

THE TEXAS STORM.

Number of Dead at Galveston Estimated as High as Ten Thousand.

All Attempts at Burying the Dead Have Been Abandoned and the Bodies Are Being Disposed of in the Swiftest Manner Possible.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—All attempts at burying the dead at Galveston have been utterly abandoned, and bodies are now being disposed of in the swiftest manner possible. Scores of dead were taken out to sea and thrown overboard. The safety of the living is now the paramount question, and nothing that will tend to prevent the outbreak of an awful pestilence is being neglected.

This morning it was found that large numbers of the bodies which had been previously thrown into the bay were washed back upon the shore and the situation was then rendered worse than before they were first thrown into the water. It will now never be known how many have lost their lives in this awful catastrophe. Estimates run all the way from 1,000 to 10,000. The former figure is given by Lieut. Perry, aide to Gen. McKibben's staff, who arrived in Houston this evening from Galveston.

The number of dead bodies along the shore, according to Lieut. Perry, has been somewhat over-estimated, and he says that 1,000 is a conservative estimate. His estimate is based on the numbers of men who have been in Galveston and returned early in the week, they claiming that at least 2,000 bodies were buried or carried out to sea in barges before Lieut. Perry arrived.

No list of the dead has been kept, and it will be utterly impossible to formulate one from now on. Mayor Jones of Galveston claims that the dead will amount to 5,000, and others, whose opportunities for judging are less than that of the mayor, place it as high as 10,000.

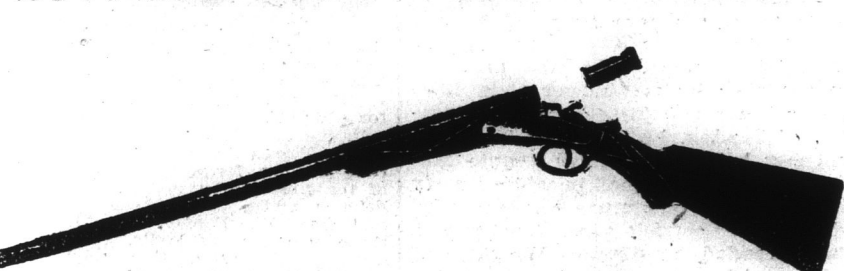
Relief committees from the interior of the state have commenced to arrive, and, as usual, they are much in large in number, and, to a certain extent, are in the way of the people of Galveston, and an impediment to the prompt relief which they themselves are so desirous of offering. Some of the relief expeditions have had committees large enough to consume the large amount of provisions which they brought. The relief sent here from Beaumont, Texas, arrived this morning and was distributed as fast as possible. It consisted of two carloads of food and provisions. The great trouble now seems to be that these people who are in greatest need, through no fault of their own in charge of the distribution, are the last to receive aid. Many of them are so badly maimed and wounded that they are unable to apply to the relief committee, and the committees are so overwhelmed by direct applications that they have been unable to send out messengers.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 12.—W. H. McGrath, manager of the Dallas Electric company, reached here direct from Galveston last night. He said: "Vandalism in Galveston has been horrible. The most heinous act of vandalism has not been able to suppress it entirely. Adit. General Scully's men have arrested a hundred or more negroes, forty-three of whom were found with effects taken from dead bodies. These were ordered tried by court martial. They were convicted and ordered shot. One negro had 25 fingers with rings on them in his pockets."

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—It is true that negroes were shot by order of a court martial. Their pockets were found to be full of human fingers and jewelry of which the dead had been stripped.

A reporter has telegraphed from Laporte the story of the robbery of the dead in Galveston and the death of the offenders. The ghoulies were holding an orgy over the dead. The majority of these men were negroes, but there were also white men who took part in the desecration. Some of them were natives who had been allowed to go over from the mainland under the guise of "relief" workers. Not only did they rob the dead, but they mutilated bodies in order to secure their ghoul's booty. A party of ten negroes were returning from a looting expedition. They had stripped corpses of all valuables and the bodies of some of the looters were fairly bulging out with fingers and jewelry. They were stopped by a party of soldiers who were so swollen the rings could not be removed. Increased at this desecration and mutilation of the dead, the looters were shot down, and it has been determined that all found in the act of robbing dead shall be summarily shot. During the robbing of the dead, not only were fingers cut off, but ears were stripped from the heads, and the bodies of the dead were used as a means of securing jewelry of value. Private citizens have also endeavored to prevent the robbing of the dead, and on several occasions have killed the offenders. Singly and in twos or threes the offenders were thus shot down until the total of those thus executed exceeds fully fifty.

