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## HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

Many Killed and Much Property Damaged as a Result of Cyclone in Havana.

Special to The Daily Item.

Havana, October 19.—As a result of one of the worst cyclones in the history of this city upward of one hundred persons are known to be dead and hundreds of others injured. Thousands of dollars damage done.

The United States cruiser Brooklyn was torn from its moorings in Havana harbor and it is thought is hard aground. Others in the harbor are said to be badly damaged. It is believed that there has been some loss of life among members of the fleets. Camp Columbia is practically wiped out, leveling every tent. One soldier was fatally hurt and a number injured.

## HOLOCAUST IN BIRMINGHAM.

A Number of People Burned to Death in a Boarding House.

Birmingham, Oct. 19.—Several lives were lost in a fire early this morning which destroyed a boarding house at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue. The house was filled with loggers, many of whom were in bed when the blaze started. A panic followed when they were awakened and some were killed by jumping from the windows, while others who were unable to escape were burned to death.

The body of W. B. Livingston, a rolling mill man, was found burned to a crisp hanging out of the second story window where he had evidently tried to escape. Six other dead and charred bodies were found; seven others missing. The debris is being searched. C. F. Hentch, motorman, and C. C. Tremaine, who jumped from window, are in bad condition.

## POSTOFFICE BOX RENT.

Must Be Paid for Each Quarter in Advance.

The following order has just been issued by the acting postmaster general in regard to payment of box rents. The important feature of the order is that it requires payment in advance, before the quarter actually begins:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1906. Order No. 12919.

Paragraph 2, section 348, postal laws and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

"Box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but no longer. Ten days before the last day of each quarter postmasters are requested to place a bill (on form 1538 of 1538-1-2), bearing the date of the last day of the quarter in each rented box. If a boxholder fails to renew his right to his box on or before the last day of a quarter the box shall then be closed and offered for rent and the mail will be placed in the general delivery.

"F. B. Hitchcock,  
"Acting Postmaster General."

## WRECK ON COAST LINE.

Wilmington, N. C., October 19.—Conductor W. J. Turbeville of Florence, S. C., and Ellis Covington, a negro brakeman, home unknown, were instantly killed in an Atlantic Coast Line freight wreck at Dunn, N. C., at 10 o'clock last night. Four other train men were slightly injured. A statement given out from the Coast Line headquarters is to the effect that a piece of machinery falling from the engine onto a switch derailed the train. Nine cars were wrecked and the engine and tender turned over. Captain Turbeville was on the engine when the wreck occurred. W. G. McLoughlin, engineer, saved his life by jumping.

Yard Conductor Bertil H. Gordon was instantly killed at the Florence passenger station Saturday night by being crushed between two passenger coaches.

## LAWYER GETS LIMIT.

Savannah City Judge Regretted That He Couldn't Give South Carolina Negro Life Term.

Savannah, Oct. 16.—E. Ezekiel, a negro lawyer, from Bluffton, S. C., who was tried in the city court yesterday by a jury for adultery and fornication, was sentenced today by Judge Norwood upon the return of a verdict of guilty.

Judge Norwood sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs and to serve 12 months in jail and to work six months on the chain-gang. This is the longest sentence ever imposed in the city court, it being the limit allowed by law in that court.

Before the sentence was passed H. A. McBeth, attorney for the defense, asked the court to be lenient. Judge Norwood said that he would give the defendant the limit, and expressed his regret that the statute did not permit him to send the defendant to the penitentiary for life.

Grace Smith, a white woman, who is a co-defendant, will be tried on a like charge in a few days.—The State.

## MR. LEVER CAUTIONS VOTERS.

Urges All Registered Democrats to Votes and Avoid Election Charges By Republicans.

Columbia, October 19.—"Do you think the Republicans have gone to sleep and will not make a fight for this district?" said Congressman Lever, who was in the city the other day. "The fact is, I believe that the next general election will be closer than most people suppose unless the Democrats now registered turn out and vote. This means another fight before the election committee of the house, and charges of fraud and intimidation preferred by the Republicans of this State."

