

# BIG PROPERTY LOSS

HURRICANE TAKES TOLL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

## WASHINGTON WAS SHOCKED

News of Torpedoing of Arabic Takes Officials by Surprise—Gulf Wind Reaches Illinois Cities.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Dallas, Tex.—The exact loss of life resulting from the three day hurricane that swept the Gulf country from Louisiana nearly to the Rio Grande will not be determined for days. The known dead now totals 115, but the list is being constantly added to as reports trickle in from the smaller coast cities. It is certain that by far the greater number of deaths occurred from the foundering of small craft in Galveston harbor and vicinity. Fully two score boats, mostly dredges, tugs and fishing smacks, are missing, and their crews, totalling probably 300, are believed to have been lost.

Unconfirmed rumors of entire coastal villages, some of them with populations exceeding 1,000, being wiped out, tend to indicate that the storm toll may extend into the thousands, but it is generally believed that the majority of the residents of these places were saved and that the casualties are much less than at first expected.

The property loss in most cases so far is merely a matter of speculation. Galveston, the hardest hit in this respect, is variously reported to have suffered damage ranging from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Most people are inclined to accept the former figure. Railroad, interurban, telegraph and telephone traffic cannot be restored to normal for weeks.

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Further Aggravation of Already Tense Situation.

Washington.—News of the torpedoing of the British steamer Arabic, of the White Star line, with Americans aboard, came as a shock to officials of the United States government, who had hoped since the dispatch of the last American note there would be no further aggravation of an already tense situation between the United States and Germany.

Official information was meager and it was only through press dispatches that it was learned that the vessel was torpedoed without warning.

When it was recognized that a canvass of the survivors might reveal that no American lives were lost, the torpedoing without warning of a vessel carrying Americans has in itself been pronounced by the United States government as a violation of its rights which if repeated would be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly."

In the last note to Germany, which was accepted as the final word on the principles of the question from the United States, Secretary Lansing used the following language in referring to violations of American rights in the war zone:

"Friendship itself prompts it (the United States government) to say to the imperial government that repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of these rights must be regarded by the government of the United States when they affect American citizens as deliberately unfriendly."

## Gulf Wind Coming North.

Alton, Ill.—The levee of Wood river at East Alton gave way Friday and sent flood waters rushing through the streets, tearing down barns and small homes and forcing the occupants of larger dwellings to upper stories for safety. Appeals for motor boats and skiffs to rescue hundreds of marooned persons were sent to Mayor Beal of Alton.

All available river craft was used to rescue the marooned at East Alton. The passengers of the stalled trains were compelled to spend the night in their coaches through the inability of the crew to obtain boats. Jerseyville and Belleville, near here, were in darkness, the power plants, as well as other parts of these cities, standing in from one to four feet of water. Morning newspapers in Belleville were gotten out by candle light and with hand set type.

Paris.—The government committee in charge of provisioning of Paris has decided to recommend that all restrictions be removed from the sale of refrigerated meat imported from America. Hitherto only certain dealers have been permitted to sell this meat.

Paris.—A Havas dispatch from Zurich says that the latest report regarding cholera made by the Austro-Hungarian minister of interior states that the disease is spreading in that kingdom. Six hundred and seventy new cases have been officially reported.

To Apprehend Frank Lynchers. Atlanta, Ga.—All the legal machinery available to Governor Harris will be put into motion to apprehend the men who lynched Leo M. Frank at Marietta. Governor Harris so announced when he came from Fitzgerald, Ga., where he was attending a state confederate veterans' reunion.

"This affair is shocking, and I am going to have it investigated to the very limit of my power," said Governor Harris.

He has not made up his mind exactly what will be done immediately.



## GOLD IS SHIPPED TO COAST

WILL ESTABLISH GOVERNMENT IN OLD CAPITAL.

Bullion Being Transferred to Meet Prospective Demands—Liner Arabia Torpedoed Off Irish Coast.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—General Carranza, it is learned here, is preparing to move from Vera Cruz to Mexico City at once and to have his government established in the old capital by the time his response to the pan-American peace appeal reaches Washington.

According to all information reaching here Carranza, in replying to the pan-American appeal, will reject the peace conference proposed and urge recognition of his government as the surest guaranty of peace. It became apparent that Carranza's generals intend to let their first chief answer the conferees for them when responses from them, including General Aguilar, governor of Vera Cruz, arrived, stating that it would be a breach of discipline for the generals to answer independently.

## Liner Arabic Torpedoed.

London.—The big White Star liner Arabic, formerly a favorite ship of the Liverpool-Boston service, but which on her present trip was on the way to New York, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine Thursday morning southeast of Fastnet.

