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Hurricanes - 1926

Mr Carl G. Fisher:-

Mr Swope, Executive Editor of the
New York World, send you the following message from
Mr Hanly, City Editor of the New York world, as follows:-

At four oclock this morning a radio message received from
the Tropical Radio Telegraph Co., Florida; stating that
a hurricane of high velocity swept across the State of
Florida, from Key West & up, making a sort of a loop
doing damage estimated at about \$100,000,000. boats in
Miami Harbor sunk, number of building blown down in Miami
and Miami Beach, and seventy five people killed at Miami
and Miami Beach.

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Message received from
Mr Hanly, Editor,
Morning World,
Tel. Beekman 4000.

at 1.35 P.M,
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JOHN H LEVI

CARE C & FISHER PORTWASHINGTON NY

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HOUSE DAMAGED CONSIDERABLE ROOF OFF AND WINDOWS BROKEN REPORTS ARE
THAT STORM IS DETOURING TONIGHT BAROMETER DROPPING SEVERAL PEOPLE
KILLED AND MANY INJURED COUNTY CAUSEWAY IS OUT USING VENETIAN CAUSEWAY
WILL WIRE YOU MORE TOMORROW

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FLORIDA'S FOREMOST RESORT HOTEL

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SEPT. 23 1926

Mr. Carl G Fisher
Mr. W. A. Kohlhepp

ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES AT FLAMINGO

DOVE -----	12000.
DOCK -----	12000.
TEA HOUSE -----	3000.
HOTEL PROPER -----	4000.
ANNEX -----	4000.
7 COTTAGES -----	700.
Dormitory, Laundry, Garage Etc -----	3000.
Walls, Gates, Tennis Back Stops Etc --	3000.
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	\$ 41700.

CARPETS? WINDOW SHADES Etc -----	3000.
Cleaning UP GROUNDS -----	3000.

TOTAL \$ 47700.

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THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

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MEMO TO Mr. Fisher

DATE September 27, 1926.

FROM Mr. Chase

SUBJECT _____

I don't see where the attached letter of LaFayette Page does us any good. Reading this letter is almost as bad as reading the first reports we got of the storm on our way down here.

I can't believe there was four feet of water all around the laundry plant when three feet was all I had right on the ocean front. Neither has anyone, I think, the right to state that the wind blew 150 miles an hour.

The quicker we can make people forget the storm the better.

C. W. Chase, Jr.
C. W. CHASE, JR.

CWC/vh

October 8, 1926

Mr. John Oliver LaGorce
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter that goes to all property owners, for fear you haven't received one direct. The telegram we received from Buchanan was very unwise. I can't see why he had such a wild idea; at any rate, we have let him go for the reason that he is inclined to be premature in his statements.

We do not need the \$25,000.00 you refer to at the present time. We have a great deal of money due and over due which will come in slowly as the season advances. We are considering selling the Speedway and Globe Realty Company which will help to bring money out of some other place other than Florida. I also have a small nimble for my place here at Sands Point, and if some of these things come through, I will be able to build up the bank balance in a short time.

I would be very glad to see Wardman any time; in fact he is one man I will go a hell of a way to meet. I would like to get him interested in Montauk if possible, and I will make him a deal that will make him sit up and take notice. He hasn't half the admirers at Washington that we could command at Montauk. He must have tremendous ability to get away with what he has with politicians and National Crooks as are found in Washington.

Incidentally you might be interested to know that the total amount of our damages at the Beach, as far as our own Company was concerned, including The Bay Shore Company and The Alton Beach Company, will probably be around \$400,000.00, of which we will collect insurance I imagine, of about \$200,000.00. Considering the wind velocity, we were probably lucky. However, a great part of all the damage was on tile roofs and

JOHN OLIVER LA GORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hurricane

October 1, 1926.

Dear Skipper:

With the rest of the people of the country I was stunned by the catastrophe at Miami and am glad to hear that it is not nearly as bad at the Beach as first reported. I wired you both to Port Washington and twice to Miami Beach and finally wired Bob to see if there was anything I could do or help with. A wire from Walter tells me that you have come North.

I sincerely hope the blow is not crippling but it can't help but be a telling one at this time. The only thing I could think of at the time was to have a bulletin sent out in our newspaper service going to 600 newspapers and also to the Associated Press bearing down on the fact that the hurricane area is a restricted one as to months and that there never has been a hurricane recorded in that part of the country from the first of November to the first of May, so that the winter months are entirely out of danger. This was widely published with the Associated Press headline and while it perhaps did no direct good, at the same time it helps out the general publicity idea of being able to function for the coming season.

I have \$25,000 in cash which is at your disposal if you need it in this emergency.

You will recall my speaking to you of Harry Wardman, the Washington builder, and the suggestion that it might be a good thing to have him look over Montauk with you. He is the biggest man in this line that we have in this part of the country and has, and is doing remarkable things. I spoke to him and his General Manager, Jimmy Hobbs, about Montauk and they both said they would be very glad indeed to make a visit within the next couple of weeks, so if you are going to stay in the North and think it worthwhile let me know. These two men are the ablest and shrewdest developers in Washington and have transacted something like a hundred million dollars in buildings and properties in the last few years here. Let me know what your reaction is.

I enclose a cablegram from Joe Sheedy merely because it shows his feeling towards you.

Regards to the friend,

Sincerely,


October 8, 1926

Mr. John O. LaGerce

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October 8, 1926

awnings; the awnings tore loose and beat all the windows out and the wind got under the edge of the roof and blew them off.

No shingled roofs on the Beach were injured, although they were right in the path of the storm. The houses that stood best were those we purchased from Sears Roebuck.

Hope to see you soon.

Yours,

CGF:JD

Hurricanes and "Hurricane-Growing Months"

"West Indian hurricanes are not new, nor are they confined to Florida," says a bulletin from the National Geographic Society.

"In the season that is peculiarly their own (there are 'hurricane-growing months' just as there are 'corn-growing months') they have probably been blowing up from the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and the tropical Atlantic since those bodies of water and the American continents have existed—a matter of some hundreds of thousands of years. But only a few of these many potential destroyers actually work their destruction on the territory of the United States, and these are confined almost wholly to a period of three months of the late summer and early autumn.

"Thus they leave Florida and the other Gulf states free from danger during the late autumn, the entire winter, and the early spring months when that area attracts its greatest crowd of visitors.

"The warm seas eastward and southeastward of the Gulf of Mexico are the birthplaces of the hurricanes. They are the creatures of atmospheric pressure and temperature; and these two factors are varied by the sun heating down on the expanses of Atlantic water and the land mass of our continent.

"One of the most striking facts in regard to West Indian hurricanes is the marked concentration of the really destructive ones within a few weeks of each year. A study of the hurricanes that had occurred since 1887 was made by the United States Weather Bureau a few years ago and it was found that in this long period not one storm of known hurricane intensity had visited the West Indies and Gulf regions during the months from December to May inclusive. Two other months can practically be eliminated; November with only two hurricanes in nearly 40 years, and June, with six. Not all of the few November and June storms reach American territory.

"July itself is rather a poor hurricane month. Less than a dozen July hurricanes have been recorded in the last 40 years and only part of

them reached shore. The real hurricane season starts in August, reaches its peak in September, and ends during October. One reassuring fact is that when the hurricane season is at its height the greatest percentage of the storms fails to reach the Gulf or Atlantic coasts. Many curve back into the ocean even as far east as the Bermudas.

