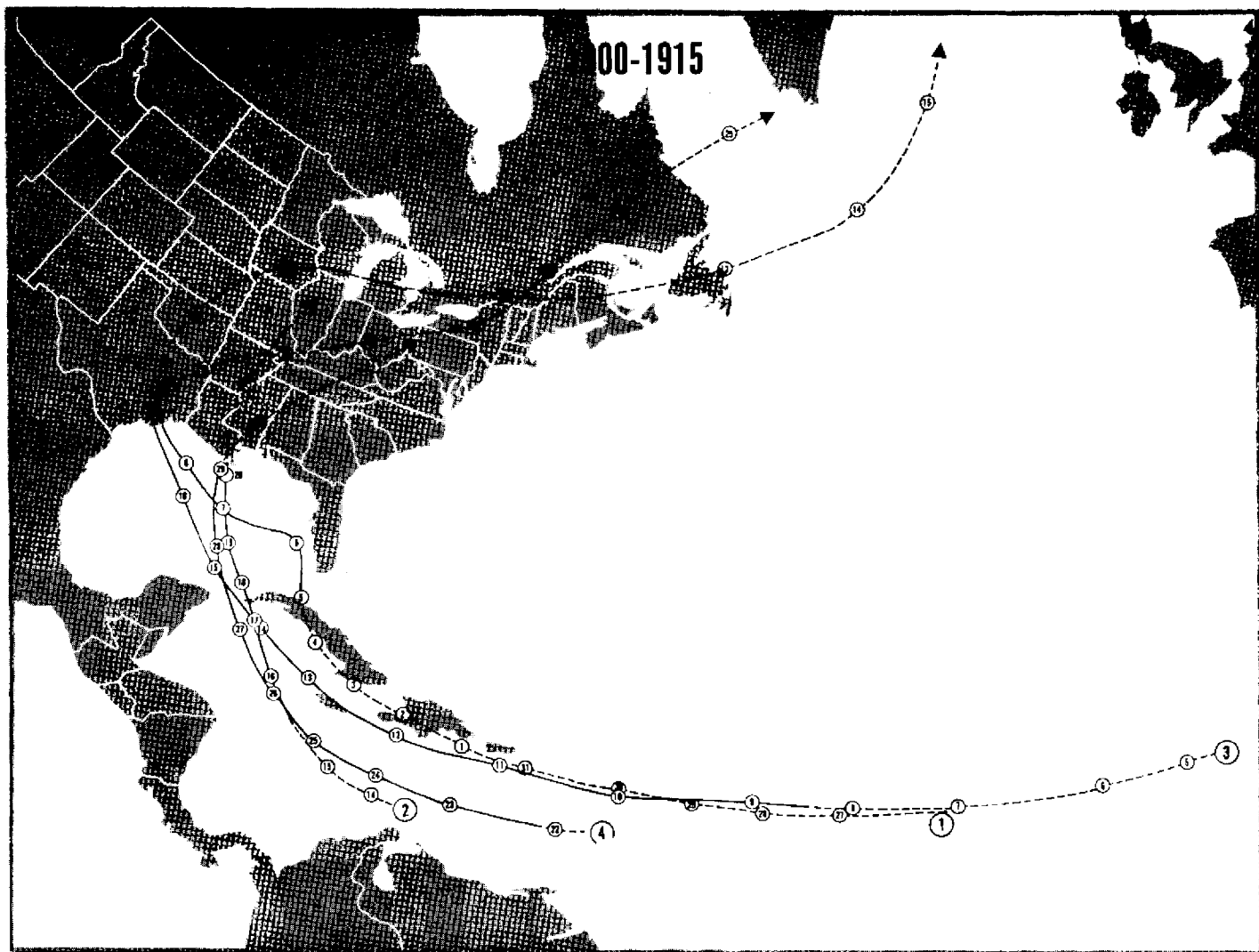


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1. 1900, August 27-September 15	Texas	Galveston, Tex. 77 mph ¹ * gust, E 120 mph	6,000	7	Principal damage and most loss of life caused by storm tide which inundated Galveston Island.
