

SEA BREAKS IN OVER GALVESTON SWAMPS TOWN

City is Now Ready to Begin Repairing Heavy Damage Done by the Terrific Hurricane and Rain.

COAST IS FLOODED FOR MILES

Transport Breaks from Its Moorings at Wharf and Drifts Half Mile Out to Sea.

FIRES NOT UNDER CONTROL

WACO, Tex., Aug. 17.—W. D. A. Belle of Waco, returning home this morning from Galveston, reported that water was running over the causeway when he left at 2 p. m. yesterday. They waited this morning at Bremond four hours for a train leaving Galveston at 5:30 yesterday afternoon, but this train had not been heard from.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 17.—The army wireless station here late this afternoon received a report from Galveston that the storm there was subsiding.

No other information was contained in the radio dispatch.

Buildings Ruined. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 17.—The following wireless telegram was received at the Fort Sam Houston wireless station from the army transport Buford in Galveston harbor this afternoon:

"Water in buildings about three feet. All buildings and structures of every nature along water front are ruined. Many boats have been greatly damaged and others destroyed.

The army transport McClellan is high and dry half a mile inland. The number of lives lost is unknown. There has been great pecuniary damage."

This message indicates that the water has receded two feet in about three hours, as a message received about 2 o'clock stated that the water stood five feet in many streets and buildings.

Funston's Report.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Under date of 2:30 p. m. today Major General Funston, from Fort Sam Houston, Tex., reported conditions at Galveston to the War department as follows:

"Buford radio reports this morning that the transport McClellan broke loose from its moorings and drifted a half mile. It is now anchored at the dock badly damaged. The commercial radio stations are out of commission, the aerials all blown down. All houses on the sea wall have been destroyed. Boats are on the main streets taking people from the buildings. Five feet of water at the depot. No loss of life reported."

GALVESTON, Tex.—(Via Wireless to Fort Sam Houston and Telephone to San Antonio, 10:19 a. m., Aug. 17.—Galveston today had passed through one of the worst storms within the last fifteen years and now is ready to repair the damage done by last night's hurricane.

Five feet of water stands in the city and is slowly draining off. Two fires started today are yet to be placed under control.

The transport McClellan late last night broke from its moorings and drifted half a mile out to sea. The commercial wireless station at Fort Arthur is out of commission and the big aerial masts at Fort Cockett are down.

Causeway is Damaged.

TEMPLE, Tex., Aug. 17.—It was stated at the office of the Santa Fe railroad here early today that a messenger had here received from Galveston saying that a large vessel had been blown through the causeway connecting Galveston with the mainland. Two work trains were ordered to Galveston to assist repair the damage.

No Loss of Life.

GALVESTON, Tex. (Via Wireless to San Antonio), Aug. 17.—No loss of life (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Rain; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 3 columns: Hours, Deg., and another column. Shows temperature readings for various hours.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 3 columns: Date, High, Low. Shows temperature records for various dates.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with 3 columns: Station, High, Low. Shows weather reports from various stations.

FREMONT STREETS FILLED WITH WATER

Heavy Rains of Monday Night Drive the Rivers from Their Banks Over the State.

PART OF THE GALVESTON STORM

Morning reports to the railroads indicate rain over practically all Nebraska Monday night, in most localities continuing Tuesday. A summary of the reports show that the heaviest downpour was at Fremont and up the Elkhorn and Platte river valleys a distance of twenty miles or so. As a result of the unusually heavy rains the lowlands for miles around Fremont are under water to a depth of from one to two feet.

At Fremont, according to the report of the agent of the Northern line, there, the rainfall Monday night was 5.10 inches, with more than 1.50 inches Monday afternoon, making the total for the day and night close to 6.75 inches.

In the railroad yards in east Fremont it was asserted that the water was more than two feet and that in the main street from the Union station north it was at least a depth of some eighteen inches, flooding basements and first floors.

