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DISASTER DOWN SOUTH

Galveston, Texas, Almost Destroyed by Wind and Wave.

A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

At Least Four Thousand Homes Swept Away by Swirling Waters - Entire Population of City In Danger-Only Meagre Details.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 10.-The West Indian storm which reached the gulf coast yesterday morning has wrought awful havoc in Texas. Reports are conflicting, but it is known that an appaling disaster has befallen the city of Galveston, where it is reported 1,000 or more lives have been blotted out and a tremendous property damage incurred. Meager reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate a heavy loss of life, but these reports cannot be confirme. at this hour.

The first news to reach this city from the stricken city of Galveston was received tonight. James C. Timmins, who resides in Houston and who is the general superintendent of the National Compress company, arrived in the city at 8 o'clock tonight from Galveston. He was one or the first to reach here with tidings of the great disaster which has becallen the city, and the magnitude of that disaster remains to be told because or his endeavors to reach home. After remaining through the hurricane on Saturday he departed from Galveston on a schooner and came across the bay to Morgan's Point, where he caught a train for Houston.

The hurricane, Mr. Timmins said, was the worst ever known. The estimates made by citizens of Galveston was that 4,000 houses, most of them residences, have been destroyed and that at least 1,000 people have been drowned, killed or are missing. Some business houses were also destroyed, but most of them stood, though badly damaged.

The city, Mr. Timmins avers, is a complete wreck, so far as he could see from the water front and from the Tremont hotel. Water was blown over the island by the hurricane, the wind blowing at the rate of eighty miles an hour straight from the gulf and forcing the sea water before it in big waves. The gale was a steady one, the heart of it striking the city about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continuing without intermission until midnight Saturday night, when it abated somewhat, although it continued to blow all night.

Of his own knowledge Mr. Timmins knew of only one house succumbing with fatal results, though he heard of many residences being carried away with inmates. The house that he saw destroyed was Ritter's saloon and restaurant, at 2109 Strand street, a principal business street of the city. This three story building was blown down and nine men-prominent citizenswere killed.

Among the dead are: Charles Kelners, a cotton buyer for an English firm; Stanley C. Spencer, general manager of the Elder-Wemster steamship line; Richard Lord, manager for McFadden's cotton company, whose body is still in the ruins.

Secretary Bailey of the wharf company and several waiters and customers saved themselves by jumping from the upper story just before the crash came.

It was reported that the orphan asylum and both the hospitals were destroyed and if this proves true the loss of life will be great, as these institutions were generally crowded and as they were substantial buildings the chances are that many had taken refuge in them.

The water extended across the island. Mr. Timmins said it was three feet deep in the rotunda of the Tremont hotel and was six feet deep in Market street.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA.

Desperate Battle Between Rebels and

Regulars.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 10 .-Mail advices received today from Colon, Colombia, say that the rebels seized the town of Turbaco, near Carthagena, as well as the railway, last Monday. The following day the Co--lombian war ship Cordoba arrived with 400 troops and heavy fighting ensued. There was great excitement in Carthagena when the mail steamer left Colon.

Daggett May Get Promotion.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 .- It is believed that the president will accept the recommendation of General Chaffee and promote Colonel Aaron S Daggett of the Fourteenth infantry to the vacant brigadier generalship which will follow from the retirement next Monday of General Joseph Wheeler, If this is done General Chaffee will be only temporarily set back in his own advancement to the brigadier general-

Gold and Silver Exports.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.-Exports of gold and silver from this port for last week aggregate \$964,428 silver bars and coin, and \$9,800 gold. The imports of specie were \$30,228 gold, and \$136,-109 sliver. The imports of dry goods and merchandise were valued at \$10,-

GOOD ROADS IN PHILIPPINES.

Commission Will Discuss Appropriation

of \$2,000,000 Soon

MANILA, Sept. 10.-The Philippine commission at its first public session to be held next Wednesday will discuss the appropriation of one-third of the treasury's \$6,000,000 for the construction and repair of roads and bridges throughout the achipelago. The people profess to be much gratified at the prospect of this work of development

The revenue authorities of Manila collect under the Spanish laws a tax of 5 per cent upon the salaries of American civilians earning \$300 per annum and upward. The tax is unpopular and provokes protests among them. The Filipinos and foreigners, who are used to it, do not object to

The reports of the military operations show that of late these have been trivial. Manila is now experiencing the heaviest typhoon known for years.

BULLER AND BOERS FIGHT.

British General Crosses the Mauchberg

and Continues the Advance. CAPETOWN, Sept. 10.-Sir Redvers Buller continues his advance. He crossed the Mauchberg, ten miles east of Lydenburg, and came into action with the Boers.