"Between July and October of every year from 5 to 10 hurricanes are born somewhere between Florida and Africa, usually to sweep westward, then northward, and finally back northeastward, their paths forming pretty accurate parabolic curves. The primary factor in the careers of these storms is believed to be an area of high atmospheric pressure, or 'high', that exists practically permanently over the Atlantic north of the Tropics. In other words, a great blanket of heavy, sluggish air lies continually over this area. Along its southern edge in the Tropics heated air, rising, causes little swirling disturbances which are the seeds of possible hurricanes. But there is a certain infant mortality among these stormlets, especially in winter and spring. Then the Atlantic 'high' extends in a broad band on into the North American continent, forming in effect a wall of heavy air which the storms can not pass. Confined to the Tropics they are dissipated without causing the United States any concern.

"But when the heat of summer has warmed up the land the 'high' withdraws to its ocean home, jutting out like an air peninsula toward America. The atmosphere over the land becomes an arena for shifting 'highs' and 'lows'. It is as though an atmospheric football game were in progress. The newly born storms of the tropical Atlantic regions seek, because of the general drift of the atmosphere, to move northward. The 'highs', whether stationary or in motion, furnish the interference which they must dodge. The weakest place in the defense is between the permanent mid-Atlantic 'high' and the American coast. A great many tropical hurricanes, therefore, move east to avoid the mid-ocean barrier and then dash northward well east of the coast,

E.W.PRESTON
HERALD BUILDING
BOSTON

October 7, 1926

Mr. Carl G. Fisher
Port Washington
Long Island, New York

My dear Fisher:

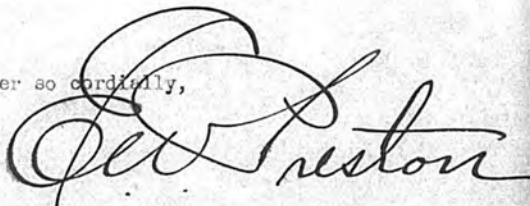
I was going to write you sooner, but I saw in the paper that you had gone to Miami and didn't know you had returned until Maloof was in yesterday and told me he had seen you very recently.

Of course, I don't know how hard you were hit in the Florida catastrophe, but I want you to know that if there is anything I can personally do for you, financially or otherwise, call upon me.

Now, I have been giving a lot of thought to your Montaug proposition and the more I think about it the more tremendous the possibilities seem to me.

I wish that it were possible for me to sit down and have a talk with you before you permanently go South for the winter. If I don't see you before you go, however, just bear in mind that I am going to keep on thinking about your wonderful Montaug development.

Ever so cordially,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E.W. Preston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and the closing of the letter.

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Report on condition of landscape of our Miami Beach Properties.

I found trees, shrubs and grass in much better condition than I expected from the reports we first received.

Australian Pines.

The large Australian Pines were hit much harder, a great many more were uprooted and broken off than the smaller pines. One of the biggest clean up jobs will consist of getting rid of these large pines. The ones left standing and not too badly broken up are being trimmed and all wounds treated to prevent decay.

The smaller Australian pines and the hedge were hardly damaged at all and will only need straightening up and some trimming.

Coconut Palms.

The large coconuts like the pines were considerably more damaged than the small and medium sized trees. All trees blown over and not broken off were reset and propped and all broken fronds removed. These large coconuts will have to be watched closely for no doubt a number of them have had the bud damaged, and trees so damaged can be easily seen in five or six weeks and will have to be taken out and burned. If these trees with the injured buds are not removed we are likely to have a great many trees infected with the disease known as bud rot. The smaller coconuts on the golf courses and on the North end of our property were only slightly damaged and were practically all straightened, trimmed and propped and in a month or two no one will ever know they were through this wind storm.

Washingtonia Palms.

The large Washingtonia Palms were nearly all broken off and have shown that they can not stand high winds as well as the other trees.

Cabbage Palms.

The old native cabbage palm trees were practically undamaged either by wind or salt water and have proven they can weather such storms better than any other trees.

Date Palms.

While showing a little damage by the wind they were absolutely not hurt at all by the salt spray and have proven that they are remarkably well suited for planting near the ocean.

Bougainvillea.

While all of the Bougainvillea were blown down and every bit of foliage taken off, mostly by the salt spray, they are all being cut back and I believe most of it will live. A great many were already showing new leaves, and with a little care and fertilizing will come out stronger than ever.

Other Shrubs.

Most of the shrubs will live except one or two varieties that are very easily hurt by salt water.

The growth of new leaves and foliage on all trees and shrubs damaged can be greatly helped by applying some manure and a little fertilizer, and as we have a great quantity of rotted manure at Miami Beach. I left instructions that this be done.

Grass on Golf Courses.

About the only damage done to the grass on our golf courses was done to numbers nine and eighteen greens on the Miami Beach Course. They were being put in shape for reseeded and will no doubt be ready by the time this course is needed. One thing I particularly noticed was that the heavy stand of para grass on the North

end of our property prevented a great many wash-outs. I believe this is the main reason Allison and La Gorce Islands were so little damaged.

Fred Berger.
Gen. Supt.

the case

October 12, 1926

Mr. John O. LaGorce
Nat'l Geographic
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I am sending out a booklet, but it doesn't please me at all. It is good enough for the present however. We can put out a much better one the next time. You probably wrote the greatest booklet for us, but really it didn't amount to a dam as far as business was concerned. I don't believe in these booklets bringing business, except in a mild way to stimulate interest to see the property. The main thing I believe is to take a look at the property.

I was out to Montauk yesterday, and the colors of the foliage are perfectly marvelous. There are millions of flowers and beautiful shrubs.

Our loss at Miami Beach will be about \$500,000, with about one half covered by insurance. I don't know what the reaction is going to be on sales this year, but the place will be well cleared up in another thirty days and look quite presentable. I hope you are figuring as usual on getting down.

Yours,

CGF:JD

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THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

October 15, 1926.

To Our Property Buyers:

The "Clean Up" of Miami Beach is marvelous to see. Three weeks ago trees and wreckage almost everywhere -- today, practically every fallen tree that could be saved is again erect and most of the wreckage gone.

Repairs to damaged buildings are going ahead almost as rapidly as the "Clean Up" is being accomplished.

The County Causeway is now open. The Venetian Way has never been closed.

Trees and shrubs are putting forth a new lot of small leaves as in the springtime in the north.

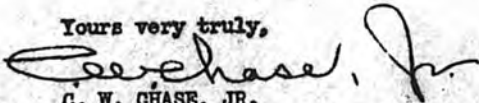
The Spirit of DOING and ACCOMPLISHING is glorious and we're proud of our people who can smile and work.

And you, a buyer of Miami Beach property will be proud of the fact that you have backed Miami Beach in spirit and in your money, when you see for yourself our "Come Back" when you come back here this winter.

The hotels and apartments will be ready for you, as will the golf, bathing, polo and other outdoor sports and pleasures that make us America's Winter Playground.

Listen in for W I O D each night except Sunday from 9 to 11 on wave length 248; at 10 o'clock a Speaker will tell you what is being accomplished down here.

Yours very truly,



C. W. CHASE, JR.

Sales Manager

CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Port Washington, L. I.
October 20, 1926

Mr. C. W. Chase
Florida

First blow seemed to hit you from both sides. Looks like this one will at least relieve you from the Ocean Side. John has always wanted to see a hurricane. This will give him a chance. Sorry I cannot be with you. Put lead in your shoes and hang on.

C. G Fisher

hurricane

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

Hancock

MEMO TO Mr. Fisher

DATE October 21, 1926.

FROM Mr. Chase

SUBJECT Storm of October 20th.

Shortly after daylight I started out this morning checking up on the damage and have condensed this into a report to Walter, copy of which I am attaching.

