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### WRECK AND RUIN

Results of the Recent Storm in Florida Just Beginning to Be Known.

Scores of Spongers and Fishermen Went Down With Their Boats.

Death List Outside of Cedar Keys Will Probably Reach a Hundred.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 3.—Cedar Keys is a place of desolation and death. Forty-eight hours ago it was a thriving town of 1,500 inhabitants. Today many of the people are corpses, scores of others are injured and there are but few houses left standing. Twenty corpses have been recovered, but few have been identified, so mutilated were they by falling timbers. Many corpses were dug out of the mud in which they were buried by the mighty tidal wave that swept over the town Tuesday morning. The town is situated at the mouth of the Sewanee river on a number of small keys, connected by a number of bridges. It had no protection and went to pieces when the West India hurricane, with a velocity of 80 miles an hour, came roaring from the gulf.

#### How the Storm Came On.

The storm struck the place about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, and continued for several hours. Though warning had been given, nothing indicated a blow of unusual severity. Up to 11 o'clock the night was calm and quiet. At that hour a moderate breeze sprang up from the eastward, increasing gradually until a 30 mile wind was blowing. About 4 a. m. it blew a perfect tornado and suddenly changed to the southeast, bringing in a perfect deluge of water, the tide rising two feet higher than the memorable gale of 1894, which was at the time said to be the worst storm on record. At 7 o'clock, an immense tidal wave came in from the South, carrying destruction with it. Boats and wharves were hurled upon the shore and breaking into fragments covered the streets with wreckage and rendered them almost impassable. While the torrents of water were rushing through every open space, it would take the strongest man off his feet. It was this tidal wave that caused the principal loss of life, many houses being swept from their foundations and the inmates drowned.

#### Spongers and Fishermen Drowned.

Of the 20 bodies recovered 12 are whites and 8 colored. Of the whites, 6 belonged to the Whitson family, a mother, 4 children and a young lady. The other 4 white victims are men and have not yet been identified. Of the 8 negroes, only 1, Peter Woodson, has been identified. The loss of life at Cedar Keys proper, was nothing in comparison with the number of spongers and fishermen who were drowned. The Mary Eliza has just arrived dismantled. She reports that at dark Monday night, nearly 100 vessels were anchored on the sponge bar below Cedar Keys, and that all of them but about 20 were lost. These boats carried from 4 to 10 men each, and the loss of life was great. Eight corpses have already been washed ashore.

#### Hundreds Are Destitute.

The handsome Methodist Episcopal church, south, the Cedar Keys high school building, the Christian church and three colored churches, the Sewanee ice factory, Wolf's Cedar mill and the Eagle Pencil Company's mill, also the large lumber mill of V. J. Herlong and the planing mill of George W. Moyer & Sons, and scores of private residences were wrecked by the wind and waves. Some of the handsomest and apparently most substantial buildings are damaged beyond repair.

Reliable news of the storm from the western of Levy and Alachua counties have just reached Jacksonville. Not less than 200 families are left destitute, all their houses, fencing and crops are totally destroyed and what they had gathered was blown away with the buildings.

#### Many Will Never Be Recovered.

The difficulty in recovering the dead arises from the fact that the town was built on several small keys. The bridges connecting these keys were swept away and the only communication is by means of boats, of which there are but few left. Then, too, most of the victims were buried deep in mud by the tidal wave and many of the

bodies will probably never be recovered.

Beyond the far there are a score of masts visible, just above the water, and each too indicates the burial place of a sailing schooner and its crew.

It is possible that in one of the vessels were blown out into the gulf and rode out the hurricane, but the Mary Eliza's captain thinks that by far the greater number are beneath the water with their crews. He says that there was not one chance in a thousand for such vessels in a hurricane.

Two gentlemen who went down the coast a few miles returned to Cedar Keys and reported finding the corpses of eight men washed ashore. These men were the crew of a sponging vessel, and the crews of most of the other vessels have undoubtedly met a similar fate. It is expected that for days to come, corpses of the spongers will be found along the coast.

In Cedar Keys those who escaped death had a terrible experience. When the tidal wave had come and overwhelmed the houses, many of the inmates floated in the water, clinging to pieces of timber; others clung to tree tops for hours, until the water receded. They were buffeted by wind and waves, and many men fainted, clinging even while unconscious, with a death grip to the succumbing limbs.

#### A Miracle That Any Are Alive.

All show the effects in their clothing and bruised flesh, but are thankful to escape with their lives. Many others are still unaccounted for, and families and friends are filled with anxiety, hoping for the best but fearing the worst in view of the utter destruction wrought by the storm. It seems miraculous that there is a single person alive in Cedar Keys today. The property loss in Cedar Keys is enormous. While the gale was at its height, fire broke out in the Battalini house. In almost a few seconds, the entire building was wrapped in flames, which quickly communicated to the handsome Sohlmann hotel adjoining, and in a very short time nothing was left of either house except bare walls. The inmates saved nothing, so fierce and sudden was the fire and with roaring flames above and raging flood below, they were too badly frightened to attempt more than the saving of life. They made their escape by wading through four feet of water.