Two years ago because of the constant urging of the press of this district, Congressman Lever polled the largest vote of the candidates for congress in the State and the fact that the Republicans had an unwieldy majority in congress caused the committee to decide in favor of the South Carolina congressman.

The registration books are now closed until after the election, as required by law and as the vote in this district can be made fully as large as at the last election, Mr. Lever urges that the Democrats turn out and vote.

## THE CONVICT SENATOR.

Burton, the Graftor Statesman Will Don the Stripes This Evening.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 22.—Former Senator Burton, of Kansas, arrived here at 7:30 this morning to surrender to the United States Marshall and go to Ironton, Mo., to begin his six months' imprisonment. His wife and niece accompanied him.

## BLIZZARD IN WEST.

Worst Storm of Years Sweeps Across Colorado Plains.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 22.—Scores of sheep and horse ranchmen and cattlemen have been caught in the worst blizzard that has swept the Colorado plains in years. It is feared there has been great loss of life. It is known that thousands of sheep and cattle have perished in the storm that is raging in Colorado. New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah. All railways are seriously blocked. In Utah the snow was swept along by a hurricane that did great damage in Salt Lake City. In addition a fire destroyed the Utah Packing House at Salt Lake City at a loss of \$250,000.

## EXPENSIVE LYNCHING.

Damage Suit For Lynching Denied Change of Venue.

Lancaster, Oct. 20.—The Court was engaged the greater part of yesterday in hearing a motion for a change of venue in the case of the Morrison estate against Lancaster County for \$50,000 damages for the lynching of Morrison. Judge Prince rendered his decision this morning refusing to grant the motion. The case will not be tried at this term of the Court.

## MURDERER GRANTED RESPITE.

Atlanta, Ga., October 17.—Governor J. M. Terrell today granted a respite to George W. Bundrick, who was sentenced to be hanged at Cordele this morning for the murder of J. H. Shrouder, postponing the execution for thirty days. The case is to be brought before the prison commission on an application for commutation of sentence.

## A TERRIBLE STORM.

FIVE HUNDRED LIVES REPORTED LOST ON THE FLORIDA COAST.

A Great Tidal Wave Swept the Islands and all Inhabitants Drowned. Property Loss Probably a Million Dollars—The Devastation in Cuba Was Appalling.

New York, Oct. 20.—Six hundred lives lost and a property loss approximating \$4,000,000 is a conservative estimate of the damage done in Cuba and Southern Florida by the hurricane and tidal wave Wednesday night and Thursday. The number of deaths may even reach a thousand.

## Great Damage in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., October 20.—Five hundred lives lost and property damaged upwards of a million dollars are the estimates of the cyclone's devastation given here today. The most appalling disaster so far reported is that at Elliott's Key, a little coral island twenty-five miles south of Miami, where it is reported 500 lives were lost. Dozens of gangs of laborers employed by the Flagler railway interests on the construction of the extension of the Florida East Coast railway were housed on some of these islands.

## Three Million Dollars Damage.

Havana, October 20.—Contradictory reports continue to arrive at the offices of the Havana newspapers as to the extent of the damage wrought there by the cyclone. According to the most reliable accounts obtainable today the list of dead and fatally injured in Havana will be between 30 and 40, while the total casualties on the island will exceed 100 dead and 500 injured. All estimates as to property loss are a mere guess also. The damage to shipping and buildings in Havana alone will be upwards of \$3,000,000.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The weather bureau this morning received the following dispatch from the Observer at Jupiter, Fla.:

"From Miami South along the Keys where hundreds of men were employed building the Florida East Coast Railway, the storm and high seas did great damage. Many lives reported lost. Reports say eighty laborers on living boat and thirty on a passenger steamer are known to be lost. Many were washed off the low keys or driven to sea in house boats. Three steamers are reported here as having picked up a house boat crew at sea."

Washington, Oct. 22.—President Roosevelt has received the following telegram from Governor Broward of Florida in response to his message of sympathy with the people in the recent storm disaster:

"I express the sincere thanks of the people of Florida for your expression of sympathy and sincerely thank you for the offer of National aid in any practical way. Will advise you further after investigating matters."

## DR. BROUWER ACQUITTED.

When the Verdict Was Announced the Court Room Resounded With Applause of Physician's Friends.

