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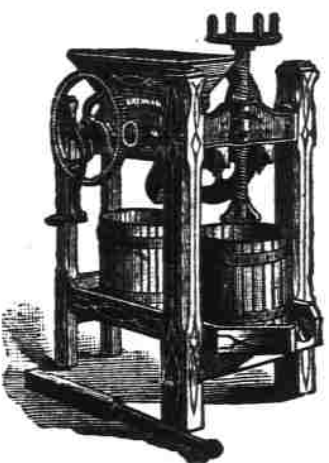
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GALVESTON CITY'S FEARFUL DISASTER

Relief Parties Bring Back Terrible Reports of Destruction and Death--Dead Bodies Found by the Hundreds--Large Part of City in Ruins--30 Other Towns Wrecked.

Dallas, Sept. 10.—At 6 o'clock this evening the Houston and Texas Central office in Dallas was notified from the headquarters of the company in Houston that couriers from the relief parties sent forward to Galveston had sent word that sixty dead bodies had been found in one block on Tremont street. Six hundred corpses had been gathered at one point and 400 reported at another. People are dying from injuries, sickness and lack of fresh water, and unless medicines and fresh water are supplied soon, the death list will be appalling.

More than 700 bodies are reported picked up on the mainland within a distance of twenty miles along the coast.

A special train with relief forces, medicines, food, etc., started for Galveston from Dallas tonight.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 10.—Direct communication has been had all day with people residing at points on the mainland, not far distant from Galveston, but they could not give any definite information as to the damage wrought nor the number killed. All that is known of a certainty is that a large portion of the city has been completely destroyed and scores of bodies have been recovered from the beach on the mainland, where they have been swept by the tide, and that innumerable other bodies are to be seen floating in the bay.

No record has been kept of the number of bodies recovered. It is reported at one point over two hundred bodies of women and children were gathered. Telegrams to Governor Sayres from parties who have just reached the mainland from Galveston estimate the loss of life from 1,000 to 3,000.

There is hardly a house in town habitable. Many large manufacturing structures and scores of handsome and costly residences went down under the force of the storm. The total loss of property in Galveston and on Galveston island will reach into the millions.

Authentic information from several coast and interior points today fixes the loss of life and property as follows:

Galveston, 1,000 to 3,000 lives lost and property loss many millions; reliable estimate unobtainable.

At Texas City, many houses raised; fifteen lives lost.

Town of Alvin, wiped out; seven lives lost.

Town of Hitchcock, devastated; number of people injured; no lives lost.

Seventy two houses wrecked in town of Waller; one person killed, several injured.

Town of Rosenberg was partly destroyed and three killed.

Coast city of Seabrook almost wholly destroyed; three killed.

Town of Quintana is reported wiped out and a number of lives lost.

Every house in the town of Pearl razed, but no lives lost.

Town of Alto Loma was wiped out, but no lives lost.

A score of houses destroyed in the town of Altar, and all houses in the town of Clodine razed. No casualties reported.

Many houses razed in Richmond and several lives lost.

At Hampstead, Waco, Elgin, Bastrop, Chapel Hill and other places many blown down.

At Morgan's Point several houses were razed and two lives lost.

There is great damage to property at Missouri City and four persons were killed.

At Bryan many buildings were unroofed and one person injured.

The town of Angleton suffered greatly; three persons killed.

Over sixty houses were razed at Fullshear; one person killed.

At Village Hills, Sabine Pass and Smithville many houses were blown down.

The town of East Benard was entirely wiped out. Three persons were killed.

Most of the town of Dickinson was destroyed and six killed.

Many buildings were destroyed at Genoa, Webster, Clear Creek, Virginia Point and other small places.

SCENES IN THE RUINED CITY.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 10.—Starting as soon as the water began to recede, the Houston Post correspondent, with other relief workers, began the work of rescuing the wounded and dying from the ruins of their homes. The scenes that were presented cannot be told in a prosaic manner. It is not possible to do it. Screaming women, bruised and bleeding, some of the bearing the lifeless forms of children in their arms, men broken and sobbing, bewailing the loss of their wives and children; streets filled with floating rubbish, among which there were many bodies of the victims of the storm, constituted part of the scene. In every direction as far as the eye could reach the scene of desolation and destruction continued.