This storm blew practically all the time from the ocean and the greatest damage seems to be along the ocean front north of the Snowden tract. Between the Snowden property and Allison hospital five wide stretches have cut themselves through from the ocean. These cuts are not so deep as in the former storm but are wider. From appearances water must have been rushed over this area during a considerable part of the storm and about two feet of water still is coming through this morning in five of these places. The beach will probably close these up as it did after the previous storm. The ocean this morning was breaking right at your ocean front door.

Very few trees are down and I believe that those that have fallen are all trees that have been erected since the previous storm. None of the trees have snapped off as they did before as this storm was nothing to be compared to the other one. This storm is what the Conchs call a "tail end" and not a hurricane as I believe we got just the outside fringe of the storm here.

Considerable rain fell and most of the damage done was to property where new roofs had not been entirely replaced and the same old difficulty of French doors and French windows.

Kohlhepp and I nailed all your French doors on the top floor with battens. Even with this one of them blew open but with very little damage as we had placed all the furniture in the center of each room and then thrown the rugs over the furniture.

We had plenty of warning this time and anyone having previous experience in a hurricane, if they will just use their head a bit can overcome most of the chance of receiving damage.

If the roofs on the King Cole and Montmartre had been completed, our loss would have been very slight, except in the Lincoln Annex where quite a bit of water damage had occurred.

CWC/vh

C. W. CHASE 

THE CARL G. FISHER COMPANY
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
U.S.A.

Hurricane

DIRECTOR
CARL G. FISHER
H. E. TALBOTT, JR.
W. A. KOHLHEPP

OFFICE OF TREASURER

Miami Beach, Fla.
October 21, 1926.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Port Washington, Long Island.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed find copy of report made by Mr. Chase this morning following a survey of the Beach. The hurricane yesterday started to blow early in the afternoon but did not reach its height until nearly midnight, and then died down very rapidly. It was accompanied with a very heavy rainfall, and while the wind did not appear to me to reach a very alarming intensity, it did succeed in blowing out some windows, such as the Philpitt Music Store, across the street; blew in a few windows at the Nautilus and Flamingo, but most of the damage was done by water.

The office building was drenched from head to foot but we did not lose any windows. When the warning came I had boards nailed across your French doors and there was no damage done except water getting on the floor. None of the windows gave way.

A great many of the temporary roofs placed on the various buildings were blown off and I have today ordered all roofs of this kind to be put back with a metal strip around the edge of the roof. It appears to me the damage was done due to the fact that the tar paper is nailed on with small headed nails, having very little strength and they pull out. By using a strip of metal it will prevent a lot of damage of this kind as the paper will not blow off unless the edge is loose. The tile on your house is undamaged; the only damage was from water getting under some of the windows.

Some of the newly set trees were blown down due to the fact that they were not properly braced but these can easily be reset and I do not believe that there is any damage to shrubbery unless the water stands on the island too long.

I am planning to return north about Wednesday of next week.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

W. A. Kohlhepp

WAK:E
Encl.

Report made by Mr. Chase following survey of the Beach Oct. 21st.

From an inspection of our properties this morning I find that apparently the most of our damage was in the northern end of the Beach.

The ocean front north of Snowdens' is again washed through from ocean to Indian Creek, in five different places some of which are quite wide.

At the Montmare School three-fourths of the entire roof of the northwest wing has blown off thereby causing plenty of water damage to all rooms, in that wing on both upper and lower floors. This roof blowing off punched several holes through the roof of the main central building. Paper over skylight blew away permitting water to freely enter rooms beneath. Upper and lower southeast wing also water damaged.

At the King Cole Hotel eight rooms in the east wing are badly soaked with water apparently caused by roofing paper blowing away. There is a number of bad leaks in the dining room caused by roofing paper blowing off. Plaster is off the dormitory rooms caused by roofing paper blowing away. Jesse Andrew's house water damaged inside. Tower door blown in permitting water to enter and causing some damage on both second and first floors.

Mr. Fisher's house O.K. except for some leak stains around a few windows and a few trees partially blown down, and about fourteen inches of water in the organ motor room. Motors not damaged. Water apparently seeps into this room after each heavy rain.

Nautilus -- Part of the temporary roof blown off. A few panes of glass gone but water damage not serious.

Radio Station -- No one at Station but examination through windows shows studio and operating rooms in good condition. Antenna down but apparently can easily be repaired.

Boulevard Hotel -- About 100 rooms partially water damaged by water coming through casements, damage consisting chiefly of wet rugs. About 50 rooms having boarded windows from recent storm have water damage consisting chiefly of wet rugs and some wet furniture. Quite a number of the lamp lights on verandas have had their glasses blown out. Some water damage to both lobby and cafeteria, but not serious.

Old and new boat slips -- Plate glass window blown out of northeast store room. Apparently very little other damage.

Bay Shore Clubhouse -- O.K. except for some water stains on walls and a little water on floors.

Gardens - Central skylight, size about 4 x 6 feet, blown off permitting some water to come in on floor near pulpit. Part of two front doors blown in.

Golf courses seem to be undamaged. Have few trees blown down.

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Flamingo Hotel - rain drifted in windows in the east and north sides of building, wetting carpets slightly near the windows. French door in Room 820 blew open and carpet entirely soaked. Small piece of plastering fell off kitchen ceiling caused by water coming over transom. The roof over the kitchen has but one drain which is insufficient to carry away the water. Laundry equipment was soaked because of the roof was not replaced after the last storm. Four small coconut trees blown down. Entire damage but very slight other than to the laundry equipment.

The two ferry boats and the Colon O.K.

C. W. Chase, Jr.

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 RALPH FOLK

October 29, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
 454 North Capitol Boulevard,
 Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Carl:

I have not heard from you for some time. We have been cutting ditches and baling water, making things passable over at the Beach. We have plenty of mosquitoes, too, but we have all got a great deal to be thankful for. A friend just came into the office with a newspaper containing some pictures of Tampa, and I am sending you one or two. I have changed my mind about hurricanes; I can see what they really could be. I used to snicker at them a little and think that they were just a hard wind storm; but they are not: They are an object all of their own and in a different class from any wind storm. I would say that they bear about the same relation to a wind storm that a carbuncle does to a bunch of pimples. Just with the edge of it we got, it rained so hard that you could not see, and you could not stand out in the rain; and I think our wind only got to thirty miles an hour.

The water went over the road up above Snowden's and deposited about a foot of sand on top of the oiled road. This, however, happened several days after the blow, and it was only the ground swell that came in. It broke in about 250 feet of Snowden's sea wall. I took the liberty of getting Fred Hoerger and taking a few men to dig some ditches from Alton Road down to Talbot's house to help drain some of the water off Alton Road. I had my gang working from Talbot's house south.

I have just received a letter from Messrs. Duncan & Mount, who are attorneys for the steamship outfit, requesting that, when I receive the operating fund, I deposit it in the American Exchange National Bank, with the exception of one or two thousand. I understand Hal is very well acquainted with this bank, and it may be an agreement between him and the bank that this be done; I am writing Hal to that effect. Otherwise I do not think it would be a very good idea for us to let go of this money to a bank that is already a large creditor of the company. I would like to have this money so that I could pro rate it back if this boat does not run. I am thinking it might be possible they would garnishee this bank account if it was up North. Outside of that, we have got a bank of our own.

Drohan was down here for a few days. I know all the creditors are going to hammer this boat to pay their bills, as soon as they find out she is going to run again. I am writing Osborn to see if he cannot prevail on the Crosby bunch to get a man like Captain Gardner for captain, who has had some experience in these waters. I understand they are going to bring another lake man down.

