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# THE SITUATION NOW AT GALVESTON

## NOT BURYING DEAD.

The Bodies Are Being Taken Out to Sea or Burned.

## RELIEF IS BEING DISTRIBUTED

But the People in Greatest Need Are Not Relieved.

## WATER SCARCE FOR THE CRIPPLED.

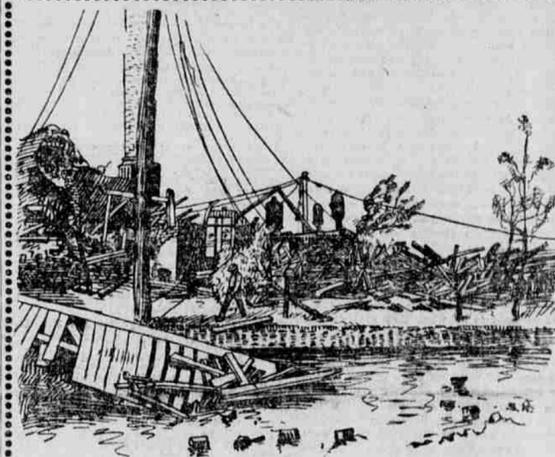
The Healthy Can Get It, but Not the Unfortunate.

## TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING IN

Water Is Still a Very Scarce Commodity to All but the Able-bodied. Coffee Made with Salt Water.

(BY J. THOMAS SOUTH.)

Galveston, Texas, Wednesday, 1 p. m.—All attempt at burying the dead has been utterly abandoned and bodies are now being disposed of in the swiftest manner possible. Scores of them were burned today and hundreds were taken out to sea



(Sketched From a Photograph Taken at Galveston.)  
 The Power House of the Street Railway Co.—40 Men Buried in the Ruins.

and thrown overboard. The safety of the living is now the paramount question, and nothing that will tend to prevent the outbreak of an awful pestilence is being neglected.

This morning it was found that large numbers of the bodies which had previously been thrown in the bay were washed back upon the shore, and the situation was thus rendered worse than before they were first laden in the barges and thrown into the water. It will now never be known how many have lost their lives in this awful catastrophe. Estimates run all the way from 1000 to 10,000. The former figure is given by Lieutenant Perry and aide on General McKibbin's staff, who arrived in Houston this evening from Galveston. He said that large numbers of people had been washed out to sea and probably never would be heard from again. How many of these there were it is beyond the power of those now in Galveston to estimate with any accuracy.

The number of dead bodies along the shore, according to Lieutenant Perry, has been somewhat overestimated, and while he says that 1000 is a conservative estimate, he does not believe from the evidence he saw and the number of bodies he counted where they had been as yet uncollected for burial that the number will greatly exceed 1000.

His estimate is laughed at by a number of men who have been in Galveston and returned earlier in the week, they claiming that at least 2500 bodies were buried or carried out to sea in the barges before Lieutenant Perry arrived. No list of the dead has been kept and it will be utterly impossible to formulate one from now on. Mayor Jones of Galveston claims that the dead will amount to 5000, and others whose opportunity for judging are less than that of the mayor, place it as high as 10,000.

Relief committees from the interior of the State have commenced to arrive, and as usual they are much 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. Several of the relief expeditions have had committees large enough to consume 10 per cent of the provisions which they brought. The relief sent here from Beaumont, Texas, arrived this morning and was distributed as fast as possible. It consisted of two carloads of ice and provisions and came by way of Port Arthur. The great trouble now seems to be that those people who are in the greatest need are, through no fault of those in charge of the distribution, the



(Sketched From a Photograph.)  
 The Ruin Wrought, Showing Bodies Among the Wreckage.

last to receive aid. Many of them are so badly maimed and wounded that they are unable to apply to the relief committees, and the committees are so overwhelmed by direct applications that they have been unable to send out messengers.

The wounded everywhere are still needing the attention of physicians and despite every effort it is feared that a number will die because of the sheer physical impossibility to afford them the aid necessary to save their lives. Every man in Galveston who is able to walk and work is



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engaged in the work of relief with all the energy of which he is capable. But, despite their utmost endeavors they cannot keep up with the increase in the miserable conditions which surround them.

Water can be obtained by able bodied men; but with great difficulty. Dr. Wallace Shaw, of Houston, who is busily engaged in the relief work, said tonight that there were 200 people at St. Mary's infirmary without fresh water. They had been making coffee of salt water and using that as their only beverage.

Very little stealing was reported today and there were no killings. The number of men shot down yesterday for robbing the dead proved a salutary lesson, and it is not expected that there will be any more occurrence of this sort. The soldiers of the regular army and of the National Guard are guarding the property and it is impossible for thieves to escape detection.

