# HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST

Great Tidal Wave Sweeps Over City of Galveston, Texas.

"Relief train just returned. They

could not get closer than six miles of

Virginia Point, where the prairie was

Two men were picked up who floated

across to the mainland. They say they

estimate the loss of life up to the time

The above message was addressed to

Superintendent Felton Dallas and came

from the manager of the Western Union

ENORMOUS PROPERTY LOSS.

The estimates of property losses

made by citizens of Galveston was

that 4,000 houses, most of them resi-

dences, have been destroyed. Some

business houses were also destroyed,

but most of them stood, though badly

The city is a complete wreck from

the water front and from the Tremont

island by the hurricane, the wind

blowing at the rate of eighty miles an

hour straight from the gulf and driving

the sea water before it in big waves.

The gale was a steady one, the heart

of it striking the city about 5 o'clock

Saturday afternoon and continuing

without intermission until midnight,

when it abated somewhat, although it

A CORRESPONDENT'S ESTIMATE.

buildings have been blown away and

The hurricane was particularly se-

vere at Brookshire, twenty-seven miles

wrecked houses, and it is believed that

ed that only four houses are left stand-

ing in Brookshire, which was a village

Later reports received from Alvin

state that many persons were killed

there. Eleven bodies have been re-

At Seabrook Mrs. Jane Woodstock

was killed by a falling house; Mrs.

Nickelson and Louis Broquet were

drowned. S. K. McIlhenny, wife and

daughter and Mrs. Leroy and two

known to have been in their cottages.

which were destroyed. The dead

A report from Chenango says that

Not a house in the town of Chappell

Hill escaped damage, and many were

demolished. Business houses also

At Brenham the courthouse was

nearly wrecked and the city hall com-

pletely so. Every business house and

At Guston stores were unroofed and

residences destroyed. At Rock Island

Forty-two dwelling and business

At Fulshear fifty houses were blown

down. One person was killed near

In Hardin county a large amount of

At Richmond three negroes were

killed by the collapse of a church and

STRIKE ORDER WITHHELD.

Walk Out of Anthracite Miners Is [In

Temporary Abeyance.

the Baptist church was totally wreck

ed and several residences unroofed.

houses were wrecked at Wallis.

the town by a falling house.

eight people were killed.

is maintained for fire duty.

continued to blow all night.

hotel. Water was blown over the

thrown up by a tidal wave.

telegraph office at Houston.

they left at 2,000."

#### SCENE OF WRECK AND RUIN

Governor Sayers Estimates Loss of Life at About Three Thou-

sand--Stories of Death and Disaster From Various Other Points.

special from Houston, Texas, state that the West Indian storm which reached the gulf coast Saturday morning wrought sad havoc in Texas. Reports are conflicting, but it is known that an appalling disaster visited the city of Galveston, where, it is reported, a thousand or more lives have been blotted out and a tremendous property damage incurred. Meager reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate a heavy loss of life, but these reports cannot be con-

firmed at this hour. "The New York World of Monday printed the following:

"AUSTIN, TEX., September 9.-Information has just reached me that about 3,000 lives have been lost at Galvestion, with enormous destruction of property. "No information from other

other points. Jos. D. SAYERS, "Governor."

CONFIRMATION OF GREAT DISASTER. A special to The Memphis Commercial Appeal from New Orleans says o'clock Sunday morning. He places schools of Atlanta to make a correcthat advices regarding the awful ef- the loss of life at from six hundred to tion and to assure the governor of the phase, and that another announcement fects of the storm which has been rag- one thousand. At Virginia Point the state of Georgia that he is badly mising along the gulf coast of Texas are houses are all destroyed. The memjust beginning to arrive, and the story | bers of the crew of the relief train rethey tell is fraught with horror. First port four or five colored people drownin importance is the news that Galves- ed there and two children of a Mr. ton was struck by a tidal wave, and Wright perished. At Dickinson the that the loss of life there was between 2,560 and 3,000. The water is fifteen several fatalities are reported.

The hurricane was particular vere at Brookshire, twenty-several fatalities are reported. leans to get telegraphic or cable com- west of Honston, on the Missouri, munication with the wrecked city, but Kansas and Texas railroad. Four dead to little avail. One message was re- bodies were taken from the debris of chived Sunday evening fixing the loss of life at 2,600. It came by cable from others have been killed. It is report-

Great damage and considerable loss with a population of600people. of life is reported along the line of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad. There is much anxiety about the Sabine Pass and Port Arthur.

