Galveston's last line added to the endless epic, "Man vs. Wind and Wave," is a proud one

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Gulf Towns Add Lists to Storm Toll—the Loss May Never be Known

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight; Friday unsettled weather; not much change in temperature.

Washington Forecast

Oklahoma: Tonight [illegible] Friday [illegible] rain in east portion.

Arkansas: Tonight and Friday rain.

East Texas: Tonight [illegible] rain in north portion; Friday partly cloudy, probably rain in [illegible] portion; light to moderate southerly to easterly winds on the coast.

West Texas: Tonight and Friday partly cloudy.

Kansas: Rain tonight and probably in eastern portion; Friday fair; much change in temperature.

Steamer Arabic, Sunk—Had 423 Passengers—Down in 11 Minutes

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The White Star liner Arabic which sailed yesterday from Liverpool for New York has been sent to the bottom off Fastnet on the south coast of Ireland, not far from where the Lusitania was sunk.

Reports available in London early this afternoon indicated that the greater part of the 410 persons on board had been saved. The first reports were that all of the passengers and crew had been rescued by another steamer.

Subsequently, however, it was reported that the Arabic had gone down in eleven minutes, raising the question whether it would have been possible to rescue all on board in that time.

A message to the White Star company left this question open. It said that 15 or 16 boatloads were making for Queenstown and from this the company inferred that the greater part of the passengers and crew were saved.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—5 30 p. m.—The Arabic was sent to the bottom by a torpedo from a German submarine. The torpedo struck the Arabic at 9:15 o'clock this morning.

The Arabic's tonnage was 15,801 gross and 10,062 net. She was 600 feet long and was built in Belfast in 1903.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon neither the American consuls in the vicinity of Fastnet, nor the embassy at London had reported the sinking of the Arabic and the state department had no official information. As in other cases officials reserved their comment awaiting details and news whether any Americans had been lost.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 19.—4 20 p. m.—Two steamers are expected here in two hours' time bringing about 400 survivors of the Arabic. It is presumed that all have been rescued, but so far nothing definite has been ascertained.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The White Star line, after first announcing that there were 410 persons on board, later gave out a corrected statement giving the total number as 423. There were 132 second-cabin passengers, 48 in the steerage and 243 members of the crew.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The British steamer Magnolia reports by wireless that the steamship Dunsley also was torpedoed, but at the time the message was sent, was still afloat and was picking up survivors.

Known Dead and Missing

Galveston and inland	12	Lynchburg, dead	3
Dredge boat Sam Houston, missing	56	Houston, dead	3
Boat Sam Barnard, missing	2	Hitchcock, dead	3
Virginia Point, dead and missing	20	Jennings Island, dead	5
Texas City, reported dead	20	Freeport, dead	1
Surfside, missing and dead	19	Sour Lake, dead	1
Boats, Waverly and Guyton, missing	15	Dickinson, dead	1
Laporte, dead	7	Alvin, dead	1
		Orange, dead	1
		Anahuac	20
		Total	195

GALVESTON, Texas., Aug. 19.—By Courier—The total missing and known dead from an area one hundred miles wide along the Texas coast, extending on both sides of Galveston today, is 193, with the known dead less than 100. Galveston, though suffering a proportionately small percentage of fatalities, has sustained the heaviest property losses.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 19.—Protected by her seawall, which withstood the battering of the waves hurled against it by the force of a wind ranging from ninety to 124 miles an hour, Galveston escaped the hurricane which broke over that city Monday night and Tuesday morning with a minimum loss of life and a relatively small loss of property. Up to noon Wednesday only fourteen bodies had been recovered and it is doubtful if many more than this were drowned in the city itself. The heaviest loss of life will be found to have been sustained by the shipping and dredges anchored out in the bay. The total, including those lost in the city, from ships and in the lowlands about Galveston, may reach 250 to 300. The exact number, however, probably never will be known. With the deaths reported in Virginia Point, Texas City, Laporte, Houston and other nearby coast cities, the grand total will approximate 400 lives.

One of the greatest losses to Galveston is the partial destruction of the causeway. This great concrete bridge, the one connecting link between the island and the mainland, was completed barely two years ago. Both approaches, approximating three thousand feet, are gone. The east side of the causeway is said to have been torn away by one of the dredges which is believed to have sunk subsequently out in the channel. The other was battered down by a giant oil tank which floated away from the Pierce-Fordyce refinery near Texas City.

There were six of these tanks valued at from $8,000 to $10,000 each and holding approximately fifty-five thousand barrels of oil which were lost and but for this oil which tended to allay the height of the waves, it is believed the loss in Texas City would have been even greater.

