

MIAMI DAILY NEWS

AND METROPOLIS

WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably showers tonight.

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STORM FAR OFF MIAMI

Its Big Power Dam on Florida West Coast

Crew, Dying by Inches, Locked With Rescuers to End

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From Will

The Daily News: Did you see the paper about the submarine that was sunk in the Gulf of Mexico? It was a dramatic story, wasn't it? The crew was dying by inches, and the rescuers were locked with them to end the drama. It was a real thriller.

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—POLA, Italy, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The dramatic messages exchanged between the men imprisoned in the submarine F-14 and the rescuers were made public today. Both by the submarine telegraph and in notes they showed that death overtook the 27 imprisoned men while some of them were still trying to communicate their last thoughts.

The first message received from the submarine, immediately after the sinking, said:

"We have six dead in poop. We are standing with the poop sunk in the mud. The position of the submarine is almost vertical."

After the vessel was raised, it was found that only four had died by drowning, the difference being explained by the fact that two other men were imprisoned in the last compartment of the stern, while the captain and others of the crew were in the prow.

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"Be of good cheer. We have found you. Divers are descending."

To this the submarine replied: "Morale on board is highest, but poison gases are beginning to form. We plead for haste."

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"We feel a heavy body passing over the hull."

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The reply was that poison gases were still being felt and that no benefit had resulted from the air tube. This message ended: "Be quick."

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WILL ROGERS, Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 10.

S CROPS EAST COAST DESTROYED

and St. Lucie Bear Brunt of Storm Loss

Aug. 10.—(AP)—The amount of damage to crops on the West Coast according to reports by the Florida Citrus and St. Lucie counties hit, judging by damage was 75 and 85 per cent fruit in those two counties and about 40 per cent in the other counties. Grapefruit and oranges were the most damaged crops.

in interior Florida damage, but it was far less than in the east. From 10 to 15 per cent of the grapefruit around Seville, Frostproof, Windward and Bartow was lost. The damage to oranges was slight. The grapefruit and orange damage sustained as due to the drought. Orlando said the loss at less than five per cent. In oranges and about 50 per cent of the grapefruit would cover the trees in that section, but new growth is being damaged.

Loss 25 Per Cent, Little Damaged

HAVEN, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The citrus crops in this section were not so badly damaged. Wednesday and Thursday night has not been fully but a close estimate of grapefruit is in the neighborhood of 25 per cent. It is estimated that, a citrus exchange of isolated sections or in rows in main highways received the storm and suffered a loss of 25 per cent.

ON ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

WATER BARRIER ON TWO SIDES OF OKEECHOBEE

City at Top of Lake Isolated by Rain-Gorged Streams

TWO AT INDIANTOWN ARE RUMORED DEAD

Reporter Finds Tourists Blocked From Reaching Miami

By ALLEN A. CASS (Daily News Staff Writer)

OKEECHOBEE, Aug. 10.—Surrounded on the south and west by water, undermined road beds and washed out bridges, and with its two rail lines helpless from washouts, Okeechobee today is waiting for Taylor's creek to subside so repairs may be rushed on the Conners highway to West Palm Beach and on the road to Fort Pierce. The creek, which drains lands to the north and northeast, leaped out of its bounds Wednesday as the result of an 18-hour rainfall at the rate of nearly an inch an hour. Estimates of the total fall vary from 13 to 18 inches.

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Two men are reported to have been killed in the storm, are unavailing, as the highway to that town, 20 miles southeast of here, is impassable and the railroad is out of service. Indiantown, a small railroad settlement, is reported to be under four feet of water. Hundreds of motorists and one motor bus company today were seeking the shortest way to Miami.

With both roads to the east blocked, the Okeechobee hotels and eating houses have been doing a land office business, as each hour brings more motorists into the bottle neck from which the cork could not be pulled. Many were reluctant to go to Miami by way of Kissimmee or Arcadia and Fort Myers, preferring to wait here in hope the roads would be opened within a few days.

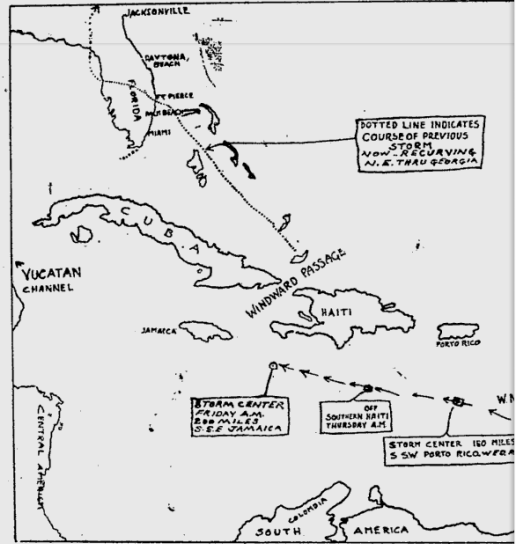
Storm damage to Okeechobee will run to many thousands of dollars, every resident being loser in some way due to wind and rain. Roofing was torn off, windows and awnings were made useless and signs were torn down by the wind, estimated to have blown at the rate of from 60 to 80 miles an hour Wednesday, accompanied by torrential rains.

