

TERRIBLE WORK OF THE GULF STORM.

Appalling Loss of Life and Destruction of Property in the City of Galveston

A THOUSAND OR MORE KILLED

Damage to Property Estimated at Ten Million Dollars—Thousands of People Homeless and Suffering. Waters Have Subsided.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. HOUSTON, TEXAS, September 10.—Richard Spillane, a well known Galveston newspaper man, and day correspondent of the Associated Press in that city, who reached Houston to day after a terrible experience, gives this account of the disaster at Galveston:

One of the most awful tragedies of modern times has visited Galveston. The city is in ruins and the dead will number probably one thousand. I am just from the city, having been commissioned by the mayor and citizens committee to get in touch with the outside world and appeal for help.

Houston was the nearest point at which word could be telegraphed to the world. The water was so high that the outside world and appeal for help.

The wreck of Galveston was brought about by a tempest so terrible that no words can adequately describe its intensity. It is a tragedy which will be remembered for all time.

The storm began at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Previous to that a great storm had been raging in the Gulf and the tide was over high.

The highest portion of the city was four to five feet under water, and in the great majority of cases the streets were submerged to a depth of ten feet.

Very few of the buildings escaped injury. There is hardly a habitable dry house in the city.

The whole of the business front for three blocks from the Gulf was stripped of every vestige of habitation, the buildings, the great banking establishments, the Olympia, and every structure having been either carried out to sea or ruined in a pyramid of ruins.

The first hurried glance over the city showed that the largest structures, supposed to be the most substantially built, suffered the greatest.

At the forts, nearly all the soldiers are reported dead, they having been in temporary quarters, which gave them no protection against the tempest or the flood.

No report has been received from the Catholic Orphan Asylum down the island, but it seems impossible that it could have withstood the hurricane.

The business front, from end to end, is in ruins. Nothing but piling and the wreck of great warehouses remain.

At Texas City. The shore at Texas City contains enough wreckage to rebuild a city. Eight persons who were swept across the bay during the storm were picked up in the morning.

At the time I left Galveston three dead had been taken from the ruins. They were: Stanley G. Spencer, manager of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company; Richard Lyrd, traffic manager for George W. Kneeland & Co.; and Charles Keider, of the firm of Lamers & Flint.

The cotton mills, the bagging factory, the gas works, the electric light works and nearly all the industrial concerns of the city are either wrecked or crippled.

The flood left a slime about one inch deep over the whole city and unless the progress is made in burying corpses and carcasses of animals there is danger of pestilence.

Miraculous Escapes. Some of the stories of the escapes are miraculous. William Niblett, a cotton man, was buried in the ruins of the Cotton Exchange saloon and when dug out in the morning had no further injury than a few blisters.

Damage to Shipping. Eight ocean steamers were torn from their moorings and stranded in the bay. The Kendall Castle was carried over the flats of the city.

It will take a week to tabulate the dead and the missing and to get any thing near an approximate idea of the monetary loss. It is safe to assume that one-half of the property of the city is wiped out and that one half of the residents have to face absolute poverty.

For ten miles inland from the shore it was a sight to see the water on such a scale. Launches, schooners and oyster boats. The life boat of the life saving station was carried half a mile inland, while a small launch was anchored in Moses Bayou five high and dry five miles up Lamarque.

The Galveston News asked to have it announced that all the men of its staff are safe.

Dr. S. O. Young, secretary of the Cotton Exchange, was knocked senseless when his collapsed, but was rescued by the water which carried ten blocks by the hurricane.

A woman who had just given birth to a child was carried from her home to a house a block distant, the men who were carrying her having to hold her high above their heads, as the water was five feet deep when she was moved.

Many stories were current of houses falling and inmates escaping. Clarence N. Outry, editor of the Evening Tribune, was in his house when the water came and he was carried out to sea.

The family of Stanley G. Spencer, who met death in the Cotton Exchange, is reported to be dead.

Storm Played Out. WASHINGTON, September 10.—Professor Willis Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, said today that the West Indian storm which developed into a hurricane after reaching the United States and did such appalling damage in Texas, was seldom been equaled.

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The Old Woman's Home on Rosenberg avenue, collapsed, and the Rosenberg school house is a mass of wreckage. The Ball High School is but an empty shell, crushed and broken.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINESE SITUATION

Everything Points to a Speedy Withdrawal of the U. S. Troops in China.

ATTITUDE OF OTHER POWERS. No Confirmation of Report That Great Britain and Germany Have Joined in an Agreement to Remain in Peking Together.

By Cable to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The developments of the day in the Chinese situation still point to a speedy withdrawal of the United States troops from China.

General Chaffee has added the weight of his opinion to that already entertained by many officials here. It probably is significant that the general's statement on this point was given publicly by the administration.

No confirmation is at hand here of the report that Great Britain and Germany have joined in an agreement to remain together in Peking, regardless of the attitude of the other powers.

It does not follow that because the United States troops are to be withdrawn this autumn from Chinese portions of the Philippines, they are to be similarly disposed of in China.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The following dispatch has been received by the War Department from General Chaffee at Peking, dated Sept. 4th.

"Evidence accumulated on diplomatic relations will not be resumed here for a long time. The Russian legation will leave very soon for Tientsin. It appears to me certain that Chinese government will not return here while the foreign army remains, and if this is true our legation can not do business in Peking."

LI HUNG CHANG'S CREDENTIALS. WASHINGTON, September 10.—The Chinese minister has received an impromptu audience from the State Department.

Great Britain and Germany. LONDON, September 10.—A special dispatch from Berlin says that Great Britain and Germany are agreed to evacuate Peking until full satisfaction for the recent outrages has been obtained.