Thanks to the ample warning given by the United States weather bureau as to the approach of the storm, coupled with a realization as to what this might mean, due to the terrible record in the storm of 1900, thousands of people who remained in Galveston left their homes Monday night and sought refuge in the big buildings in the heart of the city.

There are some who say that the "eye" of the storm passed over Houston and that had there been water, such as overwhelmed Galveston, the town would have been wrecked. The barometer reading at Houston was lower than at Galveston where the minimum was but 28.40 against 28.21 in Houston. The wind at Houston is variously estimated at from ninety to 100 miles an hour and persons who spent Monday night in the downtown hotels say even those modern substantial buildings shook before the force of the storm.

FREEPORT, Tex., Aug. 19.—Nineteen persons were drowned at the Brazos United States livesaving station in the storm Monday night, according to reports received here. The only known dead, most of whom are said to be excursionists, were the wife and child of Capt. John P. Steinhart, keeper of the station.

THE DEAD

G. P. Flores, Mrs. Flores, their children, Nellie, Minnie, Dunlop and Jessie May, all of Richmond. Flores is owner of the Texas Courier, a Richmond publication, and former county attorney of Fort Bend county.

John and George Dunlop, aged nine and six years, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop, Sr., of Houston Heights.

Mrs. J. T. Dyer of Richmond.

Dr. Herb Newton of Richmond.

John P. Steinhardt, captain of the life-saving station.

Mrs. Steinhardt and their 12-year-old daughter.

Follette Shannon, a helper.

This list accounts for 14 persons.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Aug. 19.—News from the stricken district adjacent to Beaumont early today was meagre but no more fatalities were reported. So far as known here nearly a score of persons are dead with a number reported missing.

Reports from Sabine and Sabine Pass, Texas, and Johnson's Bayou and Leesburg, La., where heavy loss of life was feared, declared that all persons at those places were safe.

GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 19.—The damage on this coast where the water swept inland in places a distance of at least 20 miles over the low mainland and where in a great arc running a hundred miles inland, the hurricane rolled houses over like tops, deposited vessels in farm fields and drowned pitifully large numbers of valuable animals, reaches many millions of dollars.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Aug. 19.—Reports of twenty deaths at Anahuac in Chambers county during the storm were brought here today. Two thousand refugees are here from Port Arthur.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 19.—It is estimated that the property loss at Galveston may reach $10,000,000 but in the face of this the citizens are jubilant, for the seawall, built at a tremendous cost following the great storm of 1900, has done its duty and stands intact. Great holes have been torn in the pavement of the boulevard just inside the seawall for practically the entire distance from Seventh to Nineteenth streets and in places the wall itself has been undermined. These are things which can be remedied, however.

Docks in Ruins

Almost as great damage to property in Galveston was created by the water which flowed in from the bay front Monday afternoon. From one-half to one-third of the buildings which lined this front have been wrecked and most of the buildings about the docks are little better than ruins. This, however, is attributed to the wind as the piling on which these buildings were erected still stands. Back of the seawall in the vicinity of Tremont street, all the smaller frame buildings have been wrecked or wrenched from their foundations. All bath houses, the Breakers, Surf and Murdocks, together with piers extending out into the gulf, have been washed away and a big four masted schooner, hurled in from the gulf, lies half way across the seawall. The sailors from this vessel were rescued by soldiers at Fort Crockett.

There have been three disastrous fires in Galveston since the storm. The first of these which broke out in the O. K. Laundry near the Santa Fe depot, occurred early Tuesday morning. This building with the one adjoining

"Fooling The People"?

NO! JUST SHOWING-UP ALLEGED NEWSPAPERS

Sour grapes rain from the Oklahoma this morning. "Thousands Perish in Flood. Find 500 Bodies at Laporte," read big black headlines in a 5 o'clock extra issued by a local paper yesterday afternoon. "Horrible," all gasped as the new news came running in, and the extras sold like hot cakes. Then the story was read and it said: "And 500 bodies from Galveston had been washed ashore on high ground." Houston was the CACONI-HUERTA-RUMOR carried over the first wires into San Antonio Wednesday afternoon.

No doubt a good thought that the 500 dead had been too, but a line about the thousands who perished and search is made in vain for any mention thereof in the evening paper.

Two hours later the news again rush through the streets. "Second extra, all about the flood," is the cry. It must be millions dead now, readers are startled into thinking, and again they buy.

"Loss From Gulf City Less, West Visitations. Loss of Life to Galveston Proper Is Small. First Estimates Reduced," read the new headlines.

Readers had purchased the second story extra only to learn that they were misinformed by the first extra. A "conservative" (this description had made a monkey out of a mob) by saying thousands perished, when all he knew was that an "unconfirmed rumor" stated that 500 bodies had been found.

