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THE STORY OF THE GREAT STORM CONTINUED IN A CHAPTER OF UNPARALLELED DESTRUCTION

SHORES OF BAY ARE LINED WITH RUINS

Million Dollar Damage at Navy Yard, and Fort McRae Completely Wiped Out.

OTHER POSTS BADLY DAMAGED

Every Building at Barrancas Suffered from Gale.

NAVAL VESSELS ALL HIGH AND DRY ON THE BEACH AND NAVY YARD INUNDATED—MASSES OF WRECKAGE ARE GUARDED BY TROOPS.

No adequate idea of the magnitude of the disaster which overwhelmed Pensacola and the surrounding section on Wednesday and Thursday in possible without a trip around the bay, and the terrific force of the hurricane cannot be realized until the vast masses of wreckage, stranded vessels, dismantled army posts and torn and twisted homes along the waterfront are viewed from the bay.

The entire shore is a mass of ruins, every building at Fort Barrancas is more or less damaged, the Life Saving Station has been wiped out of existence, the Quarantine station is a mass of debris, Fort Pickens has suffered severely and Fort McRae completely razed, the ruin of the old fort standing alone on the shore, a silent and impressive reminder of the past and a sentinel over the wreck of one of the most important army posts on the Gulf coast.

Banked With Wreckage. West and south of the city the shore line is banked high with lumber, timber and wreckage of every description, interspersed here and there with vessels of various descriptions, all more or less wrecked and many of them high and dry on the beach. A number of sailing vessels which withstood the fury of the gale are at anchor off the city, but by far the largest proportion of the vessels that swung at anchor when the storm commenced are upon the beach, the hulls leaning and the rigging twisted and torn until it bears but little resemblance to its original shape.

The mill of the Florida and Alabama Land Co. (Brent's mill) is in ruins, the wharf being completely covered with lumber, timber and wreckage. From the bay two fishing smacks appear to have been thrown completely over the end of the wharf and are now lying in the water where the main building of the mill stood previous to the hurricane.

Along the Bay Shore. The mouth of Little Bayou is choked up with wreckage but the condition of the houses in this vicinity could not be noted from the bay. Below that point, however, the fine summer homes of many of Pensacola's residents could be clearly discerned, nearly all of them practically ruined. The Old Mill Inn, while still standing, appears to have felt the full force of the gale and is badly damaged. Just below is the Bungalow, the roof of which seems to have settled upon the foundations, the walls being wrecked. From the bay the front of the magnificent Knowles residence could be plainly seen, the front wrecked and the beach washed away so that the building is undermined and may possibly have to be torn down. The south end of the veranda appears to be in fair condition, but the center has sagged and the front is broken down. A large fishing smack is stranded between the Bungalow and the Knowles residence and two other vessels are stranded at a little further on.

The country club has disappeared and Palmetto Beach, as far as can be seen from the bay, has been wiped out of existence. The homes at Big Bayou, especially those near the beach, have suffered severely, many of them being twisted around and

WHERE THE WRECKAGE IS PILED HIGH

Of the ruin along the waterfront, the portion that presents the greatest scene of desolation is that from Palafox wharf to Baylen street wharf, including the slip in between which is now filled and piled high with vessels, wreckage, and debris from where the city wharf was back to and up against the old electric light plant building on Pine street. In fact, it did not stop there, for several small vessels are now lying high and dry on both the east and the west sides of this old building and nearly to Main street.

The tug Monarch and Mary Lee, owned by H. H. Thornton, are lying side by side, with bows well up high and dry on Pine street and wheels almost out of the water. The little yacht Frolic lies in reverse order next to the Mary Lee entirely out of the water and with her stern on Pine street.

The smack Sylvia lies with her stern to the Mary Lee, dismantled and crushed, and next to her, but higher up, is the smack Ruth Welles, with stern lifted high and resting on a lot of timbers and wreckage.

The old barge which had been lying at Palafox wharf undergoing repairs, lies next to the Ruth Welles, and between the barge and Pine street there are a score of smaller vessels—launches, sailing craft and small boats—piled upon one another in hopeless confusion.

The steamer Fidget, which had been dredging out for deeper water near the head of the slip the day previous to the storm, was lying crossways of the slip, right in the deep water where she had been dredging and, outside of a few broken planks, she is apparently unharmed and as soon as a channel can be cleared she can move out under her own power.

A score of small boats and a mass of wreckage are lying back of the Bay Hotel as far up as Main street, and a good sized sloop is jammed up against the old electric light plant building. West of this building, the launch Wolverine and a number of other crafts and a mass of broken timbers are resting on what is now dry ground.