2. 1909, September 14-21	Louisiana and Mississippi	New Orleans, La. 53 mph ²	350	6	Hurricane center passed 50 to 75 miles west of New Orleans. Winds were much stronger in that area. Wide extent of Louisiana coast inundated.
3. 1915, August 5-25	Texas and Louisiana	Galveston, Tex. 92 mph gust, 120 mph	275	7	Twelve-foot storm tide inundated Galveston to a depth of 5 to 6 feet.
4. 1915, September 22-October 1	Middle Gulf Coast	Burrwood, La. 106 mph	275	7	Ninety percent of buildings destroyed over a large area of Louisiana south of New Orleans. Many casualties due to persons remaining in low-lying areas despite warnings.

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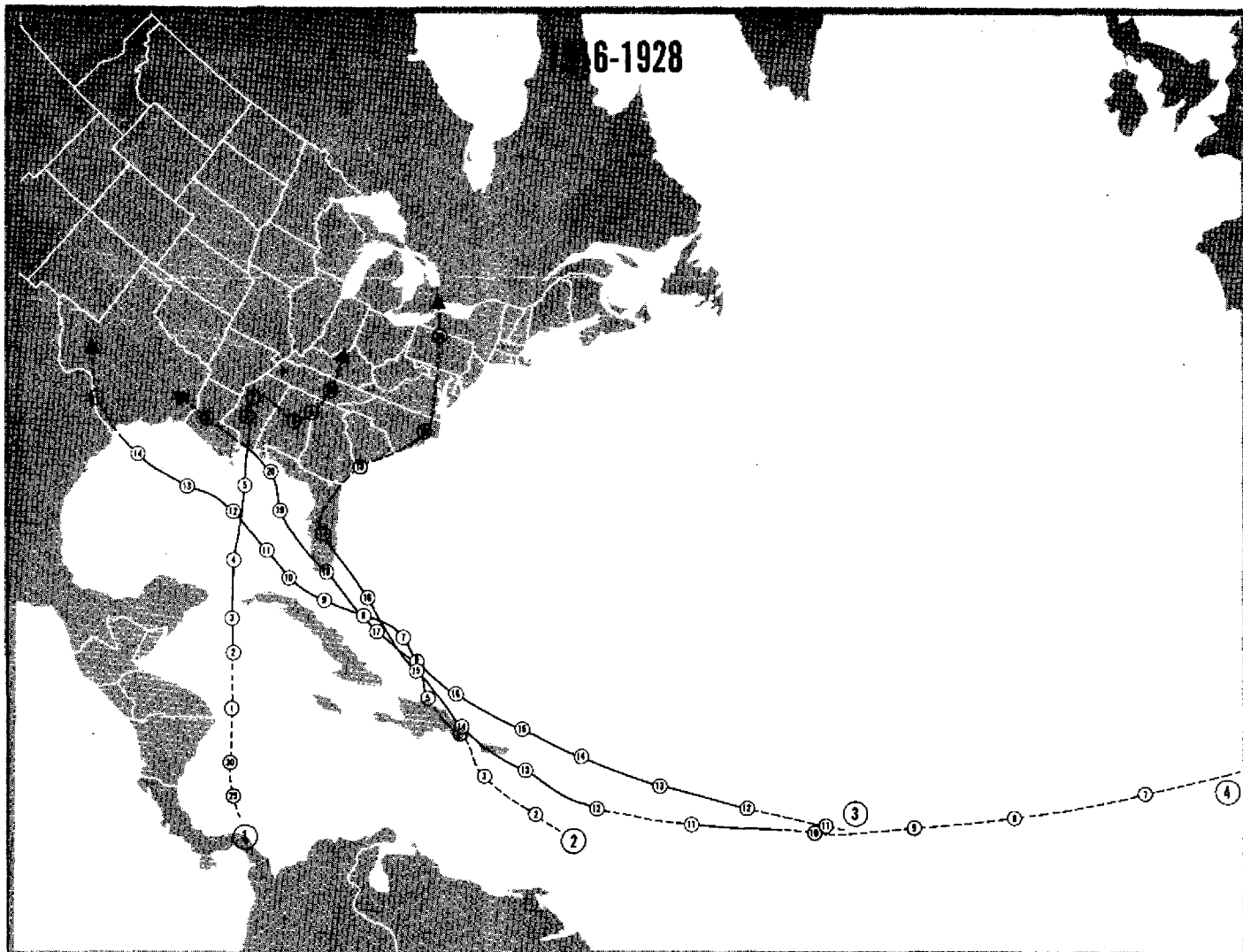
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¹ Wind measuring equipment disabled at speed indicated. Highest winds probably higher.