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JAMES A ALLISON

CARE C G FISHER PORTWASHINGTON NY

YOUR HOUSE IN PRETTY GOOD CONDITION HOSPITAL BADLY DAMAGED WITHOUT
EXCEPTION EVERY BUILDING ON ENTIRE BEACH BADLY DAMAGED WE NEED LANTERNS

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Sept. 20, 1926 19

To W. A. Kohlhepp,Street and No. (or Telephone Number) Special Car No. 100Place Atlantic Coast Line train No. 85Jacksonville, Fla.

Finished

Following telegram received tonight for Mr. Allison. Quote
 Your house in retty good condioton stop The hospital
 building badly damaged. Without exception every building
 on the entire beach badly damaged. Stop. We need lanterns.
 End of quote.

A. B. Reed.

SENDER'S ADDRESS
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MRS W A KOHLHEPP

PORTWASHINGTON NY

ROOF DAMAGED AND WATER DAMAGED THROUGHOUT HOUSE DAMAGE VERY LIGHT
 CONDITIONS MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED CANNOT TELL PLANS AS YET
 YOU COULD COME DOWN IN ABOUT A WEEK IF YOU CARE FOOD
 CONDITIONS BAD WILL WIRE MORE FULLY LATER LOTS OF LOVE

W A KOHLHEPP

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Hurricane

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September 23, 1926 *Churcane*

Bowman

Damage greatly exaggerated, comparatively small Stop
 Proceed with all construction work that has been started.
 Fisher says no casement windows or doors to go in office
 building. Expect to return soon

Kohlhepp

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Miami Beach, Fla.
September 24, 1926

Tommy Milton,
c/o Book-Cadillac Hotel,
Detroit, Michigan.

ALBERT CHAMPION AND VINCENT ARRIVING FIRST OF NEXT WEEK GOING TO MONTAUK
EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY CAN YOU BRING DURANT THAT DATE STOP WIRED YOU
YESTERDAY CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE HERE BUT REPORTS EXAGGERATED WILL BE IN NEW YORK
TUESDAY ANSWER

CARL G. FISHER

Charge Miami Beach Bay Shore Company
39 words Day Letter

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Sept 25 - 1926

Stewart Gayer
90 Montauk Ave.
Hickscher Bldg.

57 + 5th Av. New York

Considerable damage done here
but reports exaggerated. Stop Have not
been inside your apartment but
it look alright outside

Carl G Fisher

Torrington, Conn.,
The Torrington Register,
Sept. 28, 1928.

600
news papers used
for
total circulation 15 million
JR

Special Season For Hurricane

Geographic Society Sends Out Interesting Bulletin

Washington, Sept. 28.—"West Indian hurricanes are not new, nor are they confined to Florida," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"In the season that is peculiarly their own (there are 'hurricane-growing months' just as there are 'corn-growing months') they have probably been blowing up from the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and the tropical Atlantic since those bodies of water and the American Continent have existed—a matter of some hundreds of thousands of years. But only a few of these many potential destroyers actually work their destruction on the territory of the United States, and these are confined almost wholly to a period of three months of the late summer and early autumn.

"Thus they leave Florida and the other Gulf States free from danger during the late autumn, the entire winter, and the early spring months when that area attracts its greatest crowd of visitors.

"The warm seas eastward and southeastward of the Gulf of Mexico are the birthplaces of the hurricanes. They are the creatures of atmospheric pressure and temperature, and these two factors are varied by the sun beating down on the expanses of Atlantic water and the land mass of our continent.

Do Not Occur In Winter

"One of the most striking facts in regard to West Indian hurricanes is the marked concentration of the really destructive ones within a few weeks of each year. A study of the hurricanes that had occurred since 1887 was made by the United States Weather Bureau a few years ago and it was found that in this long period not one storm of known hurricane intensity had visited the West Indies and Gulf regions during the months from December to May inclusive. Two other months can practically be eliminated: November with only two hurricanes in nearly forty years and June with six. Not all of the few November and June storms reach American territory.

"Season" Starts In August

"July itself is rather a poor hurricane month. Less than a dozen July hurricanes have been recorded in the last forty years and only part of them reached shore. The real hurricane season starts in August, reaches its peak in September, and ends during October. One reassuring fact is that when the hurricane season is at its height the greatest percentage of the storms fails to reach the Gulf or Atlantic coasts. Many curve back into the ocean even as far east as the Bermudas.

"Between July and October of every year from 6 to 10 hurricanes are born somewhere between Florida and Africa, usually to sweep westward then northward, and finally back northeastward, their paths forming pretty accurate parabolic curves. The primary factor in the careers of these storms is believed to be an area of high atmospheric pressure, or 'high', that exists practically permanently over the Atlantic north of the Tropics. In other words, a great blanket of heavy, sluggish air lies continually over this area. Along its southern edge in the Tropics heated air, rising causes little swirling disturbances which are the seeds of possible hurricanes. But there is a certain infant mortality among these stormlets, especially in winter and spring. Then the Atlantic 'high' extends in a broad band on into the North American continent, forming in effect a wall of heavy air which the storms can not pass. Confined to the Tropics they are dissipated without causing the United States any concern.

Must Dodge 'Highs'

"But when the heat of summer has warmed up the land the 'high' withdraws to its ocean home, jutting out like an air peninsula toward America. The atmosphere over the land becomes an arena for shifting 'highs' and 'lows.' It is as though an atmospheric foot-ball game were in progress. The newly born storms of the tropical Atlantic regions seek, because of the general drift of the atmosphere, to move northward. The 'highs', whether stationary or in motion, furnish the interference which they must dodge. The weakest place in the defence is between the permanent mid-Atlantic 'high' and the American Coast. A great many tropical hurricanes, therefore, move east to avoid the mid-ocean barrier and then causing no damage on land. Once around the end of the 'high' they swing northeastward, and some continue on even into Europe.

"Some of the storms do not have such plain sailing. If the Atlantic 'high' extends farther westward than usual the disturbances must swing over the land to round the end. It is upon such rather infrequent occasions that the Atlantic and Gulf coasts suffer as they did last week.

Herded Into Gulf

"By a still farther westward extension of the high pressure area the storms are prevented from moving north and sweep into the Gulf of Mexico. It was such conditions that brought about the terribly destructive Galveston hurricane in September, 1900, and that which cost many lives at Corpus Christi in September, 1919. The Galveston storm turned northward, passing through Texas and Oklahoma, and finally passed to the Atlantic down the St. Lawrence Valley. The Corpus Christi hurricane, however, belonged to the rare type with an approximately straight path. A chain of 'highs' formed an impassable barrier to the north and the storm moved on into Mexico where it

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"Hurricanes are not winds that drive straight ahead. They are swirls of the cyclonic type. These swirling storm centers move relatively slowly across sea and land, sometimes at no greater speed than eight or ten miles an hour. But they suck air toward them from all sides at terrific speeds, up to 100 or more miles an hour."

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

Hurricane

MEMO TO Mr. Kohlhepp

DATE October 21, 1926.

FROM Mr. Chase

SUBJECT _____

From an inspection of our properties this morning I find that apparently the most of our damage was in the northern end of the Beach.

The ocean front north of Snowdens' is again washed through from ocean to Indian Creek, in five different places some of which are quite wide.

At the Montmare School three-fourths of the entire roof of the northwest wing has blown off thereby causing plenty of water damage to all rooms, in that wing on both upper and lower floors. This roof blowing off punched several holes through the roof of the main central building. Paper over skylight blew away permitting water to freely enter rooms beneath. Upper and lower southeast wing also water damaged.

At the King Cole Hotel eight rooms in the east wing are badly soaked with water apparently caused by roofing paper blowing away. There is a number of bad leaks in the dining room caused by roofing paper blowing off. Plaster is off the dormitory rooms caused by roofing paper blowing away. Jesse Andrew's house water damaged inside. Tower door blown in permitting water to enter and causing some damage on both second and first floors.