The steamer, according to a statement by the White Star line, was attacked without warning and went down in ten minutes. Of 423 persons on board—181 passengers and 242 members of the crew—thirty-two are missing and are believed to have perished. Most of those who have not been accounted for belong to the crew. Only six of the passengers are reported missing.

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To Meet Prospective Demands \$10,000,000 Bullion Transferred.

Washington.—In anticipation of possible large shipments of gold through San Francisco, the treasury department has increased the bullion fund of the San Francisco mint by \$10,000,000. This was done in response to a message from the mint which said:

"Increase our bullion fund. Advised of shipments that will exhaust the present balance within the next two days."

Where the shipments of gold were to come from has not been indicated to the treasury, although there have been intimations current that some shipments were coming in the settlement of trade balances with Great Britain from Australia and the African gold fields.

London.—Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, has been captured by the Germans, and the road to the Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd railway is now open to the troops of Emperor William.

Tidings of the fall of the Russian fortress were greeted in Berlin by a salute of fifty "victory" shots at noon in the Lustgarten, and all the church bells in the capital were rung.

The capture of the fortress was another triumph for the German 16-inch guns, which throughout the present war have been brought against no fortifications they were unable to reduce. With the fortress of Kovno the Germans have taken over 400 guns and, according to their account, an enormous quantity of war material.

South Bend, Ind.—Silas N. Ebersole, a former Dunkard minister, held for the murder of Hazel Macklin in August, 1914, committed suicide by hanging himself in the county jail here.

Bulgaria Short on Ammunition. London.—The key to the Balkan situation may lie in a shortage of ammunition in Bulgaria, suggests the Daily Mail in an article which deals with "Germany's desire to ship ammunition to that country." In spite of this view, the Daily Mail cites the alleged statement of the German military attaché at Bucharest, who, in pleading with Rumania to allow munitions to pass through that border, declares that there were not intended for Turkey, but destined for Bulgaria, which is neutral.

Omaha.—Nebraska may be able to supply the American demand for potash, the supply of which has been absolutely cut off by the European war. A local company is already shipping approximately 100,000 pounds of good potash every week and the output of the plant will be doubled and trebled many times as soon as the proper machinery can be installed. The supply of potash from which the Omaha men are securing their shipments to various parts of the United States comes from a lake out in Sheridan county, near the town of Alliance.

Denied Guilt on Edge of Grave. Marietta, Ga.—A number of stories that purport to be recitals of what happened at the lynching of Leo M. Frank have been heard. None, for obvious reasons, bore the name of the man alleged to have made the statement, but in at least two instances it was said that "one who knew" had told an intimate friend what took place and the friend had made the story public. The notable feature of these accounts was that in all except one it is repeated that Frank maintained to the end that he was innocent.

## MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Liberalists Think Germany's Expansion Would Offer Great Protection—Villa Will Accept Peace Offers.

Property Damage of Fifty Millions.

Galveston, Tex.—A total of 256 known dead residents of southeast Texas coast points and the crews of wrecked craft of all kinds, sixty-five persons missing, many of whom are believed to have perished, and property damage close to fifty million dollars was the toll taken by the hurricane which swept this section last Monday and Tuesday.

These figures were reached from a careful compilation made of what are considered the most authentic reports of loss of life and property received since the cessation of the storm.

## TOTAL DEAD THIRTY-NINE.

Latest Figures of White Star Line on Sinking of Arabic.

Queenstown.—Thirty-nine persons lost their lives in the sinking of the steamer Arabic, the White Star line has announced after completing an investigation regarding the total number of persons aboard. It is stated that twelve cabin passengers, six steerage passengers and twenty-one members of the crew cannot be accounted for and must be put down as lost.

## Cuts Loose from Turkish Yoke.

Van, Turkish Armenia.—The 600 year reign of the Turk has been brought to an end, for the present at least, in both the town and the vilayet of Van. A foundation of Armenian autonomy has been laid, however, by the naming of one of the Armenian leaders, Aram, who was a former supervisor of schools, as civil governor and the establishment of a provisional administration. The vilayet of Van has an area of about 15,000 square miles with a population of several thousand. The story of the revolt, by which Turkey has lost control of this ancient region, has not hitherto been told with much fullness.

## Submarines Take Many Lives.

London.—German submarines have caused the death of 1,736 civilian non-combatants, including 118 Americans, since German warfare on merchantmen was formally launched February 18. The Lusitania death toll of 1,157 on May 7 was the largest. The liner Falaba was sunk March 28, with a loss of 111 lives. Best available information shows thirty-two persons aboard the Arabic missing, and probably dead.

## Fire Prevention Day.

New York.—The fire insurance and fire prevention committees of the Safety First Federation of America announce that they have selected October 9 as the date for an annual national fire prevention day. These committees are composed of members from all parts of the United States and Canada.

