

# DEATH LIST MAY REACH 10,000.

## Galveston Horror the Worst Calamity of Century.

The latest news from flood-swept Galveston increases the horror of the picture left by the terrible tidal wave. At least ten thousand persons were swept into eternity by the wind and wave that set in at 2 o'clock Saturday morning, and continued for twenty-four hours. The following report is from a correspondent at the scene of the dreadful calamity.

The exodus of the people of Galveston, fleeing from hunger and pestilence and thousand-fold suffering, has begun in earnest.

At least 1,000 men and women had taken advantage of the transportation facilities furnished by pressing into service all available small boats and sailed to Texas City and Virginia Point. Other thousands are ready to leave as soon as they can secure passage.

### Must Get Them Away.

Mayor Jones says that there are at least 1,000 women and children and injured men whom it is imperative to take away at once to avoid great mortality among them.

Their going is a blessing to them, and it will be an equal blessing to those who remain behind. The citizens' committee is using every effort to encourage the departure of all who will go, and especially of the women and children. It is furnishing free transportation to many, and in this it is assisted by the railroad companies.

### Survivors Taken North.

Word was received from General Manager Trice of the International & Great Northern Railroad that sufferers would be carried free to Houston from Texas City, where most of the boats land, and that transportation to points still further north would be furnished to people unable to pay their way. The Galveston, Houston & Henderson road will also operate relief trains and carry refugees from Texas City to Houston.

The establishment of this passenger service out of the city and of a relief freight service from Clinton to Galveston to bring in supplies, which is promised, will greatly relieve the situation at Galveston, but it is still bad enough.

### May Convene Legislature.

There is much talk of asking Gov. Sayers to call a special session of the legislature to come to the relief of Galveston and appropriate a large sum for it. District Judge William H. Stewart has telegraphed the request to him.

### All of the terrors of the previous

though unavoidable neglect, killed most of them. That hundreds of others will die in the same way is probable, even if no pestilence breaks out. Several persons have already gone insane from their sufferings.

But in immediate horror these things are trifles compared to the savagery of vandalism and the almost equal savagery of the punishment that must be meted out to offenders. Many roughs and criminals succeeded in reaching Galveston before the authorities awoke to the need of keeping them

the citizens were furious. Tuesday night the main thoroughfare was intensely dark and deserted, not a lamp in the city being lit.

### Life Is Held Cheap.

Life is held cheap in Galveston. The awful presence of death of the great and small has made men callous, and a shooting or killing attracts little or no attention. No one walks the streets unarmed and no one is permitted to be about at all except on a pass first obtained from the mayor.

Gen. McKibben, U. S. A., commander

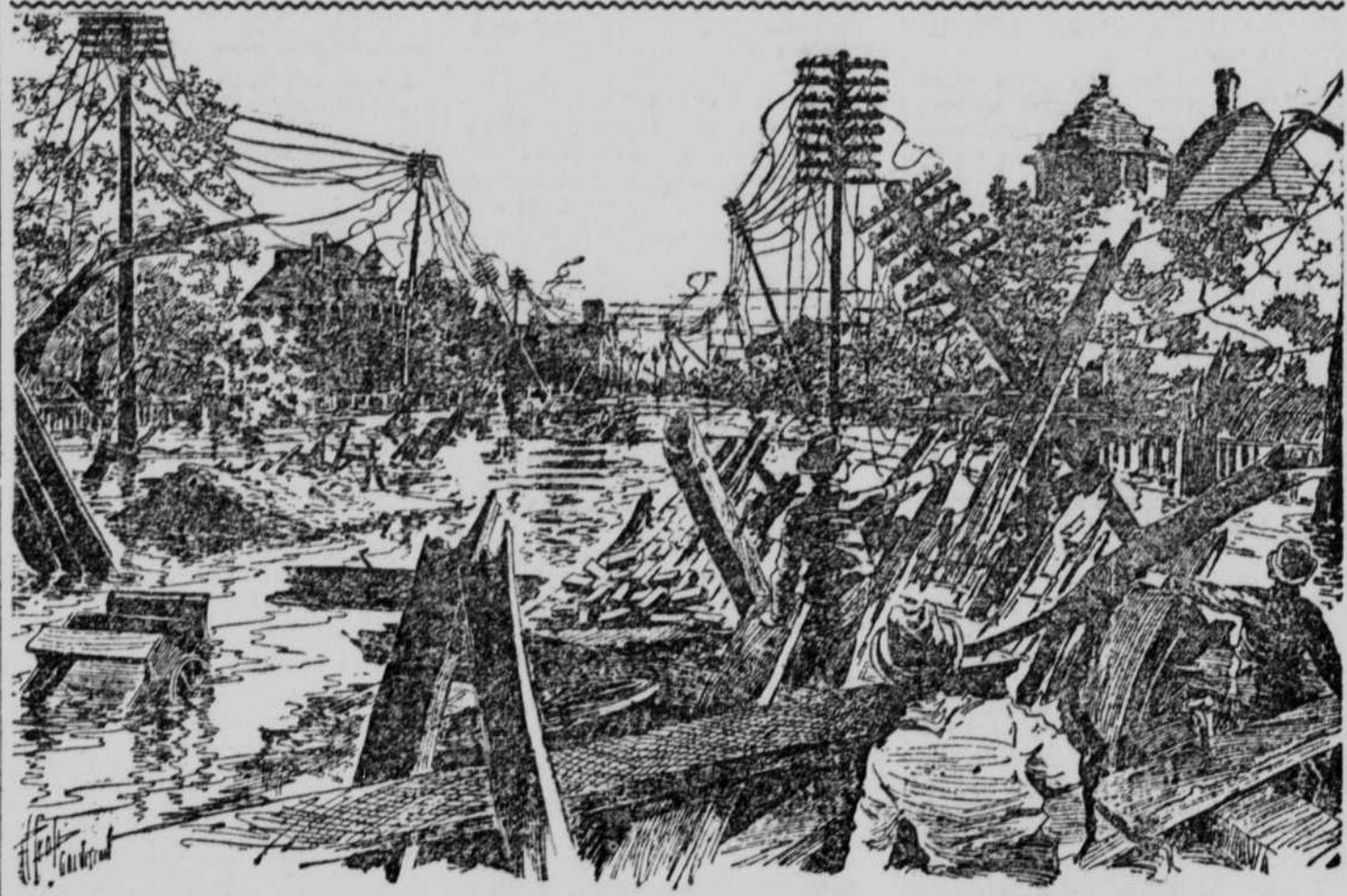
city. None can now be sold to anybody without consent of a special committee. The need of the city is dire, the destitution is awful. Not a business house is open. Warehouses are all wrecked with rare exceptions. Nearly all business is suspended. People are yet too busy mourning for the dead. The city treasurer when asked to estimate the loss to business property and real estate, said: "The assessed valuation and property was \$2,000,000. The loss will exceed two-thirds of that."

