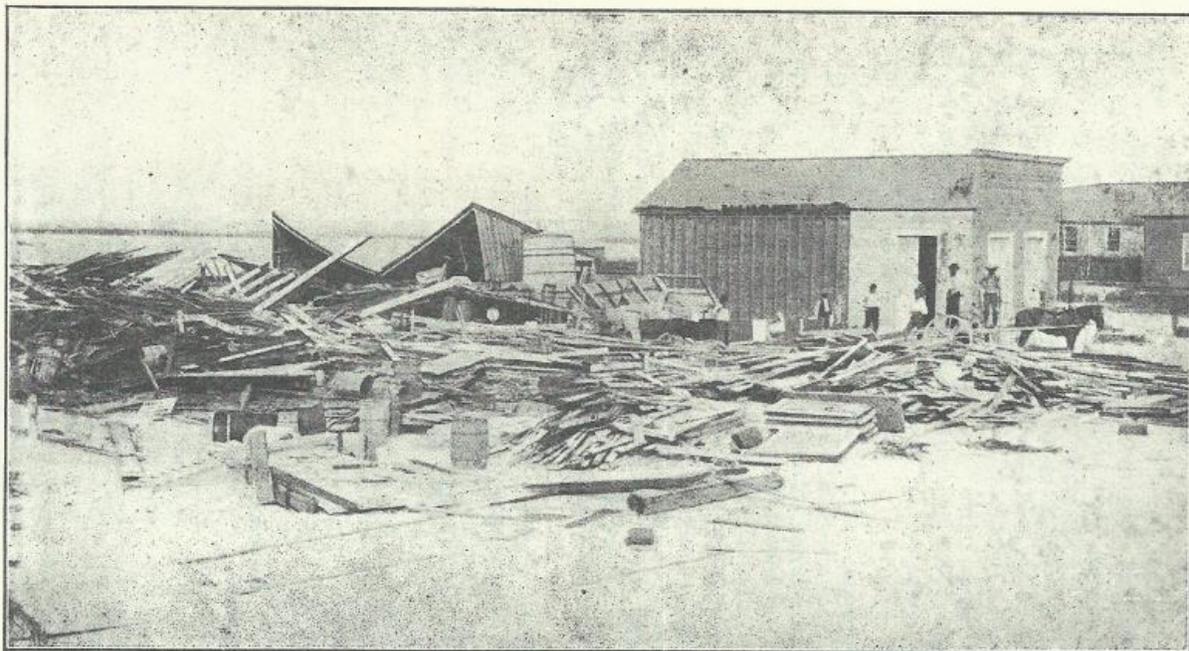


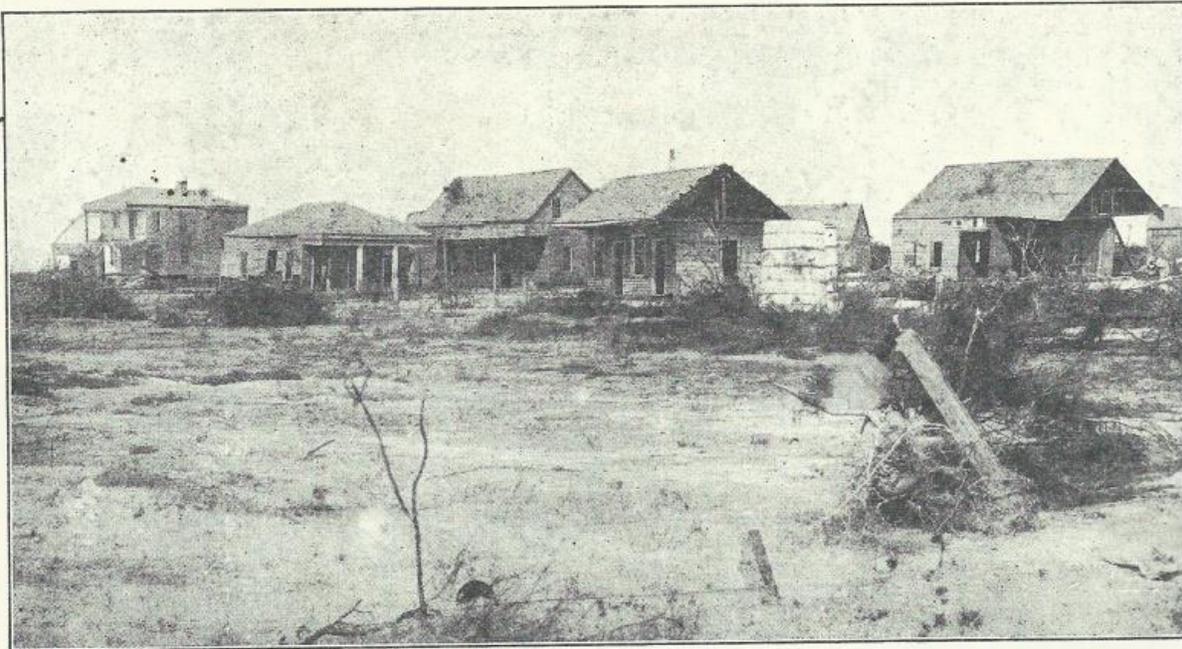
The above picture is a very rare old view of Indianola taken before the storm of 1886 which caused the abandonment of that once leading Texas port. It was at Indianola on February 28, 1873, that George H. French, publisher of The Advocate for the past 35 years, was born. The two-story house to