## Young Men Called to Colors.

Paris.—The Russian embassy announces that by decree of the emperor, young men of the class of 1916 have been called to the colors, dating from August 20. No exemptions whatever, by reason of family connections or of study abroad will be allowed, the announcement states.

## Getting Ready for Cattle Shipments.

Omaha, Neb.—Railroads operating into the cattle country of western Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota are rushing all available cattle cars into that section in preparation for the big shipments of grass fed cattle into the Omaha markets. The run of grassers is already fairly heavy on the local market, but the real shipments are not expected to begin for several days. Plenty of rain has caused an abundance of grass on the ranges and cattle are expected to be in better condition than ever before.

## Heavy Shipment of Gold.

San Francisco, Cal.—Two million dollars in gold sovereigns of British coinage arrived here on the steamer Ventura, shipped by Australian bankers and consigned to San Francisco banks, to be coined at the United States branch mint into gold coins of the United States. The money is to be placed to the credit of Australian and English banks temporarily. The British gold was received here by the Wells Fargo Nevada National bank, the Bank of Commerce and the Anglo-Paris National bank.

# WAR AGAINST TURK

ITALY SENDS TURKEY DECLARATION OF HOSTILITIES.

## TOTAL DEAD IS THIRTY-NINE

Latest Estimates on Lives Lost in Sinking of Arabic—Fifty Millions Lost in Storm in Texas.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—Italy has declared war against Turkey and the Italian ambassador has left Constantinople. This announcement is made in a Reuter telegram from Constantinople via Berlin and Amsterdam. Marquis Di Garoni, Italian ambassador to Turkey, has handed to the porte a note declaring Italy considered herself in a state of war with Turkey and demanded his passports, according to an official telegram from Constantinople received at Amsterdam and transmitted to the Central News. The reasons given in the note for Italy's declaration of war were the support given by Turkey to the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Syria.

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## BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Monday, September 6 is Labor day. The alfalfa mill at Albion is making arrangements to reopen.

Beatrice Congregationalists will erect a new \$18,000 church edifice. The new \$75,000 Carnegie library at College View is nearing completion.

Friday, the 13th, case No. 191,313 was filed in the supreme court at Lincoln.

Omaha will get the next convention of the United Master Butchers of America.

License won at the recent election at Superior, by a majority of twenty-nine votes.

The village of Adams voted down the waterworks proposition at a recent election.

Kearney is enjoying a "siege" of building, said to be one of the biggest booms in years.

Orlin Sturms, 11-year-old Fairbury boy, was drowned in the Blue river near that place.

The Ford auto company will put in a quarter million dollar assembling plant at Omaha.

Hastings Methodists will lay the corner stone of their new church edifice September 12.

Hagenow's, Green's, and the Fifth Regiments bands will give daily concerts at the state fair.

Prominent democrats over the state are arranging for a Woodrow Wilson day at the fair this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hyatt Murray, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary one day last week.

One of the big events in the state will be the German-American Volksfest at Syracuse, August 26.

Frank Drassel, chief of the Verdigre fire department was drowned while in swimming near that place.

The national convention of the Farmers' union will hold its sessions at Lincoln during state fair week.

The Hastings foundry has refused to consider an order for war material from one of the European nations.

A plea for peace and a patriotic flag display will be a feature of the labor day parade at Lincoln, September 6.

Nebraska retailers will make their outing an annual affair and will hold their 1916 meeting again at Omaha.

William H. Munger, United States district judge, is dead at his home in Omaha of nervous and kidney trouble.

William Hyer, a former resident of Nebraska City, fell dead of heart failure on the depot platform at Paola, Kans.

A campaign to raise funds for a Bessey memorial has been inaugurated by university alumni and students.

Holdups of harvest hands returning from the fields are being pulled off regularly, three occurring in the state last week.

The Lincoln postoffice has received authority from the department to again give a parcel post demonstration at the state fair.

York people are jubilant over the prospect of a brand new modern railroad depot, the Northwestern having promised to erect one.

At a meeting of the directors of the Alliance commercial club \$150 was appropriated to help pay the expenses of an exhibit at the state fair.

All records for rainfall at Fremont for a twenty-four hour period were broken last Monday when 5.10 inches fell in less than three hours.

Four year old Ida Koplin of Lincoln, ate bichloride of mercury tablets, thinking them candy. Prompt action of a physician saved her life.

Two Lincoln men have invented an appliance to prevent the torpedoing of vessels, and the U. S. navy department is investigating its usefulness.

Work has already been started by some of the earlier concessionists at getting their quarters fixed up for the state fair.

A seven inch rain fell at Cortland Tuesday night and crops were damaged considerably. Wheat in the shock was badly damaged east and south and cellars were flooded in the town.