The loss of life among the soldiers of the regular army stationed at the barracks on the beach, proves to have been largely over-estimated. The original report was that but fifteen out of the total number in the barracks on the beach had been saved. Last night and today they turned up singly and in squads, and at present there are but twenty-seven missing, whereas the first estimate of casualties in this direction alone was nearly 200. It is probable that some of the twenty-seven will answer roll call later in the week. One soldier reached the city this afternoon who had been blown around in the Gulf of Mexico and had floated nearly fifty miles, going and coming, on a door. Another one who showed up today, declared that he owed his life to a cow. It swam with him nearly three miles. The cow then sank and the soldier swam the balance of the way to the mainland by himself.

Efforts were made this afternoon to pick up the dead bodies that have floated in with the tide after having been once cast into the sea. This is awful work, and few men are found with sufficiently strong nerves to last at it for more than thirty minutes at a time.

All of the bodies are badly decomposed, swollen to enormous proportions, and so dark a hue that it is possible to tell only by the hair, when any hair is visible, whether the corpses are those of white people or of negroes.

far as order and method in the distribution of supplies and the direction of the work is concerned. General McKibbin represents the government in a general way, but has not assumed direct charge of the city, which is under the command of Adjutant General Scurry. Several of the very young soldiers have been a trifle overzealous in the matter of guarding the property, carrying their energy to a point which made it somewhat uncomfortable for the people whose property and persons they came to guard. General Scurry repressed them promptly and several of them have been dismissed. The service of the militia, on the whole, however, has so far been of a most excellent character. Every effort is being made to induce people to leave Galveston, and it is extremely difficult for anyone, no matter what his business, unless he is in direct charge of a relief train, to gain admittance to the place. Hundreds of people left Houston today for Galveston, but could get no farther than Texas City, which is on the north side of Galveston bay and there they were compelled to remain until the train brought them back to Houston. No persuasion, no sum of money would induce the guard to pass them into the stricken city. Orders had been issued that no sightseers were to be allowed, and the order was obeyed with the utmost rigidity. It will be at least a week before there is full and free communication with Galveston, but matters are now steadily progressing toward a solution of the problems that confront the relief committee. Every effort is being made to induce people to leave and one train which arrived in Houston at 5 o'clock this evening carried 350 women and children, another at 10 o'clock carried twice as many more and it is expected that fully 2000 of the women and children will be out of the place by tomorrow night. Mayor Jones estimates that there are at least 10,000 of these helpless ones who should be taken from Galveston at the earliest possible moment. They are all apparently anxious to get away and will be handled as rapidly as possible.

Another trainload of provisions and clothing, making the third within the last twenty-four hours, came here from Houston tonight. The steamer Charlotte Allen arrived at noon today from Houston with 1000 pounds of bread and other provisions. The amount of food which has been sent so far has been large, but there are still in the neighborhood of 30,000 people to be cared for on the island.

Food has been received by the relief committee from the following places: Houston, Beaumont, and Port Arthur. The committee have their store houses on Twentieth and Strand.

Mayor Jones has issued orders to let anyone desiring to leave the city do so—and has also abolished the "pass system" in the city.

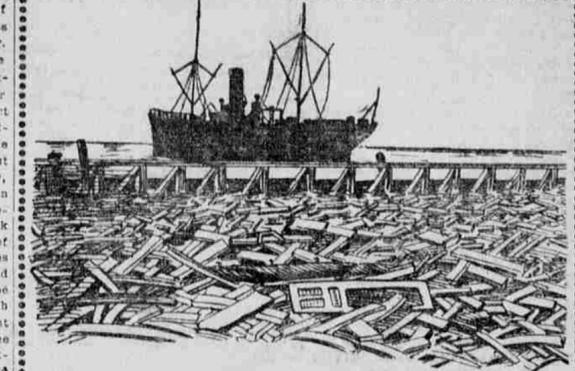
**SCURRY IS IN CHARGE.**  
 Galveston, Wednesday, 11 a. m.—Adjutant General Scurry came in from Austin, arriving here late Tuesday afternoon, coming from Texas City in a row boat. Upon his arrival a meeting was held in the Tremont hotel parlor, consisting of Adjutant General Scurry, Mayor Jones, Chief of Police Ketchum, Captain McCormick, Houston Light Guards, and a few citizens. The result of the meeting was that Chief of Police Ketchum was to remain in command of the city, but the volunteer local military organization to be disbanded and Adjutant General Scurry to take command of the military department of the city, consisting of the State militia and work in concert with the chief of police.

