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Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 28, via Florissant, Ala.—The worst hurricane to visit this city in its history and almost equaling the Galveston disaster, raged here furiously all last night and this morning, and to-day, with a gale still blowing, the city presents a wrecked appearance and the damage is estimated at \$5,000,000. The loss of life will be heavy among the mariners, but so far only one body has been recovered, a man named George Morgan, a fisherman. Other bodies are reported along the shore, but have not been recovered.

Commencing at 7 o'clock last night the wind blew at 50 miles for three hours, then increased to 65. From that time until 5 o'clock it remained about 80 and 90 miles an hour. The tides from the bay backed into the city for blocks, destroying homes and making rivers out of streets. When the gale was at its highest this morning and women and children were running frantically about the streets in darkness, the alarm of fire was sounded and this added to the confusion. The fire started in the Pitt Mill, near the business district, and horses of the fire department refused to go out in the weather. With the tin roofs falling about them, trees and wires falling over them, the firemen took their horse wagons to the scene and after hours of work controlled the blaze. This afternoon the water front and business districts present an almost indescribable scene. Of the 50 or 60 big steamers and sailing vessels lying in the harbor, only five or six are there now. They have been driven ashore and along the water front is a mass of wreckage of steamers, low boats, launches and sailing craft of all descriptions. Thirty fishing vessels in the harbor, only five or six are there now. They have been driven ashore and along the water front is a mass of wreckage of steamers, low boats, launches and sailing craft of all descriptions.

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TEN NEW STEEL BRIDGES FOR BUNCOMBE. Asheville, Sept. 28.—Within the next few days Buncombe county will begin the erection of ten new steel bridges. These bridges were purchased by Chairman Reed, of the board of county commissioners, from the Nashville Bridge Company, of Nashville, Tenn., and the material for the structures is now on the ground. The bridges will be erected at a cost of approximately \$1,500 and will be ready for use within 30 days. With the addition of ten new bridges, Buncombe county will boast of more bridges than any other county in the State.

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