

# STORM WIDENS AREA IN STATE

## MOVES FROM EAST COAST TOWARD GULF

Dozen New Towns Added To Area Hit; 75-Mile Gale At Winter Haven.

LAKELAND, BARTOW FEEL WIND BLASTS

Heavy Rain At Okecho; Streams Out of Banks; Crops Hurt.

First pictures from East Coast cities sent by the tropical storm will be found on page 7. These pictures were obtained by a Herald Staff photographer who was in the storm area yesterday.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

TAMPA, Fla., August 8.—More than a dozen new towns and cities—all located in the rich citrus section of south central Florida—were added to the storm area tonight as the tropical disturbance swept across the peninsula toward the Gulf of Mexico. A wide section was isolated and estimates of damage were lacking, but meager reports indicated that the winds were less severe than those which whipped the middle east coast last night.

The new storm front was approximately 40 miles wide, extending from below Winter Haven to above Orlando. Wind velocities ranging from 40 to 75 miles an hour. Wire communications were disrupted; that little definite news came out.

The storm struck Winter Haven late today, buffeting the town by winds that reached a velocity of 75 miles an hour. Winter Haven is in Polk county, east of Tampa. Wire communication was broken soon after the storm struck here.

Tonight weather bureau reports placed the center of the storm in Orange county, moving northwestward, and was expected to pass into the gulf.

Samuel Farrabee and Bryan Mack of The Lakeland Ledger returned to Lakeland tonight at 10 o'clock from Winter Haven and reported that the latter town was isolated.

There was scattering damage, they said, and the roof of the Winter Haven Light and Power Company had been blown off, leaving the city in darkness.

Plate glass windows were blown out and buildings unroofed, they reported but heard of no injuries.

The Lakeland men said there seemed to be considerable damage to the citrus groves around Winter Haven, but they could not learn the extent.

Meager reports from Saint Cloud, about 10 miles east of Kissimmee, related that houses had been unroofed there and that portions of the town were inundated by waters blown out of Lake Tohopekaliga by the force of the winds.

Okecho, located at the northern tip of the great lake of that name, suffered several thousand dollars damage. Unofficial reports were that 18 inches of rain had fallen there. Lake Okecho, two feet and tributary streams were said to be out of their banks, carrying flood monsoons to thousands of acres of crops.

Lake Wales and Bartow were feeling the effects of the edge of the Florida hurricane at 9 o'clock tonight, according to reports from telephone company officials. In Lake Wales several houses were unroofed by a 60-mile an hour wind, and Bartow reported a 40-mile wind increasing in velocity.

Officials were unable to estimate the damage, but said that it would be added to by probable damage to the citrus groves.

The two towns, which are south of Winter Haven and Haines City, reported that the latter had been isolated by the storm.

**FULL FORCE OF GALE MOVES EAST OF TAMPA**

JACKSONVILLE, August 8.—At 7 o'clock tonight the full force of what

## VILLAGE OF KENANSVILLE IS REPORTED INUNDATED

St. Augustine, Fla., August 8. (AP) The village of Kenansville, Junction point on the Florida East Coast Railway, reported this afternoon to have been destroyed by the Florida hurricane. It is probably inundated by the heavy rains accompanying the storm, railroad officials said here tonight.

They expressed doubt, however, that the place was destroyed, saying they would have been advised in that event. They said they had received word that Okecho, 40 miles from Kenansville, was flooded.

The country was described as low and flat with resulting poor drainage.

is believed to be the center of the Florida hurricane was sweeping Winter Haven, approximately 50 miles east of Tampa, at a 75-mile-an-hour clip, city officials informed The Associated Press here tonight by long distance telephone.

Before full details could be learned telephone circuits were disrupted. It was learned, however, that the city is without light. Earlier in the day a number of awnings had been blown down in a 35-mile gale.

At Lakeland, 15 miles west in the general direction of Tampa, the wind was reported blowing 40 miles an hour and rising steadily.

Florida West Coast residents tonight prepared for the advent of the hurricane that ravaged a 200-mile strip of East Coast before turning inland toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The approach of the disturbance was heralded in the south central interior by falling barometers, rain and sudden gusts of wind. With what intensity the storm will strike on the West Coast was not known, but emergency warnings were broadcast and shipping held to harbors on predictions of 40 to 50-mile gales.

West Palm Beach and Palm Beach reported the full force of the storm but suffered considerable loss in trees and shrubbery.