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OTTAWA.

Ex-Premier Emmerson to Play With a New Brunswick Constituency.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The Free Press, government organ, publishes the following extraordinary paragraph to-night: "Harry Emmerson, former premier of New Brunswick, will, it is believed, contest a constituency in behalf of the Laurier government. Many liberals are anxious that he should oppose Henry Powell, M. P. in Westminster. He will be elevated to the bench should the Laurier government be returned. In other words Mr. Emmerson is to play fast and loose with some constituency in New Brunswick, and after he has been whipped he will get his reward from Premier Laurier, always provided Mr. Laurier is in a position to give it."

The Canada Medical association are holding their annual convention here. The attendance is not large. Dr. Ryerson, Red Cross commissioner, read an interesting address on his South African experiences.

ANOTHER BIG MEETING.

Sir Charles Tupper, Hugh John Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Foster Greeted by Three Thousand People.

MONTREAL, Sept. 13.—Three thousand persons greeted Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Hugh John Macdonald and Col. Whitney at the political picnic held at the Napanee Driving Park this afternoon. An address was read to the visiting orators by Reginald Foulter, Amherst Island, who was a schoolboy with Hugh John. Sir Charles explained what he had meant when he declared that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy was too English for him. Sir Wilfrid's policy concerning imperialism was to have Canada represented in the British house of commons. This would involve the sacrifice of Canada's right to self-government, and none but a traitor would tolerate it.

Hugh John was in a happy mood and made a most favorable impression. He urged his hearers to insist upon a government keeping its promises and to apply the laws of honesty as firmly to public men as to private individuals. On their record the liberal government was condemned, and he especially condemned the Hon. Israel Tarte for his anti-Canadian speeches in France, and declared his belief that such deplorable utterances were not voiced even by French-Canadians. He said he had been asked why he did not run in Winnipeg again. His answer was: "I was asked to fight Mr. Sifton, and I have gone to seek him in his own constituency."

HON. MR. TARTE

Willing to Make a Reckless Wager as to Ontario.

MONTREAL, Sept. 13.—Speaking tonight before the Tarte Club, Hon. Mr. Tarte said: "I have to tell you that the date of the general elections has not yet been fixed, but I am not divulging any ministerial secrets in informing you that an appeal to the country will be made very soon. In fact, the elections will be held much sooner than the conservatives would ask for."

Hon. Mr. Tarte also declared that if the Connors syndicate did not carry out its contract the government would build the elevators at Montreal. Mr. Tarte offered to wager his head against a straw hat that Ontario will send a majority of at least ten to twelve to support Laurier. He expects ten majority in the lower provinces. Quebec will be solid, and Laurier will get half the seats west of the great lakes.

MY MOTHER.

She gave me the best years of her life
With joy for me.
And robbed herself, with loving heart,
Unstintingly.
For me with willing hands she toiled
For me she prayed when headstrong youth
Would have his way.
Her gentle arms, my cradle once,
Are weary now.
And Time has set the seal of care
Upon her brow.
And though no other eyes than mine
Their meaning trace
I read the history in the lines
Of her dear face.
And, 'mid his gems, who showers gifts
As shining sands,
I count her days as pearls that fall
From his kind hands.

CHINA DIFFICULTY.

Expected that Today Russia Will Announce the Withdrawal of Her Legation from Peking.

Japan, Germany and Russia Specify the Number of Troops They Will Maintain in China During the Winter.

LONDON, Sept. 14, 4 a. m.—No further light is thrown this morning upon Li Hung Chang's intended movements. The Times has an interesting despatch from Peking, dated Sept. 4, which says in part: "Russia has decided to withdraw her legation from Peking, leaving a purely military command. An official announcement of this is expected today. The other powers will also presumably withdraw their legations, leaving Peking under the military control of the allies during the winter at least."

"At a meeting of the generals, the Russian commander announces that Russia would maintain 15,000 troops during the winter. The German commander said that Germany would keep the same number, and the Japanese commander announced that Japan would have 22,000. The British general was not in a position to make an announcement."