It was learned upon unquestionable authority that the military under Adjutant-General Scurry had slain not less than seventy-five men, mostly negroes, guilty of robbing the dead. Two-thirds of this number were shot down in their acts of atrocity.

### Give Thousands for Galveston.

Liberal contributions are being made by the banks at St. Louis, in addition to the \$10,000 secured by the Interstate Merchants' association.

Milwaukee residents are determined to raise \$50,000 inside of forty-eight hours for the Galveston sufferers. The Schlitz Brewing company wired \$2,000 to the mayor of Galveston; the Pabst



TREMONT STREET, GALVESTON, AS THE WATER RECEDED AFTER THE GREAT TIDAL WAVE.

of the department of the gulf, and Adjutant-General Scurry of Texas, are on the ground, and are advising with Mayor Jones and with Chief of Police Ketchum.

In all other respects the city is worse off than on the morning after the tragedy. A terrible stench permeates the atmosphere. It comes from the bodies of a thousand unburied dead festering in the debris that cannot be removed for weeks on account of the paucity of laborers.

The loss of life Thursday morning was estimated by conservative people at 8,000. Besides the thousand or more bodies yet plied beneath the wreckage hundreds of cadavers, all putrid and bloated, float beneath smashed-up piers. Hundreds of bodies are floating in full view in the bay. Every tide brings scores back to the shore. During the early part of Wednesday trenches were dug and bodies thrown into them, but it soon became an impossibility to bury all the dead, and the health authorities decided upon cremation as an expedient. Funeral fires were built and torches applied.

In one pile eighty-three bodies were incinerated. Thursday morning the charred remains of 1,000 victims lay smoking on the shore.

### Food Famine Is On.

A food famine is now on, as well as that of water. The best hotel in town served Thursday for breakfast to its 400 patrons a small cup of black coffee and one slice of bread. But one restaurant is open; unseasoned coffee is all that can be obtained here. Horses and cattle stray through the streets unattended. The water is so contaminated with filth that even these dumb beasts refuse to drink it. The committee on public safety has commandeered the food owned by merchants in the

beyond the control of the authorities. The powers in control had been quarrelling. Tuesday night at 7 o'clock every citizen soldier under command of Maj. Fayling was called in, disarmed and mustered out of service. Chief of Police Ketchum then took charge and the major was relieved of his command. During an hour and a half the city was unguarded and the looters held high carnival. As the major's work was unusually brilliant

### Danger of Epidemic.

The danger of pestilence at Galveston now is frightful. All attempts to bury the dead in an ordinary way have been abandoned. Hundreds of corpses have been taken out to sea and thrown overboard. Some of them have been washed back upon the shore in a frightful condition.

The safety of the living is a paramount consideration, and the work of disposing of the corpses of men and the carcasses of animals must be done. The work is almost too horrible to endure. Strong men faint after half an hour of it. Faces so discolored that whites cannot be told from black and swollen and distorted bodies are seen everywhere.

### Die from Neglect.

Many injured persons, perhaps fifty in all, though there is no way of keeping count, have died in the temporary hospitals since Sunday. Neglect,



HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COLLEGE, GALVESTON.

than Texas City, declaring that she could not live in such a sea.

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before. In all my experience at sea I never knew of a craft surviving through such a strain. To get into Texas City we had to break a way through a lot of wreckage and then had to make our way for fifty or seventy-five feet walking on wreckage before we could get to shore."

Richmond and Hitchcock each report sixteen lives lost. Alta Loma, Arcadia, Seabrook, Velasco, Belleville, Arcola and many other towns have from one to eight dead

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### Perilous Trip Across the Bay.

Perilous and exciting in the extreme was the voyage of the first messengers sent out of Galveston to tell the world of the city's great calamity. It consisted of Lieutenant J. J. Delaney of the Southern Pacific, R. G. Cox of the firm of Thomas Taylor & Co., R. L. Poreh, of Welch & Poreh, and two newspaper men. Their boat was the steam yacht Moody, and the crew was made up

of volunteers, Lawrence V. Elder, superintendent of the Galveston cotton mills, acting as engineer and all hands being stokers.

Many experts struck the bay just as the Pherobo got out of the channel from the Galveston wharves to Texas City. The boat was at one time pointed toward the sky and the next moment downward. The engineer declined to take the boat any farther

than Texas City, declaring that she could not live in such a sea.

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