

THOUSANDS OF LEAD STREW

Hurricane's Sweep in Texas Metropolis
Drives the Sea Over the Ill-Fated City

THE RUINS OF GALVESTON

Great Elevators and Tall Buildings
Crumble and Ships Pile Up in Wrecks

Island City Cut Off From Outside World.

Efforts to Reach Sufferers Prove Un-availing.

Three thousand persons are reported to have met death in the severe storm which swept over the entire Gulf Coast and the property loss is incalculable. Texas cities are inundated and the brackish water which now fills their streets bears upon its surface bloated bodies and tons of flotsam and jetsam once part and parcel of happy homes.

The loss of life is only a matter of conjecture, but according to most authentic estimates it will run well up into the thousands. The city of Galveston is entirely under water and it is almost impossible to obtain any reliable information regarding conditions there. Buildings were swept by the wind and their occupants drowned out by the torrents of rain and the tidal wave which swept up from the Gulf of Mexico.

Steamers are reported aground at several points. No one knows their names, whence they came or the fate of their crews. Bridges have been swept away, railway tracks are submerged and disasters to trains have been reported.

Definite information is lacking. The reports received so far have a conservative trend, and when the facts are made known it is probable that the fatalities will far exceed the original estimate.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 9.—The West Indian storm which reached the Gulf coast yesterday morning has wrought awful havoc in Texas. Reports are conflicting, but it is known that an appalling disaster has befallen the city of Galveston, where it is reported a thousand or more lives have been blotted out and a tremendous property damage inflicted. Messager reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate heavy loss of life, but these reports cannot be confirmed at this hour.

The first news to reach this city from the stricken city of Galveston was received to-night. James C. Timmins of Houston, general superintendent of the National Compress Company, arrived here at 8 o'clock to-night from Galveston, after remaining through the hurricane he departed from Galveston on a schooner and came across the bay to Morgan's Point, where he caught a train for Houston. The hurricane, Mr. Timmins said, was the worst ever known.

The estimates made by citizens of Galveston was that 600 houses, most of them residences, had been destroyed, and that at least 1000 people had been drowned, killed or are missing. Some business houses were also destroyed, but most of them stood, though badly damaged.

Town Completely Wrecked.
The city, Mr. Timmins avers, is a complete wreck so far as he could see from the water front and from the Tremont Hotel. Water was blown over the island by the hurricane, the wind blowing at the rate of eighty miles an hour, straight from the gulf, and forcing the sea water before it in big waves. The gale was a steady one, the heart of it striking the city about 5 o'clock yesterday evening and continuing without intermission until midnight last night, when it abated somewhat, although it continued to blow all night.

Of his own knowledge Mr. Timmins knew of but one house succumbing with fatal results, though many residences were carried away, with the inmates. The house that he saw destroyed was Ritter's saloon and restaurant, at 2109 Strand street, a principal business street of the city. This three-story building was blown down and nine men, prominent citizens, were killed. It was reported that the orphan asylum and both hospitals were destroyed, and if this proves true the loss of life will be great, as these institutions

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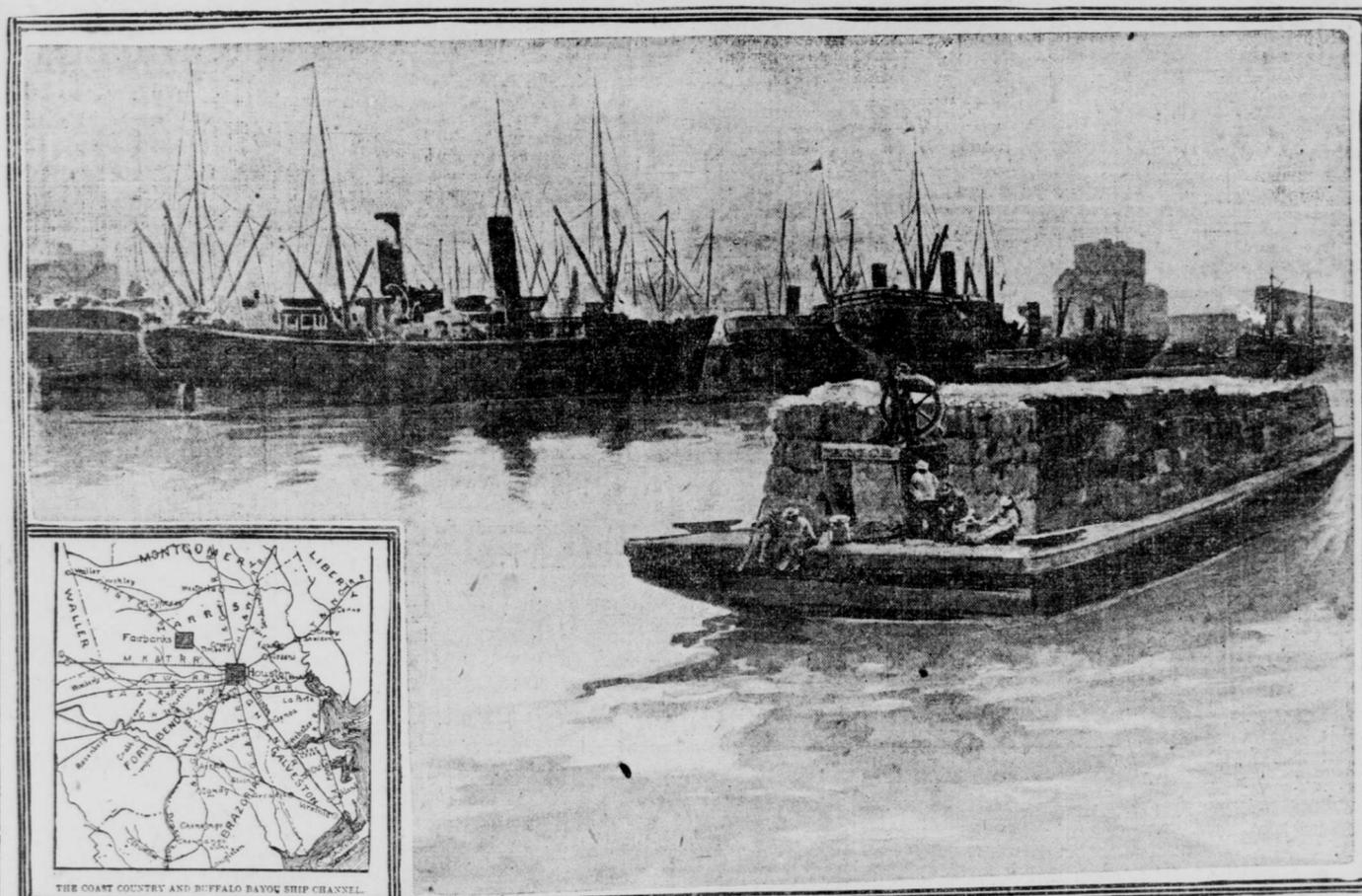
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SCENE ON WATER FRONT AT GALVESTON AND MAP OF THE INUNDATED DISTRICT.

