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*It was determined to load the dead on barges, tow them to sea and cast them into the deep.* Ben C. Stuart

*If you were caught stooping [looting], you might be shot. There was one man that when they took him he had his pockets full of ears and fingers. He didn't take time to take the earrings out of ears, he just cut a piece off. Of course by that time the fingers would be swollen. He just cut the fingers off and stuffed them in his pocket. He would have been shot, but his wife was pregnant and she begged for him. So they didn't shoot him.* Ellen Edwards Nilson

*The story of Galveston's tragedy can never be written. Galveston! the beautiful Island city is hardly recognizable today.* Ida Smith Austin

*I had been conscripted to help bury or burn the dead. It was too gruesome to describe.* Harry I. Maxson

*It's a sight I hope I shall never see again. Destruction and desolation; wreckage strewn everywhere, chaos, and that voice still ringing in my ears: "Save me, save me!"* Arnold R. Wolfram

*The sea ran as high in the streets of the town as it did in the Gulf. The wind blew from 120 to 130 miles an hour. There were two thousand in the hotel that night, if it had gone you can guess the rest. One hour more of that wind would have killed every person on the Island.* Walker W. Davis

*The people of Galveston are making a brave and gallant fight for life.* Winifred Black

*...all he found left at the site of their house was a hatchet!* Henry Cortes

All the survivors of Galveston's great storm were left with [memories so horrible](#) they could never forget the night of September 8th.

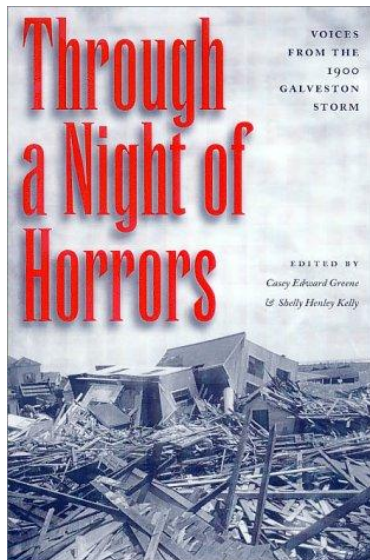
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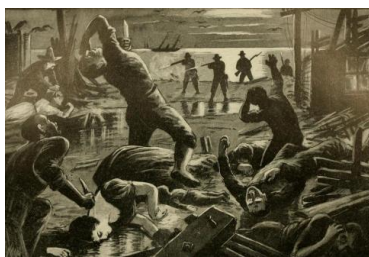
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