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## SCORES OF HOUSES ARE UNROOFED BY STORM

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 8. (AP) Scores of houses were unroofed and untold damage to property, crops and public utilities was caused at Stuart, Fort Pierce and Vero Beach by the tropical hurricane which swept those cities along a 50-mile stretch of the Florida East Coast last night and early today.

This was the word telephoned to The Associated Press here today by Edward A. Menninger, a member of the staff of The Stuart News, who drove 75 miles in an automobile to Melbourne to give to the outside world first definite information of the destruction wrought in that isolated area.

Most of the places were without telephone service and the water supply at Stuart was cut off due to the failure of electric pumps. No suffering on this account was reported however, and efforts are being made to install gasoline pumps so that service might be resumed today.

State highway No. 4, the principal East Coast travel artery, was a mass of debris over most of its route, Menninger said.

The newspaperman said that a stiff wind from the north, northwest, blew all day yesterday at Stuart, dying down late in the afternoon only to rise again last night with increasing down late in the afternoon only rain.

At midnight a calm set in for something less than an hour when the wind whipped around from the south and rapidly attained hurricane velocity. It was believed to have reached its maximum intensity which Menninger estimated at 110 miles per hour, between 3 and 6 o'clock today.

A gradual recession of the wind

began to set in shortly after 6 o'clock with the storm appearing to be passing off to the northward. At midnight, the Stuart barometer registered 28.70; 6 a. m. 28.40, and 9 a. m. 28.55.

Small boats at their moorings all along the coast suffered badly in the gale, Menninger said, although so far as he was able to ascertain most coastwise shipping took shelter before the blow became violent.

The two-story Peacock building at Stuart, one of the town's chief business structures housing offices and stores and covering an area of nearly a block, was one of the structures unroofed in that city.

A driving rain which accompanied the hurricane added to the discomfort of residents of Stuart, Fort Pierce and Vero Beach and caused additional damage by soaking stocks of merchants and interiors and furnishings of homes.

Vero Beach is approximately 40 miles north of Stuart and Fort Pierce is about half way between the two cities. While the whole coast line extending 25 miles further from Melbourne appeared to have felt the effect of the tropical storm, the destruction appeared to have been greatest in that sector.

Menninger said he found a picture of desolation on his northward drive. Over his whole route, fruit trees had been stripped entirely of their ripening buds, trees and telephone poles had either fallen completely or were held up only by a few strands of wire; smashed plate glass storefronts were on every hand in those communities through which he traveled and awnings and sign boards had been torn down, and scattered along the highway.

Breaking of a high tension electric power transmission line of the Florida Power Company late yesterday left the whole coast line between Titusville and West Palm Beach approximately 125 miles without power and light facilities, causing suspension of publication of newspapers and other operations dependent upon electric current in virtually every city affected.

Main ruined store stocks and furnishings in many homes.

Streets are littered with signboards and awnings.

Wind velocities ranging from 50 to 110 miles an hour were reported.

**STORM DUE TO PASS INTO GULF OF MEXICO**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 8. (AP) The local weather bureau announced today that the center of the tropical storm which swept inland over Ocala county this morning was expected to reach the gulf late tonight.

High winds and rain will continue on the Atlantic coast this afternoon and tonight, gradually abating tomorrow.

**KISSIMMEE REPORTS 30-MILE AN HOUR WIND**

KISSIMMEE, Fla., August 8. (AP) Nothing approaching a tropical hurricane had reached here late this afternoon.

A wind velocity of 25 to 30 miles an hour and a steady downpour in northern Ocala county were the only indications of the West Indian storm.

**SECOND STORM IS NEAR PORTO RICO**

Warning For San Domingo, Haiti and Jamaica.

WASHINGTON, August 8. (AP) The weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warnings: "Florida disturbance central in southwestern Orange county, moving northwestward with somewhat decreased intensity. Another tropical disturbance is central about 150 miles south southwest of Porto Rico moving northwest or west northwest of moderate intensity. Caution advised Santo Domingo, Haiti and Jamaica and contiguous waters for next 24 hours; disturbance is apparently headed for southern Haiti coast. Every precaution is advised in that section for strong winds and possibly gales Thursday forenoon."

**SENATOR-ELECT RECOVERING**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 8. (AP) Senator-Elect William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, who was stricken with paralysis a week ago, is approaching convalescence, his physicians believe.