the left was the residence of the French family. It fronted on Main Street and faced the bay. Immediately beyond the trees was the home of George Willy, G., W. T. & P. Railway engineer, and farthest away and showing dimly in the background was the residence of W. P. Milby, who moved

to Edna. The gig and paint horse seen in front of the home of Dr. T. J. McFarland was owned by T. C. McFarland, Dr. McFarland's son, then a youth of about 17, who located in Victoria and established the Daily Times in 1893 and also represented this district in the Legislature.

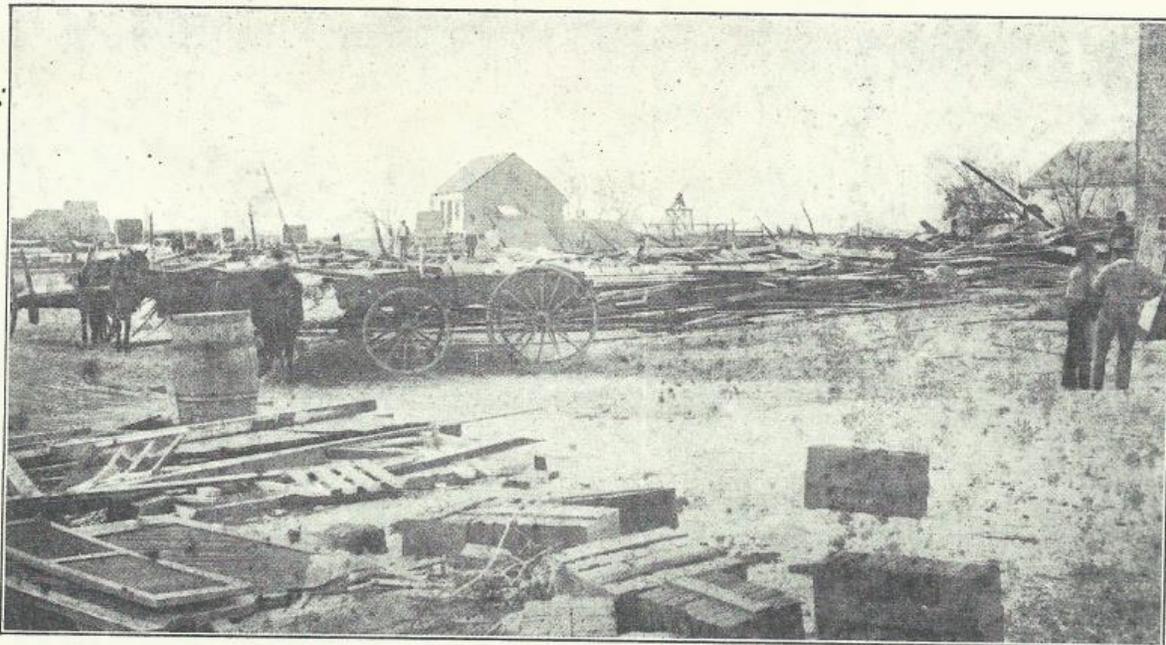


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H. Runge & Company's bank, store and warehouse. Bank still standing.