"There is every indication, however, that Lord Salisbury has decided that our present subordinate position in Peking must become still humbler. In the best informed quarters the opinion is expressed that Russia and Germany are acting in concert. Russia seeking the definite alienation of all territory north of the Great Wall, and Germany the annexation of Shan Tung, Kiang-Su and the Yang-Tse provinces. Russia seeks also to restore the power of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor, in order to be enabled to wield her influence through them over the remaining provinces. The dismemberment of China seems almost inevitable. The Empress Dowager has retained Prince Ching's son as a hostage for his father."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says that he is in a position to assert positively that the Russian troops in Manchuria are preparing for a winter campaign.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Associated Press, wiring Wednesday and confirming the report as to three of the four conditions proposed by a certain power as the basis of negotiations, says he has it from a Peking source, usually reliable, that Prince Ching has already begun to negotiate, but that the second condition is the treatment of the Manchuria provinces including the Liao Tung peninsula, as a Buffer state.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The crisis that was near at hand yesterday over the evacuation proposal of the Russian government has been averted. The Emperor of China shall resume the government himself and shall have Prince Tuan, the "Boxer" leader arrested and punished, and shall exclude the empire from any influence upon the government.

Li Hung Chang has declared that all these demands are unacceptable except the first and has abandoned his proposed departure for the north."

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Lorenzo Marques Despatch Says Kruger and Several Transvaal Officials Are There.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Sept. 12.—President Kruger and several Transvaal officials are staying at the house of C. Pott, the consul of the Netherlands, here. It is reported that they will sail for Europe Sept. 24 on the German steamer Harzog.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The militia department received a somewhat belated report from General Hutton relative to the gallant action of Lieut. Young and twelve other Canadians at Kilp Kop last June. Young and his men, with three of Remington's sons, were sent to reconnoitre a Boer laager. They got in behind the laager, disarmed 50 or 60 Boers, found two guns and brought them out with a span of oxen. The whole incident, says Gen. Hutton, forms a singular instance of what cool daring and steadiness can do. Nothing could be a better test of the finest qualities in British soldiers than to cut out guns under such circumstances from the very centre of the enemy without the loss of a man or horse. The general adds: "Lt. Young and his small detachment are deserving of the highest credit for their achievement."

The plucky fellows who took part in this expedition are: Lt. F. V. Young, Manitoba Dragoons; Sgt. R. H. Ryan, King's Canadian Hussars; Corp. C. E. Cope, Manitoba Dragoons; Pte. J. Keillor, 48th Highlanders; Pte. I. Speer, and S. McGregor, Manitoba Dragoons; Sgt. E. Purdon, Duke of York's Own Hussars; Corp. F. Roach, Governor General's Foot Guards; Pte. L. Ringle and W. Wright, 1st Hussars; Pte. H. J. Taylor, 2nd Dragoons; Pte. W. H. Bell, 2nd St. John Fusiliers; and Pte. S. Beckwith, 3rd Rifles. A special report on the affair was made to Lord Roberts.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Sept. 13.—Mr. Kruger telegraphed his wife to join him before sailing, but she has replied that her health will not permit it.

It is reported that Commandant General Louis Botha has resigned the chief command of the Transvaal forces to Commandant Viljoen.

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—The German papers, discussing Mr. Kruger's arrival at Lourenzo Marques, interpret it as tantamount to the end of the war. The National Zeitung says: "This remains true, even if Mr. Kruger is only temporarily absent to make efforts for the intervention of Europe."

The Vossische Zeitung observes: "The friends of the Boers must reconcile themselves to the fact that the Boer power of resistance is definitely broken."

TORONTO, Sept. 13.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: The arrival of sixty Canadian soldiers at Charing Cross, this morning, was almost unnoticed, but when the boys were recognized, their appearance called forth cheers. At dusk the crowd was small, but they gave the Canadians an enthusiastic send off. Among the party leaving for home on the Dominion was Sgt. Edmund Hessian, G. Co., New Brunswick, and P. E. Island; Sgt. F. Dooley, 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, H. Co., Nova Scotia; Corp. James Fringle, 74th York Battalion, G. Co., N. B. and P. E. I.; Lance Corp. Geo. Ward, G. Co., N. B. and P. E. I.; Lance Corp. J. Stevenson, formerly of 1st Leinster,

enlisted with H. Co., Nova Scotia; Pte. Fred. G. Walker, 1st York Bath, G. Co., N. B. and P. E. I.; Pte. J. Hine, 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, H. Co., Nova Scotia; Pte. L. W. Bingley, 1st Regiment C. A., H. Co., Nova Scotia; Pte. James S. Walker, 82nd Queen's County, N. S. Battalion; Pte. J. H. Anderson, 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, Nova Scotia Co.; Pte. Andrew Doyle, 3rd Regt. C. A., G. Co., Halifax; Pte. Walter Lane, 82nd Queen's Co., N. S. Batt., G. Co.; Pte. Samuel Jones, 71st York, N. B. Batt., G. Co.; Pte. H. G. Brown 93rd Cumberland Batt.