On the Baylen street side the boats and wreckage is jammed hard, fast and high back to the end of the slip at Pine street. Allie Riera's pretty little racing boat and Dunham's launch Reeba, lie on top of a lot of wreckage between the big barge mentioned above and the street, apparently unharmed, the barge serving to have protected them from injury. John Walter's launch Pauline is also near there.

Joel Fratell's ware-house (formerly run by the Bagdad Sash Factory Co.) presents the remarkable scene of still being on its foundations over the water, but much of its contents (doors, sashes and lumber) were washed out.

The smack Minnie W. E. E. Saunders & Co.'s newest boat, is lying on her beam ends, with her stern against the filled in portion of Baylen wharf, while the steamers Eugene and Capt. Fritz rest right side up, lengthwise along the wharf, on the tops of the piling where they landed after the planking on top of the piling had been washed away.

From Main street down, Baylen street wharf (which is filled in ground) is piled high with timber, plank, wreckage, and debris of all kinds. It takes a sure-footed man to pick his way over it in safety.

The office portion of Warren's fish house is still standing, as is also that portion containing the Joe boxes. The latter are O. K., the fish in them are all right, and the office itself remained so dry that Capt. Warren, who made his way to it yesterday morning, picked up on his desk a box of matches in perfectly dry condition.

THE RELIEF WORK

The Journal's Relief Fund Greatly Augmented by Citizens' Committee.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOMS WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FOR COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES.

The work of relief started by The Journal was taken up vigorously yesterday morning as soon as citizens could get down town. A meeting was called at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at noon, Secretary Jones notifying all who could be reached, with the result that the relief fund now stands as follows:

- PAID AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE. The Pensacola Journal \$50.00, W. A. D'Alemberte 25.00, Escambia Realty Co. 50.00, Meyer Shoe Co. 10.00, Lewis & Co. 10.00, D. B. Rutherford 5.00, American National Bank 100.00, E. M. Frater 10.00, F. F. Bingham 5.00, C. F. Zeek 25.00, Mrs. W. A. D'Alemberte 5.00, Cash 3.00, E. H. Lannon 15.00, Cash 5.00, Mrs. Fontaine 1.00, F. Hillburn 1.00, W. M. J. Scott 4.00, Cash 2.00, R. Hilliard 1.00, Cash 5.00, Cash 1.00, Cash 1.00, People's Drug Store 10.00, Cash 5.00

- Collected By Chamber of Commerce Committee. Senator S. R. Mallory \$100.00, American National Bank 100.00, J. E. Saunders 100.00, J. C. Avery 50.00, Marston & Quinn 50.00, Sol Cahn 50.00, T. A. Jennings 100.00, Daily News 50.00, First National Bank 100.00, Pensacola In. Co. 100.00, W. A. D'Alemberte 25.00, Bass & Co. 100.00, E. L. Covington 25.00, J. E. Abercrombie 25.00, W. A. Blount, Jr. 25.00, J. H. Smithwick 50.00, Walker Anderson 25.00, J. Clark Porter 25.00, A. D. Morrison 25.00, R. F. Mitchell 25.00, J. A. Wilson 25.00, B. S. Williams 25.00, Pensacola Gas Co. 100.00, C. M. Jones 25.00, Walker Ingraham 25.00, Dr. S. R. M. Kennedy 25.00, A. M. Hyer 5.00, J. G. Pace 25.00, Watson Parker & Reese 25.00, L. S. Brown 25.00, H. Sherrill 25.00, D. Hale Wilson 25.00, F. M. Williams 25.00, H. C. Stringfield 10.00, W. G. Prather 5.00, Pat Eagan 5.00, Marks & Gayle 10.00, Rix M. Robinson 25.00, R. J. Leary 1.00, G. F. Marshall, M. D. 10.00, Maxwell & Reeves 25.00, Peoples Bank 1.00, W. R. Moore 1.00, W. A. J. Pollock, M. D. 5.00, Buckner Chipley 10.00, J. S. Roberts 5.00, Padillo Campbell 5.00, German-American Lumber Co. 25.00, F. Julius Schreyer 25.00, S. P. Shooter Co. 100.00

Chamber of Commerce Meeting. C. F. Zeek presided at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, which was largely attended, and the following committees were appointed: Relief Committee—J. H. Sherrill, chairman; W. C. Jones, secretary; J. E. Abercrombie, J. Clark Porter, Geo. P. Wentworth, Walker Ingraham, J. A. Wilson, R. P. Reese, Henry Covington, Jr. B. S. Williams, T. A. Jennings, W. A. Blount, Jr., Ed. Gale, Quinn, Walker Anderson, W. K. Hyer, Jr., J. E. Stillman, A. D. Morrison, W. N. Roberts, R. P. Reese, R. G. Bushnell.

