

TEN THOUSAND SAID TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE TERRIBLE TEXAS DISASTER.

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SUMMARY WAY OF DEALING WITH LOOTERS OF DEAD BODIES.

Galveston, Sept. 12, 8 p. m., via Houston, midnight— All attempts at burying the dead have been utterly abandoned, and bodies are now being disposed of in the swiftest manner possible.

It will now never be known how many have lost their lives in this awful catastrophe. Mayor Jones of Galveston thinks that the dead will amount to 7000 and others whose opportunities for judging are less than those of the Mayor place the number as high as 10,000.

Relief committees from the interior of the State have commenced to arrive and, as usual, they are too large in numbers and to a certain extent are in the way of the people of Galveston and an impediment to the prompt relief which they themselves are so desirous of offering.

The wounded everywhere are still needing the attention of physicians, and despite every effort it is feared that a number will die because of sheer impossibility to afford them the aid necessary to save their lives.

TWO CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES PLACE LOSS OF LIFE AT 2000

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 12.—Governor Sayers to-day made the following statement to the Associated Press correspondent on the Galveston flood situation: "Conditions at Galveston are fully as bad as reported."

During the day the contributions have fairly deluged the Governor, more than \$100,000 having been received. Among the large contributors are to be noted the Standard Oil Company with \$10,000, the St. Louis Commercial Club for a like amount and the Huntington interests for \$5000.

The following report was also received from Adjutant General Scurry: "Galveston, Tex., Sept. 12.—Mayor of Houston ordered Houston military companies here: sixty-five men and officers came; thirty more come to-morrow."

Reports reaching the Governor show that the railroads, telegraph and telephone companies have suffered an immense loss by the storm. The Governor was informed to-day that quite a number of tugs from New Orleans and other available points had either arrived or were en route to Galveston, and by Saturday the transportation problem would be solved so far as getting people from the island to the mainland was concerned.

CAPTAIN CLARKE SAYS DEAD WILL NUMBER 10,000

HOUSTON, Sept. 12.—As indicated in dispatches from here, the magnitude of the calamity grows. In their effort to guard against extravagance or exaggeration, the newspaper men have fallen below the facts in placing the death list at about one thousand.

STRICKEN CITY PATROLLED BY TWO THOUSAND MEN

Galveston, Sept. 12, 2 p. m., via Texas City and Houston, 6 p. m.—Mayor Jones has announced that Adjutant General Scurry would take charge of the situation with the soldiers and citizen soldiery. The city is patrolled by about 2300 policemen, special policemen, soldiers and Deputy Sheriffs.

Orders were issued to the soldiers and police to kill any person caught in the act of robbing the dead. On Tuesday morning seven negro vandals had been discovered and had paid the penalty of their crimes with their lives. They were shot dead, and their bodies were carried away with dead victims of the storm.

No liquor is permitted to be sold, under any circumstances unless ordered by the chairman of one of the committees or by a physician, who must state it is to be used for medical purposes. All persons not having business on the streets after dark must be identified. Unless identification is forthcoming they are arrested. No person is allowed to work in or about any building unless he has a written permit from the police.

People tell of getting out of their houses just in the nick of time. They tell of seeing people struck by flying timbers and crushed to death before their eyes. One man was cut off from his family just as he thought he had them rescued, and saw them sink beneath the water on the other side of a barrier.

Eighteen people were caught in the Grother grocery store and it is presumed all were lost, as many have been reported dead who were known to have been in the building, which was swept away entirely. The firemen buried eight people south of avenue O to-day. The graves were marked with pieces of garments worn by the persons. Will Love, a printer on by Houston Post, who formerly lived in Houston, swam the bay Monday to reach his family, whom he found to be alive in Galveston. He swam from pier



DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AT GALVESTON.

to pier on the railroad bridge and at each he rested. In the Bolivar Lighthouse, which stands 130 feet high on Bolivar Point, across the bay from Galveston, about 150 people sought refuge from the storm Saturday evening.

Major Jones said this afternoon he estimated the loss of life in and around Galveston at 5000. Negro ghouls have been holding an orgy over the dead at Galveston. The majority of these men were in the desecration of the dead. Some of them were natives and some had been allowed to go over from the mainland under the guise of "relief" workers.

Incensed at this desecration and mutilation of the dead the looters were shot down, and it has been determined that all found robbing the dead shall be summarily dealt with. In robbing the dead ears were also stripped from the head in order to get the jewelry. A few Government troops who survived and private citizens have been patrolling the city and have endeavored to prevent the robbing of the dead and on several occasions have killed offenders.

While the exact velocity of the wind was not recorded after the destruction of the instruments, the Weather Bureau reports estimate the maximum velocity at between 110 and 120 miles an hour. It did not maintain this terrific rate for any length of time—perhaps for half a minute—but it was sufficient to wreck anything that met the full force of the storm.