The first loss of life reported was that at Ritter's saloon on Strand, where three of the most prominent citizens of the town lost their lives and where many others were maimed and imprisoned. The dead were: Stanley C. Spencer, Charles Keiner and Richard Lord.

These three were sitting at a table on the first floor making light of the danger, jocularly telling each other that they would stay in the city. Suddenly the room caved in above them and came down with a crash into the saloon, killing all of them. Those in the lower part of the building escaped with their lives in a miraculous manner. The falling roof and flooring were caught on the bar, the people standing near it dodging and resting under the debris. It required several hours of hard work to get them out. The negro waiter who was sent for the doctor was drowned at the corner of Strand and Twenty-first street, and his body was found a short time after.

Col. L. J. Polk, the general manager of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa, and several other prominent citizens of the city left the restaurant a few minutes before the collapse.

A PLACE OF REFUGE.

The next place visited was the city hall. Here were congregated fully 500 people who were more or less injured in various ways. One man from Lucas terrace reported the loss of fifty lives in the building from which he escaped. He himself was severely injured about the head.

On Avenue M several ladies were imprisoned in a residence by the water and debris. They were rescued by a party headed by Capt. M. Theriot. Several of them were badly hurt, but they are still living.

Coming back to Fremont street and going out to Avenue P by climbing over the piles of lumber which had once been residences, four bodies were observed in one yard and seven in one room in another place, while as many as sixty bodies were to be seen lying singly and in groups in the space of one block. A majority of the bodies, however, that have not been recovered are under the ruins of the houses and it will take several days' hard work to get all of them out. The body of Miss Sarah Summers was found by the correspondent near her home on the corner of Tremont and Avenue F, her lips smiling, but her features set in death, her hands grasping her diamonds tightly. The remains of her sister, Mrs. Claud Ford Train, have not been recovered. The report from St. Mary's infirmary shows that only eight persons escaped from that hospital. The number of patients and nurses could not be ascertained, but ordinarily the number of inmates was seldom under a hundred. Rosenberg school house, which was chosen as a place of refuge by the people of that locality, collapsed. Some of those who had taken refuge there escaped—how many cannot be learned. Of those who did not escape nothing mortal remains except the inanimate flesh.

DEAD AND WOUNDED EVERYWHERE.

As Sunday morning dawned the streets were lined with people half clad, crippled in every conceivable manner, hobbling as best they could to where they could receive the attention of physicians for themselves and summons aid for friends and relatives who could not move. Police Officer John Bowie, who recently was awarded a prize as

the most popular officer in the city, was met by the Post correspondent in a pitiable condition. His feet were broken, two ribs caved in and his head badly bruised, but in this condition, he said, "was nothing."

"My house with wife and children are in the gulf. I have not a thing on earth for which to live."

Notable among the sufferers was Pat O'Keefe, who has for years kept a popular resort on the beach, and who is known to every visitor to Galveston. As the old man came trudging along he was bemoaning the loss of his wife and everything he had on earth. Where his resort stood on the beach facing the gulf there is not a vestige of building or pile to be seen. The great bathing pavilion known as the Pagoda, the big pleasure resort known as the Olympia and Murdoch's bath houses are all swept away in the gulf. There were few bodies on the beach. They had been swept into the gulf or driven up into the rubbish by the waves. Only half a dozen of them were in sight from the side where the workers were. One incident was that of a three year old boy who sat holding his broken head in his two hands, making not a murmur of complaint. He was taken back into town, smiling at the joy of human companionship after his awful experience. He will probably recover.

The houses of all prominent citizens which have escaped destruction have been turned into hospitals as have the leading hotels. There is scarcely one of the houses which are left standing which do not contain one or more of the dead as well as many injured.

RAIN ADDS TO MISERY.

The rain began to pour down in torrents and the party went back down Tremont street toward the city. The misery of the poor people, all mangled and hurt, pressing to the city for medical attention, was greatly augmented by this rain. Stopping at a small grocery store to avoid the rain the party found it packed with injured. The provisions in the store had been ruined, and there was nothing for the numerous customers who came hungry and tired. The place was a hospital, no longer a store.

