

STORM AT HONG KONG

Laborer Strays with Wrecks and Streets Blocked with Debris.

TYPHOON RAGES FOR OVER TWO HOURS

Insufferable Native Craft Boat to Bottom of the Bay.

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS PROBABLY DROWN

Loss of Life is Greatest Among Houseboats in River Pearl.

MANY MERCHANT SHIPS DAMAGED

French, British, German and Japanese ships are Driven Ashore or Damaged in Collision—Others are Demolished.

HONG KONG, Sept. 18.—A terrific storm broke suddenly here this afternoon, lasting two hours and destroying innumerable native craft and causing serious loss of life. The harbor is literally strewn with wreckage and the streets of the city are blocked with debris.

An unidentified steamer collided with the British steamer B... seriously damaging the latter.

The British steamer... collided with the British steamer... with slight damage.

The river boat Fatshang... the French mail boat Polynesian.

The British steamer Montague... Emma Luken.

The American steamer Sorogon and the German steamer Johanne are awash.

The British river gunboat Moorthen is leaking badly, one French torpedo boat destroyer is ashore and two other dragged their anchors the entire length of the harbor.

The British steamer Empress of Japan was saved by the dock company's tugs keeping it steady.

The American steamer S. P. Hitchcock was driven high and dry on shore.

The British river steamer Kwong Chow, Sa Cheung and Sun Lee foundered.

The French steamer Charles Hardouin was damaged. The little Chinese steamer Wing Chal was beached.

Numerous steam launches and lighters foundered and most of the wooden piers on the western front are demolished.

Large estimates show that 100 lives were lost and millions of dollars' worth of damage was done during the typhoon.

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PEAVEY HEARING CONTINUES

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PRESIDENT STICKEY ON THE STAND

Head of Great Western Tells of Two Dealers Who Were Driven Out of Business by Discrimination.

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CHURCHILL SCORES A POINT

Reform Candidate for Governor of New Hampshire Forces Issues in Campaign.

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The candidates for governor are: Charles R. Greenleaf of Franconia, Charles M. Floyd of Manchester, both of whom are better known stand-patters.

When the convention was called to order the routine of organization moved slowly and after the committee on credentials had reported, the major portion of the delegates seated, the platform was read.

The platform endorses the administration of President Roosevelt, commends the "industry of work" of the fifty-ninth congress and congratulates the country.

It opposes any change in the tariff which would undermine the republican policy of protection and endorse the action of the negotiators in passing the Gillingham shipping bill.

The remainder of the platform is devoted to state issues upon which the campaigns of the contesting candidates have been largely based.

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OMAHA DATE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH

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TWENTY PASSENGERS ARE MISSING

About the Same Number Are More or Less Injured.

VICTIMS IN DAY COACH AND SMOKER

Number of Persons Seen Floating Down Stream on Driftwood

ACCIDENT IS DUE TO HIGH WATER

Bridge is Pushed Out of Line and Collapses as Soon as Locomotive Strikes It—Crew Escapes by Jumping or Swimming.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Sept. 18.—Eight people are dead, twenty more or less injured and as many more are missing, as the result of the wrecking of a Rock Island passenger train three miles from Dover, Okl., at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The engine, tender, baggage and mail cars, smoker and day coach of passenger train No. 18, northbound, left the high bridge that spans the Cimarron river and plunged into the current flanked by treacherous quicksands.

The accident was due to defective conditions of the bridge, which was swayed out of line by the pressure of driftwood carried down by the swollen stream.

Train Running Fast. The train was an hour late and was running at high speed to make up time. The engine driver did not see the condition of