Toms River, N. J., Oct. 17.—After a trial lasting about 10 days, Dr. Frank L. Brouwer, indicted for the murder of his wife by poison, was acquitted today. The evidence was all in yesterday and today the arguments were made, followed by the judge's charge. The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty" inside of an hour.

The court room was crowded when Judge Henrickson ascended the bench to hear the finding.

Dr. Brouwer was brought in looking pale, but showing little signs of nervousness. The jury then filed into the box and the foreman was asked if they had agreed on a verdict.

## WITTEKIND HAS SAILED.

Columbia, October 18.—The Wittekind, the steamer bound from Bremen to Charleston, sailed yesterday, according to a cablegram received from Commissioner Watson by his assistant, Mr. Beverley Herbert. The cablegram, further stated that there were on board 482 immigrants, 181 being Belgians and the rest being German, Austrian and other home-seekers who will try their fortunes in the South.

The Wittekind will take about 16 days to make the voyage and will arrive in Charleston about November 2 or 3. It is believed that there is a full cargo aboard and dispatches indicate that Charleston will have a full cargo to ship back.

# IF YOU TOUCH your tongue to ALUM

and look in the glass—you will see the effect— You can't help puckering—it makes you pucker to think of tasting it.

By the use of so called cheap Baking Powders you take this puckering, injurious Alum right into your system—you injure digestion, and ruin your stomach.

## AVOID ALUM

### Say plainly—

# ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Royal is made from pure, refined Grape Cream of Tartar—Costs more than Alum but you have the profit of quality, the profit of good health.



## SILVEIRA HAS ESCAPED.

Missing Havana Agent of Ceballos & Co., on Board of Vessel Which Visited Curacao Several Days Ago.

New York, October 17.—The steamship Carmelina, with Manuel Silveira, the Cuban banker, whose recent disappearance from Havana, was said to have brought about the failure of Ceballos & Co., and his wife and two children, steamed into Curacao a week ago last Sunday, according to Capt. Bennett and several of the passengers and crew of the steamship Zulia, of the Red D. Line which reached here today from Curacao and Venezuelan ports.

H. B. Chase, a representative of a lumber company of this city, who returned on the Zulia from La Guayra, said the Carmelina put into Curacao early on Sunday, October 7, and left on the forenoon of the following day after taking on coal, and ostensibly for Porto Cabello. "I was curious enough to look up the Carmelina's passenger list," said Mr. Chase, "and I found the names of Silveira, his wife and two other Silveras, presumably children. I was told that they were going to New York probably on the Zulia. I learned that they shortly afterwards went to Porto Cabello. I thought it strange that they should go to New York from Havana by way of Curacao.

"Nobody paid much attention to the Carmelina," said Mr. Chase, "because none of us knew anything about Silveira or his connection with the failure of Ceballos & Co." Substantially the same story was told by Capt. Bennett, who said he recognized the Carmelina as she came into Curacao and supposed she was short of coal.

## POLICEMAN SLAYER CAUGHT.

Negro Who Killed Roanoke Officer is Landed in Jail.

Roanoke, Va., October 16.—After eluding his pursuers five days, John Hardy, the negro who killed Policeman R. M. Beard during a raid on a negro dive last Thursday night, was captured today ten miles from Roanoke. Hardy went to the home of Preston Shillings, and asked to be allowed to rest, saying he was ill. He was recognized by Shilling who gave him a bed. Later three farmers entered the room and jumped on Hardy. The negro, in an attempt to use a revolver which he had under the bed covers, discharged the weapon, the ball crashing through his own head, inflicting a dangerous wound. It is said Hardy has killed three men. He is in Roanoke jail.

As a precautionary measure Mayor Joel H. Cutchen tonight closed all the saloons in the city and gave orders that they were not to open again until he says so. Several knots of men are late tonight on the streets, mostly in the vicinity of the jail, but a lynching is not probable. Hardy is in a precarious condition.