**A STATEMENT BY R. G. LOWE**  
 SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT GALVESTON.  
 Four to Five Thousand Lives Lost and Damage to Property Between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

Galveston, Texas, September 12.—A summary of the conditions prevailing at Galveston is more than human intellect can master. Briefly stated, the damage to property is anywhere between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The loss of life can not be computed. No lists could be kept and all is simple guesswork. Those

thrown out to sea and buried on the ground wherever found will reach the horrible total of at least 3000 souls. My estimate of the loss on the island of Galveston and the immediate surrounding district is between 4000 and 5000 deaths. I do not make this statement in fright or excitement. The whole story will never be told, because it can not be told. The necessities of those living are total. Not a single individual escaped property loss. The property on the island if wrecked, fully one-half totally swept out

of existence altogether. What our needs are can be computed by the world at large by the statement herewith submitted much better than I could possibly summarize them. The help must be immediate.  
 R. G. LOWE,  
 Manager Galveston News.



(Sketched From a Photograph.)  
 The Alamo Lying in the Docks—Some of the Wreckage seen at The Point.

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## THE WORLD RELIEF TRAIN.

Left St. Louis Yesterday Evening—It Will Make Fast Time.  
 The New York World special relief train en route to Galveston left St. Louis at 6:10 p. m. yesterday via the Iron Mountain route. The train has been given the right of way over all others on the road, and it is expected that a record

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breaking run to Houston will be made. It is composed of two Pullman's, three baggage cars and one refrigerator car. Two of the baggage cars are loaded with clothing, food supplies, medicines, etc., one with disinfectants, and the refrigerator car contains meats and vegetables. There are only a few doctors and nurses aboard, the World having been advised that sufficient of this class of help was available locally.

Arrangements are being made for the World special to proceed to Texas City, where barges will be provided to take the supplies into Galveston. The train will probably pass through Houston Friday morning.

Chief of Police John Blackburn arrived at 3 o'clock from Houston with a squad of Houston police.

The work of destroying the dead bodies is progressing as fast as possible. There are

## GALVESTON'S DEAD

A Post Representative Insists that 8000 Will Be the Total.

## TRIP OF CHARLOTTE M. ALLEN.

Many Houston People Visited the Distressed City Yesterday Morning.

## WORK OF DESTROYING DEAD BODIES.

Squads of Men Are Engaged in Looking for Corpses.

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(BY JAMES HAYS QUARLES.)

Galveston, Texas, September 12.—I arrived here at 12:50 o'clock aboard the steam tug Charlotte M. Allen. The trip was a fast one. Captain Ellison endeavoring to bring the boat through as soon as possible. Aboard were the following Galveston people and people who were coming to look for friends: R.

I. Cohen, Galveston; James Hays Quarles, Houston; L. Durr, Brenham; E. K. Baker, Austin; W. R. Knight, Dallas; G. W. Foster, Dallas; J. H. Gibson, Galveston; Dr. W. A. McAlpin, Galveston; B. Denton, Temple; J. L. Spurlin, Hamilton, Ill.; Stella, Galveston; Z. T. Anderson, Dallas; S. H. Dealey, Waco; Al Dirks, Galveston; J. H. Wood, Galveston; G. Grimpzybski, Galveston; W. N. Delany, Galveston; S. E. Jones, St. Louis; J. B. Parkell, St. Louis; G. L. Tuttle, Galveston; E. Tropke, Houston; George M. Dwyer, Galveston; G. V. Harrison, Port Point; George M. Womack and wife, Gatesville; F. O. Beecher, Galveston; Dr. Ralph Holthues, Galveston; W. G. Jones, Galveston; H. B. Nordhausen, Galveston; O. Rhoden, Galveston; F. C. Fuller, Galveston; George C. Fink, Waco; H. Loverton, Dublin; M. Marx and wife, Galveston; James T. Taylor, Dallas; A. J. E. Parker, Galveston; D. P. McAlpine, Galveston; A. J. Nauhin, Galveston; Joe Wise, Galveston; William McBride, Galveston; B. Sandford, Galveston; O. S. Plummer, Galveston; George W. Ferguson, Thompson, Texas; W. C. Swain, Victoria; John Douglas, Galveston; Walter H. Allen, Galveston; J. M. Rice, Galveston; Theo. Hering, Sealy; P. T. McGrath, Galveston; C. H. Merline, Galveston; R. W. Rieder, Dallas.

In addition to the above, there were James Welch, John Stewart, M. A. Grant, William Baugh, C. W. Becock and W. S. Toney, who compose a relief committee of citizens of Houston, and Joe Schmitter, who, with Messrs. Becock and Grant, compose the committee from the Woodmen of the World. These committees will open headquarters and will take charge of all supplies sent through the mayor of Houston, and will turn them over to the proper committees here. They will remain in Galveston.

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