

CONDITIONS IN SMALL TOWNS.

Thousands of Persons Destitute at Places Outside of Galveston.

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 20.—Official reports of conditions at interior towns have begun to come in from the agents sent out for the relief of the section visited by the storm outside of Galveston and Harris County. Following are summaries of reports so far received showing the conditions at half a dozen towns on the Santa Fé. There are probably fifty small towns which are in just as bad shape, and from which reports have not yet been received, but which are being supplied with provisions, clothing, and drugs from Houston by the committees:

Pearland—Fifty families depending on relief committee; some supplies received, but assistance in other ways than provisions is needed. Families at Erin and Superior are to be supplied through Pearland.

Algoa—Twenty-five families to be supplied; enough provisions for the present.

Alvin—In the town of Alvin and vicinity there are probably six houses left of a total of 1,000. The population of Alvin now to be fed is about 1,500; Manvel, 250; Liverpool and Amsterdam, 250; Chocolate and Austin bayous, Chigger neighborhood, Dickinson bayou, and outside, about 2,500, making a total of 5,000 persons under the supervision of the Alvin committee. The committee has a sufficient amount of clothing. They have received a cash subscription of about \$2,000; have spent \$400. Have received two cars of flour and one car of meal from Dallas, and one car of mixed goods from Tyler.

Along the bay shore from Virginia Point to Liverpool, for a space of six or eight miles from the bay front, there are many thousands of dead cattle that should be immediately cremated.

Arcadia—In the town there are 300 destitute persons, and those in the immediate vicinity will make the aggregate 500. Provisions already supplied sufficient for immediate needs only.

Hitchcock—In this town and immediate vicinity are more than 500 persons destitute. Of about 300 houses, only about ten are standing. A wave of salt water from four to ten feet in depth covered this section; thirty-eight lives were lost, and, for the time being, it is feared that the soil has been seriously damaged by the effect of salt water. Supplies of provisions were sent yesterday.

There are probably 10,000 dead cattle within a space of a few miles south, and surrounding the town, and every house should be supplied for at least ten days with disinfectants. Fever is now setting in there, and Dr. T. J. Scott of Houston went there yesterday. An idea of the velocity of the wind and wave of salt water that swept over this immediate section may be obtained from the situation of the Texas City dredge boat, which is now lying high and dry in a garden at this place, a distance of three miles or more from its moorings.

Alta Loma—This committee reports about eighty-five families, or 300 persons, to be cared for. Have received 530 rations. People have no money, and their property is destroyed. In the neighborhood 100 houses existed; forty are destroyed, and about twenty are untenable. There are about four houses now on blocks. Two lives were lost. The population consists mainly of people from the North. A shipment was made of provisions and medicines, but other things are needed at once.

The Post prints a list of dead at other places than Galveston, which totals 254. Names are published in many cases. The list gives the following figures:

Arcadia, 1; Alvin, 13; Alta Loma, 2; Arcola, 9; Angleton, 6; near Brazoria, (convicts,) 15; Brookshire, 2; Columbia, 13; Dickinson, 9; Fairbanks, 4; Hitchcock, 37; League City, 1; Lamarque, 2; Lititia, 1; Liverpool, 1; Morgan Point, 2; Patton, 32; Richmond, 18; Rosenberg, 10; Sandy Point, 8; Seabrook, 16; Virginia Point, 13, (with 14 missing;) Velasco, 7.

Not included in the foregoing are two deaths at Houston and two near Port Lavaca.

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