## LUMBER COMPANIES MERGED.

Two South Carolina Concerns Consolidated With Small Railroads. Capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Lynchburg, Va., October 17.—The merger of the Williams & McKeithan Lumber Company of Lumber, S. C.; Apex Lumber Company of Hamlet, N. C.; Palmetto Lumber Company of McBee, S. C.; Chatham Lumber Company of Durham, N. C., with numerous saw mills, 70,000 acres of valuable timber lands and two small railways in the Carolinas, with a paid up capitalization of \$1,000,000 has been announced.

Ernest Williams of Lynchburg is president.

J. M. Bar, former general manager of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, is a director.

Lynchburg will be the home office.

## TAFT IN WASHINGTON.

He Tells Newspaper Men That He Has Faith in Cuba's Future.

Washington, D. C., October 18.—Secretary Taft arrived in Washington shortly after midnight this morning. He was met by an army of newspaper men to whom he said: "I have the utmost faith in the future of Cuba and an abiding hope that all will end quietly and well. Of course it takes time and patience and careful management to bring order out of the mass created by six weeks of revolution, but I am convinced that this will be accomplished to the satisfaction of all concerned."

## BIG FIRE IN BIRMINGHAM.

Flames Swept Through Two Blocks. Loss a Half Million.

Birmingham, Ala., October 18.—Fire started in the six-story building of the Prowland Hardware Company early this morning and swept through two blocks. The damage is estimated at \$500,000. Two firemen were injured. The fire is now under control.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Daughters of the Confederacy Pay Tribute to Memory of Mrs. Davis.

Memorial services in honor of the late Mrs. Jefferson Davis were held Sunday afternoon in the Episcopal church by Dick Anderson, Chapter, U. V. C. The members of the Chapter and quite a large congregation attended the services which were impressive throughout and simple in character. The address was delivered by Rev. H. H. Covington, Rector of the church.

Sumter is not in the Fall Festival and Gala Week business this year and Charleston and other towns are drawing the crowds. About 1909 the time will be about ripe for Sumter to give another big blow out for the entertainment of South Carolinians.

## FIRE IN SENECA.

The Loss Exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

Seneca, October 17.—Seneca was visited this morning about 1 o'clock by one of the most disastrous and destructive fires ever known in her history, completely destroying the Palmetto's house, the Oconee Inn, the residence of Mrs. L. M. Coleman and the stock of goods of Hunt & Harper, the Seneca Pharmacy and Luther A. Moore, which were contained in store rooms under the Palmetto House. The small frame storeroom next to residence of Mrs. Coleman was dynamited to stop the progress of the flames east. For a time it looked as if the Coleman-Jordan building in which is W. S. Hunter & Co., would ignite also, but by hard efforts this building was saved. If this storeroom had caught the flames would have swept the business portion of the town, entailing a very heavy loss. As near as can be ascertained the losses are as follows:

R. M. Richardson, Palmetto building and hotel furniture, \$20,000, insurance \$5,600, Hunt & Harper, stock, \$15,000, insurance \$6,540, Seneca pharmacy, stock \$5,000, insurance \$2,000, loss partial; L. A. Moore, stock \$4,000, insurance \$20,000, insurance \$10,000; Mrs. L. M. Coleman, loss \$5,000, insurance \$1,000; Mrs. E. L. Sloan, \$500, insurance \$150.

The fire started in the kitchen of the Oconee Inn, and had evidently been smoldering for a good long time, as when it was discovered smoke had filled the building before there was any flame. It was at least 15 minutes after the discovery that flames were seen and it was a matter of a few minutes until it was seen that the Oconee Inn was doomed. With most any kind of fire protection, the fire could have been held to the Oconee Inn and its spread prevented.

## Almost Suffocated.

One young man was awakened in his room in the Palmetto House by some one over an hour after the alarm was given and he came near suffocating before he could be gotten out.

There is absolutely no ground for suspicion that the work was incendiary, as it seems clearly a case of catching from a stove.

A great many colored people rendered valuable service in fighting the fire and removing goods from the stores.

E. D. Smith of Magnolia, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, and a member of the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Association, and Miss Annie Brunson Farley, formerly of Spartanburg, but now of Florence, will be married Wednesday evening, October 31, at the Presbyterian church, at Florence.

A T. P. A. Post has been organized in Darlington with a membership of 23.