Vera Cruz and was later confirmed in

The last news received from Sabine Pass was Saturday at noon, and at that hour the town was entirely surrounded by water. The storm had not then reached its height, nor had the tidal wave which is reported to have swept children are missing. They were over Galveston, been announced. However, at the time the last report was sent out the people were fleeing to body of a sailor was found under a cotthe highlands for safety, and it is tage. hoped that they may have found refuge in time. Port Arthur is not so exposed to the waves as Sabine, but the damage there is believed to have

Telegraph wires were down at Port suffered and a fine gin is a complete Lavaca, Rockport, Aransas Pass, Cor- wreck. pus Christi and Brownsville, on the lower coast, and grave fears were entertained regarding the safety of the inhabitants of those towns.

APPEAL FOR HELP SENT OUT. A dispatch to The Chicago Chronicle from San Antonio, Texas, says that the startling news has just flashed over the wires informing Governor J. D. Sayers that a messenger, at great risk of his life, has just reached Virginia Point from Galveston with the report that 2,500 are probably dead as

a result of the fearful storm. An urgent appeal to all Texas is made for help. The messenger said that the grain elevators at the fer front are wrecked and hundreus of buildings have collapsed or were carried out to sea. The greatest distress is said to prevail.

DEAD BODIES ON PRAIRIE.

The following telegram was received from Houston by The Dallas News:

#### FOOD SCARCE IN PEKIN.

Partial Withdrawal of Troops Recom

The British, American, Japanese The national executive board of the and Russians are posting proclama-United Mine Workers of America adtions in Pekin defining the jurisdicjourned sine die at Indianoplis Sunday tion of their respective districts for the preservation of order, promising without promulgating a formal inprotection to the inhabitants and indorsement of the application of the viting a resumption of business for the purpose of restoring confidence. permission to strike. At the close of

A scarcity of food seems inevitable, owing to the fact that no produce is arriving, and the various generals have accordingly recommended a partial visioning them. .

# GROVER DECLINES PLACE.

Ex-President Harrison Accepts Position Tendered by McKinley. A Washington special says: Ex-President Cleveland has declined the president's appointment as a member of the international board of arbitration under The Hagne treaty. Ex-President Harrison has accepted.

Another Plague Suspect. A special from Glasgow, Scotland, says: Another bubonic plague suspect was removed to the isolation hospital

# RICE CROP ALMOST RUINED.

Farmers Along the Mississippi River Se-

verely Hurt By Storm. A trip over the storm stricken section along the Mississippi river, start- tinues. It begins to look as if no ing some thirty miles below New Orleans and reaching to the gulf, shows a damage of about \$100,000 to the rice crop. Truck farms, poultry, cattle seems to have introduced a new comand other damage will double the amount. The river rose six feet dur- some kind of offensive movement in ing the storm and flooded the section. | the province of Chili.

# COVERNOR WAS MISTAKEN.

Superintendent Slaton of Atlanta Public School Refutes Charges

Made Concerning a Book. Major Slaton, superintendent of the Atlanta, Ga., public schools, is indig-Candler in an interview regarding a history which the governor said was used in the schools of Atlanta, and which contained ten pages devoted to Abraham Lincoln and one line to Robert E. Lee.

Major Slaton stated that not only covered with lumber, debris, pianos, himself, but the teachers of the schools | Washington Officials Have Long trunks and dead bodies. Two hundred and the members of the board of educorpses were counted from the train. cation were displeased with the asser-A large steamer is stranded two miles tion of Governor Candler about the this side of Virginia Point, as though "Nothing can be seen of Galveston.

"Eggleston's history has never been used in the schools of Atlanta," said Major Slaton. The book was examined several years ago and was not accepted on account of its unfairness toward the south. I am surprised that the governor should make such a statement that the book is used in the Atlanta schools. While he did not say the Atlanta public schools, the general

impression is that he meant as much. "The article containing the interview with the governor was resented at the meeting of the Normal school by all the teachers assembled. The Atlants public schools are not the only schools in Atlanta, and I understand the governor's son, to whom he referred as having the book in his possession, has been attending a private school during the summer. It may be that he studied Eggleston's book at that school, but one of those histories has never been in the public schools of Atlanta.