#### IN THE STATE AT LARGE.

Death List Will Probably Reach a Hundred, Besides Those Lost at Sea.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 3.—Reliable news of the storm from the western part of Levi and Alachua counties has just reached Jacksonville. Not less than 200 families are left destitute.

Scores of injuries have been reported with over 30 fatalities in Levi county. The town of Fannin has been completely destroyed with the exception of one small house. The town of Needmore was demolished. The postoffice building at that place was completely demolished and the postmaster can find no part of the mail or postoffice fixtures. Every house at Yular, Judson and Chieftland was destroyed with one or two exceptions, killing people of both the former places.

Reports from Baker, Suwanee, Wausau and Columbia counties confirm the story of death and destruction previously related. The death list has been increased by nearly a dozen.

Columbia county fared very badly. All the country south of Lake City is devastated. Fort White fared badly, all the churches, school houses, many stores and residences being blown down and many others injured. Hagon Station, 10 miles southeast of Lake City, was wiped out, stores demolished and residences destroyed. At Lake Butler, further down the line, the destruction was almost as great. La Crosse was almost wiped out of existence.

#### Destroyed a Great Industry.

The cotton crop, or that portion of it still in the field is vastly damaged, and in many places almost entirely destroyed. Sugar cane is everywhere prostrated, and damage of every kind has resulted on every hand. Much stock and cattle were killed. It is said that there are 22 turpentine stills, with their equipments, camps and teams between Lake City and Cedar Keys, and not one of these will ever run another charge, all the timber being destroyed. This throws out of employment many people, leaves the mules idle, the camps deserted, operators ruined and factors hit hard.

Exclusive of the hundreds of spongers supposed to have been drowned off Cedar Keys, the death list in the state proper bids fair to reach 100, and the property loss will run into the millions.

#### THE STANTON FLOOD.

Was Similar to the Johnstown Disaster, but on a Smaller Scale.

STANTON, Va., Oct. 3.—The flood here was caused by much the same conditions, but of course on a smaller

scale, as those which resulted in the Johnstown disaster, namely, the bursting of a lake and the emptying of its waters into streams already badly swollen by the rains. Only four persons are known to have perished, the bodies of James Smith, his wife, daughter and grandchild having been recovered.

The negro settlements along Pump street were particularly exposed to the rushing waters, but it is believed nearly all its inhabitants escaped, 42 being rescued by Benjamin Bagley and H. Middlecauff. The flood destroyed the gas works and wrought havoc about the railroad yards.

The damage at Stanton is placed at several hundred thousand dollars. Many large buildings abutting on streets near the river were undermined and destroyed with their contents. A lively stable containing 38 horses is reported carried away. Throughout the Shenandoah valley thousands of acres of crops were totally destroyed, the bridge on the Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio near Harpers Ferry was so disabled that the passengers were compelled to transfer. The Chesapeake and Western and the Norfolk and Western railroads suffered considerable damage on account of washouts.

#### FLOOD IN ARIZONA.

Entire Valley Swept and Great Loss of Life Feared.

TUCSON, A. T., Oct. 3.—A Star special from Benson says: Part of the town was washed away and six persons drowned in a flood from a cloudburst in the Whetstone mountains, 12 miles southwest of town. It is expected great loss of life and destruction of property will be reported from all along the San Pedro river until it empties into the Gila. The details of the disaster at Benson and accurate description of the extent of the cloudburst have not been received, but the precipitation must have occurred along the whole length of the Whetstone mountains, as the flood from the western end of the same range tore out three miles of Southern Pacific track, 12 miles west of Benson.

#### BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Actor Alexander Salvini is reported to be dying.

The Leip hotel at Lake Shore, White Bear lake, has been destroyed by fire.

The National Democrats of South Dakota have decided not to put up an electoral ticket.

St. Paul is to have another winter carnival this year, and the chances are that it will be an annual feature hereafter.

Justice Field of the supreme court has returned to Washington after a summer spent in California. He is still in feeble health.

The khedive has conferred the grand cordon of the Osmanieh order upon Sir Herbert Kitchener, the sirdar of the Egyptian forces.

An immense bed of gold ore, of which a million tons are said to be "in sight," has been located on the west slope of Mount Tacoma, near the snow line.

The powers are reported to have agreed upon a specific settlement of the Eastern question honorable to all parties, and amply guaranteeing the security of the Armenians.

The First National bank of Joseph, Wallowa county, Or., was robbed of \$2,000 by three men, one of whom is dead another badly wounded, while the third was pursued by a posse.

At Houghton, Mich., Felix Dulmente shot and fatally wounded George C. Sheldon and then suicided. Dulmente was Sheldon's coachman, but had been discharged several weeks ago.