Havoc Wrought in Many Texas Cities.

Not a House Standing in Alta or Alta Loma.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 9.—Galveston remains isolated. Efforts were made to get special trains and tugs to-day with which to reach the island city. The railroad companies declined to risk their locomotives.

All sorts of rumors prevail, but with no substantial basis. It is known that the railroad bridges across the bay at Galveston are either wrecked or are likely to be destroyed with the weight of a train on them. The approaches to the wagon bridge are gone and it is rendered useless.

The bridge of the Galveston, Houston and Northern Railroad is standing, but the drawbridges over Clear Creek and at Edgewater are gone and the road cannot get trains through to utilize the bridge across the bay.

A train went down the Columbia. Tap road this afternoon as far as Chenago. The town was greatly damaged and the bodies of nine negroes were taken from the ruins of one house. The train could proceed no further and proceeded back to Houston, leaving the fate of the people at Angleton, Columbia, Brazora, Velasco and Quintana uncertain.

The town of Alvin is reported to be practically demolished. Hitchcock has suffered severely from the storm, while the little town of Alta Loma is reported without a house standing. The town of Pearl has lost one-half of its buildings.

President Carlton of the Business League of Alvin and a prominent merchant there, reports that not a building is left standing in the town, either business or residence; stocks of goods and house furniture are ruined and crops are a total loss.

The small town of Brookshire on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, was almost wiped out by the storm. The crew of a work train brought this information. When the train left there the bodies of four persons had been recovered and the search for others was proceeding. Hempstead, across the country from Brookshire, was also greatly damaged.

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THREE THOUSAND LIVES ARE LOST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The World to-morrow will print the following:
"AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 9.—Information has just reached me that about 3000 lives have been lost at Galveston, with enormous destruction of property."
"No information from other points." **JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Governor.**

GALVESTON'S TALE OF HORROR REACHES AN AWESTRUCK WORLD

Communication Established at an Early Hour This Morning With the Stricken City.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 10.—Six hundred to one thousand persons killed, a city almost in ruins, the wharf front entirely gone, every ocean steamer stranded, and death and destruction on every hand, with a money loss that cannot be estimated now, is so far as can be learned at this hour, the result of the appalling calamity that has befallen Galveston.

The following is a partial list of the dead:
STANLEY G. SPENCER,
RICHARD LORD,
CHARLES KILMER,
MRS. GEORGE BURNETT and child.
MRS. GEARY BURNETT and child.

MRS. JUDSON PALMER, wife of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.
MRS. P. LEVINE and six children.
MRS. JOHN BOONE and three children.
CAPTAIN PIX and family.
DR. SAWYER,
MRS. M. J. O'KEEFE,
JOE M. McNAMARA,
MRS. CLAUDE FORTRAM,
MRS. SARAH SUMNER,
MRS. GEORGE REED,
MR. and MRS. JOHN BECKER and four children.

The great storm has left her helpless and her stricken people are compelled to appeal to the outside world for aid. The estimates of loss of life vary between the figures given, but an accurate count of the dead is impossible now, and the real number killed in the storm will probably never be known.