Organized at Once. These committees immediately organized and the work of relief was begun. Persons needing help and there were hundreds of them—were located, the old St. Anthony Hospital building was secured and thrown open for the shelter of the homeless, food and clothing was provided as far as possible, and the needy were made comfortable to the best of the committee's ability. The Chamber of Commerce rooms in DeLuna street were designated as the general headquarters for the receipt and distribution of clothing and supplies, and they will be open to

THE DEAD. The first reports of the death list probably overestimated it, but so far as is now known the list stands as follows: CITY. Mrs. LeBaron Gonzalez, George Gonzalez, 13 years. George Morgan, fisherman. Wife of Morgan. Six year old daughter of Morgan. FORT McRAE. Q. M. Sergeant Overlander. Wife of Sergeant Prentiss. Private Jordan. One private, name unknown.

WOLSEY. Ed. Hughes. Colored man. Colored woman, wife of man. QUARANTINE STATION. Collier, Hospital attendant. Ross, Hospital attendant. Three seamen from British Steamer. ESCAMBIA BRIDGE. Mrs. T. F. Matthews. Two children of Mrs. Matthews.

TOTAL KNOWN DEATHS... 21

HEROIC RESCUES AT QUARANTINE

Capt. E. J. Miller and Crew of Army Steamer Poe Highly Commended for Bravery During Hurricane.

No story of the great storm would be complete without reference to the heroic work of Captain E. J. Miller in saving the government steamer Poe from almost certain destruction and his rescue of Dr. R. C. White, of the Marine Hospital Service, Mrs. White, William L. Stearns and wife and a number of others from what seemed to be almost certain death at the quarantine station after the buildings had been wrecked by the fierce gale and when the inmates of the buildings had almost given up hope of succor. Army and navy officers, without exception, are enthusiastic in their praise of Capt. Miller and his crew and his conduct during the trying hours of Wednesday night and Thursday will be reported to the war department with the request for suitable recognition.

The Poe, under command of Capt. Miller was at Palafox street wharf Wednesday afternoon while the wind was blowing a gale and, feeling sure that the vessel could not keep afloat if he remained there and knowing that it was useless to attempt to ride out the hurricane at the fort he made a run to Ft. Barrancas where he ordered all hands excepting his crew ashore and then headed the vessel for a point between Deer point and Town point where both anchors were dropped and preparations made to ride out the storm.

Dragged Seven Miles. The gale increased in fury and soon after darkness set in the anchors began to drag. The vessel at that time was rolling and pitching in an alarming manner, but the captain and another man remained at the wheel and the engines were started ahead working toward the anchors and were kept going all night. The storm was so severe that all sense of locality was soon lost and the captain, steering simply for his anchors, kept at his post throughout the night. When morning dawned the Poe was off the Navy Yard, having drifted about seven miles dragging both of her anchors after her. As soon as he found where he was he worked the vessel back and forth until one of his anchors managed to pick up a cable attached to a naval buoy which held him until the gale began to abate on Thursday, when he slipped his anchor chains, buoying them so the anchors could be recovered and, after steaming down past the forts to clear the storm bound soldiers by the presence of the steamer safe and sound, made for the quarantine station.

Rescue at Quarantine. An immense sea was running at the time but, nothing daunted, the brave captain and his brave crew managed to get close to the crib, over which they hauled the life boat of the steamer and succeeded in getting Dr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, Customs Inspector O. A. Bailey and the others who were left at the station on board the Poe. Inspector Bailey distinguished himself by swimming to the crib through the boiling water and assisting in the rescue of the others.

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The Journal's business office, all eager to get some accurate and definite information about the great storm. Hundreds of copies were bought and mailed away to anxious friends and relatives all over the country; and so unprecedented was the demand that 500 additional copies of Friday's great storm issue have been printed, and will be on sale at The Journal's office to-day, upon the "first come, first served" principle. It was a great event in the annals of Pensacola, and it was covered in a manner befitting the occasion by Pensacola's representative newspaper.

MOBILE HAS LOSS GREATER THAN OURS

Business Section Under Five Feet of Water. Houses Collapse—Coast Towns Wiped Out.

300 HOMELESS NEAR NAVY YARD

Residents on Naval Reservation Felt Full Fury of Wind and Waves.

