

WASHINGTON SWEEP BY HURRICANE LOSS ESTIMATED AT MILLION & HALF; BEAUFORT CO. DAMAGED \$10,000,000.00

BUSINESS RUINED CROPS DAMMAGED PROPERTY GONE

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NO LIVES REPORTED LOST

Water ten feet higher than high water mark. Parts of the City submerged. A staggering blow.

Today's Daily News as can be easily seen, greets its readers under difficulty. The paper is set up mostly by hand due to the damaging of the linotype machine, the office building being unroofed and the entire plant injured by water which a height of several feet on the first floor. The mechanical part of the paper is damaged at least \$3,000.00

Not within the memory of the oldest citizen has a greater or more damaging wind and rainstorm ever visited Washington than that of Wednesday morning last.

The amount of damage to buildings, crops, stock, boats, bridges, timber, etc. in this city and throughout the county cannot be estimated at this writing with any degree of accuracy, but probably the correct figures for the havoc wrought by the wind and rain in the city alone will reach the enormous sum of one million and a half dollars, and in Beaufort county from data obtained the loss will aggregate at least ten million dollars. Today, although the storm struck here Wednesday morning between midnight and day, the streets are still littered with broken limbs of trees and debris of every conceivable shape and fashion. Trees were uprooted on every street, in yards and open fields; water stood several feet deep all over Washington, and in Water street in the business portion, it reached a depth of from five to seven feet. It was no unusual sight to see gas boats running up and down the streets before the water began to recede. Since the storm the county chain gang, in charge of guards and Street Commissioner W. H. McDevitt, have been endeavoring to clear the different streets of the rubbish. The city fire engine has been set at work for many hours pumping out the different cellars filled with water. Thursday night the engine had to stop work due to an injury to the machinery and merchants had to resort to hand pumps, etc., to clear their cellars of water.

FITFUL SIGHT. Washington today on every street presents a pitiful sight indeed. All classes of business is practically at a complete standstill. The town's future as well as that of the county is certainly anything but propitious, for the suffering sustained by the storm is yet to be known, and may not never be estimated. Already the poorer class residing here are asking for aid from those more able, and their appeals are being met by a ready and generous response. Washington has always looked out for its poor, and on this occasion the big-hearted citizens as early as Wednesday night, anticipating what was coming, met in mass-meeting in the City Hall and raised over five hundred dollars, and appointed a committee to solicit additional funds from the city. Up to the day over seven hundred dollars has been secured, and by night it is to be hoped that one thousand dollars will be in hand. This money will be distributed through the channel of the Associated Charities.

SEVEN ONE HUNDRED MILES. The wind reached a velocity of from eighty to one hundred miles per hour. The wind came from the northeast for several hours, then shifted to the east and finally to southeast, reaching its top notch between four and five o'clock Wednesday morning. Reports from different sections of the county state that the wind blew a perfect gale. At Aurora and Belhaven it is said to have reached a velocity of eighty miles per hour.

TEN FEET ABOVE HIGH WATER MARK. The water reached a point ten feet above high water mark. On Market street, in the business portion, the water stood from five to seven feet in the business places and on the streets gas boats were running to and fro carrying passengers. Citizens resorted to their bathing suits in order to reach different points. On North Market street the tide was as high as six feet above the street. In Swain & Swain's furniture and upholstering shop and several residences in Nicholsonville the water was several feet deep. On Bonner street several residents had to leave their homes and seek higher points. Of course the four sections suffered most by water. On every street in the city trees were uprooted and, lying across the streets, made it next to an impossibility for pedestrians and vehicles to pass.

ESTIMATED LOSS IN CITY

Table listing estimated losses in the city, including items like HAYNES' Oil Mill, W. BRAGAW & Co., fertilizers, Carolina Dis. Co., wholesalers, etc., with values ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

N-S, R. R. BRIDGES A. C. L. AND COUNTY BRIDGES ARE GONE

Belhaven, Aurora, Royal, Bayside, Vandemere, Bath, Maules Point, and Other Sections Damaged immensely—Great Loss of Stock.

The Aurora County Bridge Intact

All Trains Delayed—Business Practically Suspended. Hyde County Hit Severely.

On account of the bad condition of the Daily News plant, particularly the linotype machine, which is completely under water, it will be almost an impossibility to issue another paper within the next few days. The machine has got to be taken apart cleaned, etc. The management asks the indulgence of the patrons for the time being as every effort is being put forth to remedy conditions as rapidly as possible. Extra copies of this issue (storm edition) can be secured at this office at 5c each.