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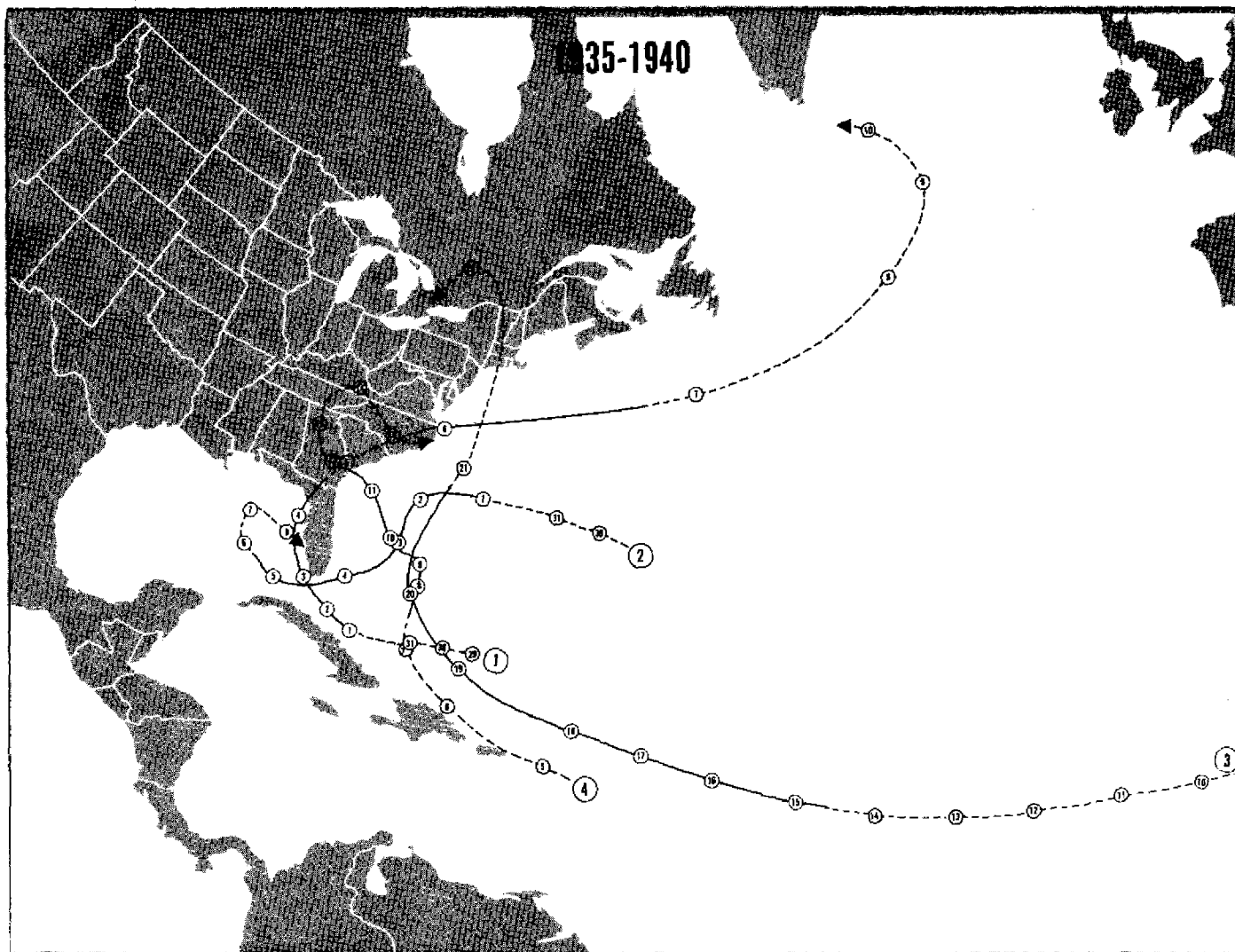
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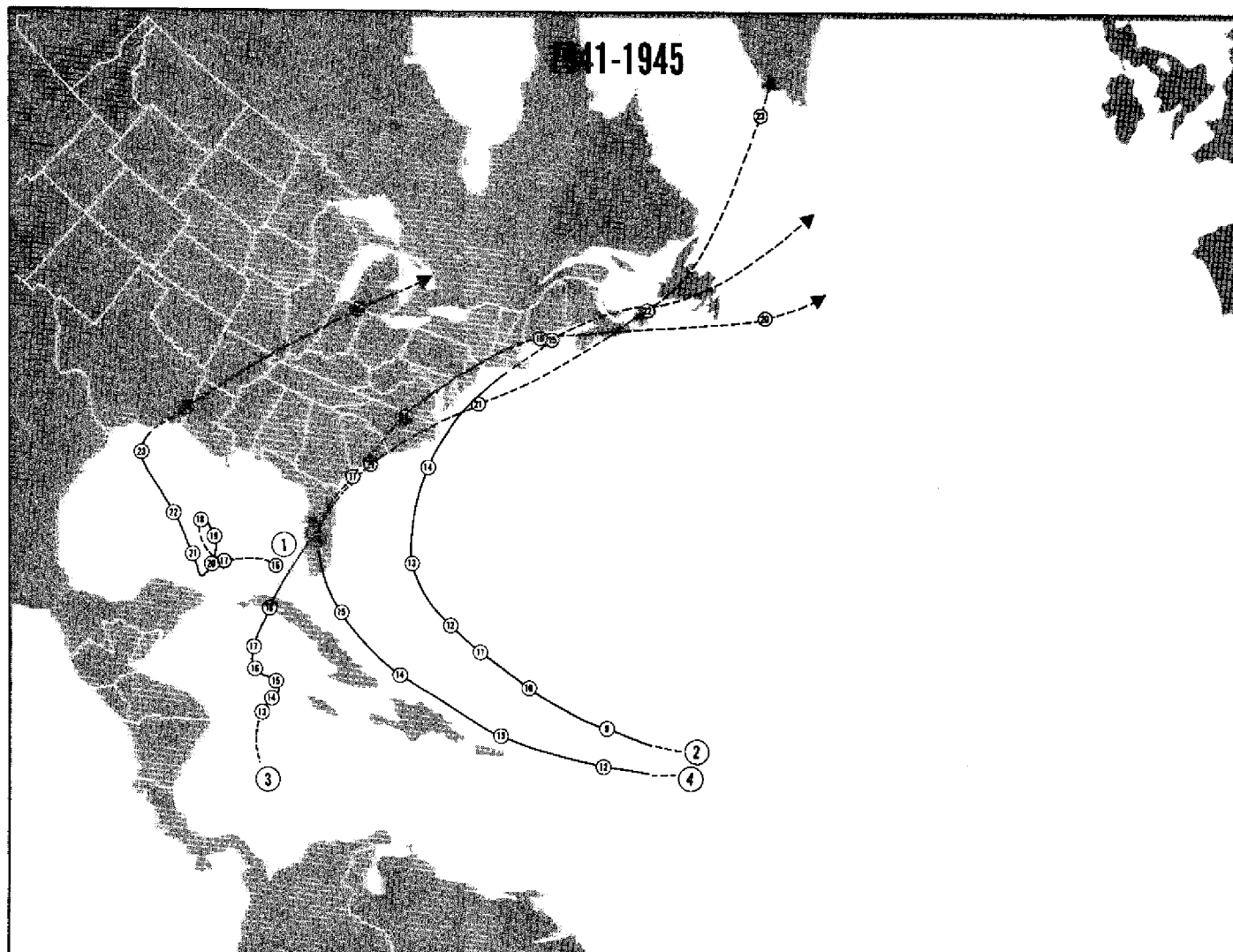
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1. 1916, June 29-July 10	Mississippi to northern Florida	Mobile, Ala. 99 mph	7	6	Very destructive along the coast from Mobile to Pensacola.
