the County Commissioners, making the total registration in Harrisburg approximately 15,900. Because some of the official ballots for one of the city districts were not properly printed, the wrong ward and precinct numbers appearing at the top, a rush order was sent to a printing company in Reading, which was awarded the contract, to reprint the ballots. The new supply reached the city at 4 o'clock this morning. In the county districts the vote varied some reporting a large percentage of ballots cast at noon, other election boards announcing that only a small number of voters had appeared during the morning and early afternoon.

112 More Register.—Shortly after noon at the County Commissioners office it was reported [Continued on Page 11.]

TEN ARE INJURED WHEN P. R. R. PASSENGER TRAIN HITS CAR

HARRISBURG—PASSENGER TRAIN NO. 20, EASTBOUND ON THE P. R. R., CRASHED INTO A WRECKED FREIGHT CAR NEAR TYRONE TO-DAY AND TEN PERSONS WERE INJURED. TWO INJURED WERE HURT WHEN THE ENGINEER OF THE PASSENGER TRAIN BROUGHT THE TRAIN TO A SUDDEN STOP, THROWING PASSENGERS FROM THE SEATS AND CAUSING WINDOWS TO BREAK.

DUEL BETWEEN OFFICERS DENIED

New York—Reports of a duel between two Army officers atop the Palisades last night were denied to-day by Army authorities, who reported that the rumor probably grew out of the wounding of Captain J. J. D. Cobb, of Co. L, 16th Infantry, First Division, by a stray bullet.

FIRE BURNS GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE

Sheffield, Ala.—Fire last night destroyed warehouse No. 4 of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation at Muscleshoals, the Government nitrate plant, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. The major part of the loss was on electrical equipment.

DEATH TOLL EXPECTED TO REACH 100

Corpus Christi—The death toll in Sunday's storm will reach between 75 and 100 in Corpus Christi and surrounding towns along the coast, according to an estimate to-day by Dr. W. E. Wills, city health physician. Approximately 175 refugees have been rescued at Odem, about 30 miles west of here. They had been carried across Nueces bay on wreckage. All of them are suffering from exposure.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel Robinson, Harrisburg, and Louise Queen, Charleston, W. Va.; William H. Overdorf and Jennie L. Russell, Williamsport.