Elkhorn overflows banks. North of Fremont for a distance of twenty miles or so, it was reported that the Elkhorn was out of its banks and that in some places had overflowed the bottoms, being more than a mile in width.

Similar conditions are said to have maintained up the Platte nearly as far as Scribner. All of the lowlands are flooded, barn buildings rising out of the water like islands in the sea.

The only washouts reported to the railroads are along the Union Pacific's branch south of Beatrice. There, while the rain was not so heavy as over the country to the north, the land here, more rolling, the water came in rapidly from the hills doing more damage. This washout was not of great extent and was repaired during the early morning.

Down the Missouri valley from Omaha there was an all-night rain and it was still raining at noon, according to a report to the Missouri Pacific.

In Missouri Pacific territory the rain during the night was around two to three inches. Auburn had a precipitation of 2.70; Fairbury, 1.85; Fairmont, 1.95, and Nebraska City and Weeping Water, 2 inches.

Galveston Storm.

Forecaster Welsh has been trying to get details of the storm that is raging at Galveston, but has been unable on account of the havoc wrought to the telegraph wires, there being none left to connect Galveston with the rest of the country. The storm now in progress there, according to Mr. Welsh, is almost a duplicate of the hurricane that demolished the place September 8, 1900, but the huge sea wall built by the city after that storm is preventing any serious damage. It is the second time since the 1900 disaster that Galveston has been visited by a furious storm. Mr. Welsh blames the Galveston sea wall in part for the weather conditions prevailing here, and has predicted more rain during the next twenty-four hours.

Five Stacks of Wheat Burned Near Blair

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—A terrific electrical storm, coming from the northeast, swept down on the bottom and bench lands north of Blair last evening about 7 o'clock, during which the lightning struck a wheat stack, standing in a yard of ten stacks belonging to Oscar Matthews. Five stacks were completely burned and several others badly scorched. Neighbors quickly responded to calls for help and assisted in saving the remaining stacks. The Matthews wheat was considered some of the best on the bottom land. He carried insurance on the entire wheat crop. Three and one-half inches of rain fell in about an hour.

There are many acres of wheat still standing in this vicinity, which cannot be cut, as the ground is too soft to take in binders. Grimm Brothers alone have about 150 acres that is standing up in good condition, but cannot get in to cut it. A great deal of the wheat in shock is sprouting and is so damp as to prevent threshing.

The average yield as threshed so far will go about twenty-five bushels.

Fulton Writes of Bout with Willard

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—George Fulton received a letter Monday from his brother, Fred Fulton, the heavyweight pugilist, who, in a way, confirmed the report that he had knocked Jess Willard down at Rochester, Minn., on May 14. He says that he held Willard flat for the count of five and that the world's champion arose and finished the bout, which was for three rounds.

VICTIMS OF WAHOO AUTO UPSET BETTER

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Fred Chase, whose home is near Pawnee City and who was thought to be fatally injured in an automobile accident near Lincoln last week is improving and it is thought he will recover if pneumonia doesn't set in because of broken ribs penetrating his lungs. The daughter-in-law, who was so seriously injured at the same time, will be in the hospital ten weeks. Both her legs were broken, one so badly that a section of the bone had to be removed, and a silver piece wired into the bone in its stead.

SLATON DISCUSSES HANGING OF FRANK

Man Who Commuted Sentence Says He Prefers Lynching by Mob to Illegal Execution.

SHOULD BE LESSON TO GEORGIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Former Governor John M. Slaton of Georgia declared today that it was better that Leo M. Frank was lynched by a mob if his legal execution had taken place in an address before the San Francisco Center of the California Civic league.

Mr. Slaton's address, devoted almost entirely to discussion of the Frank case and the lynching of Frank, was delivered in the presence of most of the members of the California supreme court and other persons of prominence.

"I would prefer Frank to be lynched by a mob," Mr. Slaton said, "rather than that he be hanged by judicial mistake."

"One attacks the civil solution, the other merely reaches the body."