The occupation of Lydenburg, which took place last Thursday, is regarded as marking one of the last stages of the war. The Boers now talk of trekking into German territory. Lord Methuen is marching on Lichtenburg from Mafeking.

It is said that papers seized at Pretoria show that the Netherlands Railway company in many ways actively assisted the Boers. It converted its workshops into arsenals and provided the Transvaal forces with horseshoes.

Able to Convey Sound.

BRADFORD, England, Sept. 10 .-At today's session of the physical science section of the British association for the advancement of science, now in annual session here, Sir William Henry Preece, consulting engineer to the British postoffice, made the interesting announcement that as a result of his experiments with wireless telegraphy he had found it quite possible to convey audible speech six to eight miles across the sea without wires.

Coal is Needed in France.

PARIS, Sept. 10.-The coal famine is being felt more and more throughout France. All the gas, railroad and steamship companies are now dispatching agents to the United States the situation, with full power to sign huge contracts if conditions are favorable. Many industries are suffering from lack of fuel and great suffering is anticipated among the poorer classes.

Ship Collides and Sinks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.-The American ship May Flint collided with the bark Vidette tonight in the bay off the mail dock and sank. After the collision she drifted down onto the bows of the battleship Iowa anchored off the mail docks. After bumping the Iowa she split open, filled and sank. As far as known no lives were lost. The cause of the collision is un-

Celebration May Bring Trouble.

HONG KONG, Sept. 10 .- Owing to anticipations of disturbances at tonight's celebration of the Feast of been made to cope with eventualities. The troops have been served with ball cartridges. Six Maxims are also in readiness. The police have been ordered to suppress the "Dragon procession," but the Chinese declare they must hold it in spite of the authori-

Missionaries Report Quiet.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 .- Acting Secretary of State Hill authorizes the announcement that the telegram from Commissioner Rockhill, dated Shanghai, September 7, states that missionaries arriving from the west and northwest report quiet everywhere along the routes. Only four northwest provinces indicate signs of disturbance.

Conger Comes Out for Li.

TIEN TSIN, Aug. 30 .- (Via Shanghal, Sept. 7.)-United States Miniser Conger is said to insist that Earl Li Hung Chang shall be allowed to proceed to Pekin for a conference. Orders have been received from Washington that 5,000 American troops shall be divided between Pe-

Causes a Shutdown.

kin, Tien Tsin and Taku for the win-

JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 10.-Several departments of the Illinois steel company have been closed because of low water in the drainage channel. The controlling gate at Lockport is closed and the flow is shut off to permit tearing out of the cofferdams at the new water power.

Population of Cities.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 .- The census bureau announces that the population of Portland, Ore., is 90.426, as against 46,385 in 1900. These figures show for the city as a whole an increase in population of 44.941, or 94.95 per cent from 1890 to 1909.

URGENT CALL FOR WU

Chinese Minister Hastens from His Cape May Outing to Washington.

HE SEES ACTING SECRETARY HILL

Belief That Government Will Soon Make Important Pronouncement-Who May Negotiate for Peace - Ex-Secretary Not Likely to Serve.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.-Minister Wu arrived in Washington from Cape May this afternoon, and although it was near the close of the official day, he proceeded directly to the State department. It is understood that he had received an intimation that the department officials were desirous of conferring with him, hence his return to Washington. For nearly an hour the minister was closeted with Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee, the door being locked meantime and not even the messengers allowed entrance. None of the parties to the conference were conmunicative as to the subject of discussion, but at its conclusion Dr. Hiil repaired to the White House with a portfolio well filled with papers.

For several hours preceding the minister's visit Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee had been engaged in short conferences and it was gathered that the negotiations relative to China were approaching another phase and that another pronouncement of some kind was in prep-

'The fact is recalled that when the United States made its response to the Russian onte on the 28th ultimo the officials here expressed the belief that about a week's time would be required to determine upon the next step and at the end of that time it would be definitely known whether or not the troops were to be withdrawn from Pekin. That period of time has now elapsed. The reports from the European chancellories indicate that, officially at least, this important subject is being treated with the greatest deliberation and at least another week and probably even more time, may be consumed in framing the last of the answers to the Russian note. Meanwhile our government has pretty well satisfied itself as to the attitude toward this last proposition of each and all of the powers interested in the Chinese problem. It may be that this knowledge is regarded as sufficient upon which to base another forward move and in this case pe: haps an independent movement by the United States toward the ultimate withdrawal of the troops and the settlement with China which the government has had in mind since the beginning of the

The consultations with Mr. Wu are believed to have been inspired by a destre to learn something of the personality of the Chinese notables whose names have been suggested as proper to constitute the Chinese side of any commission which may be named to arrange a settlement of the difficulties Mr. Wu is an ardent adherent of Eari

There is much speculation here as to the personnel of the American commissioners in case the peace negotiatios should be entrusted to such a body and the names of men prominent in international affairs in recent years all have been canvassed. Included in the list is the name of General John W. Foster but it is regarded as much more probable that if he appears at all in these negotiations it will be in his old place as a representative of Latens elaborate preparations have the Chinese government. He was associated with Li Hung Chang during the peace negotiations which closed the Chino-Japanese war and it is said that Earl Li has a high sense of appreciation of his work for China then.