2. 1919, September 2-15	Florida, Louisiana and Texas	Sand Key, Fla. 72 mph ⁵ †	287	7	Hurricane was severe both in Florida and in Texas. Over 500 casualties in ships lost at sea.
3. 1926, September 11-22	Florida and Alabama	Miami, Fla. 96 mph Miami Beach, Fla. gust, 132 mph	243	8	Very severe in the Miami area and from Pensacola into southern Alabama.
4. 1928, September 6-20	Southern Florida	Lake Okeechobee, Fla. 75 mph ⁶	1,836	7	Wind-driven waters of Lake Okeechobee overflowed into populated areas, causing most of the casualties.



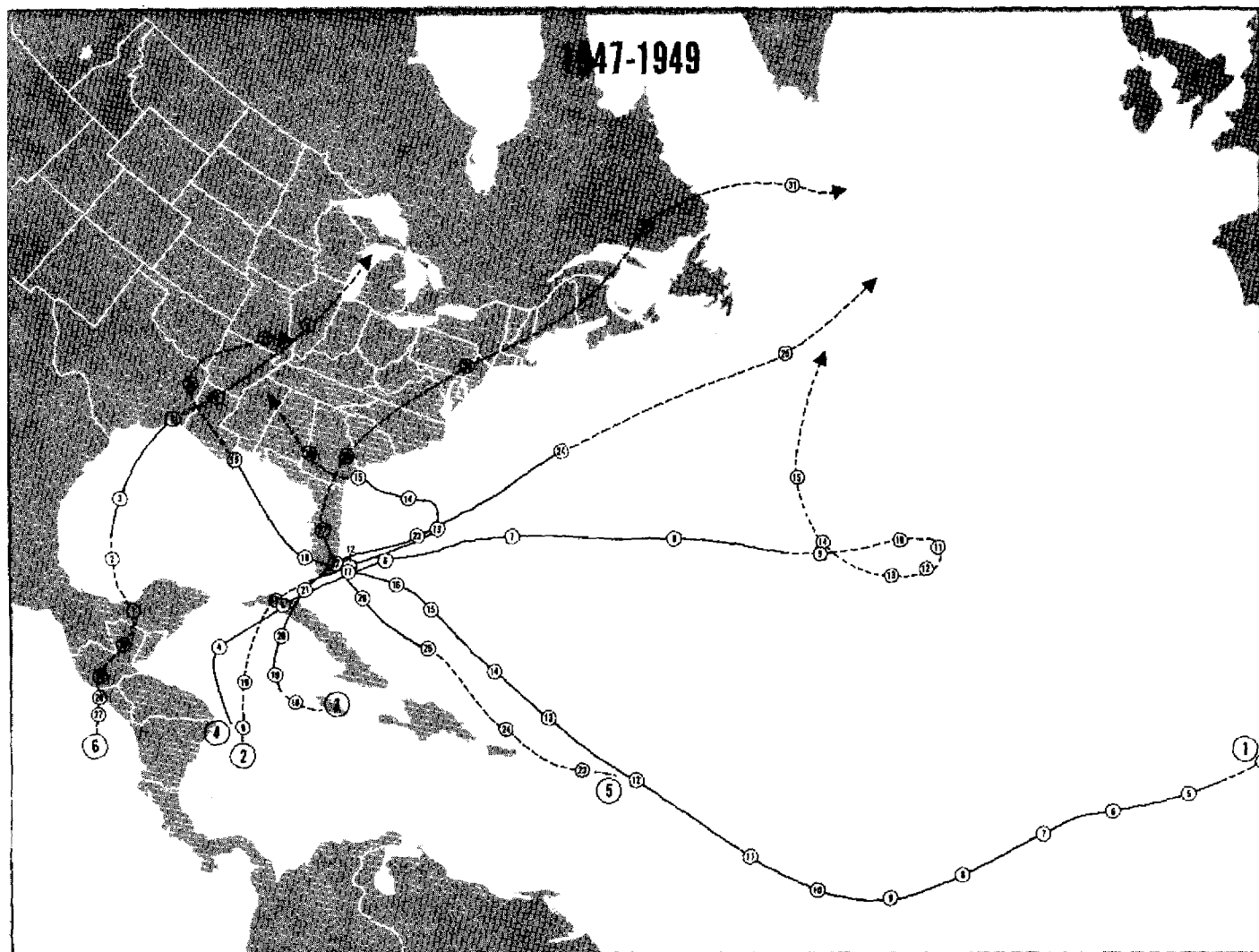
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1. 1935, August 29-September 10	Southern Florida	Tampa, Fla. 86 mph	408	7	"Labor Day Storm" — barometer reading of 26.35 inches on Long Key is lowest of record in the Western Hemisphere. Peak winds were estimated 150-200 mph on some Keys.
2. 1935, October 30-November 8	Southern Florida	Miami, Fla. 94 mph	5	7	"Yankee Storm"—so-called because it moved into the Miami area from the northeast. It was quite small—destructive winds covered only a narrow path.
3. 1938, September 10-22	Long Island, N.Y.; southern New England	Blue Hill, Mass. 121 mph* gust, 183 mph	600	8	Very heavy wind and storm surge damage in most of New England. Hurricane was moving forward at speeds up to 56 mph in this region.
4. 1940, August 5-15	Georgia and the Carolinas	Savannah, Ga. 90 mph	50	6	Heavy flooding in the southeastern States as far inland as Tennessee from hurricane-induced rains. Thirty deaths were due to floods.



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1. 1941, September 16-25	Texas	Texas City, Texas gust, 83 mph	4	7	Very heavy crop damage. Most low exposed places evacuated in response to good warnings—resulting in low casualty figure.