Lesson to Georgia.

"This should be a lesson to Georgia that I hope it will never occur again in our civilization."

"At bottom the horrible outcome of the Frank case was the result of the excited position of woman in Georgia."

Mr. Slaton reviewed the history of the murder of Mary Phagan and Frank's trial to show that the people of Georgia rallied to the cause of what they thought was justice.

"There are conditions about the Frank case," Mr. Slaton said, "which constitute a tribute to the state of Georgia."

"No wonder it is hard to open the eyes of the people of Georgia to reason. They forgot the identity of the offender in the magnitude of the offense."

Those Disagreeing with Him.

"There were many good people, as good as I, who disagreed with me, because they said, I set aside the verdict of a jury and interfered with the functions of an duly constituted court of law. There are the thousands of these good people who disagreed with me, criticized and condemned me."

"But when these good people find out the truth of the Frank case their general condemnation will turn into general approval and they will say to me 'as governor of Georgia you saved the state from a stain which never could have been eradicated.'"

People of Atlanta See Frank's Body

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo F. Frank's body was brought to Atlanta this afternoon and secreted in a barn until a crowd searching for it threatened serious trouble. It then was taken from the barn to an undertaking establishment, where tonight a steady stream of persons passed to view it. The temper of the people seemed not so much to wreak vengeance upon the lifeless form, but to personally assure themselves that it really was the body of Frank.

Fifty policemen were on guard at the undertaker's establishment, and a crowd that blocked traffic stood for hours in front of the place. The body was shown just as it had been cut down from an oak tree at Marietta, this morning.

Because of the insistence of the people to see the body, it had not been definitely determined tonight whether funeral plans first arranged could be carried out.

A member of the undertaking firm stated positively late today that the body had been secretly placed in a private home. He said he had been charged by friends of the family here to take the body from its final resting place to the former home of Frank here at an opportune time.

From there, he said, it was to be sent to Brooklyn for interment. No one with authority to speak could say tonight just what would be done.

CARRANZA FORCES WIN EAST OF NOGALES

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Semi-official advices received here late last night said that the Carranza forces were victorious in the fighting yesterday at Portencielos, five miles east of Nogales, Sonora.

The Villa forces were driven back into Nogales, according to the report, after sustaining severe casualties. A hundred of the Villa troops and two machine guns were captured by General Calles' men.

Calles' cavalry is reported to be in possession of the railroad south from Nogales to Magdalena, a distance of 160 miles. The troops are reported to be spread out in strategic position to meet 600 Villa reinforcements on their way from Guaymas to Nogales.

The Day's War News

BRITISH TRANSPORT Royal Edward, conveying troops to the Dardanelles, was sunk by a submarine in the Aegean sea last Saturday. Probable 1,000 men were lost.

THE GERMANS have won a new and important success at Kovno, Berlin reports today, capturing the forts that lie between the Niemen river and Gaisin, two and one-half miles to the south of Kovno proper. Much war material, including 240 cannon and 4,500 prisoners were taken in the Kovno operations, the German statement announced.

ADDITIONAL INROADS were made on the defenses of Novogeorgievsk, where three forts have been captured. At this fortress 2,400 prisoners, sixteen cannon and other material were taken.

FURTHER PROGRESS by the armies of Prince Leopold of Bavaria and Field Marshal von Mackensen, pressing toward Brest, Litovsk, is reported.

BRITISH TROOP VESSEL IS SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

Transport Loyal Edward is Destroyed in the Aegean Sea by Torpedo from German Subsea Craft.

THOUSAND ARE DROWNED

On Board of Fifteen Hun-Board Are Known to Have Been Saved.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BRIEF

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Announcement to this effect was made officially today. Six hundred men were saved out of 1,350 troops and 220 other persons on board.

The text of the announcement follows:

"The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Aegean sea last Saturday morning. According to information at present available, the transport had on board thirty-seven military officers and 1,350 troops, in addition to the ship's crew of 230 officers and men."