"I want it understood that the teachers of the Atlanta schools are loyal both to the Union and to the south, and that no book which is not perfectly fair to our side of the question will ever be used.

"The teachers are indignant as are the members of the board of educa-A correspondent of the Houston Post returned from Galveston at three tion, and I feel it due the public taken if he thinks such a book is used in the public schools."

#### CABLE FROM CHAFFEE

Tells of Entrance Into Palace Grounds In Pekin-General Barry Also Reports. The war department Thursday re-

ceived the following belated cable-TAKU CHINA, (No date.)-Adjutant

General, Washington: PEKIN, August 28.—The officers and soldiers of China relief expedition send thanks to the president and secretary of war for message of congratulations. Formal entry of the palace grounds made today at 8 o'clock, salute of twenty-one guns being fired at the south and the north gates. Troops of

all nations participated, the United States by a battalion 350 strong, composed of details from each organization present at taking of city. Palace vacant, with exception of about 500 servants. General Barry left for Manila today. Danish cable, Shanghai to Taku, open for business, connect CHAFFEE. with our wire. The department also received the following message from General Barry: TAKU, China, (No date.)-Adjutant General, Washington: All quiet at Pe-

kin. Supplies promptly unloaded, forwarded when dispositions determined. All supplies received. Troops comfortable for winter. No communication with Chiuese officials after Auresidence suffered to a greater or less gust 28. James H. Wilson, brigadier extent. The fire apparatus is under general volunteers, goes to Pekin tothe ruins of the city hall and a guard night. Rockhill, Shanghai, telegraphic communication Pekin. Tien Tsin bad. Extreme heat ended. All conditions satisfactory. Go to Nagasaki tomorrow; take first transport to BARRY.

> General Barry goes to Manila to assume the duties of chief of staff to General MacArthur.

# Patrick Institute to Close.

timber was blown down and there was It has been officially announced by much damage to property at Village Major J. M. Patrick that as a result of Mills. No damage was done at Corpus the recent death of the principal, Colonel J. B. Patrick, the Patrick Christi or Rockport, on the lower Military institute, at Anderson, S. C., with an excellent record for thirty years, would retire from the educathree others were killed near there.

#### ROCKHILL SAYS "NIT."

Veracity of Associated Press Trusted Cor-The state department Thursday af-

ternoon issued the following: "A cablegram has been received from W. W. Rockhill, dated at Shanghai, September 5th, in which he authorizes the department to deny miners of the anthracite districts for emphatically and categorically the statement made in certain newspapers relating to an interview alleged to have been given by him. The Associated Press interview with

Judge Cantrill Overruled Bill of Excep-

tions In Caleb Powers Case.

At Georgetown, Ky., Wednesday, Judge Cantrill overruled the bill of

exceptions in the case of ex-Secretary

of State Powers, convicted as an ac-

cessory to the assassination of William

Goebel and sentenced for life. An or-

der was made suspending the execu-

tion of the sentence sixty days in or-

der to enable the defendant to procure

a transcript of the record to be filed

in the court of appeals and an appeal

STORM AT NEW ORLEANS.

With Terrific Force.

the session President Mitchell said: "There is practically no change in the situation since last night. If the operators do not meet our demands Mr. Rockhill was sent from Shanghai withdrawal of the troops before winter within a given time the strike will be by cable after having been carefully sets in because of the difficulty of pro- ordered upon the indorsement of Sec- prepared by a trusted staff correspondent of the Associated Press. retary Wilson and myself." SENTENCE IS HELD UP.

#### BOXERS CUT WIRES.

Belated Messages From Pekin Are Just Now Reaching Shunghai.

Mails received in Shanghai from the north bring a bunch of belated messages, with a notice from the cable office at Taku, dated August 30th, saying that the office, being five days behind on government messages, is not able to undertake other work. The wires to Pekin were being cut daily by boxers," although restored as rapidly as possible by the British and Amer-

#### was allowed NEW COMPLICATIONS

Are Injected Into Chinese Muddle By Action of Germans.