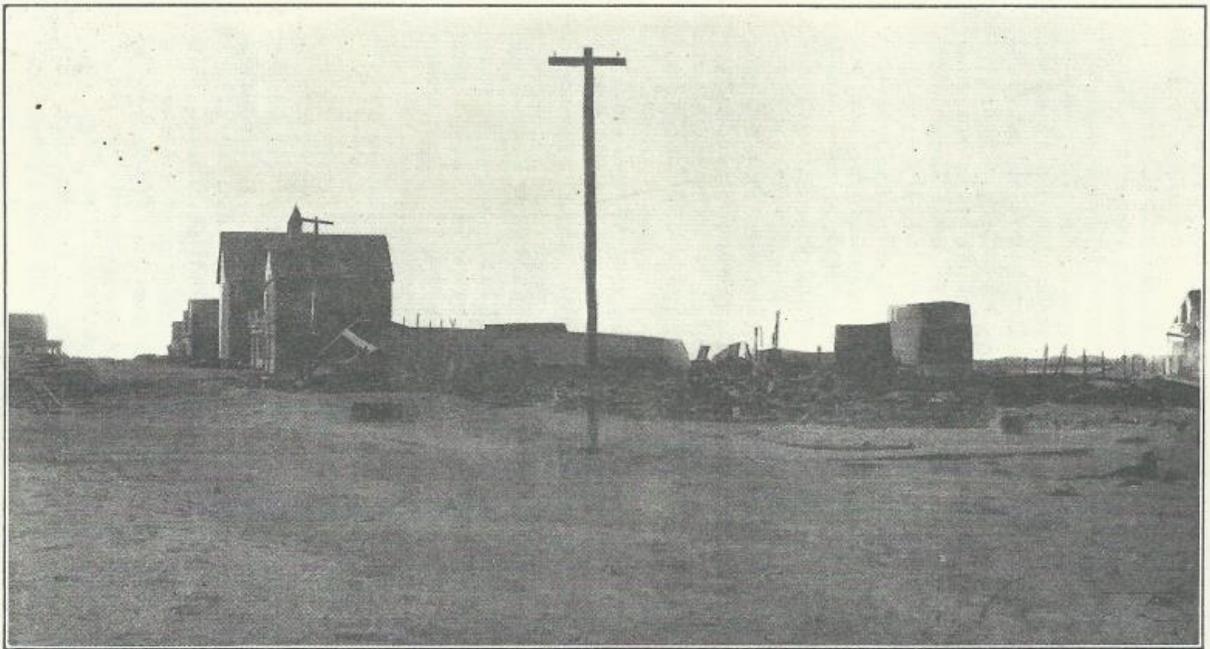
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The French home is shown with upper story blown over the kitchen, not a board was found of the lower story. The building to the extreme left is the Milby residence.



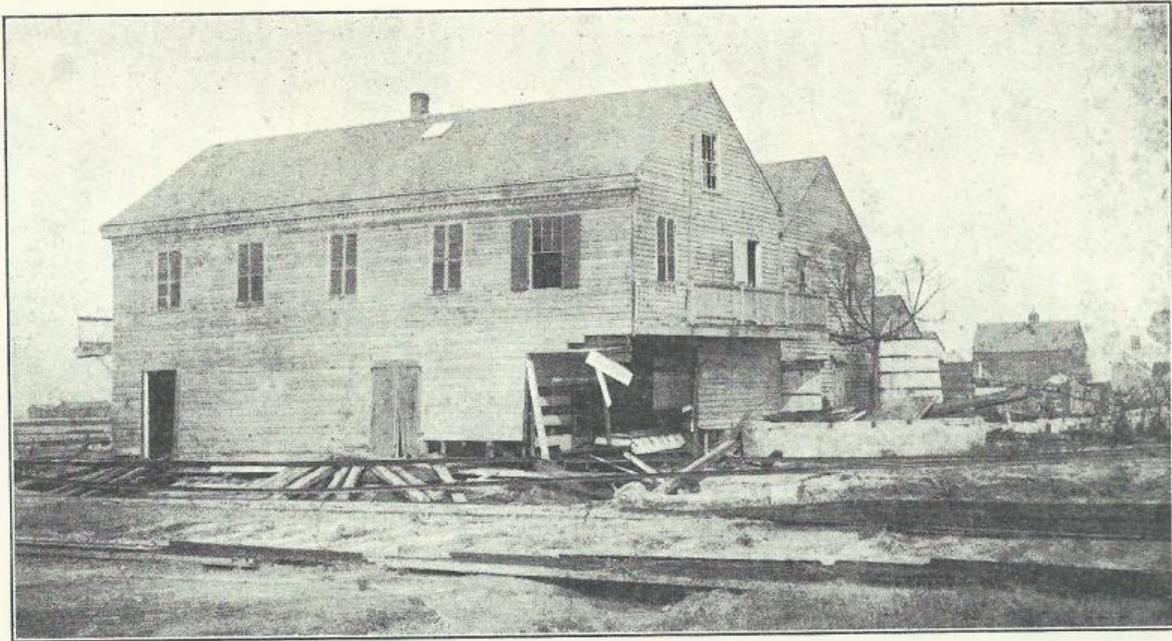
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Burnt District, West Main Street looking toward Bridge.