## FRUIT DAMAGE REPORTED HIGH IN STORM AREA

Loss In Palm Beach and Martin Counties Estimated At 50 Per Cent.

**CITIES ON COAST CLEARING DEBRIS**

Gale Ranged Up To 100 Miles; Damage May Exceed \$2,000,000.

(HERALD SERVICE.)

PALM BEACH, Fla., August 8.—The towns of the lower East Coast with Palm Beach as the extreme southern terminus to Vero Beach and several others north of that point tonight were clearing away the debris of the first tropical disturbance to hit the Florida mainland this year.

No reports of deaths have been made to police headquarters along that strip, but property damage is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000.

A man who gave his name as "Dad" Coorsin, 66, of Palm City, two miles west of Stuart, was admitted to the St. Lucie infirmary at Stuart, where he was treated for injuries received when his house toppled during the storm. His condition is not believed serious.

Vero Beach residents reported that 40 per cent of the citrus crop in that vicinity is ruined and that damage to the crop in that section alone will reach \$750,000.

Citrus crops of Palm Beach and Martin counties, crops that average over \$1,000,000 a year, are reported to have been damaged to the extent of 50 per cent of the output of the groves.

No report was available at Fort Pierce as to the extent of the damage to the famed grove lands of that section, one of the most productive of the state.

Seventy per cent of the grapefruit crop is reported destroyed near Palm Beach, also 20 per cent of the tangerine and 15 per cent of the orange crops of Palm Beach and Martin counties.

Most of the property damage was done by terrific winds north of Stuart, at Fort Pierce and Vero Beach. The storm struck there between 2 and 4:30 this morning.

Winds reached a velocity of approximately 100 miles at Fort Pierce at 4:30 this morning, the highest that residents of that city have ever noted. The barometer reading at that time was 28.86, having fallen from 29.08.

This latter reading was made about 3 a. m. by John H. Thompson, police officer of the Fort Pierce department, and Dr. G. T. Mandoville, also of Fort Pierce. The 29.08 reading was made when the northeast-north winds that had steadily increased to hurricane velocity of 90 miles subsided and a lull of an hour and a half occurred.

First indication Fort Pierce had of a storm of unknown intensity was during late afternoon when strong winds began driving sheets of rain over that territory. This changed from an overcast and sullen sky occurred shortly after 4:30 p. m. When the barometer read 29.08, the storm increased during the early evening and the barometer went down gradually. The winds during this time continued to increase.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS CURTAILED BY STORM**

Curtailed wire service due to the tropical storm which raged along the East Coast of Florida yesterday has caused the omission of the stock, bond and commodity quotations, which are carried daily on the financial page of The Herald. With resumption of almost normal wire service expected today the quotations will again appear in tomorrow's issue of The Herald.

## CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE

Four Out of Five Lose Lives; Mother Escapes.

BAKERSVILLE, N. C., August 8. (AP) Four of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Gailther Sparks were burned to death when the one-room house in which they lived was destroyed by fire late last night. The children ranged in ages from 3 to 12.

Mrs. Sparks awakened just in time to escape with her baby and an 8-year-old son.

The latter, however, ran back to warn his brothers and sisters and died with them. The house was enveloped in flames when she awoke, Mrs. Sparks said.

## GEORGE E. BRENNAN, DEMOCRATIC LEADER, IS DEAD IN CHICAGO

Succeeded Roger Sullivan As Chief In Democracy Stronghold.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CHICAGO, August 8. (AP)—George E. Brennan, Democratic national committeeman, died today. He was 65 years old.

The immediate cause of Mr. Brennan's death, Dr. Forrester said, was diabetic coma.

For several years Mr. Brennan had been suffering from diabetes and when the poison from infected teeth began to spread through his system his strength quickly ebbed. Mr. Brennan leaves a widow and an adopted daughter.

Public funeral services will be conducted Friday at Mount Carmel Church, with burial in All Saints cemetery in Des Plaines.

Mr. Brennan succeeded to leadership of the Democratic party in Illinois when Roger Sullivan died and from that stronghold he quickly elevated himself to a place in the national councils of the party.

His political sagacity was legible even while Sullivan was at the helm and as head of the Illinois organization he was welcomed to the ranks of party factors by such strategists as Tom Taggart of Indiana and the leaders of Tammany Hall.