Roberts Prepares to Come Home. NEW YORK, Sept. 8 .- A dispatch to

the Tribune from London says: There are many signs that the military authorities regard the end of the war as close at hand. Lord Roberts is making preparations to return to England and has already sent four of his chargers down to Capetown. The general belief is that General Roberts is coming home to take up the post of commander-in-chief of the British army, which Lord Wolseley will vacate in October.

Emperor on Chinese Problem.

STETTIN, Sept. 8 .- The emperor and empress of Germany arrived here today to attend the imperial navy maneuvers. In reply to an address of welcome from the burgomaster his majesty declared his conviction that success would attend the efforts being made to establish in the far east a stable government and orderly conditions under which the German merchants can carry on trade undisturbed and without risk

Cheap Killing for a Red.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 8 .- Clayton High Wolf, a full blooded Sioux Indian, plead guilty to killing his father-in-law on Pine Ridge agency and severely wounding his mother-inlaw. He was sentenced to two years In the state penitentiary and fined \$10, For lack of evidence Stampede, an Indian from Rosebud agency was discharged. He was alleged to have attempted to kill Louis Bardo.

The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, gives number of persons requiring relief is 4,891,000.

WEEK'S TOUR IN PORTO RICO.

Governor Allen Investigates Condition of People and Crops.

SAN JUAN, De Porto Rico, Sept. 7 .-Governor Allen returned to San Juan today, after a week's tour through the mountainous regions of the island. Having been in receipt of a great variety of reports concerning the condition of the people of those sections he determined to secure accurate information personally and, accompanied only by an interpreter and a pack train, he visited Abolnito, Barranquilas, Parras, Ototado, Ciales and Jayua, going from that place to Ponce. His route took in some of the worst districts. He found considerable crops on the rice and corn plantations, but little coffee. The people themselves are anxious for work and are ready to build roads. Governor Allen returned with the conviction that if properly encouraged the portions of the island that he visited are capable of wonderful development.

The executive council recently adopted a plan of dividing the island into districts for political purposes. The federals now claim that the republicans have been favored at certain points and they threaten to resign and to protest to Washington against the alleged unfairness of the division. The American members of the council say the division is a fair one, as the federals get three districts, the republicans three and one is left in doubt.

Miss Bertha Allen, daughter of the governor, will be married to Lieutenant Logan of the United States army next month, the ceremony taking place at the palace.

HUNDRED BOLO MEN ARE SLAIN.

Attack a Detachmeet of Twenty-Seven Men and Get the Worst of It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 7 .- The following cablegram has been received at the war department from General

"MANILA, Sept. 5 .- Details outbreak Bohol, developed Pedro Samson, commandant police, left Tagbilarien ostensibly to inspect the police of various towns. This he did until heard from in Carmen, with followers, threatening to attack the garrison at Ubay. Two detatchments ordered to Carmen; found town peaceful. No trace of in-

"Detachment of twenty-seven men under Lieutenant Leblack, August 31, were attacked near Carmen by 120 bolomen; latter nearly annihilated, over 100 killed. Our loss as previously reported. Movement in interior now in

Native Christians in Danger. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 .- The Japatelegraph by the foreign office at Tokio of the receipt of a dispatch from the Japanese consul at Amoy stating that the riots against native Christians in Chang Chow and Lung Chi have assumed serious proportions. The city gates in six adjoining districts have been completely closed and Yung, taotia of the locality, having been disgraced on the ground of unpopularity, has been succeeded by Chen, taotal of Amoy, who will proceed to Chang Chow as soon as the present troubles at Amoy are settled.

High Prices for Farms.

AMES, Ia., Sept. 7.—Herbert Davis sold his ninety-two-acre farm to F. T. McLain for \$70 per acre, an evidence of the increasing value of Story county land. Many farmers are moving into this vicinity from neighboring states and show a willingness to pay good prices for improved farms. South of town A. Holcraft sold a \$160 acre farm to Olaf Johnson, just arrived from Sweden, for \$50 per acre. Every week farms are changing hands in this county at from \$90 to \$75 per acre.