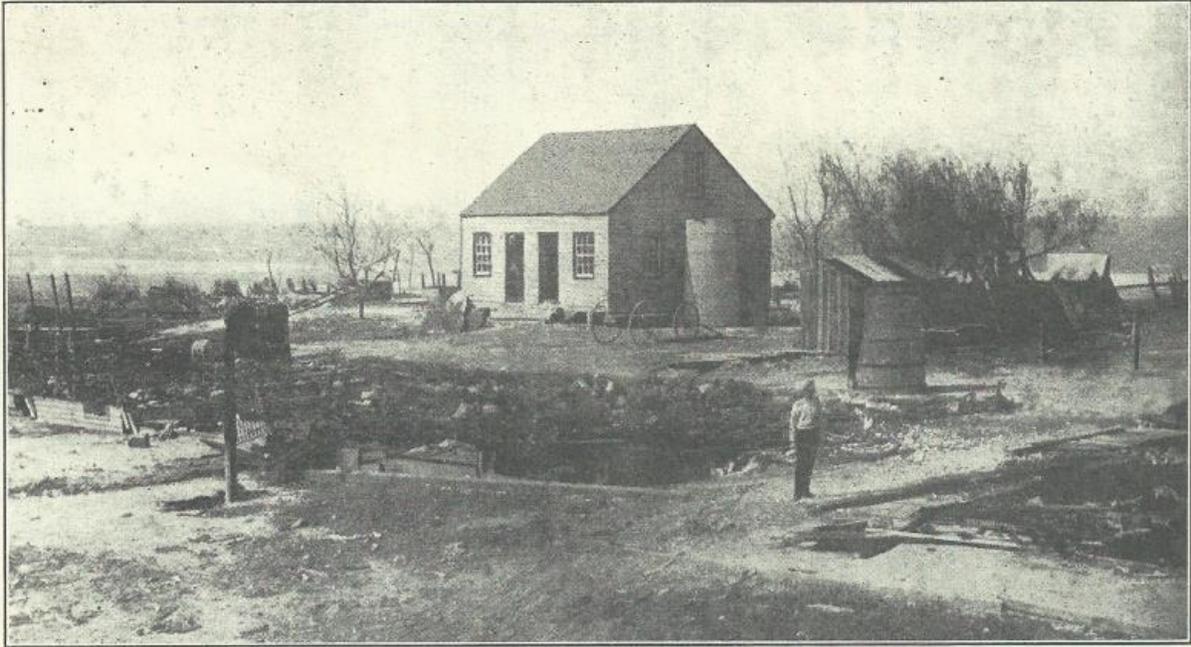
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East Main Street looking south—The building with ventilator is the ice house. In this building ice cut on the Northern lakes in winter was shipped in by steamers and stored for summer consumption.



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U. S. Customs House with Railroad Track Demolishing Corner of Building.



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Burnt District—East Main Street. Anton Lagus cottage in which 11 persons were saved.



