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WHOLE NO. 2149

HURRICANE TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Southampton Escapes Heavy Death Toll in 90-Mile Gale

Westhampton Beach Suffers Terrible Loss in Human Lives and Property Damage; Martial Law There; Southampton Legionnaires Guard Devastated Areas

The violent tropical hurricane that struck our coast at 2:30 P. M. on Wednesday spread destruction and death throughout eastern Suffolk. Not since the terrible storm of 1812 has a disaster of such magnitude befallen this area.

The storm came in from the south-east and increased in intensity until 4 o'clock, with the wind veering in to the south and west.

The water damage resulted when the wind came from the south causing a series of tidal waves, most of the destruction happening in an hour's time.

The full list of the dead so far recovered is as follows:

- List of Dead: Della Johnson, colored, Southampton. Florence Hunter, colored, Southampton. Maid of Mrs. John McFarland, Quogue. Mrs. James L. Pinka, 55 Park Avenue, New York City.

Mrs. John L. King Funeral rites will be held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Clara King, wife of John L. King, editor of the Westhampton Chronicle, at the Brockett Funeral Home in Westhampton Beach at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. King, a victim of the hurricane, was with her daughter, Hazel, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robert Hampshire, were at the King summer residence on the beach.

Besides her husband and daughters mentioned, Mrs. King is survived by Mrs. Rowland Smith of Westhampton.

force, practically every cottage on the beach was destroyed. The dunes were leveled and what was yesterday a thriving summer colony is today nothing but a sand waste.

A list of the missing at Westhampton Beach as compiled by the police headquarters is as follows:

- Missing: Caroline Bragan, mother, two maids. Peggy Brown and baby, Eloise Jackson maid. Mr. E. P. Lea, Westhampton. Mr. Warren Lewis, Westhampton Beach. Kate Medford, Westhampton Beach. Mrs. T. Chapman and son John, Westhampton Beach.

HALIFAX-BOUND SHIP ASHORE OFF SAMMIS BEACH; ALL HANDS SAFE

The 110-foot schooner "Jean and Joyce" foundered off Hedges Bank, Sammis Beach, during the height of yesterday's hurricane.

Capt. Louis W. Vatcher of Halifax, and his crew of six, managed to get safely ashore in an 18-foot dory. Using the dory for a shelter the men were in an exhausted condition and spent several hours in the lee of the dory before they were found and brought to East Hampton by firemen.

spent the night in the Masonic Temple.

In the crew were Harold Rose, mate; John Kendall, cook; Wilby Cluett, engineer; Gordon Paul and Cecil Kenslow, seamen; also on board was Russel Gordon Read, 16, on his first deep sea voyage.

The schooner is a total loss and is owned by Capt. Vatcher and J. F. Whitney of Halifax. Captain Vatcher said that yesterday's hurricane was the worst blow in his thirty years' experience at sea.

EXTRA! Steamer "Ocean View" Founders, 16 of 22 Saved; Edwards Bros Boats Robert E, Elizabeth Safe; Others Lost

One of the worst disasters to hit the Long Island fishing industry came with the loss of the Smith Meal Company's bunker steamer "Ocean View" sailing out of Promised Land (Amagansett). Sixteen of the crew of 20 were saved, including the captain.

Capt. William Smith, of Fairport, Va., was saved. The six men drowned from the Ocean View were: Roy Griffin of Shelter Island, pilot; Chief Engineer Kermit Forsett, of Round Pound, Me.;

Capt. Richard Edwards with the "Elizabeth" rode the storm out near Huntington, and was safe at Hartford yesterday.

Gilbert and Samuel Edwards, two East Hampton fishermen, with Vivien Smith and Herbert Field, are still reported missing, but hopes are entertained that they are safe on Gardiner's Island where they were headed just before the hurricane hit.

The greatest loss in the Village is along the shore front. From the Bathing Station to the Municipal Beach only two cottages are intact.

The beautiful studio cottage of Mr. Archibald M. Brown is completely ruined. The cottage stood on a high dune and was considered safe from any storm.

Many shorefront cottages to the eastward of the Bathing Station escaped with little damage. Others are in bad shape.

All along the coast the ocean broke through in innumerable places. Between Louis Fowler's place in Wickapeque and the Moxox Bay outlet no less than eight new inlets were formed.