Predicted Hurricane Strikes Crescent City Advices from London state that the deadlock in Pekin apparently con-The hurricane of wind the weather bureau had given notice for three days solution would be sustained, at any struck New Orleans Friday afternoon, rate before the arrival of Count von the wind reaching a maximum of Waldersee at Tien Tsin. Germany forty-eight miles an hour. In the city the damage was restricted to the plication by endeavoring to organize destruction of the Metarie bridge, the blowing down of telephone wires, and a child killed.

# WITHDRAWAL IS UNCERTAIN

pant at the charges made by Governor | Powers Are Engaged In Considering Momentuous Question.

### INDEMNITY BOARD PROBABLE.

Conference Regarding Situation With Minister Wn.

A Washington special of Friday says: It known that the government has inferential knowledge of the attitude of all the powers regarding the Russian proposal, but it is still awaiting official advices as to some of them. The information concerning those regarding which no official announcement has been received it is stated is practically that which is in possession of the general public and is based on newspaper reports and the opinions of official or-

gans of the various countries. Minister Wn arrived in Washington from Cape May late Friday afternoon and proceeded directly to the state department. It is understood that be had received an intimation that the department officials were desirous of conferring with him. For nearly an hour the minister was closeted behind locked doors with Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee. None of the parties to the conference were communicative as to the conference, but at its conclusion Dr. Hill repaired to the white house with a port

folio well filled with papers. For several hours peceding the minister's visit Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee had been engaged in short conferences, and it was gathered that the negotiations relative to China were approaching another of some kind was in preparation.

When the United states made its response to the Russian note on the 20th ultimo the officials here expressed the belief that about a week's time would be required to determine upon the next step, and at the end of that time it will explain the situation as comwould be definitely known whether or | plained of: not the troops were to be withdrawn from Pekin. That period of time has now elapsed.

The reports from the European chancellories indicate that, officially at | mation in regard to the registration least, this important subject is being treated with the greatest deliberation, and at least another week, and probably even more time, may be consumed in framing the last of the answers to ed, to register unless they present a the Russian note.

Meanwhile our government has pretty well satisfied itself as to the attitude toward this last proposition of each and all of the powers interested in the Chinese problem. It may be coming up to the necessary requirethat this knowledge is regarded as ments of the constitution, are allowed sufficient upon which to base another | to register without presenting their forward and perhaps, in this case, an independent movement by the United States toward the ultimate withdrawal of the troops and the settlement with in mind since the beginning of the

The consultation with Mr. Wu is believed to have been inspired by a desire to learn something of the personality of Chinese notables whose names have been suggested as proper to constitute the Chinese side of any commission which may be made to arrange a settlement of the difficulties. Mr. Wu is an ardent adherent of Earl

It seems to be regarded as highly probable in official circles that when the time arrives for the negotiations for the sattlement with China this government will appoint a commission for that purpose rather than place the negotiations in the hands of a single individual. There have been various suggestions as to who might be appointed upon such a commission but it is positively stated that as yet no definite selections have been made,

As to the numerical strength of such a commission the general impression seems to be that it would not consist of more than five members, more likely three and possibly of only two. It can be stated upon the highest authority that there will be upon the commission some American of preeminent ability.

#### MINING DEAL IN PROGRESS.

Many Millions of English Capital May Be

Invested In Colorado. John Hays Hammond, the American mining engineer, sailed from Liverpool Wednesday for Boston on the Cunard line steamer Saxonia, and on the result of his visit hangs the investment of a large amount of British capital in American mining properties, as the representative of a syndicate composed of Wehrner, Beit & Co., J. B. Robinson, J. P. Morgan and other capitalists. Mr. Hammond will examine a group of mines in Colorado. If he reports favorable, it is said the syndicate will purchase the mines, the questions of difference settled. price being \$7,000,000.

#### NEWLANDS RENOMINATED.

Nevada Democrats and Silver Republicans Act In Unison. The Democratic and silver Republican parties in Nevada effected fusion

at a convention Friday and nominated Francis G. Newlands for congress. The platform indorses the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, holds that the silver question is one of the important questions of the campaign, opposes trusts, condemns the administration's Philippine policy, opposes alliances with foreign nations, extends sympathy to the Boers.

#### "NO SIGNIFICANCE," SAYS HANNA. Senator Gives His Views on Result of

Vermont Election.

At Cleveland, O., Thursday, Senstor Hanna was asked for an expression on the result of the election in Vermont. He said the temperance question entered largely into the issue in that state, and that he did not believe there was any particular significance in the result, so far at least as the national campaign is concerned.