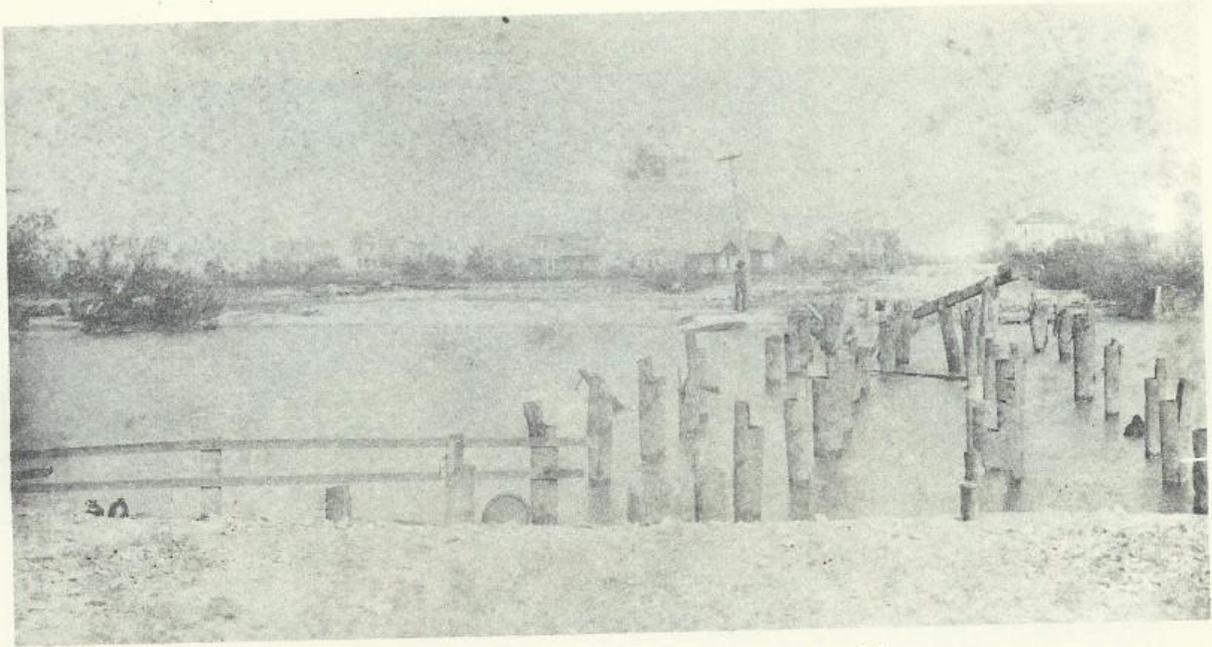
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R. C. Warn's Store and Warehouse.



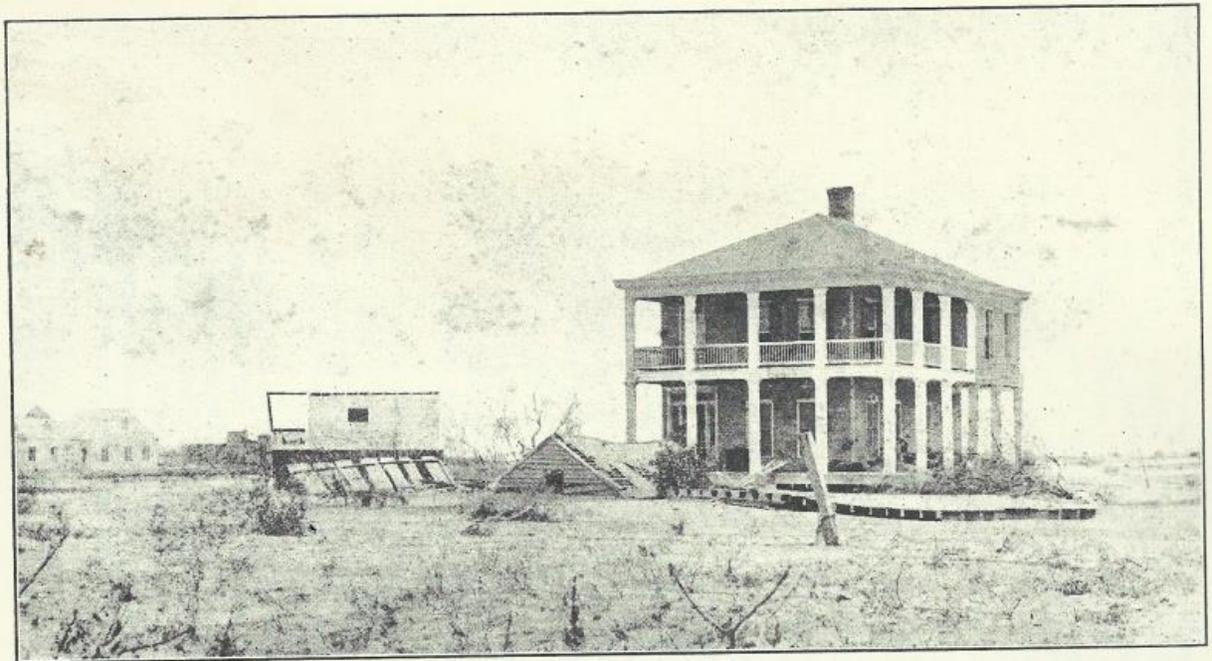
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East Main Street—Site of U. S. Signal Office in Burnt District, showing the temporary graves of Capt. Reed and Dr. Rosencrans under tree. The August Frank warehouse still standing.