Mr. Fisher's house O. K. except for some leak stains around a few windows and a few trees partially blown down, and about fourteen inches of water in the organ motor room. Motors not damaged. Water apparently seeps into this room after each heavy rain.

Nautilus -- Part of the temporary roof blown off. A few panes of glass gone but water damage not serious.

Radio Station -- No one at station but examination through windows shows studio and operating rooms in good condition. Antenna down but apparently can easily be repaired.

Boulevard Hotel -- About 100 rooms partially water damaged by water coming through casements, damage consisting chiefly of wet rugs. About 60 rooms having boarded windows from recent storm have water damage consisting chiefly of wet rugs and some wet furniture. Quite a number of the lamp lights on verandas have had their glasses blown out. Some water damage to both lobby and cafeteria, but not serious.

Old and new boat slips -- Plate glass window blown out of northeast store room. Apparently very little other damage.

Bay Shore Clubhouse-- O. K. except for some water stains on walls and a little water on floors.

Gardens -- Central skylight, size about 4 X 6 Ft., blown off permitting some water to come in on floor near pulpit. Part of two front doors blown in.

Golf courses seem to be undamaged. Have few trees blown down.

Flamingo Hotel -- rain drifted in windows in the east and north sides of

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building wetting carpets slightly near the windows. French door in Room 820 blew open and carpet entirely soaked. Small piece of plastering fell off kitchen ceiling caused by water coming over transom. The roof over the kitchen has but one drain which is insufficient to carry away the water. Laundry equipment was soaked because of the roof was not replaced after the last storm. Four small coconut trees blown down. Entire damage but very slight other than to the laundry equipment.

The two ferry boats and the Colon O. K.

Lincoln Hotel -- Part of paper roof on old building blown off permitting water to enter. Damage not material. In the Annex sufficient repairs from the recent storm had not been complete thereby causing quite a bit of additional rain damage.

C. W. CHASE, JR.

Hurricane
November 9, 1926

Mr. C. J. Iven
J. H. Sager Co.
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Iven:

I have yours of the 2nd.

Mr. Lussier is probably one of the fly-by-nighters who have been blown out of Miami. God knows we have had enough people of this class down there, and as far as Miami and Miami Beach are concerned, we are glad to get rid of some people who haven't the backbone and guts to stick through a disaster.

As far as our banks are concerned, they are in perfect condition. We have approximately a million dollars in banks in Miami and Miami Beach, and no idea of withdrawing it.

The damage to well built houses was very slight, and practically ninety per cent of the damage to strongly built houses can be allotted to tile roofs improperly laid and to awnings that came loose and beat the windows out, and to French doors that did not have proper hardware. I think most of the people will, this winter and early spring, protect their windows with shutter blinds on the outside. They will take down their awnings and store them away, and all idle roofs will be so fixed, that when the next hurricane comes along, it will do hardly no damage.

Business has commenced to pick up there, and of course while foliage is probably damaged and there is evidence of roofs having been blown off, it will learn us a lesson to build stronger and better.

We had an eighty mile wind in New York, and three people were killed, the same number as were killed in Miami Beach, and they didn't have a word to say about it in New York. At least the papers didn't use head lines about it.

Very truly yours,

CGF:JD

J. H. SAGER COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS OF

Bumpers, Shock Absorbers
and other Automobile Specialties

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

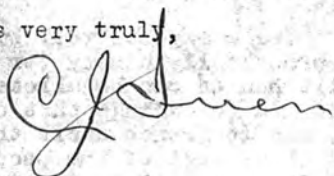
Nov 2, 1926.

Mr. Carl Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr Fisher:

Enclosed article appearing in one of our local papers is doubtless misleading and most inaccurate, and the writer would appreciate receiving facts and figures from you in order to refute the statements made.

Yours very truly,



CJI:MT

Hurricane
December 6, 1926

Mr. Albert Champion
A C Spark Plug Company
Flint, Michigan

My dear Albert:

The two bicycle hose trainers have been delivered, but I have not received any statement for them. Please have some one send it to me. The difficulty in delivery was caused by Florence changing her name from Sheets to Mahoney. I guess Dan had to produce a marriage certificate before the express man would give up the wheels.

I dropped into the Nautilus yesterday to inquire about your rooms and Krom told me you seemed to like the ones you had last year. You can have the same arrangement on the south wing overlooking the Bay if you wish. I don't know if the location would be more comfortable. In fact the afternoon sun might be a little too warm.

Everything is going along fine here. The shrubbery is commencing to grow and many new plants have been set, but the tall pines still look pretty "sick". Rentals for houses are very good, but it looks like sales would have rather slow this winter.

Sorry I missed you when you returned. Tell Mina that I have been quite busy but am really going to write her very soon. Very best regards.

Sincerely,

Cube
Book
COPY
Gulf Coast
September 24, 1927.
hurricane
Proof

Mr. John Levi,
% Carl G. Fisher Properties,
Port Washington,
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear John:

Your letter of September 21st received. You have pulled the trigger very hard, but the gun was only half cocked.

The hurricane warning instructions I have gotten up are not for distribution except in the event that the United States Weather Bureau tells us that a hurricane will be here within a certain number of hours.

We have prepared these instructions for all of our houses and all of our employees. Not a single copy has gone out to anyone, nor was it my intention to send out a single copy until we positively knew a hurricane would hit here.

Most people may know how to take care of themselves when there is a hurricane warning, but they certainly proved last fall that they did not know how to take care of their property.

I'll make a standing offer right now of \$100 per copy for every copy of the hurricane instructions you can find outside of this office.

However, when we do get a hurricane warning and the Weather Bureau tells us that the hurricane is actually coming here you are going to see these hurricane instructions delivered to every home that we can possibly get them into, and when the hurricane is over you are going to thank Pete Chase for taking all this time and trouble.

You've lived at Miami Beach where hurricanes are few. I've spent ten years before coming here on the Florida Keys and in Key West where hurricanes are more numerous. I know what to do and the proof of it is that last year my three homes on Miami Beach did not have a total damage of over \$1,000 and one of these homes is right on the ocean.

Yours sincerely,

CWC/vh

C. W. CHASE, JR.

hurricane

Sawyer, Michigan.,
September 25, 1926.

Dear Carl:-

I enclose a story, which is awfully funny and which made me think of you, because it is the kind of a story you would like -- This is a good time for a funny story, isn't it?

You have been much in my thoughts. It is my earnest hope that in the final analysis, your loss will be light. The first reports were so terrifying, that a sense of gratitude far outweighs every other thought.

We did not hear from Helen until Wednesday and as my mother is with me, it was a trying time. She and her husband, Wilbur Phelps, were safe, but lost, both of their houses.

I was glad when I heard you were on your way down, for I knew you would find a quick way out, and your being there would give others a feeling of security and poise.

Mamma joins me, Carl, in loving regards to you, and the hope that you will keep well and undisturbed through this difficult period.

Sincerely,

Margaret Burlingame

Margaret Burlingame was secretary of the Prest-O-Like Co. Burlingame Island was named after her, says Jane Fisher
PP.

October 12, 1926

Miss Margaret Burlingame
Sawyer
Michigan

Dear Margaret:

I just returned from Miami a few days ago. Things are not half so bad as they are cracked up to be. It seems everybody was terribly ~~exteered~~ Our loss is considerable, but we will be able to weather it without a great deal of annoyance.