# innummen. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS. 5

The State Press Association. President Albert H. Aull, of the State Press Association, is anxious to have a large meeting of the association mary and at a time when pretty much | are capable of writing. everyone can go on a few days' rest.

ment relative to the annual meeting: dians will move somebody to write the I desire to call the attention of the story of their heroic deeds. State Press Association to the annual meeting which is to be held at Harris Lithia Springs on the 18th inst. An interesting and instructive programme has been arranged and Mr. Harris, the proprietor of the springs, is making extra preparations to give the editors and members of their families a most delightful time. I trust that we will

have a large meeting at this time, for

I am sure it will be both pleasant and

Mr. Aull gave out this concise state-

profitable. Those who desire to attend and who have no transportation should write to C. C. Langston, secretary, Anderson, S. C., who will obtain transportation for them over any line of road except the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad, and those who desire transportation over that road should write

to me at Columbia, S. C. In regard to the annual trip, arrangements have been perfected by Comfort. This is a most delightful resort, and I am sure will furnish rest and recreation to all who may avail themselves of it. We will leave Cross Hill, which is the station at the springs, for Richmond on the evening of the 20th and run direct to Richmond, where I am sure the day can be pleasantly spent, leaving that city on the night of the 21st for Portsmouth; thence to Old Point Comfort, arriving there in time for breakfast. Arrangements have been made with the leading hotel at Old Point Comfort for board at a very reasonable rate.

Qualifications For Registration. received relative to the right of super-

To his Encellency, Miles B. Mc-Sweeney, Governor of South Oarolina, Columbia, S. C .- Sir: I have the honor to respectfully ask some inforlaw. I find that the supervisors of registration of Beaufort county are refusing to allow citizens, who have the necessary qualifications as are requir-

tax receipt. If I understand the suffrage provision of the constitution of the state of South Carolina, it simply says that all male citizens twenty-one years of age, tax receipts. Now, on the other hand, the supervisors here claim that you must present a tax receipt before you can register, which is altogether wrong China which the government has had and is not in compliance with the constitution of the state by no means

I invite your attention to this mat ter for a specific purpose, one that is demanding profound consideration immediately. The first Monday in October is the last chance that any can register at all before the national election comes off, hence this urgent request. If it pleases your honor to send an early reply upon this, also an accompanying letter to the supervisors of registration at Beaufort, S. C., giving them some information along this line, instructing them (as the law requires) to allow all male citizens having the required qualifications to register without having their tax receipts, you will confer a great favor upon both white and colored citizens of this county. We know they can't vote at any election without having their tax receipts, also presenting there registration receipt, but their is no way to prevent a citizen from registering without having a tax receipt if he has all the other necessary qualifications that are required.

Thanking you in advance for any information or statement you may deem necessary to give at your earliest convenience, I am humbly yours,

FRANK T. THOMPSON, Corresponding Secretary Port Royal Precinct, Port Royal, S. C. A reply was sent to the secretary stating that he would find the law

upon the subject in the statute of March 5, 1896, at page 34 of the statutes of that year. The constitution of the state does not require the payment of any tax before registration, but it does require

the exhibition of the receipt before being allowed to vote. The statute of 1896 is different from the constitution, it appears, and Governor Mc-Sweeney cannot undertake to settle local questions of this kind and the parties interested must have these

#### South Carolina Bragedies.

Less Holland, employed in the freight department of the Seaboard road, at Columbia, gave an order to Frank Rutherford, a negro, about moving freight. The negro cursed and struck him in the head with a piece of iron. Holland instantly plunged a knife through the man's heart. Robert Chandler, nineteen years old, of Williamston, fearing thieves were in the yard, went out with a gun.

off his head. At Pelzer Pat Hindeman pursued and shot down J. A. Boulen without provocation. The man shot was running backward, holding up his hands and begging for his life.

Indian Heroes of Civil War. The Atlanta Journal says: We are 'al to know that the Indians who fought and fell in the service of the southern Confederacy are to be hon-

ored by a beroic memorial. It will be erected by Captain S. E. White, of Columbia, S. C., who wit nessed much of the valor and endurrate army.