But for loss of a leg in an Illinois coal mine when he was 15, Brennan might have been unknown to politics.

## SURPRISE CAUSED BY FINGERPRINTS

Those Found In Mellus Home Not Butcher Boys.

LOS ANGELES, August 8. (AP) Sergeant H. J. Briow, police fingerprint expert, announced today that the unexpected development in the bloody fingerprints found in the bathroom of the Mellus home were not those of Leo Kelly, "butcher boy," accused of the murder of Mrs. Myrtle Mellus, society matron, last Sunday.

The murder case which last Sunday shocked the fashionable Wilshire district of the west side was the signal for orders from Herman Cline, captain of detectives, that fingerprint records of every person who has figured in any way with the investigation be taken immediately.

## Industrial Miami

"Go To the Ant, Thou Sluggard; Consider Her Ways and Be Wise," Wrote King Solomon and His Advice Has Resulted In a Profitable Business In This City.

By W. B. HOLLAND, Staff Writer for The Herald.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise," advised King Solomon. L. J. Mueller followed the advice of the ancient wise man and today he is the head of the Florida Chemical Company, with offices and laboratory at 118 N. W. Second avenue and is doing his part to rid Miami, Florida, and the rest of the country of ants.

These pests are small but they are important. Many parts of the world are suffering seriously from their depredations. Varieties of ants now common in the United States that were unknown a few years ago and the U. S. Government is sending out advice and instructions in an effort to keep the people in check. Unless this is done, what is now merely a nuisance, is likely to become a commercial menace and necessitate the expending of much money and energy in the prevention of untold losses.

One of the varieties of ants that has been seen in Florida only a few years is known as the loco in Spanish countries and is called the crazy ant here. It gets its name from its crazy movements as it runs hither and thither and never proceeds more than an inch or two in a straight line.

The real name of this ant is neotropic longicorn, said Mr. Mueller, and seems to have originated in India. It has spread over Germany and in many regions has almost destroyed crops. We also have a red ant about the same size, one much smaller that is most troublesome in

## HOOVER HOLDS REHEARSAL OF NOTIFICATION

Nominee Goes To Stadium and Tests Microphone and Loud Speakers.

**IN READINESS FOR EVENT SATURDAY**

Calls Arrangements Satisfactory; Leaders Confer With Candidate.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., August 8.—A "dress rehearsal" of the Republican notification ceremonies with Herbert Hoover in the star role was conducted today in the university stadium.

Although the thrills that will attend the real event were missing, the ceremony moved with precision and it was announced that everything was in readiness for the big show to start at 8:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Accompanied by university officials, the Republican presidential nominee went to the big bowl and spent more than an hour looking over the ground and testing his voice in the loud speakers.

After talking into the microphone and later listening from the far end of the stadium to other speakers, the nominee pronounced the arrangements entirely satisfactory.

Returning home, the presidential nominee scanned the latest returns from the Missouri senatorial primary and expressed satisfaction over figures that indicated the nomination of a dry candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket to run with Smith in November. It also appeared that a dry would be on the ticket with Hoover.

The only aspect that served to lessen the enthusiasm of the nominee was the relative size of the Republican and Democratic returns which indicated that more Democrats than Republicans had gone to the polls.

Chester H. Rowell, publisher of San Francisco, was a luncheon guest of Hoover and in the afternoon the commerce secretary conferred with W. K. Newell, Portland food administrator, Oregon, under Hoover during the war, and also with Mark L. Requa, who is arranging details for the visit by the candidate to Southern California after he leaves here for Washington.

## ARMY FLIERS CRASH ON FIELD IN VIRGINIA

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., August 8. (AP) Sergeant Sidney Hawkins, 49, of Virginia, was killed and Second Lieutenant James F. Walsh, of Farmer City, Ill., was probably fatally hurt when the Vought plane of the Air Corps Tactical School, Langley Field, crashed near Williamsburg. Sergeant Hawkins was almost instantly killed and Lieutenant Walsh badly crushed and broken, was rushed to the Post hospital at Fort Eustis.

## TUNNEY ENGAGED TO CONNECTICUT GIRL

Formal Announcement of Approaching Marriage Made By Bride-To-Be's Mother.

By CORINE RICK, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, August 8.—Rumors of the coming marriage of Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, and Mary Josephine Lauder of Greenwich, Conn., were confirmed late today when the girl's mother, Mrs. George Lauder, Jr., made the formal announcement from South Bristol, Me.