Arctic Explorers Return.

CHRISTIA.A, Sept. 7 .- A telegram from Tromso, Norway, in reporting the return of the Stella Polare with the duke of Abruzzi's expedition on board, says the Stella Polare reached a point in latitude 86.33 north, thus penetrating further north than Dr. Nanses's ecord. The Stella Polare remained fastened in the ice or eleven months. The pressure stove in the ship's sides, making a hole fifteen inches in breadth and its machinery was also damaged.

Condemn the Prayer Chain.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 7 .- The national officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union met today at their headquarters at Rest Cottage, Evanston. Among other matters discussed was the prayer chain inaugurated by some of the members of the Indiana W. C. T. U. for the defeat of President McKinley at the coming election. They were unanimous in regretting this action and will not co-operate with the

Senators Asked to Resign.

HELENA, Sept. 7.-The republican state convention completed its state leket and adjourned today. The plat form denounces the republican members of the last legislature who voted for W. A. Clark, democrat, for United States senator. A resolution was adopted calling on Senators Hobson, Mitchell, Phillips and Geger, who were among the number, to resign at once so that other senators can be elected

Sherman Goes to Washington.

MANSFIELD, O., Sept. 7 .- Ex-Secretary John Sherman and daughter, Mrs. J. I. McCallum, will leave here September 17 for Washington, where they will spend the winter. His property here, which includes several acres in the residence part of the city, has been laid out in lots and will be

Friction in Settlement of Chinese Imbroglio Grows Hourly Less.

DISCUSS RUSSIAN PROPOSITION

Disposition Evinced to View the Situation Without Prejudice-Conger May Represent the United States and Waldersee the Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.-Within the last twenty-four hours the United at headquarters in this city for two States government has received from | tracts of land, of which two syndicates its representatives in foreign capitals much material information regarding the attitude of the powers on the Russian proposal to evacuate Pekin. These give the general nature of the response made to Russia by certain of the powers. It is stated authoritatively that if there was at any time a prospect of a serious international clash this has been very largely, if not entirely, removed by the harmonious character of the communications the several governments are making. The exact nature of the responses is not made public by the state department, for there are some replies to be transmitted and until all of them are in the negotiations are considered in such an incomplete form that they will not be made public. It is said, however, that the answers go much beyond the tentative character of those heretofore referred to and are of a conclusive nature, so far as showing the purposes of the governmets, although they may not be regarded as conclusive in accepting or rejecting the particular proposition advanced by Russia. The responses are understood to be rather long and somewhat argumentative, similar in this respect to the American response. This very fact is a cause for congratulation among officials, as they point out that there is no disposition to treat the proposal with terseness or in any other manner to give offense, but rather to bring the powers together on a common basis. On the whole, the general tendency of the responses is such as to give entire satisfaction here as to the course of the

The satisfactory progress of the ne-gotiations along these lines has had the effect of directing attention to the personality of the envoys, who probably will represent the powers and China in the final settlement. The impression prevails here that Mr. Conger is eminently fitted for such a task on the part of the United States, supposing that each of the powers interested nese legation was informed today by in the Chinese problem is to have a separate and individual representative. Mr. Rockhili's name is mentioned as an alternate in case Mr. Conger does not care to remain in Pekin or to participate in the settlement. These suggestions, however, are all speculative, for up to this time the state department has not conferred the necessary special powers on any one to represent the government in the final negotia-

> If the present state of affairs in China is protracted until the arrival there of Field Marshal Count Waldersee, which should occur in about ten days or a fortnight, it is not to be doubted that the government of Germany will endeavor to have all the negotiations with the Chinese government conducted through that official as the representative, not of Germany alone, but of all the powers. It is gathered that strong arguments will be advanced to support the advisability of combined action through one agency in this matter as the best means of securing a speedy and generally satisfactory termination of the Chinese trou-In fact it will be urged that there is little hope for an early adjustment of the differences between the powers and China if each of the powers is to lay down a independent proposition the culminative effect of which, particularly in the case of money or territorial indemnities, might be absolutely crushing to the Chinese empire.

Laying New Chinese Cable.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 .- The War department today received information that the work of laying a sable from Shanghai to Che Foo had been begun. It is believed that unless some accident is encountered the cable will be completed and in operation within a week. This ought to make communication between Washington and American officials in China much more expeditious.

Gobbles Up Leased Land.