2. 1944, September 9-16	North Carolina to New England	Cape Henry, Va. 134 mph gust, 150 mph †	46	8	Heavy damage.
3. 1944, October 12-23	Florida	Dry Tortugas, Fla. 120 mph†	18	8	Warnings and evacuation prevented heavier casualties.
4. 1945, September 11-20	Florida, Georgia and South Carolina	Carysfort Reef Light, 138 mph	4	8	Damage very heavy in Dade County (Miami), Fla. Evacuation of exposed locations prevented heavy loss of life.



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1. 1947, September 4-21	Florida and Middle Gulf Coast	Hillsboro Light, Fla. 121 mph ¹ gust, 155 mph	51	8	Very large and intense storm. Wind and water damage heavy on Florida east coast and in Louisiana and Mississippi.
2. 1947, October 9-16	Southern Florida; Georgia and South Carolina	Hillsboro Light, Fla. 92 mph	1	6	Heavy to excessive rains in Florida climaxed a very wet season. Heavy damage also occurred in the Savannah, Ga. area from wind and along the South Carolina-Georgia coast from high tides.
3. 1948, September 18-25	Southern Florida	Key West A.P., Fla. 78 mph ¹	3	7	Many lulls and calms reported from widely separated points simultaneously; two lulls at some places near Okeechobee several hours apart.
4. 1948, October 3-15	Southern Florida	Sombrero Key, Fla. E 100 mph ¹	0	7	Damage not as great as could be expected, since much of area had been hit by September storm.
5. 1949, August 23-31	Florida to the Carolinas	West Palm Beach, Fla. 110 mph ⁵ + Juniper, Fla. gust 153 mph	2	8	Storm center passed over Lake Okeechobee. Levees built since 1928 prevented overflow and casualties.
6. 1949, September 27- October 6	Texas	Freeport, Tex. E 135 mph	2	7	Most of damage was to crops.