A journal of the local office of the Weather Bureau contains a report of an apparent tidal wave of four feet which swept in from the gulf between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. At that time the wind ceased to blow and there was a tide of five feet and a terrible swell in the gulf during the storm, and before the tidal wave of four feet rose this wall of

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Special Dispatch to the Call. GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—District Judge W. H. Stewart has telegraphed Governor Sayers, asking him to convene the Legislature in special session to make a large appropriation for the relief of Galveston.

MONEY NEEDED TO FEED AND CLOTHE 25,000 PEOPLE

Galveston, Sept. 12.—To the Associated Press: "We are receiving numerous telegrams of condolences and offers of assistance. As the telegraph wires are burdened, we beg the Associated Press to communicate this response to all. Nearby cities are supplying and will supply sufficient food, clothing, etc., for immediate needs. Cities further away can serve us best by sending money. Checks should be made payable to John Sealey, chairman of the finance committee. All supplies should come to W. A. McVittie, chairman of the relief committee. We have 25,000 people to clothe and feed for many weeks and there is no money we need. This committee will from time to time report our needs with more particularity. We refer to dispatches of this date of R. G. Lowe, which the committee fully indorse. All communicants will please accept this in lieu of direct response and be assured of the heartfelt gratitude of the entire population."

Hundreds of Names Added to the Roll of Unfortunates Who Lost Their Lives in the Galveston Horror.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 11 (via Houston, Sept. 12).—The following names are added to the death list: MRS. SWIGEL and two daughters. MRS. CHAFFEE and child. MRS. MARY PIERSON. ALICE PIERSON. FRANK PIERSON. MRS. NELSON and daughter. MRS. JOHNSON. FRIEDMAN, wife and son. MR. and MRS. DEMPSEY. MRS. MARIS LEWIS, colored. MRS. MATTIE ANDERSON. MRS. ANDERSON. READER family. HOFFMAN family. MR. and MRS. GEORGE FALKENHAGEN. MRS. H. CLEM KUHN and two children. WILLIE DAY. MRS. JAMES HOLLAND. MR. and MRS. H. LOCKMAN. SAM WILLIAMS, colored. MRS. NATHAN MOORE.

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MEN IMPRESSED INTO SERVICE AT GALVESTON

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 12, 2 p. m. (via Texas City and Houston 6 p. m.)—At a meeting of the relief committee held this morning reports were received from the various wards. The chairman called for armed men to assist in getting labor to bury the dead and clear the wreckage, and arrangements were made to supply this demand. The situation in the city to-day is that there are plenty of volunteers for this service, but an insufficiency of arms. There have been two or three small riots, but the officers have managed to quell them. The committee rejected the proposition of trying to pay for work, letting the laborers secure their own rations. It was decided to go ahead impressing men into service, if necessary, issuing orders for rations only to those who worked or were unable to work. All of the ward chairmen reported the imperative need of disinfectants. A committee was appointed to sequester all the disinfectants in the city including the lime which escaped wetting, and to secure more. Houston was called upon for a bargeload of lime. The relief committee was greatly encouraged by the response to this demand. Association tendering the services of its 500 members. They were placed at the disposal of the ward chairmen and foremen appointed for each division. Mr. Van Vleck, manager of the Southern Railway, returned to Houston to-day, and is operating relief trains over his line to Texas City Junction and thence over the Texas City Terminal to or near to Texas City.

SOLDIERS TO KEEP OUT IDLERS FROM GALVESTON

Houston, Tex., Sept. 12.—Refugees continue to reach Texas City Junction from Virginia Point, all telling harrowing stories which vary only in detail. The situation appears worse as time progresses. What is most needed is means of transportation across the bay to bring out the homeless and destitute. With regard to resumption of direct rail communication with the island no one can tell when it will take place. The Santa Fe, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the International and Great Northern and the Galveston, Houston and Henderson have been ordered to suspend their service for joint use, and the Southern Pacific may eventually join in the enterprise. Millions have been stationed at Texas City and Virginia Point to prevent the passage of persons who have been stranded in Galveston. Eighty-three bodies had been buried at Texas City up to last night. All of these floated out to sea. The bodies of 200 persons have been recovered and buried at Virginia Point. FORTIFICATIONS ARE LOST BEYOND RECOVERY. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The Quartermaster's Department has received the following from Galveston: Quartermaster General, Washington: Referring to my telegrams of 9th and 10th, I have subject to recover in Galveston. Eighty construction contracts and again urgently recommended that the contractors be paid for labor and material in place and on record, all swept away and lost beyond recovery. Fortifications at Crockett, Jacinto and Travis all destroyed and cannot be rebuilt on present site. Recommend continuance of my office here only long enough to recover in Galveston. I have morning gun, when located; also to close accounts and ship up stores and property, where directed. I fear Galveston is destroyed beyond its ability to recover. Loss of life and property appalling. BAXTER, Quartermaster.