

DESTRUCTION IN FLORIDA

Three Towns Completely Annihilated by the Cyclone Wednesday.

MANY VESSELS TOTAL WRECKS

Unidentified Dead Bodies Are Found in the Debris—Losses Over a Million Dollars.

RIVER JUNCTION, Fla., Aug. 4.—The most disastrous cyclone that ever visited this section of Florida completely annihilated Carrabelle, McIntyre, and Lanark Inn, south of here Wednesday.

At Carrabelle only nine houses remain of a once beautiful and prosperous town. Communications from the Mayor state that 200 families are without homes or shelter, and many are completely destitute.

Of McIntyre only two mill boilers mark the site of the town.

Lanark Inn, the famous Summer resort, was blown into the Gulf.

The Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad is washed away for a distance of thirty miles. A passenger train was blown from the track more than 100 yards. Many passengers were injured, but their names are unobtainable.

Mary Williams, colored, was killed at Carrabelle. Numerous other people had legs and arms broken. Daniel Neel of Apalachicola had his back broken, and is not expected to recover. No fatalities are reported from McIntyre and Lanark.

Fifteen ships lying at anchor in Dog Island Cove and Upper Anchorage are complete wrecks, high and dry on St. George's and Dog Islands. Twelve were loaded with lumber and ready for sea. When the Italian bark Corteria struck she split half in two from stem to stern.

The names of the ships blown on the islands and which are total wrecks are as follows: Norwegian barks Ranavola, Edwardson, master; Vale, Andersen, master; Jafnar, Tygensen, master; Hindoo, Madsen, master; Elsbeth, Pedersen, master; Russian bark Latara, Krantman, master; American schooners Benjamin C. Cromwell, McClean, master; Mary E. Morse, Densmore, master; Grace Andrews, Brown, master; Warren Adams, Gibbons, master; James A. Garfield, Cottingham, master; bark Vidette, Waldren, master; Italian bark Cortesia, fishing smack Albert Haley.

Three pilot boats and the steamers Iola and Capitola, and forty boats under twenty tons, were lost. Six lumber lighters, loaded, are gone. Not one of the entire fleet can be saved.

Five unidentified bodies were recovered to-day, supposed to be sailors.

Tugboats have gone from here to the scene of the wreckage. Fifty destitute sailors were brought here to-day and are being cared for.

A mass meeting of citizens is being held here to-night, and all possible aid will be given the destitute at Carrabelle. One million dollars will not cover the loss. The insurance is small.