#### and a large number of Indians took up arms in her defense. They fought superbly, eliciting the admiration of their white comrades. Some of them were commissioned

of the Indians in the civil war would this year. It has been arranged that | be very interesting and there are Inthe meeting will be held after the pri- dian veterans of the Confederacy who Perhaps Captain White by erecting a monument to the Confederate In-

ability and several half-breed Indians

rose to the rank of colonel. A history

Colored Company Disbanded. Governor McSweeney disbanded the Capital City Guards, a Columbia colored militia company, which engaged in riotous conduct on the state capitol grounds on Labor Day. M. R. Cooper, secretary of state, has forbidden colored militia to use the capitol grounds hereafter. In the police court the rioting members were fined \$40, and some double that amount, for contempt.

This is the best drilled company in the state, white or black, and has been largely supported by white people. But stringent methods were deemed necessary to avoid another clash.

The affair of Labor Day was caused by two young white men driving into the ranks of the negro company and enraging its members, who were not justified to the extent they went, clubwhich we will make a trip to Old Point | bing the inoffensive with rifles. The negroes have 10,000 rounds of ammunition, which they bought themselves.

Officer Was Excited.

As a result of the tension in Columbia because of the disbandment of the Capital City Guards, Coroner Will Green, sitting on his piazza a few evenings since, imagined that Bingley Gary, one of the quietest old negroes in the city, insulted a lady. Green ran out with a 44-caliber pistol and asked the lady if she had been insulted. She was too frightened to answer. Green fired on the negro, who was Several inquiries have recently been | divided the barrels of the gun before reaching Gary's body and so saved his visors to register voters for the ap- life. The lady says Gary asked ber proaching general election. The fol- very politely directions about street lowing letter from Beaufort county | cars. The negroes are further in-

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Accepting Nomination of Republican Convention at Philadelphia

Is Given to the Public. President McKinley has sent in his letter of acceptance of the nomination made by the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia. Nearly the whole letter is devoted to the Philipriue policy and the report of commissioners sent to the islands is reviewed at length. A few words are devoted to

Of the Democratic platform the pres-

ident says in part: "The Chicago platform of 1896 is reaffirmed in its entirety by the Kansas City convention. Nothing has been omitted or recalled; so that all the perils then threatened are presented anew with the added force of a deliberate reaffirmation. Four years ago the people refused to place the seal of their approval upon these dangerous and revolutionary policies, and this year they will not fail to record again their earnest dissent."

#### ROOSEVELT'S "TYRANTS."

Rough Rider Speaks In Sarcastic Vein te

The initial meeting of Governor Roosevelt's western tour, which was held in Detroit, Mich., Thursday night, was all that the governor's most ardent partisans could have desired in the point of attendance and enthusiasm. The floor and galleries of the bay part of the city. great hall were crowded and many were unable to obtain standing room. The vice presidential candidate received a tremendously enthusiastic greeting.

When the governor arose to speak the great crowd arose almost en masse, and remained standing and shouting

The governor's speech occupied about an hour in delivery and was listened to throughout with thoughtful attention, and the telling, sarcastic and witty points were quickly caught and applauded. The governor gave the andience an object lesson when he asserted that our soldiers in the Philippines had less to fear from any body of armed bandits in that country than they had to fear from the principles of the Kansas City platform and the suc-

cess of the Democratic ticket. He said five members of the regular army were present and he asked them to stand up that the audience might see their tyrants. Five soldiers from the Fourteenth infantry, at Fort Wayne, who occupied a front seat, when invited arose and were applauded until their cheeks glowed with

"Now," exclaimed Governor Roosevelt, "behold your tyrants."

The audience shouted with laughter. "There are here," continued the governor, "five soldiers to 40,000 people in this audience, which is a larger percentage of tyranny in this house than the percentage of the regular army bears to the whole number of the people of this country."

# ANXIOUS FOR HARMONY.

was an important conference of the

It was accidently discharged, blowing New York Democratic Leaders Hold A New York special says: There

leaders of all factions of the state Democracy Friday at the Hoffman house. Richard Croker, ex-Senator Edward Murphy, Frank Campbell, Perry Bellmont, State Senator McCarren, Coporation Counsel Whalen and ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, who looked after the interests of the national committee in his capacity as chairman of the sub-committee of that body, were present. The conferees were pledged to secrecy, and about all that any of them would admit was that an earnest ance of the Indians in the Confede- effort, and partially effective, had been made to secure harmony.