They were both overturned and the cars washed entirely off the right of way, the crews escaping. They set about at once in the work of rescuing the people who lived there. Up to yesterday afternoon they had recovered twenty-five bodies, ten of whom were women, and the work is still going on. G. Roensing, a contractor who lives in the Bruner district, came in from Genoa, where he had been constructing a school building, and reported that every building in the town had been blown down and made a total wreck, with but one or two possible exceptions.

At Guston stores were unroofed and residences destroyed.
At Rock Island the Baptist Church was totally wrecked and several residences unroofed.
At Eagle Lake the damage amounts to \$25,000 to the rice and cotton crops and to residences.
At Altair fruit trees were blown out of the ground and residences leveled.
At Rosenberg, in addition to the damage to residences, the opera-house and the Baptist Church were wrecked. Several persons were injured. Mrs. Coats, an aged lady, probably fatally. Three persons were killed in the county near here, namely, Rev. Mr. Watson, Mrs. L. J. Cantrell and a man named Herman.

TYLER, Tex., Sept. 9.—A heavy wind and rain storm visited this place this morning, causing considerable damage in the business part of the town and continuing at a steady rate from the north until 7 a. m. Great damage has been done to crops. The roof was blown off the First National Bank and considerable loss sustained. A number of small buildings were wrecked.

BRYAN, Tex., Sept. 9.—A terrific hurricane visited this section to-day. Trees, fences, signs, awnings, windows and out-houses were blown down, tin roofs torn from brick buildings, show windows smashed and merchandise damaged. The greatest damage in this section is to the cotton crop, which is blown out and twisted up in bad shape, involving heavy loss.

At Wallis.
In Hardin County a large amount of lumber was blown down and there was much damage to property at Village Mills. No damage was done at Corpus Christi or Rockport on the lower coast. At Richmond three negroes were killed by the collapse of a church and three others were killed near there. One also was killed at Booth. No names were obtainable.

MANY MISSING AT SEABROOKE
HOUSTON, Sept. 9.—Sabine Pass has not been heard from to-day. Yesterday morning the last news was received from there, and at that time the water was surrounding the old town at the pass and the wind was rising and the waves coming higher. From the new town, which is some distance back, it was reported that the water had reached the depot and was running through the streets. The people are leaving for the high country known as the back ridge, and it is believed that all escaped.

COUNTED HUNDREDS OF DEAD BODIES
DALLAS, Sept. 9.—The following telegram just received from Houston says: A relief train has just returned. They could not get closer than six miles of Virginia Point, where the prairie was covered with lumber, debris, pianos, trunks and dead bodies.
Two hundred corpses were counted from the train. A large steamer is stranded two miles this side of Virginia Point, as though thrown up by a tidal wave. Nothing can be seen of Galveston. Two men were picked up who floated across to the mainland, and they say they estimate the loss of life up to the time they left at 2000.

Excursion Steamer Strikes Sunken Rock
COHASSETT, Mass., Sept. 9.—The excursion steamer John Endicott, on the Boston and Plymouth line, struck a sunken rock just east of Minots Light this afternoon and tore a hole in her side, so that she was obliged to run full steam for the shore off North Scituate, where she foundered. There were on board 600 passengers at the time of the accident, but by the busy use of all her lifeboats, and with assistance from the boats near by, every person aboard was saved.

BRINGS BACK BODY OF HIS HEROIC SON
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 9.—A special train from Houston, Texas, says: In the relief train which Conductor Powers brought in from Virginia Point to-night was his own son, who lay in the baggage car a corpse. Powers was employed at Virginia Point as a baggage watchman and was 20 years of age. He had distinguished himself as a life saver at Texas City, having rescued many people. After saving the lives of others he himself was drowned by an accident.

FATALITIES IN THE INTERIOR DISTRICTS
HOUSTON (Tex.), Sept. 9.—At Walter half the houses in the town were demolished. The South Texas Baptist College is badly damaged and the school house is a wreck.
Not a house in the town of Chapel Hill escaped damage and many were demolished. Business houses also suffered and a fine cotton gin is a complete wreck.
At Brenham the court house was nearly wrecked and the city hall was completely

GULF AND BAY ARE FILLED WITH WRECKAGE
HOUSTON, Sept. 9.—Mr. Joyce, another refugee from Galveston, makes the following statement: "The gale was blowing Saturday night at about seventy-five miles an hour, blowing the water from the gulf and completely covering the city. The people of Galveston did not think it was much at first and kept within their homes. Consequently when the wind began blowing as it did and the water dashing against the houses, completely demolishing them, many lives were lost."

CONDUCTOR POWERS REPORTS
Conductor Powers reports that the two freight trains, one on the International and Great Northern, the other on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which left Houston at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, arrived at Virginia Point in safety.

PORT ARTHUR UNDER FOUR FEET OF WATER
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 9.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from New Orleans says: "A dispatch from St. Charles, La., states that passengers from Port Arthur, Tex., report that town four feet under water. One of the New York Dredge Company's boats was wrecked, and several lives have been lost."

NORTHERN FLYER WRECKED AT SAYRES
DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 9.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas northbound flyer was wrecked at Sayres early this morning. One passenger was injured.