And it came to pass that on the eighteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1915, in the city of Oklahoma, The Times, an afternoon paper, diligently discharging its obligations to the public by giving it the news, all of it, while it was news, had, by its enterprise and artistry in covering the details of a great storm at Galveston, during which several extra editions were issued, driven its morning contemporary almost to despair. As the day waned, bulletins concerning the storm began to bear the significant initials "E. O. S." (extraordinary service), meaning that they might be used either by morning or afternoon papers. The Times' morning contemporary, by this time **mourning** contemporary, came alive and decided to get out an extra carrying the latest report of five hundred bodies being washed ashore at Laporte, Texas.

It sent to The Times office for the bulletins, and gathered in its men for the painful effort. Then, while its machines were still laboring with the dispatches The Times newsies, hundreds of them, went hitting by with their raucous cries filling the air: "Times Extra! All about the awful loss of life at Galveston!" Green with jealousy and envy, the morning paper called off its extra, gritted its teeth and waited.

Then, an hour or two later, when the Associated Press had finally succeeded in establishing communication with Galveston, and a man had gone there and secured the unquestioned details, the bulletins began to arrive without the "E. O. S." initials. They told the facts, how the loss of property was greater than ever before, but how the great seawall had protected the people, and the loss of life was not as great as expected.

Then the morning paper chortled in its glee. It would have one on The Times in the morning. The Times had carried the story of thousands lost. It would show this was untrue. But The Times is served by capable men, who are alert to their obligations to the public. Its operator immediately wired the Associated Press office at Chicago stating that The Times had gone extra with the story of heavy life loss, and asked that the later bulletins be made "E. O. S.," in order that it might correctly inform its thousands of readers. And the Associated Press authorized the "E. O. S."

Ten minutes later the happy slumbers of the morning paper were again rudely disturbed by "them kids" crying the story of good cheer from Galveston that sent Oklahoma City to its bed reassured, on two points: That the loss of life at Gulf points was not nearly as great as at first reported, and that in The Times, it had a paper that discharged its obligations fully.

And so the morning paper was a **mourning** paper the morning after. Beat, licked to a frazzle, scooped and then walked on. With its morning sales dropping lower and lower; with its country subscribers saying things about its policy of suppressing political news, it just naturally had to forget that general order, issued a few weeks ago, to "Never recognize The Times; it is not in our class," and get some of the sour grapes out of its system.

And, in the interest of absolute accuracy, The Times isn't in its class. That's why you are proud of The Times; why you boost it.

The other afternoon paper—the mail-order sheet?

Why, that paper told its readers in its last issue Wednesday that it had heard nothing from Galveston since 8 o'clock the evening before.

And so it came to pass that the biggest story of the year, every detail of it, came to town, like all the rest of them, in The Times. Somewhere the sun may be shining, but it's not shining in the vicinity of the morning paper or the mail-order sheet.

Cheer up fellows; the worst is yet to come. Only about five thousand readers have quit you and joined The Times family. You still have a few left. Think how you'll feel when you lose them!

CRAWFORD STILL OUT

Appeal of Ardent Lover From Insanity Commission's Finding, Is Postponed. No Woman for Him

Habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Lewis (Buck) Crawford and the appeal from the decision of the insanity commission which found him to be insane were set over until September 7 by District Judge Hayson Thursday. At this time, both the habeas corpus proceeding against the sheriff and the appeal from the decision of the commission will be heard.

Between thirty and forty witnesses were on hand before the case was called Thursday morning, all of them ready to testify that Crawford was sane. He was adjudged to be of unsound mind because of his too demonstrative affection for Mrs. George Moore, who caused the charge to be brought.

REPORT IS READY

Bar Association Will Hear Report On Williams-Franklin Controversy Investigation Saturday Morning

That the report of the committee named from the Oklahoma City Bar association in regard to the supreme court clerk-governor muddle was finished and is being compiled, was tacitly admitted by E. G. McAdams, president of the association, Thursday morning. Mr. McAdams said that he had not seen the report, however, and no intimation of its contents could be gained.

The following call for a meeting was issued by Mr. McAdams Thursday to receive the report of the committee:

"Mr. E. L. Fulton, chairman of the committee appointed by this association to investigate and report its findings and conclusions as to why the lawyers and litigants of this city and state are not receiving proper service from the office of the clerk of the supreme court, has notified me that the committee would be ready to report on next Saturday at nine o'clock.

"I, therefore, in accordance with the directions of this association, hereby call a meeting of the Oklahoma City Bar association, to be held at Judge Clark's district courtroom, in this city, on Saturday morning, August 21, at nine o'clock.

"As members of the bar we are peculiarly interested in this matter. I therefore respectfully urge each and every member to be present.