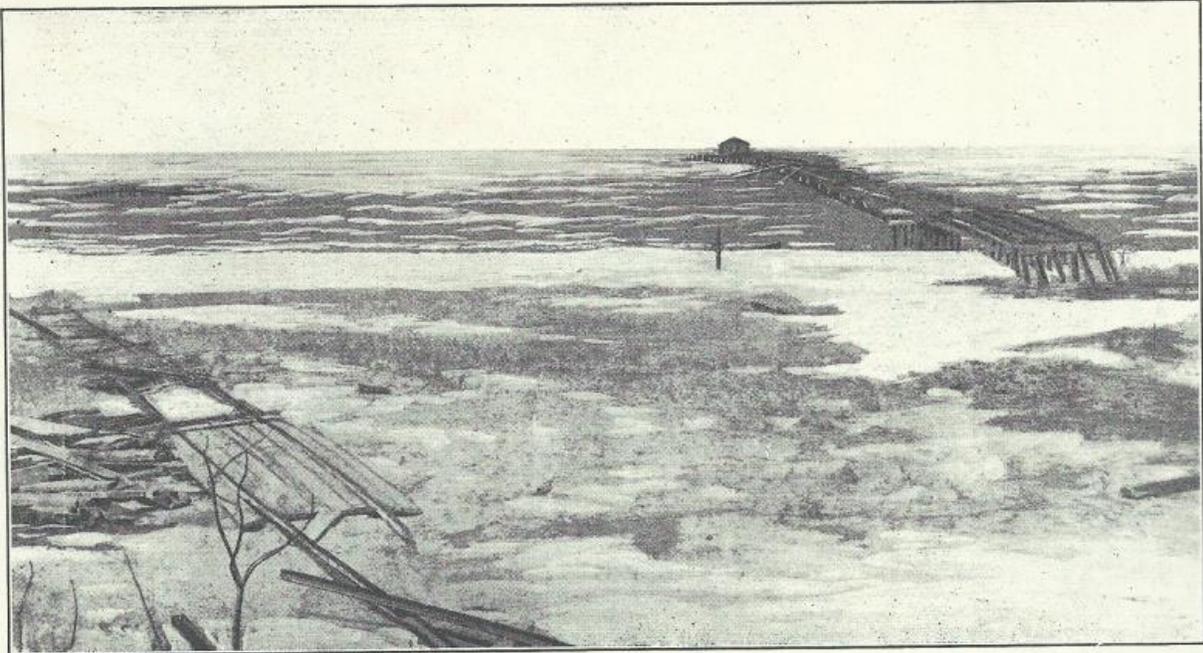
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East Main Street—The store of Dan Sullivan completely demolished.



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Ruins of the bridge across Sullivan's Bayou



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The residence of Peter Clements showing driftwood against it.



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The Morgan Line wharf and displaced railroad track, taken in a hard rain. This shows the terrible force of wind and water. The ticket office is shown at the Tee Head. The freight depot was completely demolished.

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