The announcement read: "Mrs. George Lauder, Jr., of Greenwich and New York wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mary Josephine Lauder, to Gene Tunney of New York. No date has been set for the wedding, which will likely take place in New York in the late autumn or winter."

Reporters had located the fighter and his pretty fiancée at the Lauder summer camp in Maine and had tried

## AMERICAN KILLED BY NICARAGUANS

3 Others Wounded In Encounter With Rebels

PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua, August 8. (AP)—One American marine killed and three wounded in an encounter with rebels 60 miles from Bocay on Coco river yesterday. Ten insurgents were killed and three wounded.

## SMITH SUMMONS THREE OFFICIALS

Demands Enforcement of Law At Saratoga Springs.

ALBANY, N. Y., August 8. (AP)—Governor Smith today summoned the public safety commissioner of Saratoga Springs, and the district attorney and the sheriff of Saratoga county to Albany for a conference on alleged gambling and vice conditions at the resort.

The three officials yesterday were threatened by the governor with removal from office if they were found negligent in enforcing the law.

The governor declined to disclose what he purposed to say to the Saratoga authorities until after he had conferred with them.

## LEAFLET PUBLICITY PLAN IS ENDORSED BY MANY MIAMIANS

Entire United States To Be Circularized By Letters Mailed Here.

Business men and other citizens are responding to plans announced for the campaign to advertise Miami by leaflets enclosed in letters going out of Miami. The campaign will be carried on during the next 60 days by committees and teams working under the auspices of the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

The plan has been enthusiastically endorsed by leading business men and arrangements are going forward rapidly for the districting of the city and the organization of teams in each of the 16 districts into which the greater Miami area has been divided.

James F. Magee is handling much of the preliminary work for the central committee of which F. G. Raloff is chairman.

Additional orders have been booked for leaflets and Miami business concerns will ask the co-operation of their employees to help individually to carry on the work of circularizing the entire country with Miami leaflets. Members of the central committee have been busy since the committee was formed lining up the business men of the city, addressing meetings of civic organizations and perfecting plans for the campaign.

Stephen B. Crawford, originator of the idea for the campaign, stated yesterday his gratification at the response of the community and his belief in the benefits Miami will receive from a nationwide distribution of leaflets in letters.

Later it was reported that there were more than 40 washouts.

Seaboard trains for the north were routed over the tracks of the Florida East Coast Railroad. Telegraphic communication between Miami and Jacksonville had been established last night; the chief operator here reported.

Trains for the Florida East Coast railroad were back to their schedules, officials of that road reported last night, but block signals north of Jupiter were out of order and will not be in operation for a day or two. The tracks where the storm passed in the vicinity of Jupiter were not damaged.

Work crews were attacking the wreckage at Jupiter yesterday afternoon and last night in an effort to clear the telegraph lines of the Postal Telegraph Company which were broken by the wind Tuesday night. It was expected by Miami officials that the lines would be in operation today. Messages for the North have been routed from Miami to Havana and by cable to New York.

Postal wires between Miami and Tampa were down at 9 p. m. and messages were being relayed to the West Coast by way of Key West and up the West Coast. Crews were working on the direct line last night.

A number of the lines of the Western Union between Miami and Jacksonville were working last night, officials of the company said, with indications that all would be in operation early this morning.

Telephone toll lines between West

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## TAMPA TRAINS ARE STOPPED BY WASHOUTS

Seaboard Tracks Are Inundated On Shores of Lake Okeechobee.

**MEN AND MATERIAL SENT FROM MIAMI**

Service From This City Is Suspended Pending Repair of Damage.

Train service between Miami and Tampa was suspended last night when a number of washouts were reported between Indian Town and Sherman, along the shore of Lake Okeechobee.

A crew of 200 men with materials was sent early last night by J. T. Elmors, Miami agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to combat the encroaching waters of the lake, which had been whipped by high winds out of its banks and inundated the railroad tracks.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 cement sacks were among the material sent by Mr. Elmors on special trains to breaches caused by the rising waters. "The exact number of washouts is not known here," Mr. Elmors said, "but we know that there are many small ones and some larger. The storm according to our information was a bad one in the lake vicinity and all wires are down between here and Tampa. It is impossible at this time to say when we will resume schedule, but we will not send the 8 o'clock train out tonight."

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