The Norfolk Southern officials, consisting of President C. H. Hicks, Superintendent James H. Shea, Chief Engineer F. L. Nicholson and General Solicitor W. B. Rodman, arrived here Friday to view the situation. At once the local authorities were authorized to start work repairing bridges, etc. Mr. T. Harvey Myers, the agent here, told the Daily News yesterday that in all probability trains would be able to reach Washington from Norfolk by Sunday and that the track had been put in good condition to the river on the south side. Within the next two or three weeks the company is in hope of having their bridge crossing Pamlico river repaired sufficiently for trains on their main line to operate.

The Atlantic Coast Line bridge at the west end of the city, connecting Washington with Vandemere, is a total loss. It will cost at least fifty thousand dollars to restore the bridge and trestle, the latter being washed away several miles it is reported. The Coast Line sustained other damage to their wharf property as well as damage to freight, etc. Superintendent Newalls was here Thursday in his private car and gave full details as to repairs, etc. The company places its loss at between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

Great Damage in Harbor. Nearly every kind of craft in the harbor suffered, and the damage cannot be approximated even. Among the heavy losers was the Norfolk Dredging Company, engaged in government work here. Two of their tugs are sunk, one at the buoy dock and the other in the draw at the county bridge. Another tug is high and dry near Rodman's Creek. The company also lost one of their dredges, the Alliance. Their loss is estimated anywhere from thirty to forty thousand dollars. The Kugler Lumber Company is damaged from fifty to sixty thousand dollars in the way of loss by lumber floating away, sheds rased, mill plant, etc. The Moss planing mill also suffered heavily. The S. R. Fowle & Son saw mill plant, Eureka Lumber Company, Pamlico Coopers Company, Haven's grist mill, Haven's oil mill, Chaucery railways, Mutual Machine Company, United States buoy yard, Bragaw & Co., Crystal Ice Company, wholesale fish dealers—in fact every class of business enterprise situated on the water front is practically out of business.

Ocracoke Island Suffered OCEAN SHIPS ON THE BEACH NO LIVES ARE REPORTED LOST

The gas boat Josephine arrives here late Saturday from Ocracoke bringing Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bridgman, Dr. W. P. Small and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Melhenny and family. Mr. Melhenny and Mr. Henry Bridgman left here Friday night for Ocracoke, as they were apprehensive as to the safety of Ocracoke Island and its inhabitants. A Daily News representative ascertained the following account of the storm from one of the passengers on the Josephine. The tide was very high, being from the ocean and searching as far as he light house on the island. The wind began Tuesday morning and increased in velocity until it reached a rate of over one hundred miles per hour Wednesday morning. Ships were driven on the beach before the life savers could discover them, due to the high tide rain, etc. The tide was far above the high water mark. The six-masted schooner, George W. Wells went ashore about eight miles north of the light about 3 o'clock Wednesday, and the tramp steamer Glens dine between 8 and 9 o'clock the same day. The latter steamer is high and dry near Ocracoke inlet. The six-masted schooner will be a total loss. She is split in two and water-logged. Her crew of twenty-two were saved by the life savers. The tramp steamer will in all probability be gotten off. Her crew of twenty-five were saved. A three-master is ashore at South-west Shoals. The crew and passengers, amounting to five men and five women, were rescued by the Portsmouth life saving station. The life savers had a very thrilling experience. Their rescue or surf boat was at Elizabeth City undergoing repairs and as every gas boat was gone in and around Portsmouth and Ocracoke they had to resort to a small sail boat. Their experience in reaching the schooner was anything but pleasant. On the island of Ocracoke, while the tide was very high and wind blowing a hurricane, no lives are reported lost. The damage to property will be considerable. The Southern Methodist church is a total wreck. The house of Capt. L. Tuttle is off of the blocks. The house of Simon O'Neal was washed away and the family of "Elizah" Stron only escaped being drowned by the narrow margin. A great many houses are off of the blocks. The residence of Mrs. Ann Bragg is also damaged. All fishing nets will be a total loss. On the ocean side the islanders sought refuge at the home of Mr. E. D. Springer and the light house. They all left for the above places at daybreak without food or clothing. Those of the islanders residing on the sound side remained in their respective homes. The storm at Portsmouth was also severe but no lives were lost so far as can be ascertained.

Ocracoke has just passed through, though brief compared with the memorable one of August, 1899, the worst storm known in its history. Houses wrecked—some blown off their foundations. (Continued on Page Two.)

Notice. Every householder must clean up and lime their lots thoroughly. This work must be completed by Monday night. If this is not attended to sickness will follow as the work of the storm. JOHN G. BLOUNT, Superintendent of Health. Through the advice of the Superintendent of Health it is extremely important that the unsanitary conditions caused by the recent storm be remedied at once to avoid sickness and pestilence. All cellars should be thoroughly pumped out and limed. Any dead or decayed matter should be buried at once, all yards thoroughly cleaned and limed under and around the houses as much as possible. Any person or persons delaying these matters unnecessarily will be severely dealt with. It is hoped that everyone will co-operate in this movement. F. C. KUGLER, Mayor.