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GHOULS ARE LOOTING THE DEAD

Uncle Sam Making Every Eff rt to Aid Li Hung Chang-Offers Vessel to Peace Eursy.

Houston, Sept. 9, 10 P. M.-The West Indian storm, which reached the gulf coast yesterday morning, has wrought awful havoc in Texas. Reports are conflicting, but it is known that an appalling disaster has befallen the city of Gaiveston, where, it is reported, a thousand or more lives have been blotted out and a tremendous property damage inflicted. Meager reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate a heavy loss of life, but these reports cannot be confirmed at this bour.

The first news to reach this city from the stricken city of Galveston was received tonight, James C. Timmins, of Houston, superintendent of the National Compress Company, arrived here at 8 o'clock from Galveston. After remain- Regular September 1900, Session of ing through the hurricane on Saturday, he departed from Galveston on a schooner and came across the bay to Morgan's point, where he caught a train for Houswas the worst ever known.

The estimates made by citizens of Galveston were that 400 houses, most of them residences, have been destroyed, sion of the board of county commission— A E Alspaugh. and that at least 1000 people have been most of them stood, though badly dam-

way of finding out just what has hap ness. pened, but enough is known to make it life and destruction of property all along Cooke, sheriff; E. H. Cooper, clerk. the coast and for 100 miles inland. Every town that is reached reports one or more had, to-wit: dead, and the property damage is so In the matter of claims filed against A D Burnett

3000 in Galveston. The M. K. & T. re- payment of said claims: lief forces near Galveston and along the In the matter of the reports of road Road district No 5-Labor on Eppermay reach 10,000,

property loss will aggregate many millions of dollars, although no accurate figures can be given at present. The streets of Galveston are mostly under water, wires are in a hopeless tangle and dead bodies are strewn among floating debus. No complete list of the dead is obtainable until the water recedes.

Harrowing tales of the loss of whole families and many miraculous escapes are told by the few survivors who have thus far reached this city. The relief trains which arrived here early this morning have been the only means of communication with Galveston, and definite information as to the present situa-

The cotton and rice crops throughout the district devastated by the storm is badly damaged in many places and in others totally destroyed.

Reports from Richmond, Letitia and Eagle Lake bring additional lists of dead and property losses, and many places cut off from communication are yet to be heard from.

Houston, Sept. 12.-The situation at Galveston grows worse every minute. Water and ice are needed. People are in a frenzy from suffering from these causes. Scores have died since last night and a number of sufferers have gone insane.

The ghouls have been holding an orgie over the dead at Galveston. The majority of these men were negroes, but whites took part in the desecration of the dead. Some of them were natives, and some had been allowed to go over from the mainland under the guise of relief workers. Not only did they rob the dead, but they mutilated bodies in order to secure their ghoulish booty.

A party of 10 negroes were returning from a looting expedition. They had stripped corpses of all valuables, and the pockets of some of the looters were fairly bulging out with fingers of the dead which had been cut off because they were so swollen the rings could not be removed. Incensed at this desecration and mutilation of the dead, the looters were shot down, and it has been determined that all caught in the act of robbing the dead shall be summarily shot.

During the robbing of the dead, not only were fingers cut off, but ears were stripped from the head in order to secure jewels of value. A few government troops who survived and private citizens have been patrolling the city and have

endeavored to prevent the robbing of the Norris Davis dead, and on several occasions have Justin Barman killed offenders. It is said that at one time eight were killed and at another Charles Roadarmer...... time four. The total of those so executed exceeds 50.

Looking to Negotiations.

States government is pushing forward steadily toward the beginning of negotiations with the Chinese government for a settlement of the present troubles. An evidence of its purpose was formed in its decisive communication today to Minister Wn to facilitate by every means in its power the journey of Li Hung Chang to Pekin. This carries with it the placing of a warship at his service, if a request of this kind is made by Sir Robert

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

County.

ton. The hurricane, Mr. Timmers said, J. R. Morton, Chairman; T.B. Killin, John Zobrist John Lewellen, Commissioners.

ers for the county of Clackamas and Henry Wilbern drowned, killed or are missing. Some state of Oregon, begun and held in the J H Kitchen The wires are down, and there is no by law for the transaction of county busi- M E Stingley

certain that there has been great loss of John Lewellen, commissioners; J. J. Isaac F Sten

great there is no way of computing it ac- Clackamas county-The board having E N Bates..... DALLAS, Sept. 10 .- Houston and Texas advised, it is ordered by the board that F J Harkenrider..... Central railroad officials at noon received the clerk shall issue warrants on the WHH Wade.... bulletins from their general office in general fund in favor of the persons and James O Linn, gen fund...... Houston that the loss of life will reach for the amounts hereinafter specified in Geo B Rate & Co.....

coast telegraphed at noon that the loss supervisors for the month of July, 1909, son and Kelly road. of life will not be less than 5000, and the board having examined said reports | Clark Rich, road fund...... \$ 1 50 Houston, Sept. 10 .- A scene of desola- that the expense accounts of the several tion, not only at Galveston, but at many districts are hereby allowed and ordered inland points in Texas, is the condition paid, and the clerk is instructed to draw presented today as a result of Saturday's warrants on the road fund and on the

Road Dist			70
Walter Wils			10
Ward Jones			9
A C Davis	 	 ******	31
Ross Parker	 SCHALL	 	33
I P Davis			33
P S DeShiel			9

Fred Gage

Washingron, Sept. 12.-The United

While efforts are being made by the Chinese government to begin negotiations, the killing of American citizens and the destruction of their property con- F McMurry..... tinnes. Negotiations cannot be thought of while these things continue and while there is a possibility of preventing them through the influence of the Chinese 8 Hale government.

the Commissioners of Clackamas

Present, J. R. Morton, T. B. Killin and G B Linn,

examined said claims and being fully J A English.

are placed between 1500 and 2600. The and in favor of the following named per- John Strowbridge

Road District No. 2—	10	=
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Ward Jones	9	-22
A C Davis	31	5
Ross Parker	33	0
J P Davis	33	0
P S DeShields	9	0
A H Wing	33	O

PT Dayis A Bennett Hubbard E Hubbard, H Deardorff. Hubbard Barman ... I M Johnson.... Ed Davis..... Frank Sumner Total,.....\$386 21 Road district No 3-Labor on Baker's bridge and Fagelde O W Griffin, road fund \$ 13 00 George Parsesh..... Dan Griffin Thomas Brown Mark Rowen 8 Hale Geo B Rate & Co, gen fund..... Johnson & Royer C Wolfbagen Total.....\$148 31 Road district No 4-R H Currin, road fund. \$ 3 00 L Hale. A.................. J C Tracy..... J H Tracy..... 6 (0

George Ely.... 3 00 ooke, sheriff; E. H. Cooper, clerk.

When the following proceedings were R A Wilcox David Douglas Woodle

> S S Waybill...... 18 00 Total\$22 50 Road district No 6-

Total\$41 00 Road district No 7-Labor on Sandy Henry Von Helms, gen fund \$ 1 50 Tom Beebe..... James Feagles..... 8 00 (continued on page 4)



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