Fish are being caught in the middle of the streets in the eastern section of the city. In the vicinity of Taylor's creek, residents are wading in water nearly waist deep, and automobile traffic is at a standstill. Lake Okeechobee, which was below its normal level before the storm, has risen two feet and is still growing deeper as the tributaries continue to bring in to large volumes of water from surrounding lowlands.

For more than 10 miles to the west of the city water laps continuously at the shoulders of the highway and in some places has encroached upon the hard surface of the road. Everglades on either side of the highway are flooded, much more water than land being visible. Tracks of the Seaboard Air Line are washed out north of here at the crossing of the Kissimmee river, and repair work there is being rushed, with officials hopeful of resuming service within 48 hours. Florida East Coast railroad track crews also are striving to repair their roadbed, but have not announced possible time for service to be resumed.

Moore Haven Suffers

Progress of Windward Islands Storm



NASSAU FLYING BOAT WITH TWO IS FEARED LOST

Salter, Bahaman Wire Chief, Aboard Plane as Passenger

The Topsy Fish, Nassau flying boat, piloted by Robert Holland and believed to have carried as passenger Superintendent Salter of the Bahaman telegraphs, is reported lost Friday, a victim of the tropical storm.

A. B. Chalk, Miami seaplane pilot, was asked by radio from F. R. Rice & Co., Nassau, Friday morning to institute search for the Topsy Fish, which left Nassau Wednesday for Bimini, via the northern tip of Andros island.

Unless the flying boat is stranded on one of the islands, little hope is held for the pilot and passenger as it is not believed the craft could have weathered the rough seas of the last two days if forced down any considerable distance from land.

Tropical Radio Telegraph Co. at Hialeah was endeavoring to get some word of the flying boat Friday, in the belief that Holland and Salter may have been picked up by a passing ship. This was a vague hope, however, as the Topsy Fish was lost somewhere between Nassau and Bimini unless blown far off its course and probably would have been out of shipping lanes.

Holland is an experienced pilot who served with the Royal Flying Corps. He is married and has a family. His home is in Nassau. Mr. Salter for some years has been superintendent of Bahaman telegraphs, in charge of all wireless stations in the islands. He is said to have returned from his vacation only two days previous to having left for Bimini aboard the

Meteoric Show Visible Tonight In Sky of Miami

Perseids to Shower Local Heavens With Points of Light, Gray Says

Miamians, who have been studying barometric pressure, wind velocity and allied subjects for the last few days, may continue their lessons in "skyology" Friday night, when a meteoric display of unusual proportions is promised, according to Richard W. Gray, meteorologist of the U. S. weather bureau at Miami.

The Perseid meteors are the headliners on this free show. Should the sky be clear, Mr. Gray says that a number of them may be seen any time after dark, as it is at this particular time that the earth traverses its orbit, comes to this notable group of meteors.

Confidentially, however, Mr. Gray advises that the show usually isn't so much, and many walk out during the first act, lacking patience. The Perseids take their name from the constellation Perseus, from which they seem to radiate, and may be found in the northeastern sky, but are said to be nothing more than the dust left behind by Swift's comet, which passed this way Aug. 11, 1862, and won't be back until 1982. The meteors are commonly called "shooting stars," Mr. Gray adds, but this is a misnomer.

"And another thing," Mr. Gray said. "Please make it plain that they do not mean a hurricane is coming."

HOOVER'S BIRTHDAY GIVEN TO CAMPAIGN

On 54th Natal Day Nominee Discusses Strategy With Work and Moses

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover came to the 54th milestone of life today on the eve of embarking on the greatest adventure in his colorful career, his quest for the presidency. His birthday anniversary found the Republican nominee fit and eager and he celebrated it by discussing campaign

STORM OVER FLORIDA

Winds Florida

ATLANTA, Aug. 10.—The storm is early today, rain is intense, the Atlantic coast is hit, the storm is near Tampa, down to 2 falling in 24 hours. Warnings of rain were issued by the bureau which they should be stages in Florida. The Atlantic coast is hit, the storm is near Tampa, down to 2 falling in 24 hours. Warnings of rain were issued by the bureau which they should be stages in Florida.

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