"The troops consisted mainly of reinforcements for the twenty-ninth division and details of the royal army medical corps."

"Full information has not yet been received, but it is known that about 600 have been saved."

First Troop Transport Lost.

So far as has been reported officially, this is the first instance in which a British transport has been attacked successfully by a submarine. It had been a matter of pride with the British government that it had transported hundreds of thousands of troops across many seas without the loss of life. It is probable that the number of troops sent to France and Belgium since the beginning of the war is considerably in excess of 500,000. In addition, large numbers of men have been transported to the Dardanelles, Egypt, South Africa and Serbia.

The British announcement shows that the Royal Edward was engaged in conveying troops to the Dardanelles front, having been sunk in the Aegean sea.

The Royal Edward was of 11,117 tons gross and 535 feet long. It was owned by the Canadian Northwest Steamship company of Toronto. It was built in Glasgow in 1908.

Rate Commission Reports Upon Rock Island Rail Muddle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Interstate Commerce commission's report on Rock Island railroad financial affairs, made public here late today, says the commission's investigation has demonstrated the need of legal limitation of railroad security issues and has emphasized the need of a law to fix responsibility for disposition of corporate funds.

The report declares that "the property of the railroad company will be called upon for many years to make up the drain upon its resources, resulting from transactions outside the proper sphere in which stockholders had a right to suppose their moneys were invested."

"This record," it adds, "emphasizes the need of railway directors who actually direct. There are too many passive directors who acquiesce in what is being done without knowledge and without investigation."

The report says it appeared to be the idea of those in control of the Rock Island that it was not concern of the public who was because of the corporate function so long as rates were reasonable.

The aggregate losses found to have been sustained by the railway company in connection with the transactions respecting exchanges of stock in connection with the St. Louis & San Francisco, Chicago Northern Consolidated Indiana Coal company and Rock Island improvement company and others were \$20,000,000, besides payments by the railroad prior to June 30, 1914, to financial institutions in connection with the issuance of bonds, commissions aggregating more than \$1,600,000 and suffering discounts of more than \$7,700,000.

Bush Appointed Receiver for Two Gould Railroads

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 17.—Benjamin F. Bush, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Missouri Pacific and of the St. Louis Iron-Mountain & Southern railway, was appointed sole receiver of the two lines by Circuit Judge Adams at Woodstock, Va., today.

The railway company asked that B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain, be appointed receiver. The Commonwealth Steel company, which filed the receivership suit, joined in this request.

General J. C. Black Dies Suddenly

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—General John C. Black, civil war veteran, former congressman and former United States commissioner of pensions, died today in his room at a local hotel. General Black was a member of the United States civil service commission and was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1908.

Cyclone Devastates Southern Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 15.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—A violent cyclone has devastated the entire southern side of the Haitian republic. There have been numerous victims in the towns along the coast.

The town of Aux Cayes, ninety-two miles southwest of Port Au Prince and with a population of 25,000, suffered particularly. The towns of Grande Ville and Petite Ville were destroyed.

In the interior heavy floods are reported. The coffee crop has been in part destroyed.

All communication by telegraph or cable with the devastated country has stopped.

GEORGIA STAINED BY DEEPER CRIME

LEO M. FRANK, the Georgia prisoner who was forcibly taken from the warden of the state prison farm at Mill-edgeville last night and was lynched today. Frank's sentence was recently commuted from death to a life term.



LEO FRANK

LEO FRANK DIES VICTIM OF MOB; PRISON FORCED

Convict Carried Hundred Miles in Automobile and Lynched Near the Home of Miss Mary Phagan.

GUARD QUICKLY OVERPOWERED Mob Does Its Work Methodically and There is No Chance to Resist It.

LYNCHERS ARE FROM MARIETTA

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, and who was taken from the prison farm at Mill-edgeville last night, was lynched two miles east of here today by the armed party which took him. He was hanged to a tree.