DEATH PENALTY IN WOODS. Negro Fiend Reported Lynched for Crime Against Carolina Woman. Special to the Washington Post.

WINSTON, N. C., Sept. 9.—The impression prevails here that the negro who assaulted Mrs. Patterson, wife of a prominent farmer in Rockingham county, Thursday, has been caught and hanged or shot to death.

WARM WIRELETS. In the great race across the Atlantic the Deutschland beat the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, making the record of five days and eight hours.

THE COAL MINERS. Strike Will Be Declared if Efforts to Settle Fail. SHAMOKIN, PA., September 10.—George W. Hartline, secretary of the Shamokin district, United Mine Workers of America, received the following dispatch at 8 o'clock to-night from his resident John Mitchell at Chicago.

ELECTION IN MAINE. Returns So Far Show a Democratic Gain of Twenty Per Cent. PORTLAND, ME., September 10.—Returns from 200 towns and plantations out of 312 districts, give Hill, Rep., 43,734; Lord, Dem., 24,167.

BOERS RETREATED. Buller Captured the Position at Spitzkop. The British Loss. LONDON, September 10.—The War Office has received a report from Lord Roberts saying General Buller on September 8th captured the Boer position at Spitzkop.



Buffalo Lithia Water of Virginia, Springs Nos. 1 and 2, A Natural and Powerful Antidote For URIC ACID or GOUT POISON.

Alexander Haig, M. A., M. D., Oxon., F. R. C. P., London, on "URIC ACID in Causation of Disease," gives Excess of URIC ACID in the Blood as the cause of Gout, Rheumatism, Calculi of the Kidney and Bladder, Albuminuria, Bright's Disease, Heart Affection, Nervous Depression, Nervous Headache, Neuralgia, Epilepsy, Insanity, Asthma, Scurvy, Bronchitis, Dyspepsia, Eczema, etc., etc.

Proprietor, BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS, VIRGINIA. Springs are open for guests from June 15 to October 1st. They are reached from all directions over the Danville Division of the Southern Railway.

Registered by U. S. Patent Office. Sole agent for Buttrick's Patterns, Her Majesty, Dowager and American Lady Corsets.

Addressed an Audience at the University of Chicago—The Race Question. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, September 10.—Mr. Bryan today addressed an audience at the University of Chicago, consisting of more than one thousand persons, mostly women.

Business Locals. Notice For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found. Wants, and other short Miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department.

TEXAS COTTON CROP. Seriously Injured by the Recent Severe Hurricane. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Sept. 10.—There is no doubt that the cotton crop has been seriously injured throughout Southern and Central Texas.

FOREIGNERS MURDERED BY CHINESE BOXERS. Massacres and Persecutions of Native Christians Continue—People Believe Empress Has Won Victories.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 8.—John Goodnow, the United States consul general here, after inquiries in every possible source, learns that the number of British and American missing and probably murdered during the uprising in China has been 93.

WILMINGTON SEA COAST R. R. On and after June 11, 1900, the schedule will be as follows:

Another lot of Fancy Soft Peaches. Also, Pears, Bananas, Plums, Grapes, Dranges and all kinds of Fruit and Candies.

ICE CREAM FOR SUNDAY. J. W. PLUMMER, Jr., 204 Princess street.

WILMINGTON SEA COAST R. R. On and after June 11, 1900, the schedule will be as follows:

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership. THE GROCERY TRADE TRUCKERS.

Notice. Having bought all the interests of Joseph H. Waters in the firm and partnership of Holmes & Waters, I hereby give notice that I will carry on the business of the old firm at their old stand.

FOR RENT. The store now occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine Company on Market street, No. 10, is for rent.

SAY BOY, IF YOU want a neat foot

Call at Gaylord's Branch Store and get you a pair of Williams, Kneelands & Co.'s fine hand made Shoes in tans or blacks. The best Shoes in the city.

AT GAYLORD'S BRANCH STORE. J. H. BOYD, Manager. Corner Fourth and Campbell Streets, Wilmington, N. C.

Carpets and House Furnishings. This Department was never more complete than now, and I am prepared to fit out your home, so that it will be both comfortable and attractive.

For a Limited time I make the following offer: Monarch All Wool Extra Super Carpets made and laid, etc. a yard.

A Special Offer, to close out many good lengths of Tapestry Brussels suitable for small rooms, original prices \$50, \$60 and \$100, will be sold for \$25 and \$50 made and laid.

Prices for cash only. Shoes that were \$5.00 go for \$3.50. 4.00 " 3.00. 3.50 " 2.75. 3.00 " 2.25.

IMPORTANT. It's almost time for school. What kind of Shoes have you for the boys and girls?

A FEW PAIRS OF OUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SHOES will help you solve it. Let us know what size. Call 605 Bell Phone.

OUR Fall and Winter Stock HAS ARRIVED. Leave your measure with us. Our Suitings and Trousers are the handsomest you could wish to see.

LADIES' SKIRTS. One Lot Fancy Scotch Plaid Silk Lining, regular price \$20. One Lot Black Brocade, Fancy Black Broad Trimming, with Satin Inserted, regular price \$15.00.

OUR PRICE \$1.50 FOR EITHER. These will be sold out very quickly. So if you want one don't wait.

The Guardian Security, Trust and Deposit Co. OF WILMINGTON, N. C. Capital Stock, \$30,000.

Rate of 4 Per Cent. per annum allowed on amounts of five dollars and over. Our rates are printed in each Deposit Book, and will be received and interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership. THE GROCERY TRADE TRUCKERS. Will find our stocks and prices interesting. Correspondence solicited.

FOR RENT. The store now occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine Company on Market street, No. 10, is for rent. Apply to J. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.