One of the funny things that happened was the remarks of our negro janitor. Some one said to him "They say at seven o'clock this morning the wind was blowing seventy miles an hour." "My God" he replied, "It was blowing faster when it passed here". Another remark he made "I am glad to see the wind go on and get out of the state" This same negro when approached with the idea that the place had been mused up replied "Yes but it looks much better that it did when Mr. Fisher came here"

Everything is going along fine. Ann and Owen were up a short time ago and stayed a few days and I believe they had a very good time.

I hope you can get up some time so we can show you Montauk. It is a wonderful place. I am mailing you booklet under separate cover.

Yours,

CGF:JD

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Miami Beach, Fla.
September 25, 1926 19To Capt. C. B. Hewes*Hurricane*Street and No. (or Telephone Number) c/o Shadow K.Place Port Washington, L. I., New YorkFAMILY O. K. SHADOW O K CONDITIONS MUCH EXAGGERATED HOME TUESDAYMONTAUK WITH PARTY ABOUT EIGHT IN SHADOW K WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAYNOTIFY GALLOWAYCARL G. FISHERCharge Miami Beach Bay Shore Company24 Words p- Straight TelegramSENDER'S ADDRESS
FOR REFERENCESENDER'S TELE-
PHONE NUMBER

MIAMI BEACH LAUNDRY COMPANY

MIAMI BEACH

FLORIDA

LA FAYETTE PAGE, JR.
HARRY E. CROOKS

September 25, 1926.

To our Stockholders:-

After going over the Plant, I find that very little damage has been done.

Part of the roof was blown off, also the smoke stack blown down.

Through the splendid efforts of our employees, all the machinery was saved; they having worked from the night of the storm, Friday, until Monday morning, isolated and without food and water.

Some of the rescues made were as heroic as acts in the war.

The Ocean rushed in and was all around our Plant four feet deep.

Everything has been repaired as quickly as possible and we expect to be in operation by the middle of next week.

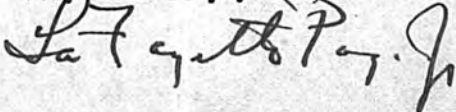
The loss that we sustained had been covered by insurance two days before the storm came.

For your interest, I want to give you the Official Weather Bureau Report.

The wind blew one hundred and fifty one miles an hour and the barometer dropped ten points.

The spirit of rebuilding Miami and Miami Beach far surpasses anything I have ever seen.

Very sincerely yours,



LFP:A

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September 29, 1926

W. A. Kohlhepp,
Carl G. Fisher Company
Miami Beach, Florida.

Hurricane

Satisfactory interview General Jadwin and Assistant Major Fox no emergency funds available unless erosion can be considered as threatening eventual damage to channel and harbor facilities local engineers instructed by wire today investigate situation and report by wire during this week including recommendations as to best method and cost of repairing damage stop Fox says Government equipment available limited to hopper dredge and derrick boat and may be used even though funds have to be provided by Miami Beach stop Britten lending much needed assistance Regards

Hugh W. Davis.

DAY LETTER COLLECT

Hurricane

October 12, 1926

Dear Jack:

Have had several friends stop in and offer cash which we don't need at this time. Our greatest trouble is to hold a lot of people who owe us money. Most of these accounts are good and will eventually be paid, but just now it is difficult to make collections, so we are standing by and helping all the people we can and still keep above water.

Yours,

CGF:JD

Hurricane

October 18, 1926

^{F. W.}
Mr. W. E. Preston
Boston Herald
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Preston:

My secretary suggested that in my letter to you in reply to yours of the 7th, that I did not tell you time I expected to leave for the South. We are trying to make our plans to go between the first and the third of November. It might be a little later before we can get away.

If you are down this way before that time, I would like to see you and have you come out and stay with me and have Maloof come also if he can, I would be glad to see him.

We are rapidly cleaning up at the Beach. I am enclosing you a photograph of our Lincoln Hotel which was directly in the path of the storm, also a picture of the Nautilus, where we lost some foliage and the damage was probably about \$100,000. I am numbering these pictures three and four respectively.

Our last hotel, The Boulevard had practically no damage whatever except the shrubery. Our King Cole Hotel had a damage of about \$12,000. Our Flamingo Hotel had the glass dome on top of the tower blown off. The damage was about \$40,000, but covered by insurance.

Also our Nautilus Hotel was covered by insurance. Our polo fields and golf courses suffered no damage except the loss of shrubery.

Our office building had several large windows blown out and the damage was about six to eight thousand dollars from water.

My new home which was just completed had one corner of the roof blown off as you can see, and as we had no furniture in the house, the damage will only be about a couple thousand dollars, except the damage done to shrubery.

You will notice that in the picture numbered ten, that the wind whipped the trees about.

Our community church was undamaged except the shrubery got quite a beating, but with *the wind blowing 145 miles an hour.*

Mr. W. E. Preston

(2)

October 18, 1926

you can expect that the damage would be heavy to shrubery. I am surprised that they stood up as well as they did.

After looking over these pictures, please return them. However, if there are any that you wish to use, you may do so.

Yours,

CGF:JD

Hurricane

October 29, 1926

Mr. W. E. Preston
Boston Herald
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Preston:

I have copy of yours of the 23rd. Thanks very much for this publicity. It all helps.

I notice that in New York three people were killed, and it was hardly mentioned. At Miami Beach Three people were killed and you would think that the state was wiped out.

Incidentally we have passed the \$700,000 mark for sales at Montauk and twomillion dollar deals hanging. The largest builder of apartment houses, hotels and homes in the United States was at Montauk day before yesterday with his entire force from Washington, D. C. He believes Montauk property is best he has seen in his life.

Up to this time, he has completed a thousand homes and three hotels at Washington and as he can get his financing in shape, he will hop in at Montauk. We expect this deal to get through in thirty to sixty days.

Hope you will get down South this year by all means. I want to show you some of that country.

Yours,

CGF:JD

November 25, 1927.

Hurricane

Mr. John Oliver LaGorce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

Send me six more gold stars since I saw you last.

I expected to be in Washington today but the tax people have called off the suit temporarily and don't know when I will get up now. Will advise you. I will probably bring Margaret with me as she and Mrs. Fred Britten have some sort of dinner engagement -- or at least, I think they have. I think it would be best to stop at Wardman's hotel because I may have several conferences, more or less business, with Fred Britten, Hurley and some other high-binders. Thanks just the same for your house and chauffeur and automobile so kindly offered.

Jim has not been very well for some little time. He is better now. However, I don't think there is anything very serious with him, as I had some interest coming due last Tuesday and his man called up on Monday to find out if we had sent a check. It just happened we had. I don't know how we made such a mistake in the bookkeeping department.

Am glad you liked the book. I thought it was a peach. I don't often get to send you a good book but I will keep my eye out for the next humdinger I run into.

I have spent considerable over a million on the Beach, cleaning up, and on my arrival I was agreeably surprised and well pleased that we had gone the limit in the clean-up. The City has also spent more than a million and individuals have probably spent two or three millions, but Miami Beach never looked as good before the hurricane as it does now. It is the cleanest city in the world, no doubt. There is not a weed or a tin can or an old Ford tire on this entire Beach. The planting is wonderful and I know you will be tickled when I tell you our little city

Mr. John Oliver LaGorce,
November 26, 1927,
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with five thousand population is second in building permits to Jacksonville. we passed right by the City of Miami running under raps, and we are now going to try and step out and leave Jacksonville in the rear.

Collections and sob stories are still plentiful but we are slowly pulling out of the mud.

Yours,

CGF:T

MONTAUK BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MEMO. TO Mr. C. G. Fisher


DATE December 12, 1927.

FROM Mr. P. G. Haynes

SUBJECT L'Ecluse, Washburn Co.

A few days ago at the request of Mr. Washburn I called on L'Ecluse, Washburn with reference to the payments of interest on their land purchase contracts.