Entries of cattle at the coming state fair are coming in fast and promise to make good exhibits.

Sales to the amount of half a million were made at the tractor show at Fremont last week.

F. W. Matthiessen of Omaha was fatally burned when a gasoline blow torch with which he was working exploded, enveloping him in a mass of flames.

George Kloskowski, a harvest hand, was shot at Lincoln when he failed to heed a halt warning from a policeman. He was hurried to a hospital, but died in a few hours.

Stockholders of the Tecumseh National bank have decided to change the bank from a national to a state institution.

Two Beatrice boys named Salts and Booth are suffering from serious burns from carbolic acid, received, it is alleged, when a playmate threw the fiery liquid on their hips and legs.

Henry Baughman, an employee of the sand pits near Louisville, in an effort to save his life, braced himself against machinery in which his hand had been caught and succeeded in tearing his partly mangled left arm loose from his body.

The first annual Knights of Pythias picnic at Ashland drew a big crowd, visitors being present from many towns over the state.

More money has been spent this year for special features at the state fair than ever before, the management promising a record breaker in every way.

Special service will be given by all the railroads entering Lincoln during the state fair week, September 6 to 11. The schedule will differ little from last year with extra train service on the biggest days of the fair week.

The state auditor's office has registered \$25,000 of city hall bonds, issued by Benson, a suburb of Omaha, which has not yet been absorbed

# SMASHED RECORDS

FOOD COMMISSION TAKES IN OVER \$16,000 DURING JULY

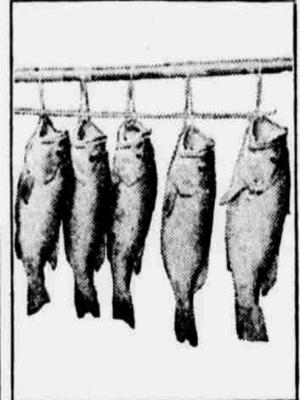
## NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources at State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Food Commissioner Harman has given out his monthly financial statement for July, which smashed all previous records for the amount of fees collected.

The food commission, with its oil, weights and measures, feeding stuffs inspection and other adjuncts, took in during July the sum of \$16,314, which is about \$3,000 more than it ever before collected in one month. This is three times the amount of money needed to run the department for that length of time.

The department now has to its credit in the state treasurer's office an unexpended balance of nearly \$100,000, accumulated during the past two years



BLACK BASS. An early morning catch at Lake Erickson. Few Nebraska anglers know that such specimens can be taken in this state.

and three months, and representing the excess of receipts over expenditures during that period.

July collections were divided as follows: Oil inspection fees, \$8,795; permits, \$7,114; feeding stuffs tags, \$52; weights and measures inspections \$350; miscellaneous, \$3.

## Vaccinating Nebraska Hogs

Thirty-seven permits for the sale of hog cholera serum in Nebraska have been issued by the live stock sanitary board of the state, under the new law that became effective in July. Of this number, twenty-two were issued to persons or firms having their business headquarters outside of Nebraska and fifteen to parties in this state.

Wholesale and retail dealers in serum as well as manufacturers, are required to have permits. The law was passed to insure state supervision of this commodity offered for sale in Nebraska, as past experience showed that some of the product on the market was not of good quality and in a few instances its use did more harm than good.

The number of hogs vaccinated against cholera during July and the first ten days of August was 12,301, according to reports made to the state veterinarian's office. In performing these vaccinations, 373,774 cubic centimeters of serum and 8,262 cubic centimeters of virus were used—this being in the proportion of 45 to 1.

According to assessors' reports and other data collected, the state of Nebraska had one and one-half million hogs on April 1. During the year ended on that date 700,697 hogs died of cholera.

Cholera is by far the most fatal disease which affects hogs—in fact, it is practically the only fatal malady that has caused any material loss to the swinebreeders of the state. By keeping up the quality of serum it is believed the mortality can be greatly reduced.

Convicts at the penitentiary will shortly get their first tryout at permanent road making when a gang is put to work on the state's share of the new state farm paving, near Lincoln.

## Favors Brickmaking Plant

"If the paving of public highways with brick increases in Nebraska as it promises to do, the state ought to find a good clay bed in Nebraska and there establish a branch penitentiary for the manufacture of brick," says ex-Governor Holcomb, a member of the state board of control. "The state could surely make a great supply of brick for municipalities, counties or any district desiring to pave highways. The state might in addition furnish considerable labor for the laying of the pavement. Long term men could be worked in the factory and short term men might also be given labor that could be learned in a short time. The desire of the state is to furnish work for the prisoners. By laying brick at cost the demand for the output ought to be large. As much of the work is performed by machinery the state could with a comparatively small number of men manufacture a large amount of paving brick."

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