Frank was brought 100 miles from the prison farm to a point almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan. No shots were fired. Frank's body, barefooted and clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was found at 8:30 o'clock this morning. It is believed he was lynched about daylight.

Lynchers from Marietta. Several automobiles, well loaded, left here in the direction of Mill-edgeville last night. After the return of some of the machines today, officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank, not more than 150 yards from the roadside.

News that the body had been found spread rapidly and within a short time hundreds of persons were crowding to the scene. No immediate effort was made to cut the body down, as Sheriff Hicks was not in town and the coroner took no action.

It is believed that the stop at the bridge over Little river, near Eatonton, when the armed party talked loudly and fired shots, was a ruse to delay pursuers. The vicinity of the bridge was thoroughly searched and at the time the search was being made, it is probable Frank already had met death.

Body is Cut Down. The crowd increased rapidly as the day wore on. By 10 o'clock many women and children were mingling with the crowd in the woods, at the edge of which the body still hung. At that hour no effort had been made to dispose of the body, although Coroner Booth had been summoned.

Frank's body was cut down at 10:15 o'clock, but not until one of the crowd had spoken to the crowd advocating mutilation of the body.

Judge Newton Morris immediately pleaded with the throng to allow an inquest to take its proper course. A vote was suggested and taken. It was overwhelmingly in favor of allowing the coroner to take charge of the body. It then was cut down and the two-mile trip to Marietta started. The inquest was set for 11 o'clock.

At the suggestion of Newton A. Morris, former superior court judge here, the body was taken from the undertaker's wagon, in which it was placed at the lynching scene, and put into an automobile on the outskirts of the town. The automobile started toward Atlanta.

FRANK TAKEN FROM PRISON

Well Organized Mob Quickly Overpowered Officers and Guards. MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 17.—A well organized party of armed men, who came in five automobiles, attacked the Georgia state penitentiary here last night, took Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan at Atlanta.

Commercial Clubs of Missouri Valley Will Discuss Report Against Further Improvement.

THINK ENGINEER IS WRONG BULLETIN. KANSAS CITY, AUG. 17.—Delegates from twelve states representing two-thirds of the productive area of the United States, were present today when Chairman W. T. Bland of Kansas City called the Missouri River Protest congress to order. The meeting was called by the Kansas City Commercial club to declare against the abandonment of improvement of the stream, as recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Deakayne, a War department engineer.

The states represented by the 200 delegates were North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The state supreme court today granted a superdecree in the case for John R. Lawson, labor leader, convicted on a charge to murder growing out of Colorado coal miners' strike and under sentence of life imprisonment. The action allows the Lawson appeal to come before the court on its merit.

The court reserved its decision, on the request of Lawson's counsel, that he be released from jail on bond until after briefs are filed in September.

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Colonel Deakayne's Report. In his report Lieutenant Colonel Deakayne asserted that "the present and reasonable prospective commerce of the Missouri river between Kansas City and the mouth was not sufficient to warrant the continuance of the present project." He recommended that the present project be modified so as to provide for snagging alone at an estimated cost of \$40,000 per year and that all other work be stopped.

The plan for improving the Missouri river as outlined by a commission of army engineers and approved by congress was to appropriate \$20,000,000 at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year for ten years to clear the river so as to insure a six-foot channel, adequate for navigation purposes from Kansas City to St. Louis. Six million dollars have been appropriated for the work since 1904.

Marks a Crisis. Discussing the report of Lieutenant Colonel Deakayne, Congressman W. F. Borland of Kansas City said: "A crisis has come for the industries of the Missouri valley. If this section of the country, located the farthest of any (Continued on Page Two—Column Four.)

THE WANT-AD WAY.

Advertisement for 'The Want-Ad Way' featuring a cartoon character and text promoting classified ads.

Advertisement for 'STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE-CITY-OF-THE-WEST' promoting investment in school buildings.