200 OR MORE DEAD, $10,000,000 LOSS IN GULF STORM

Industry Prostrated and Food Scarce in Stricken Districts.

CORPUS CHRISTI HARD HIT

More Victims Found There—26 Bodies Recovered Across the Bay at Portland.

PORT ARANSAS DESTROYED

37 of Sunken Steamer's Crew Landed at Two Ports—Seek Crews of Six Fishing Boats.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Sept. 16.—Forty-seven victims of the tropical hurricane which swept Corpus Christi and this section early Sunday morning had been brought to the temporary morgue in the County Court House tonight. In addition to the deaths in this city, fifty-six were reported dead in the vicinity of Portland, across Nueces Bay from Corpus Christi. Reports from other sections hit by the storm indicate that the total death list will exceed 200.

The forty-seven known dead in Corpus Christi and the reported fifty victims near Portland are not expected to be anywhere near the total death toll here, but the list was not expected to be increased further tonight, as with the coming of darkness searching parties suspended for the day.

Allowing for duplications, the general belief here tonight was that the total number of dead in the immediate vicinity of Corpus Christi will reach about seventy-five. Many victims have been buried without having been identified by burial squads.

Seventy bodies of flood victims also were reported recovered at Sinton, Texas, the relief headquarters for the entire surrounding bay territory. The news has not been definitely confirmed.

Three relief trains reached here today with food, bedding, clothing, and medical supplies for the thousands of homeless and stricken residents, and other trains were en route. Two relief trains were reported stalled by washouts at Alice, Texas.

Seven scout airplanes were ordered from San Antonio to go to Corpus Christi and find suitable landing fields for larger planes which may be used to transfer supplies from stalled trains.

Estimate Loss at $10,000,000.

Latest estimates placed the property loss in Corpus Christi at $10,000,000, and meager advices indicated the damage at Port Aransas would be very heavy.

Approximately 175 refugees have been rescued at Odem, about thirty miles west of here, according to a telephone message received here. They had been carried across Nueces Bay on wreckage. All of them were suffering greatly from exposure. They are being cared for by citizens.

Seven additional bodies were brought to the morgue here at an early hour, while at noon at least 100 persons still were unaccounted for.

They were those of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Helcher, prominent in real estate circles here; F. W. O'Connor, newspaper man, D. Prater, city policeman, and three unidentified girls ranging in age from five to fifteen years.

Patrolman Prater lost his life while attempting to save Henry Spiker and twenty-six other persons who were in his home when it was carried away by the tide. All of these twenty-six are still missing.

The damage wrought by the storm in the lower part of the business district and along North Beach is almost indescribable. With the coming of daylight the work of clearing the piles of debris, that in many cases utterly blocked the streets, was resumed. Hundreds of men from the cotton fields of the surrounding country have been brought here to assist in this work. The water has entirely receded from the streets, greatly facilitating the work.

A steady rain began falling at noon, turning the rapidly drying streets into a slush of mud and interfering with the clearing away of the debris. This will also add greatly to the suffering and privations of the thousands of destitute and homeless.

Three women, who sought refuge from the storm in the Federal Building Sunday night, became mothers while the hurricane was at its height. Reports today were that all were doing nicely.

Despite the arrival today of relief trains from Kingstown and Robstown, and a military train from Brownsville, with rations and bedding, the food and housing situation still is serious. Thousands of persons lost everything they possessed, escaping only with the clothing on their backs. Several city bakers resumed operations today, and their entire output is being turned over to the Red Cross for distribution. Churches and public and private buildings that escaped damage have been placed at the disposal of the various relief committees.

Communication of all kinds in and out of Corpus Christi still is virtually paralyzed. Trains are being operated over only one railroad, the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico.

One of the trains has been ordered to proceed from Laredo and the other from San Antonio. The Red Cross also announced that relief funds given by Texas chapters would be supplemented by an appropriation from the national fund. Alfred Fairbanks of St. Louis, manager

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of the Southwestern Division, has been ordered to direct the relief work.

Report Seventy Dead at Sinton.

SINTON, Texas, Sept. 16.—Seventy bodies of flood victims mutilated beyond recognition, have been recovered at Sinton, the relief headquarters for the entire surrounding bay shore territory.

The count so far shows that there were forty found at West Port, twenty-two at White Point, four or five below Odem, and a few at Portland. No one was killed at Sinton, but property damage was high. Bodies are being held at ranch houses and schools.

The victims found along the bay shores were believed to be largely from Corpus Christi, and their bodies whirled away from the city by the receding waters of the tidal wave.

The bodies of twenty-nine women and children, all victims of Sunday's hurricane and flood, were buried in one large grave near White Point, on Nueces Bay, tonight, a short distance from the place where they were recovered from the waters of the bay. Immediate interment was made necessary by the condition of the bodies.

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 16.—The San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf Railroad west from Odem has been washed out and bridges on the Gulf Coast Line south from there have tied all traffic except the Gulf Coast north to Houston.

In addition to the loss of human life, hundreds of cattle and thousands of birds and other game were drowned or killed by the storm.

The first man rescued here following the storm was J. G. Griffith, aged 66, a fisherman, of the reef, Corpus Christi, who fought for his life for nearly twenty-four hours.

John S. Tannen, 18, ward of his uncle, Z. C. Taylor of North Beach, saw his uncle and aunt carried off by the flood. He was badly cut by timbers while in the water.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 16.—At times swimming and at other times floundering through the mud between Rockport and Gregory, T. B. Russell today brought news that loss of life at Rockport would not exceed three. He placed the loss of life at Aransas Pass at four and an equal number at Port Aransas.

PORT LACAVA, Texas, Sept. 16.—Wire communication to this city was restored today. Property damage will not exceed $100,000. There was no loss of life here or at Port O'Connor and Seadrift.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 16.—Loss at sea of the Gulf Fisheries schooner Cape Horn, off Point Isabel, was reported to the Coast Guard headquarters here this afternoon. The crew was rescued by the Coast Guard.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 16.—A staff-correspondent of The Dallas News sends the following dispatch tonight under date of Sinton, Texas:

"Seventy-seven bodies, black with oil until some could not be distinguished, were washed ashore on the north side of Nueces Bay today.

"Of the seventy-seven bodies recovered from this side of the coast country today thirty-eight were taken from West Portland, twenty-nine from White Point, nine from Sinton and one from Odem."

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 16.—According to a wireless report given out at Fort Brown tonight, and which had been picked up from a steamer in the harbor of Port Aransas, Aransas Pass and Rockport were completely destroyed by the storm. The loss would run into millions, according to the wireless.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 16.—The steamship Calno arrived here today with nineteen survivors of the British steamship Bayronto, abandoned Sept. 11 off Key West and believed to have foundered in the hurricane.

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