# The overwhelming majority of the people of Indian Territory sympathized with the south in the civil wer

#### Details of Fearful Calamity Given officers of acknowledged merit and The Outside World.

# NEWS NOT EXAGGERATED | gas plant companies' factories left the

On the Contrary, No Pen Can Depict or Language Describe the Awfulness of the Situation--It Is Simply Unparalleled.

Texas, says: The first reports of the city was four to five feet under water, appalling disaster which has stricken while in the great majority of cases the city of Galveston do not seem to the streets were submerged to a depth have been magnified. Communication drown. To remain was to court death was had with the island city Monday in the wreckage. by boats and reports received indicate that the death list will exceed bly never equaled by people in mod-1,500, while the property loss cannot ern times. Without apparent reason, be estimated, although it is known it

will reach several million dollars. A mass meeting was held in Hous-ton and liberal contributions were cally freed of the flood waters. In the made for the immediate relief of the destitute. Governor Sayers appealed southeast. Very few, if any, buildto President McKinley for aid. This appeal was met with by a prompt response from the president, who stated that 10,000 tents and 50,000 rations had been ordered to Galveston. Governor Sayers also addressed an appeal aginable. to each municipality in the state, ask-

and in almost every instance substantial relief has been offered: Reports from the interior confirm

Telegrams of inquiry and sympathy

the sufferers.

carrying a shotgan to a gentlemen at the loss of life and destruction of the gun club grounds. The bullet property reported in previous dis-

CORRESPONDENT'S STORY OF DISASTER. Richard Spillane, a well known Galveston newspaper man and day correspondent of the Associated Press in that city, who reached Houston Monday after a terrible experience, gives the following account of the disaster at Galveston:

"One of the most awful tragedies of modern times has visited Galveston. The city is in ruins and the dead will sioned by the mayor and citizens' com- side world for help. mittee to get in touch with the outside

world and appeal for help. "Houston was the nearest point at thought 2,500 people in the state have which working telegraph instruments lost their lives. Parents mourn their could be found, the wires, as well as children and children are made or nearly all the buildings between here phans by the terrible hurricane which and the gulf of Mexico being wrecked. swept all of south Texas Saturday and When I left Galveston shortly before Saturday night. noon yesterday (Sunday) the people The damage to business and resiwere organizing for the prompt burial dence property is beyond computation. of the dead, distribution of food and The city is almost ruined. The wharf all the necessary work after a period front is entirely gone. Every ocean of disaster. The wreck of Galveston steamer is stranded. The fine stea was brought about by a tempest so Alamo lies upon the top of the Mallory terrible that no words can adequately wharf, and a big English cotton-laden describe its intensity, and by a flood steamer was driven ashore at Texas which turned the city into a raging City. Other vessels are aground in

"The weather bureau records show lessly wrecked. o'clock Saturday morning. Previous and survived are so dazed they can to that a great storm had been raging hardly realize the enormity of the loss. in the gulf and the tide was very high. The wind at first came from the north and telegraph poles are nearly all pros-and was in direct opposition to the trated and the streets are littered with in the gulf piled the water up on the ceivable character of debris.

the city was going to be visited with were presented beggared description. disaster. Hundreds of residences along Screaming women, bruised and bleedthe beach front were hurriedly aban- ing, some of them bearing the lifeless doned, the families fleeing to dwell- forms of children in their arms, men ings in higher portions of the city. broken and sobbing, bewailing the Every home was opened to the refu- loss of their wives and children; streets gees, black and white. The wind was filled with floating rubbish, among rising constantly and it rained in tor- which there were many bodies of the rents. By 3 o'clock the waters of the victims of the storm constituted part bay and gulf met and by dark the en- of the scene. In every direction as tire city was submerged. The flood- far as the eye could reach the scene of

#### EX-CITY TREASURER SHORT. Experts Finish Examination of Books of

City Official of Brunswick, Ga. After four weeks of public suspense, during which time the books of Ex-City Treasurer H. H. Harvey at Bruns- October 1st-Atlanta, Ga., will have a wick, Ga., have been gone over by expert accountants with the object of discovering alleged discrepances, the announcement is now made that Harvev is short \$21,600.