The steamer Dominion left Liverpool this evening.

BACK FROM KLONDIKE.

Fred. P. Wilson and Miss Florence Wilson Home From Dawson City.

Among the passengers arriving in the city on yesterday's Atlantic express were Fred. P. Wilson, son of Samuel Wilson of Washademoak Lake, and his sister Florence, who have been conducting a restaurant in Dawson City for several years. Mr. Wilson had been living in the Klondike capital for seven years, but Miss Wilson's stay there was only of three years duration. They are at present stopping with their uncle, Capt. John Wilson, corner Main and Elm streets, north end.

In conversation with a Star reporter the returned Klondiker said he was delighted to get back to the genial sunshine and luxuriant fields of his dear old home. After leaving Dawson he and his sister lost no time in speeding St. John's. Side-tracking into Uncle Sam's territory was the last thing thought about, all they wanted was home, sweet home, and even yet they have not reached the old homestead yet, but will do so tomorrow. Both brother and sister bear facial evidences of having experienced somewhat different climatic influences than which we encounter in New Brunswick. Their faces are considerably bronzed, and rugged health is their happy lot physically.

Mr. Wilson says he left home about ten years ago to find out what the world had laid aside for him in the way of fortune. From Boston, the mecca of Provincials, to the Canadian northwest was his first big territorial jump, then across the border to the western states. Hearing of the fabulous gold findings in Alaska he packed up his kit and fled north with the crowd. At first he thought he would try to lay hold of yellow metal in the rough, and was about to start digging, but before he staked a claim he thought he saw the same precious metal in an enterprise a little more to his liking and better befitting his capabilities. So he abandoned mining for the restaurant business, in which he labored for the seven years he was in Dawson. That he made a financial success of his catering to the gastronomic needs of the gold seekers Mr. Wilson won't deny, and after a visit to his old home doubtless will launch some new venture in United States. He usually got from 50 to 75 cents for his meals, but nowadays rate cutting is in order at Dawson and food is cheaper. Mr. Wilson's restaurant was known as the "Bon-Ton." He sold it outright before leaving for home. Speaking of other New Brunswickers in the Klondike region, Mr. Wilson said Talbert Akerley, son of Brad. Akerley, Washademoak, died in Dawson about two months ago, and was buried by the Oddfellows. The reputation accorded Lord and Lady Minto upon their arrival at Dawson was a spontaneous outburst; all the nationalities were represented flaunting their hunting and joining in the general joyous hubbub. Bands played, banquets were given, and everything carried out as if in the heart of the Dominion. Their excellencies took greatly with the people and received many golden gifts.

FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 13.—Harry F. Waugh, formerly of Douglas and now of Dawson City, arrived from the Yukon this afternoon. Mr. Waugh has been very successful in the land of gold and holds several rich claims there. He will proceed to his old home at Douglas and remain in this country for several months.

The Victoria Football Club was reorganized last evening for the approaching season. The officers elected were: Captain, W. A. McLellan; vice-captain, M. Moore; secretary-treasurer, D. H. Neill. It is expected that an unusually strong team will be put in the field this fall, embracing old players from the Wanderers club of Halifax.

The death occurred last night of Verna, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miner of this city, from bronchitis.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Sept. 13.—The Texas hurricane reached here last night, and is raging with full fury this evening. It has swept the coast, wrecking many fishing places. Numerous schooners have been driven ashore near St. John's, and the telegraph wires in remote localities are down. It is not known how much damage has been done at distant points, but it is believed that storm must have worked havoc with the fishing vessels on the Grand Banks, as the wind has blown from every quarter of the compass within the last 24 hours.

CAMPBELLTON.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Sept. 13.—James Reid was nominated by the Restigouche Liberal convention, which met at Dalhousie today. Mr. Reid is a prosperous business man of River Charles. The nomination is a surprise, as Mr. Reid has up to today positively refused to accept a nomination.

NEXT THING TO IT.

Mildred—Have you ever been wooed by a man in a shirt waist?
Alice—No; but once when I was visiting at the museum the bearded woman tried to flirt with me.

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