The monthly treasury statement shows September receipts to have been \$24,584,244 and expenditures \$26,579,535, leaving a deficit of \$1,995,291. Deficit for three months of fiscal year, \$25,914,129.

Fifteen students and the president of Concordia college, at Milwaukee, are in a precarious condition as a result of eating tainted fish. About 60 students were made ill, but the others not seriously.

An effort will be made by the regular Democratic organization of New York to keep the National Democrats from getting on the official ballot, on account of the similarity of its name to its name to the old organization.

#### Nebraska Gold Democrats Meet.

OMAHA, Oct. 3.—The National Democratic party of Nebraska met here in state convention and named a full state and congressional ticket and electors. The committee on resolutions reported in favor of endorsing the Indianapolis convention and its candidates, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

#### Ship and Cargo a Total Loss.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 3.—The steam fishing schooner Afognak, which arrived here during the day from the north with the captain and crew of the bark James Borlan, which was wrecked in a fog on the rocky shore of Tugidak island Sept. 1. The ship and cargo were a total loss.

#### Only One "Democratic" Ticket.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Oct. 3.—Secretary of State Hinrichsen has expressed the opinion, following the presentation for filing of the names of the nominees of the "Independent Democracy," that not more than one ticket called a "Democratic" ticket can lawfully appear on the ballot.

#### WOODS ARE BURNING.

Forest Fires in Northern Wisconsin Become Alarming.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Oct. 3.—The Eastern Minnesota railroad has been fighting forest fires between Dedham and Foxboro and had hard work to save bridges. The fires ran up close to the structures and were only fought back by hard work. Gangs of men patrol the tracks. The fires are being driven back to the woods by lake winds. In the outskirts of this city, however, damage has been done. The South Superior department was out five times, once saving a residence in the Butler Park district.

A party of Northern Pacific engineers has made an examination of bridges. They report the fires worse than before. As far as Aitkin the woods are burning, the tall pines falling in every direction.

#### The Situation Is Especially Bad about Carleton.

At that place the flames approached very close to and surrounded the yards of the Paine Lumber company. Gangs of men are out fighting the fire. Fire Warden Hawkins telegraphed for assistance to head off the flames before they did any damage to property, and an engine and crew of section men with apparatus for fighting fire were sent out. Small forest fires are reported along the line of the Duluth, Mesaba and Northern and the Duluth and Iron Range. The very dry condition of the forests and underbrush and the numerous fires which are smoldering, all over this section have produced a feeling of deep apprehension at many exposed points.

#### LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 2.

FLOUR—8 endy.  
WHEAT—No. 2, 63½¢; No. 1 Northern, 65¢; December, 63½¢.  
CORN—No. 3, 23½¢.  
OATS—No. 2 white, 19¢@20½¢; No. 3 white, 17½¢.  
BARLEY—No. 2, 26¢; sample on track, 24¢@25¢.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Oct. 2.

WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard, 68½¢; No. 1 Northern, 67½¢; No. 2 Northern, 64½¢; No. 3 spring, 62½¢@63½¢; rejected, 54½¢@73½¢; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 63½¢; No. 1 Northern, 67½¢; October No. 1 Northern, 67½¢.

Minneapolis Grain.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 2.

WHEAT—October closed, 63½¢; December, 65½¢; May, 69¢. On Track—No. 1 hard, 66½¢; No. 1 Northern, 64½¢; No. 2 Northern, 63½¢.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTHERN PAUL, Oct. 2.

HOGS—Market steady on high; heavy, 5¢ higher; 3¢ new prices, \$7.00@7.10.  
CATTLE—Market strong and active on good butcher stuff offered.

SHEEP—Market about steady; common slow and weak.  
Receipts: Hogs, 200; cattle, 10; calves, 5; sheep, 20.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.

HOGS—Market active and 5¢ to 6¢ higher.  
Sales ranged at \$4.00 to \$4.10 for light; \$3.00 to \$4.00 for mixed; \$2.80 to \$3.50 for heavy; \$3.50 to \$4.00 for rough.

CATTLE—Market strong to a shade higher. No good natives here.  
Sales ranged at \$3.00 to \$4.00 for beef; \$1.00 to \$1.50 for cows and heifers; \$2.25 to \$2.50 for Texas steers; \$1.00 to \$1.50 for western steers; \$1.75 to \$2.00 for stockers and feeders.

SHEEP—Generally 10¢ lower.  
Receipts: Hogs, 18,000; cattle, 3,500; sheep, 21,000.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.

WHEAT—October, 67½¢; December, 69½¢; May, 73½¢.  
CORN—October, 21¢; December, 23½¢; May, 26½¢.  
OATS—October, 17½¢; December, 19½¢; May, 21½¢.  
RICE—No. 1, 10¢; No. 2, 9½¢; No. 3, 9¢.

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