Martial Law a Necessity. Information leaks out that the horrors of vandalism and general looting have been started by the vicious and ism, does not come in the nature of a criminal element at Galveston, It is surprise. The plan to provide Atexpected that the city will be placed lanta with a new afternoon paper has under martial law.

# TENTS AND FOOD FURNISHED.

President Orders That Help Be Extended to Destitute Flood Sufferers In Texas. President McKinley has instructed the secretary of war to immediately furnish tents and provisions for the picturesque figures in the United States destitute people of Galveston and ex- army, retired to private life, having pressing his sympathy for the suffer- reached the age limit of sixty-four

President McKinley also sent a telethe lakes until General Otis, appointgram of sympathy to Governor Sayers, in which he says that he will instruct ed to the place, arrives. and provisions to the flood sufferers in Alabama, and following this he and elsewhere on his request.

#### MANY MISSIONARIES SLAIN.

Consul Goodnow Secures List of Christians Murdered By Chinese. John Goodnow, the United States consul general at Shanghai, after inquiries from every possible source, learns that the number of British and American missionaries probably murdered during the uprising in China has been ninety-three, while 170 others stationed in Chili and Shan Si

provinces are unaccounted for.

"To go upon the streets was to court death. The wind was then at cyclonic height-roofs, cisterns, portions of buildings, telegraph poles and walls were falling and the noise of the wind and the crashing from the buildings

were terrifying in the extreme. "The wind and the waters rose steadily from dark until 1.45 o'clock Sunday morning, During all this time the people of Galveston were like rats A special of Monday from Houston, in traps. The highest portion of the of ten feet. To leave a house was to

> "Such a night of agony was possithe waters suddenly began to sudside at 1:45 a. m. Within twenty minutes they had gone down two feet, and bemeantime the wind had veered to the

ings escaped injury. "When the people who had escaped death went out at daylight to view the work of the tempest and the floods they saw the most horrible sights im-

"The whole of the beach front for ing for prompt assistance in caring for three blocks in from the guif was stripped of every vestige of habitation, the great bathing establishments. night from every state in the union, and in almost every instance substanits ruins piled in pyramid far into the town, according to the vagaries of the "The bay front from end to end is in

ruins. Nothing but piling and the ckage of the great warehouses remain. The shore at Texas City, fourteen miles away, contains enough wreckage to rebuild a city. Eight persons who were swept across the bay during the storm were picked up Monday morn-Another account of the disaster says:

The most appalling calamity in the history of modern times has befallen Galveston. Everywhere there is death and ruin and desolation. A great comnumber probably 1,000. I am just mercial city is stricken with misforfrom the city, having been commis- tune and her people appeal to the out-Estimates of the loss of life in the city vary from 600 to 1,000. It is

different parts of the bay, some hope that the wind attained a velocity of No pen can depict or language adeeighty-four miles an hour when the quately describe the awfulness of the measuring instrument blew away, so situation. It is simply immense, unit is impossible to tell what was the paralleled, and even those who went maximum. The storm began at 2 through the experience of the storm

Debris is everywhere. Electric light

force from the gulf. While the storm timbers, slate, glass and every conbeach side of the city, the north wind Starting as soon as the water began piled the water from the bay on to the to recede the work of rescuing wounded and dying from the ruins of "About noon it became evident that their homes began. The scenes that

# ing of the electric light plant and the desolation and destruction continued.

NEW PAPER FOR ATLANTA. Will Be An Evening Journal Under Name

of "Atlanta Daily News." Within thirty days probably by new afternoon paper. It will be known as The Atlanta Daily News, and will be run and practically owned by newspaper men, the majority of whom are at the present time connected with

The Atlanta Journal. This announcement, while of considerable interest in southern journal-

#### been on foot for some time, GENERAL WHEELER RETIRED.

Will Visit Alabama and Then Take a T Abroad With His Daughters. At noon Monday General Joseph Wheeler, considered one of the most years. General Wade will be temporarily in charge of the department of

General Wheeler will go to his home his daughters will take a trip abroad.

#### WON'T BUY IN SEPTEMBER. Manchester Cotton Mill Men Will Leave

Spots Alone For a Month. At a meeting of the cotton spinners of Manchester, England, it was decided practically unanimously not to purchase American spot cotton during the month of September. Four-fifths of the employers in the trade were repre-

It is anticipated that the decision will lead to the closure of scores of mills for several weeks.