SALINA, Kan., Sept. 5 .- The Salina Southwestern and Solomon Valley railroads were sold under the hammer today to the Union Pacific interests for \$400,000 each. The former runs from Salina to McPherson and the latter from Solomon to Beloit. Both have been leased and operated ever since their construction as a part of the Union Pacific system.

But Seven Companies Left.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Sept. 6 .- With the departure of the second battalion of the Eighth infantry, waich leaves tomorrow morning for the Philippine islands, the department of the Dakotas will be garrisoned only by seven companies, with a total, including department headquarters staff, of less than 1,000 men.

Sions City's Request Refused.

government census office.

STOCKMEN ARE PROSPERING.

Purchases of Land Being Made by Them

Proves It. OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 10 .- "The sale of railroad lands continues with an activity that suggests two things," said A. L. Lynch of the Union Pacific land department. "One is that the people who have been in the stock business in the west for the last few years are now beginning to reap the benefits of their early labors and are enjoying an unprecedented degree of prosperity. The other is that the cattle and sheep men realize the necssity of securing possession of the ranges required for feeding their cattle and sheep."

Applications have just been received of sheepmen in Carbon county, Wyo., wish to get possession in order to have plenty of range for their sheep. J. A. Schoonpas, representing one of the syndicates, has made application for 7,480 acres of land and P. J. Quealy, representing another syndicate, is negotiating for the purchase of a tract of land in area 17,280 acres.

C. A. Forsling, traveling agent of the land department, came in from Kimball, Neb., accompanied by a couple of applicants for land. One c' the men, L. C. Kinney, wants to gehold of 5,000 acres of land near Kimball to furnish pasturage for cattle owned by himself and others interested with him in the business. N. C. Searles of Wisner, Neb., has just taken about 10,000 sheep into the vicinity of Kimball, and ae, too, is making arrangements to purchase some land.

The State Fair.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 10.-The state fair closed with a small attendance at the grounds, almost all the visitors from outside Lincoln having left. The management declares that the fair was in every respect the most successful ever held in the history of the state. The large attendance has been especially gratifying.

It is believed that the total number of paid admissions, which will be announced soon, will be almost if not quite fully 40,000.

Financially the fair has been very successful, and all premiums will be paid in cash, in full, and at once. Payment will be begun today, when the management will commence mailing checks to successful exhibitors. The last payment, it is claimed, will be made by September 20.

Chantauqua a Success.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 10 .- W. W. Duncan, in his annual report of the doings of the Chautauqua association recites a few facts which are interesting. Among the items of receipts are following: Sale of tickets, & 50; rent of tents, \$396.50; concessions, \$175; the other miscellaneous items making a total of \$5,855,80. The disbursements amounted to \$4,374.76. Of this \$1,746 was paid for talent, \$880 for music, \$520.50 for labor. The ticket sales were \$418.30 greater than in 1899, and the various items of expense all show a reduction. After paying all debts the association has a cash balance of \$1,054.39.

Found Dead.

SARGENT, Neb., Sept. 10 .- George Lovejoy, a prominent young school teacher living near West Union, accidentally shot and killed himself while out hunting. He began teaching school near West Union Monday. Tuesday evening, after school was out, he came home to his brother's, where he was boarding, and hitching his horse to a wagon, took his gun and went down on the bottoms to hunt, where he was subsequently found dead.

Company B. to Muster Out.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 10 .- Company B of the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, stationed at Ord, will be mustered out of the state's service so soon as Captain Carson can collect and turn over the state's property. This action is taken by Adjutant General Barry on the report of Captain Carson, who said he couldn't get his men together for drill, and that they were not in condition to participate in the encampment.

Brakeman's Fatal Ship.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 10 .-Phillip Jones, a brakeman on freight No. 18, was riding on the front of the engine and as he was in the act of jumping off to turn a switch he slipped and the engine passed over both limbs, crushing them off about six inches above the knee. He was takento Ravenna at once to his home. He died from his wounds.

Geneva Wins Third Place.

GENEVA, Neb., Sept. 10.-The citizens of Geneva and Fillmore county are justly proud of third place given them at the state fair. Credit for the display is due to a number, who worked hard to secure and place it, among them being Dr. Herriot, P. Youngers, George Finley, George Kenyon, Stevens, F. M. Flory and John Mills. Many premiums were taken by Mrs. Emma Kelley.

Indian Dies From Wounds.

LYONS, Neb., Sept. 10.-Word has been received here that the Omaha Indian, Wood, who was disembowied with a knife in the hands of a white man last Saturday on the reservation, has since died and the man that did the cutting is still at large, with but little hopes of ever being captured. The SIOUX CITY, Is., Sept. 6.—Sloux amount of money involved in the quar-City has been refused a recount by the rel and which led up to the murder.