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THE FLORIDA STORM

Details of the Destruction Wrought in the State.

HUNDREDS KILLED OR INJURED.

The Loss of Property Will Run Into Millions—Many Families Destitute.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 2—Reports received from Cedar Keys today tell the story of great damage to property and loss of life there from fire and flood. Early rumors from there spoke of Cedar Keys having been wiped out, but fortunately, later and more authentic reports show this was an exaggeration. However, fifteen persons were reported drowned. In Mr. Wesley's house alone five persons perished by the flood, including three of Mr. Wesley's children and her niece and the latter's child. But one has been rescued from along the coast and many fishermen who went out on Monday night have not been heard from since they left.

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Beyond the bar there are a score of boats visible just above the water and one top is inside the central phone of a wrecked schooner and its crew. It is possible many vessels were thrown out into the gulf and lost on the bar. Many Cedar Keys people drifted up far the greater number are beneath the water with the crews. He says there was land near where he was, but it was a foot or so low to such a hurricane. Two gentlemen who went down the coast a few miles reported finding the corpses of eight men washed ashore. These men were the crew of a sponging vessel, and the crew of some other vessels were similarly met a similar fate. It is expected that as days go come corpses of spongers will be found among the coast.

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NEWS OF THE DESTRUCTION.

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Bronson from Baker, Gilchrist and Columbia counties confirm the story of death and destruction reached in these counties last night. The death list has been increased materially in Columbia county. Hard hit very hard. All the county south of Lake City is devastated.

In the high and Marion neighborhood scarcely a residence or house is left standing. In the vicinity of the Pyrenees Mount Tabor pavilion, the damage is great.

Fred Hodge, a farmer of that locality, had his right and arm crushed and his wife was killed by the falling of a tree on the house.

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Talked Live Oak the storm did but little damage. In the country between Lake City and Withlacoochee, much timber and nearly all fences are prostrated.

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At Lake Butler, further down the line, the destruction was almost as great. Gilchrist was almost wiped out of existence.

Numbers of injuries and fatalities are reported from the various localities, but the news is so confused and scattered it is impossible to give a correct report. Hundreds are homeless and destitute.

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