East Hampton did not suffer so much damage along the coast as the other sections to the west. Her greatest loss appears to be in the destruction of most of the beautiful old trees that lined Main street.

The biggest and best of them are gone. Many of them on the west side of the Street crashed down on homes and store buildings, wrecking roofs and windows and porches.

The new portion of the Ladd

house, which replaced the section destroyed by the surf in the storm of 1931, is undamaged, but the west part is undermined.

However, the Shinnecock Coast Guard Station was swept away together with all the equipment and effects of the men who barely escaped with their lives.

A good-sized black bass was observed making his way toward town in the shallow waters on Halsey's Neck Lane, at least a quarter of a mile from his natural habitat.

One of the cars that was half submerged in Lake Agawam had its dimmer lights on. Long after the hurricane blew itself out the battery was still functioning.

Most of the wreckage from the Bathing Station and the Dune Church found its way up Gin Lane, almost to Wooldon Manor's main gate.

It is reported that the water at Sag Harbor rose four feet in one hour. It usually takes six hours to rise three feet.

The spire on the Presbyterian Church at Sag Harbor fell a victim to the ravages of the gale. This fine piece of architecture has stood for ninety-four years.

The ocean came in just to the

Constitution Day Observance Attracts Capacity Audience

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler Gives History of Constitution; Hon. Alfred E. Smith Makes Fine Address; Southampton Association and Legion Sponsors

Funeral Rites for Hurricane Victims

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Chester Hunter and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, who met death by drowning Wednesday afternoon, when they were swept into Lake Agawam by the heavy waves and the hurricane winds.

Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Johnson were sisters, the former Florence and Della Lee, of Southampton. They were 58 and 51 years of age respectively, and both widows.

rear of Arthur Burnett's house at Flying Point. In Southampton it came through Lake Agawam to the Boback Store on Job's Lane.

Perhaps the best or worst example of the fury of the storm is the twisted wreckage of the steel and glass enclosure of the beach house and pool at Wooldon Manor.

The little studio that has stood for many years on the east shore of Trevor's Pond was lifted bodily and deposited in the middle of the pond.

At the Meadow Club water reached a level of four feet over the lawns and the club house sustained considerable damage.

The Channel Pond bridge at Flying Point is reported to be destroyed. The Pon Quogue bridge stood up under the battering of wind and wave but the approach from the ocean side was washed out.

Thirty-five Coast Guardsmen from (Continued on Page Eight)

While the storm is the only subject of conversation, we cannot overlook the great success of the Mass Meeting held at the high school in observance of Constitution Day, Saturday evening.

At this time Southampton had the privilege of hearing two of America's most prominent men, the Hon. Alfred E. Smith and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, who spoke at the request of the Southampton Association and Malcolm R. White Post, American Legion, co-sponsors of the meeting.

Col. Latham K. Reed, who headed the committee on arrangements and his assistants are to be congratulated for their efficient work in getting a capacity audience in spite of a torrential downpour that evening.

Preceding the meeting the high school band played several selections. Mayor Albert P. Loening welcomed the people on behalf of the village and turned the proceedings over to Col. Reed, chairman of the meeting.

Nothing but praise was heard of Dr. Butler's highly interesting account of the origin of the United States Constitution and the addition of its amendments. Each was explained in detail from Dr. Butler's excellent memory.

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GARDINER'S ISLAND

Capt. Samuel Edwards of the yacht Montauk returned from Gardiner's Island this morning and reported that all the men there are safe. The barns and stables have been blown down and the roof on the old Manor House is off.

EXTRA!

Seth Scribner, brother of Fred H. Scribner, jeweler, of East Hampton and Southampton, is still reported missing, with Claude Burrows. The two men left Montauk early Wednesday to fish, with Scribner's boat. Unconfirmed reports say that Scribner's dory was washed up at Montauk.

A rumor that Emerson Taber, East Hampton fisherman, had drowned off Montauk was proven false last night when it was learned that Taber had returned from Block Island, where he had gone on Wednesday. Taber was reliably reported to have gone out fishing again with a Montauk fisherman on Thursday, after his safe return from Block Island.

The grim work of identifying bodies which have washed up on the Connecticut shore has already begun. Scores of bodies have washed up there and it is feared that some of those now missing from Long Island may be found.