They still felt that they were somewhat justified in asking for an adjustment of the interest situation. They apparently had only recently learned the details of the New York Trust Company loan and land warrant purchase pertaining thereto and they were very frank in their expression of disapproval of this phase of the loan, as well as of the "Sahoff" signs on the property. I think I was able to change their view as to the terms of the loan but I could not get them to see where the Sahoff signs did not work to their disadvantage. I later called on the Sahoff Corporation and put the matter up to them frankly, and while they have agreed to give it careful consideration when Mr. Hoffman returns and advise me of their decision, I do not believe they will want to remove the signs.

L'Ecluse, Washburn asked us to cancel three months interest so that the first interest payment would be due on February 1st instead of November 1st. Inasmuch as I did not want to establish a precedent in this matter I would not agree to this cancellation, but I did agree to extend the time of payment of the November 1st installment of interest until February 1st., which was an entirely satisfactory adjustment to them. There is no commitment on our part to extend payment on any subsequent interest installments. 

Stuart Gayness is also objecting to the Sahoff signs. Both Stuart and L'Ecluse Washburn claim that it is nothing less than a "For Sale" sign. As stated above, I have approached Sahoff in a friendly manner on this question and they are giving it consideration. Inasmuch as they showed me a letter from you approving the signs I did not want to press the matter, but I believe a tactful letter from you on the subject would serve to help out. I would also suggest that you write to L'Ecluse Washburn and Stuart Gayness on this subject.

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I am giving you herewith a little resumé of the more important developments during the period since you went South.

Definite announcement has been made of the inauguration of ferry service between Montauk and New London beginning next Spring with the operation of the "Shinnecock" by Stuart Gaynes and others.

L'Ecluse, Washburn with whom I had two conferences last week advise that they have practically closed with their people for the construction of the Bathing Casino. They are now working on the details such as plans, specifications, etc. and expect to submit a proposition to us in the very near future.

The Sahoff Corporation advised me last week that they have accepted architects plans and specifications on four houses, construction of which will start at once, and after some slight revision of plans they will start the construction of a fifth house. Their estimated costs of these houses is between \$90,000 and \$110,000 for the five.

Mr. George LeBoutillier has authorized Stuart Gaynes to proceed at once with the construction of a home for himself on his hilltop site in Block 264. This house is to be built on a slightly revised plan of one of our executive houses and will cost approximately \$25,000. In addition to this, Stuart expects to start at once on the construction of two other houses to cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 each.

Al Webb has completed his deal with Fred Britten and they expect to be under way with ten houses before the winter is over. Al has already started his second house south of the Golf Course.

The Night Club deal is still hanging fire although I made two trips to New York last week on definite appointments to close this transaction. Mr. McLeod has promised to notify us today definitely when the deal will be closed.

Notice has been sent out for a public hearing by the U. S. Army District Engineer on the Fort Pond Bay development; meeting to be held December 21st.

Work is under way on the installation of the business district street lighting equipment.

The dredging is proceeding satisfactorily in spite of unfavorable weather.

The Sweet Shipyard & Machine Works are sending their

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Thomson & McKinnon signed a lease for the room in the Hotel which was used last year as a sales information room and will install a ticker and board service on June 1st. They are paying us \$100 a month for this room and their lease extends to October 1st with an indefinite renewal agreement.

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Mr. Parke G. Haynes.

December 16, 1927.

I have your memo of the 12th with a resumé of the work at Montauk.
This is o.k.

As soon as all these plans have definitely been ordered, especially the Saboff Corporation contracts, we want to send notice of this to all of our stockholders and lot buyers, showing them the improvements that are going on.

Nothing can be stronger in a selling campaign than this work. A notice of this kind going out will easily duplicate the efforts of twenty-five salesmen for a continuous month's service.

CGF:T

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

MEMO TO Mr. Carl G. Fisher

DATE September 30, 1929

FROM Paul Kunschik

SUBJECT Storm damages

I have made another check on storm damages this morning and have very little more to say than I gave you in a telegram yesterday. The damage is really negligible.

The ferry boats rode thru the storm surprisingly well. The J. N. LUMMUS suffered a little damage to its guard rail rapping against and being pushed against the piling where it was tied. This is being repaired today. The DAN HARDIE suffered only by breaking one or two glass panes on the upper deck and the COLON, which we have mentally condemned a number of times, is riding the water as good as ever.

My next stop was at the Flamingo where the chief damage is the breaking of glass in the dome. The steel frame is in perfect condition. Lee Appleget, as well as Mr. Singleton, think we probably have enough glass of this type on hand to make the repairs. About 100 tiles went off the roof or ridge, which will not cost very much to replace. A few windows were broken in the kitchen. The cottages, the old ones as well as the new ones, went thru the blow with practically no water dripping in. A few coconut palms are down - only one is broken - and these can be reset. The buds of a few of them are injured and this probably will mean that the trees will die. Other shrubbery suffered more by loss of foliage and the driving of salt spray, but apparently will recover.

I next visited the Boat Slips where no damage whatever was done of any kind. The Slips are just as they were before the storm.

I next drove up to the Bay Shore Golf Course, which has a great deal of water standing on it, but a sample of this water disclosed that it is fresh water and, therefore, will do very little damage to the greens and fairways. The clubhouse is intact with no damage except a little water dripping in.

At the Miami Beach Garden, or Auditorium, I noticed a window pane out and two of the temporary storm doors blown out. No other damage.

At the Nautilus about eighteen window panes are out or cracked and one water spout is down. The radio towers suffered no damage and are as straight and perfect as they were before. The aerial is down on the ground and Mr. Jay advises that it will cost about \$125.00 to replace it. There is no damage to the expensive equipment on the inside of the building. One small window pane is broken and a little damage was done to one or two of the awnings. The cottages came thru wonderfully, the same as at the Flamingo. Practically no water came in. No windows were broken, but a few screens were torn. A few tiles, not over 100 in all, are off the edges of the roof or copings. The shrubbery suffered less damage than at the Flamingo with the exception of the palm trees in the east front of the hotel. This was due to the fact that these particular palms received the full force of the northeast wind, the east wind and the south wind for nearly 36 hours. The wind velocity as estimated was never more than 60 miles per hour and the average probably less than 45, but by reason of these winds, the force of the wind was greatly increased, the same as water in a bottle neck, and the trees suffered not only from the direct force of the wind, but also from the terrific backlash as the wind struck the building. They were, therefore, pretty badly

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whipped. Mr. Caldwell, the caretaker, and Mr. Hoerger and I are of the opinion that it will be desirable to remove these coconut trees to another location where they can recover and move to the east front of the hotel other trees as we certainly want this entrance of the hotel looking its best the coming season.

The King Cole Hotel suffered no damage except a few tiles off the ridge. Other damage was caused by water driven in thru the windows and some leaks in the roof which have existed for sometime, some of which are very difficult to find. The new bungalows, which are still in the hands of the contractors, show a certain amount of water seepage thru the flashing of the roofs and a certain amount of water driven in under doors which have no threshold and windows which were not fitted properly. These damages will have to be stood by the contractors and they will have to make some corrections in faulty construction. The shrubbery at the King Cole suffered practically nothing. A few fronds were broken off palm trees, but these were old fronds which probably would have been cut off anyhow before the hotel opened.

Garrett Heath advises me that the only damage to your home was a gutter on the roof on the third floor, which was torn away and will have to be replaced. One small window pane was broken. A little damage was done by water at the boathouse, which caused some plaster to fall and there is a small leak in the roof of the house which will have to be repaired. The grounds show very little damage - a few fronds off the palms. Other shrubbery is somewhat whipped by wind and spray, all of which with reasonable care should recover very rapidly.