Further down the street a restaurant which had been submerged by water was serving out soggy crackers and cheese to the hungry crowd. That was all that was left. They were soaked full of water, but the people who were fortunate to get those sandwiches were hungry and made no complaint.

On returning to the Tremont hotel, which is at the center of the city, the reporter found the death list to be swelling rapidly, the accounts coming from every portion of the city. It is hard to determine what section of the city suffered the greatest damage and loss of life.

BARRACKS DESTROYED.

Fifteen men, constituting all that remained of a company of regular soldiers, stationed at the beach barracks, were marching down Market street.

At 11:30 Sunday morning the water had receded from the higher portions of the city, but the streets near the bay front still contained one to three feet of water.

The Galveston News office on Mechanic street was flooded. The back end of the building caved in, the engine and boilers were filled with water, making it impossible for a paper to be issued.

At the Union depot scenes similar to those met with in other portions of the city were to be found. Luggage Master Harding picked up the lifeless form of a baby girl within a few feet of the station. Its parents could not be located and are supposed to have been lost. The station building had been selected as a place of refuge by a large number of people. All windows in the building and a portion of the wall at the top were blown in and the occupants expected every moment to be their last. But escape was impossible, for about the building the water must have been fully twelve feet deep. A couple of small shanties were floating about, but there was no means of making a raft or getting a boat.

ON THE WATER FRONT.

On the water front the destruction of property was almost as great as on the beach, though the loss of life was not nearly so large. The wharves of the Mallory company were completely de-

stroyed. The big steamship Alamo is lying among the ruins of the piers. How great the damage to the ship cannot be told until she is dragged out into the stream to be examined.

The wharves of the Galveston Wharf company are also gone and the great wharves of the Southern Pacific company which have been in course of construction for the past several months are damaged to the amount of \$60,000 and the damage is such that months of work will be necessary to replace them in the same condition they were in when they were struck.

WRECKED YESSELS.

The Norwegian steamship Gila, which was engaged in the Cuban trade, was stranded up the bay beyond where the railroad bridges once stood.

The British steamship Taunton is lying on Pelican island, hard and fast aground. The Mexican, a big British steamer, was driven up the bay and is fast stuck in the mud. Another big ship is lying out near Quarantine station. It looks like she tried to put to sea and was driven ashore. The Kendall Castle has been driven as far as Texas City where she is now stranded. Of the small shipping only a few boats are left. The little schooners have been lifted bodily out of the water and flung upon the island. Others of them will bleach their bones on the mainland coast. Others are scattered along the bay front in all conditions of brokenness. The Charlotte M. Allen, the fastest ferryboat to Bolivar is safe. The big dredge used at Texas City has been driven inland for half a mile and she can never be gotten off except in pieces.

The Pensacola was in port when the storm began, but Master Simmons put to sea in the teeth of the brewing storm and it is feared that the boat and the crew of 36 men have been lost.

WHARVES DESERTED.

There are now no big vessels about the wharves, which were alive with seamen and longshoremen Friday afternoon stowing cargoes. The three grain elevators and Reyer's Chaffer mill are wrecked. They are not down, but their roofs and the top stories have gone, and grain stored therein has probably been ruined by the rain. The damage to the ships at this time, when the demand for tonnage is so great, is regarded as one of the worst features of the disaster from a business standpoint. None of the vessels are irretrievably lost but it will take some time to get the boats off and get them wrecked, even though they are not wrecks.

STRAND STREET UNDER WATER.

The wholesale houses along the Strand had about seven feet of water on their ground floors and all window panes and glass protectors of all kinds were demolished. The top of the Moody Bank building was blown away and the fixtures of every house along this long business thoroughfare was destroyed.

On Mechanic street the water was almost as deep as on Strand. All provisions in the wholesale groceries and goods on the lower floors were saturated and rendered valueless. The engine house of the Tremont hotel was caved in by the falling smokestack and cooking was made an impossibility. The damage to the hotel building will amount to \$25,000 at least. The power house of the street railroad company was destroyed and the loss on machinery and building is estimated at \$70,000. There are no wires of any sort standing. They are lying in tangled masses across the streets and will have to be cleared away before horses and vehicles can move about the streets.

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