It is estimated that between two hundred and fifty and three hundred persons were made destitute on the naval reservation by the tropical storm and, while everything is being done for them by the army and navy officers, there is much suffering. Not a house at Woolsey escaped the fury of the gale and some were completely demolished. Three deaths are reported, Ed. Hughes, white, and an aged colored couple. F. J. McKenzie, a resident of Woolsey, who is well known in this city, was forced to leave his home by the high water, which reached to his neck as he made his way to high ground. The house is badly wrecked. The store of Mrs. L. Wheat is entirely demolished. A large number of women and children were cared for at the naval hospital and many are still there. Dying the morning the commandant of the Navy Yard ordered that rations be issued to all these who were in need of them, and as far as food goes there will be little suffering if the supplies hold out.

WATER ROSE HIGHER THAN AT GALVESTON

HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR SANTA ROSA ISLAND CITY WOULD HAVE PERISHED.

The water during the recent hurricane reached a higher point than it did in Galveston during the great hurricane and flood of several years ago. According to the best obtainable information, the water in Pensacola bay during the height of the storm was eight and one-half feet above normal high water mark, while during the Galveston flood it only reached seven feet above high water mark.

The great protection afforded by Santa Rosa Island, notwithstanding the fact that the water swept entirely over it for several miles, is responsible for the fact that Pensacola did not suffer more severely from the hurricane.

Dr. White stated that the wind blew so hard that the interior of the house was stripped clean of furniture and effects of every description, even trunks being blown out of the house and lost in the wild waters. It was with the greatest difficulty that Dr. White and the others managed to keep upon their feet and they regard their rescue as little short of miraculous.

THE MILITIA ORDERED OUT

To Prevent Further Looting By Desperadoes.

HOTELS DAMAGED, AND MANY LIVES PROBABLY LOST IN FALLING HOUSES—PUBLIC PARK RUINED, AND A SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES FEARED.

Manager Crockett, of the local office of the Western Union, received the first news from other suffering sections and stated to a representative of The Journal last night that Mobile had suffered as greatly if not much worse than Pensacola. A great loss of life has been suffered and property to the extent of over three million dollars or more. Six or seven large river steamers have been sunk, to say nothing of the smaller sailing craft, and many crews have gone down with their vessels. The business section of the city for five blocks in width and extending almost the length of the city is under 5 feet of water and many bales of cotton and other wreckage are floating down the principal streets. The Cawthon and Bienville hotels, both beautiful structures, have been heavily damaged, suffering considerable damage from the wind and rain, fine tapestries and paintings being ruined.

Many houses have collapsed, catching their inmates in many cases, beneath the debris, and it is now impossible to obtain anything like a positive estimate of the loss of life. The city has been in utter darkness and all telegraph and railroad communication has been destroyed by the wind and water. The streets and yards of handsome homes are strewn with refuse and debris of all kinds, and beautiful Bienville Square is a total wreck.

The city is running short of supplies and unless communication is soon restored with the world, great privations will follow. Looters appear. Several cases of looting have been reported, and the militia has been placed in charge, given ball and cartridge and ordered to shoot all caught robbing, and to obtain anything like a positive estimate of the loss of life. The city has been in utter darkness and all telegraph and railroad communication has been destroyed by the wind and water. The streets and yards of handsome homes are strewn with refuse and debris of all kinds, and beautiful Bienville Square is a total wreck.

Seamen who drifted in on rafts today reported that many coast towns had been washed away, or almost completely so. Crichton and Fort Morgan are among these latter. Frederic, three miles out from Mobile, has been wiped from the map, and none of its inhabitants have yet shown up.

This telegram was given to the world after a thrilling ride in boat and on horseback and after swimming many streams on the part of the Associated Press correspondent, he having to travel thus for 35 miles to a railroad station.

MANAGER CROCKETT'S COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE. Manager Crockett's efforts to get business going early yesterday were successful and the news given to the world by the local Associated Press representative through Mr. Crockett and the Western Union was the first outside world had received from the Gulf coast cities.

The Western Union has handled a large business by sending it out by an operator to Flomaton and while this causes some delay, it is extremely beneficial to the local public and world at large. The Western Union hopes to have a wire going some time to-day.

REPORTS OF THURSDAY NIGHT'S STORM'S COURSE. The following press dispatches are clipped from the Montgomery Advertiser of Friday morning: Washington Report. Washington, Sept. 27.—Belated reports to the weather bureau to-night from Pensacola, Fla., announce that the hurricane passed inland west of there, the winds reaching eighty-eight miles an hour at Pensacola. The storm probably is centered to-night in South Central Mississippi. Continued on Page Eight.

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