(Signed) "E. G. MCADAMS,
"President Oklahoma City Bar Ass'n."

PROTESTS SEIZURE

Norway Demands Return of Mails Taken By German Submarine From Steamer Haakon VII

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 19.—The sinking yesterday of the Norwegian mail steamer Haakon VII and the seizure of mails on board by a German submarine have been followed by a protest to Berlin and a demand for the return of the mails to Norway. The Haakon VII was bound from Bergen to England.

DR. BEELER DIES

Senator Harry Beeler, Returning From Vacation Trip Gets Tergram Conveying Sad Intelligence

Senator Harry Beeler of the state election board, returning home today from a vacation spent in New York, found a telegram announcing that his brother, Dr. T. C. Beeler, 30, had died of heart failure at Guymon, Okla., where he had just arived from Harvard after completing a post-graduate course in medicine. The message was sent two days ago and Senator Beeler has no further information concerning his brother's death. He starts for Guymon this evening, having made arrangements for the funeral to be held tomorrow.

STROMBOLI BELCHES

Famous Volcano on Island Off Italy Pours Lake of Fire on Plateau Between Crater and Sea

MESSINA, Sicily, Aug. 19.—6:10 a. m.—via Paris, Aug. 19, 11:35 a. m.—The chief signal officer at the island of Stromboli reports the eruption of a large quantity of lava from Stromboli volcano. The lava is forming a lake of fire between the craters and the sea. The emission is accompanied by loud detonations and clouds of smoke.

HOLLWEG ASSAILED

Berlin In Ferment of Disagreement as to What German Chancellor Really Stands for—Not Radical Enough

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Berlin newspapers, copies of which have reached London, indicate the opposition to the imperial chancellor, Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg, is steadily growing in Germany. A movement headed by such liberal leaders as Bassermann, Stresemann and Fuhrmann are keeping up an almost incessant attack on the chancellor, insisting that he is not sufficiently radical in his view and is inclined to abandon the extreme aims of real German policy.

THE PAID CIRCULATION OF THE TIMES IS NOW 18,856. Everybody is reading The Times—they have to to get the News when it is News. Circulation statement is guaranteed by the owners of THE TIMES. The paper that goes home.

FIVE-CENT RISE IN PRICE OF OIL

Prairie Company Makes Price 65 Cents Per Barrel and Other Companies Quickly Fall Into Line

TULSA, Aug. 19.—Mid-continent grades of petroleum were advanced another five cents this morning, making the quotation read 65 cents.

The advance, which was announced by the Prairie offices, was quickly met by the Gulf and Texas. This is the fourth advance within two weeks, during that time the market having moved up from 40 cents to 65 cents. That dollar oil is now a certainty within the next sixty days, or even less is freely predicted by those best posted in petroleum matters.

FERRIS WILL SPEAK

That Congressman Scott Ferris of Lawton has accepted an invitation to address the Confederate war veterans at their annual reunion, to be held at Ada, September 2-4, was the announcement made by Col. R. A. Sneed, custodian of Pratt national park at Sulphur, who was in the city this morning. Mr. Ferris will speak September 2.

MUSIC QUIETED NERVES

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 19.—"The orchestra in the hotel Galvez played during the height of the storm to keep up the spirits of the people marooned there," said John F. Green, United States district attorney who was marooned in the hotel during entire storm.

$500 FOR EACH FRANK ARREST

Governor of Georgia Signifies Intention of Seeking Out the Mob Members

ATLANTA, Aug. 19.—Governor Harris planned to confer with the members of the state prison commission here today relative to steps to be taken for the arrest and conviction of members of the mob which lynched Leo M. Frank. This conference was to be the first actual step on the part of the state officials to place the blame for the hanging.

Under Georgia law the governor can offer a maximum reward of $500 for each arrest and conviction.

"I probably will do this," said the governor. "The abduction of the state's ward and his lynching will be fully inquired into."

RUSSIA DENIES LOSS OF KOVNO

Asserts Germans Have Captured Only Fortifications on One Bank of Niemen

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Russian reports do not concede the total loss of Kovno asserting the Germans have captured only the fortifications on the left bank of the Niemen while positions on the right bank are still held by the defenders.

South of the Bug the Germans are now before Brest-Litovsk, which is Russia's great military station and a railroad center of much importance. Novogeorgievsk, which has been invested for the last ten days is in imminent danger, as the Germans are making constant progress.

Reports from both sides indicate that a desperate battle may now be under way along a line parallel to the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk railroad.

On the British sections of the western front there has been no serious infantry fighting since the advance at Hooge. The French, however, are more active. Paris announces violent artillery engagements in the Arrois re-

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