The 51st St. Apartment Building suffered no damage except some water blown in thru crevices and the skylight, which was to be expected. Not one single plate glass in the shops was cracked.

The La Gorce Golf Course is in just as fine condition as you could possibly expect it, considering the amount of water that fell on it and the amount of wind. Trees that stood out in the open with no backlash of wind suffered very little. The clubhouse is in excellent condition. A little water was blown in, but not enough to hurt.

Miss Brenneman reports that the two houses in the La Gorce section, one on Alton Road and one on Bay Road, both furnished, have suffered no damage. The new houses on the bay front being built for Gold Brenneman and Earl Kiser as agents are still in the hands of the contractors and suffered a little water damage and a few broken window panes. Mr. Duffy and I inspected these houses before the storm and cautioned the contractors to make all windows fast. We found a few of them loose enough to rattle, which is always a dangerous thing in case of wind. A window which is securely wedged rarely breaks. The contractors will have to repair breakages and any other damage, which, however, is negligible.

On the other side of the Beach our house on Pine Tree Drive, unfurnished, suffered a certain amount of water damage to the screened porch. Due apparently to a clogged drain there is about three inches of water on the concrete floor. Some

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water was blown in at the door at the head of the outside stairway, which seeped thru the doorway and caused the plaster to fall on the lower floor. The screen door was torn from its hinges, but we find that this was probably due to the fact that someone forced an entrance thru the door and left the screen door unprotected.

The 42nd St. Apartment at the polo barns shows no damage except a few screens blown in on the screen porches and possibly a little water damage due to water blown in thru crevices around the window sashes. The polo barns have lost part of their slate paper roof, but Fred Hoerger tells me that this roof was about due for replacement anyhow. The polo clubhouse is undamaged, but the grandstand has lost its roof, which blew over into Alton Road. Score boards are down and the equestrian statue at the north end of the fields lost its head. I understand this head, however, was loose for some little time and might have been removed by children playing around there. The old laundry building came thru with practically no damage, just one window glass.

Mr. Collins' home shows no damage except one awning on the apartment at the boat-house. His palm trees lost a few fronds. One palm tree will require straightening and a certain amount of debris was washed up over the bulkhead by the water, which will have to be cleaned away.

The Montemare School lost a few of its slate paper shingles and a few of the screens on the east porch were blown in and torn.

The Boulevard Hotel lost four or five window sashes, one glass door and two metal down spouts. Frankly, it was a ridiculous thing to have put down spouts on a building that high, but it would probably be much more expensive to run the drains down in the inside now than to replace the metal spouts, and we will probably recommend replacement as originally built. A few tiles were blown off the roof, altogether not over 25. Windows which did not fit did nothing to prevent a certain amount of water being driven in. Of the shrubbery just planted there this summer, one coconut palm is down - no damage - and can easily be reset.

The enclosed tennis court doesn't show a scratch. I found only one small pane of glass in the transom broken, and I am inclined to think that this was broken before the storm because it is on the north end which did not suffer from the storm at all. Shrubby, particularly bougainvillea, had their leaves blown off, but can easily be replaced if they don't recover.

The Lincoln probably fared better than any of the others. There is no damage except to one of the palm trees in front which lost its top and probably can't recover. A few sections in the fenced enclosure were blown over and can be repaired at very little cost. There are a number of leaks in the roof, which were there before the storm and which Lee has not been able to repair on account of his time being devoted so much to the new buildings. Due to these leaks certain small patches of plaster have fallen and will have to be replaced.

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The company's house on Meridian Avenue, partially furnished, has no damage except to some of the screening and a little water blown in thru crevices around the windows.

The office building lost two window sashes on the fourth floor. These windows have always given trouble. They do not and never did fit properly. Even an ordinary, driving rain causes water to come in on that floor. It seems to me that we should find somebody that knows enough about fitting windows, if necessary with weather stripping, to protect this building. More than 35 bucketsful of water were mopped up off one floor, which is inexcusable. I am going to take it upon myself to investigate weather stripping and I shall submit at the earliest possible moment an estimate of cost for installing weather stripping in this building. On the seventh floor - your office - the doors in particular always permit water to be driven in, even in an ordinary rain and there certainly is some way to stop it. I have had several people around here tell me it can't be done. Personally I don't like this word it "can't" be done. There is a way to stop this from ordinary rains and I am going to find out what it will cost to do it. During the boom days this organization spent a lot of money on expensive rugs and furniture and it is a crime not to protect them with ordinary precautionary measures.

The Miami Beach Golf Course, leased to the City of Miami Beach as a municipal course, is in the same condition as our golf courses as to water standing. The city is today straightening up a few trees which were apparently blown over. The clubhouse is in excellent condition with no damage except to screens.

From the foregoing you will see that our damage is very negligible and I make the remark today that I am having a great deal of trouble trying to find enough damages to file claim under our tornado and hurricane insurance. The only properties covered by hurricane insurance are the five hotels and the Montemare School and under the present insurance there is a \$100.00 deductible clause in all the policies which means that small damages must be borne by the property owner. That being the case it looks as if the Flamingo and Boulevard are the only ones on which we will have damage big enough to file insurance claim. When you have to hunt for damages in order to file a claim there is no better evidence than that that the storm touched us lightly.

Mr. Hoerger is using all of his men for the next few days cleaning up the fronds that have broken off the palm trees and the debris that accumulated from various places. The same is being done by the caretakers at all the hotels who are using their men first to dry the rugs that are moist and those that are very badly wet are being taken up and exposed to the sunlight and aired. Those only partly wet are being lifted up and dried where they are. The caretakers then are cleaning up the debris around the hotels and I believe by the middle of this week that all evidence of the storm will have been removed. During the summer the city planted two coconut palms in front of the office building on Lincoln Road. They had not had time to take root in their new location and both of them went over. Today they are standing up, propped of course, as nice as ever, without any damage to them.

If there is anything more that you care to know about this storm (?) I shall be glad to investigate for you and let you know promptly.

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Paul Kunschik
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MEMORANDUM

FROM MR. FISHER

DATE October 4, 1929

TO Mr. Paul Kunschik.

SUBJECT

Your memorandum on storm damage is o.k. I don't think we will replace the roof on the Polo grandstand. We will always be losing this roof, and we will probably not be needing it after this season as this may be the last season we will play polo.

Regarding the equestrian statues: They have had so much grief from one cause and another, I don't think it is worth while to repair them. If we fix up the place as a subdivision, we would have to get rid of the statues anyway. However, the statue with the head off can be dismantled and we can make some other provision for the other statue after November first.

I think it is time for you to immediately take steps to see that our office windows are properly protected. We may have another storm within the next thirty days and we can suffer serious damage in the office through the lack of some small protection.

The French doors upstairs were always a menace. They were improperly made to begin with and I would like to see them done away with, or at least the bottoms cut off and a step made so that they will be weather proof. There is no necessity to have more than two doors on the seventh floor leading to the balcony. Therefore, I would advise that you have all the other windows or doors on the seventh floor fastened permanently. This will cure at least the troubles we are having from these. Then, I believe it would be perfectly easy to raise the door sills of the two remaining doors about 3½ inches, which will eliminate the water being driven under them.

The windows we have been having trouble with should be reinforced immediately and made storm proof for all time to come. We have put up with these troubles with this building for the last five years, and it is time now to see that these troubles are over with. We may have other rain storms this season; if not this season, we are certain to get them in the future, and I would like to see you put this building in shape so that it is waterproof from this time on.

CGF:T

General Tyndall says:

" You mentioned everything in the world everybody up north is interested in except my house. You looked at the Kiser, Brenneman, and Collins houses and never even looked at my house. It is not big, but it is big to me."