

GALVESTON LASHED BY FURIOUS GALE

Sea Wall Holds While Storm Increases.

WIND REACHES 90-MILE RATE

Streets Are Flooded, but Chief Damage Is to Windows.

5000 PERSONS QUIT CITY

Wires Are Blown Down and Darkness Reigns—Barometer Drops to 29—All Homes on Beach Are Hastily Deserted.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 16.—The Army wireless station here received a report from the transport Buford at Galveston tonight that the water had risen 10 feet and that several vessels had turned over in the harbor there.

The Government wireless station here tonight, after trying without success to raise Galveston or Texas City, received the following report by wireless from Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio:

"Fort Sam Houston reports it has been calling Galveston since 5 o'clock in vain. Texas City reported at 2 P. M. that he expected his mast to blow down at any time. He also reported he had word that water was going over the causeway at 6 P. M."

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 16.—The tropical storm which struck Galveston today, while severe, had caused no serious damage and no loss of life at 8 o'clock tonight. The Galveston sea wall, built as a precaution against such hurricanes, had withstood the fury of the storm and showed no signs of weakening.

The storm struck the city late in the forenoon with a velocity of 34 miles an hour. At noon it had increased to 49 miles an hour, and during the late afternoon fluctuated to 49 and 70 miles an hour, blowing in a northeasterly direction.

Wind Blows 90 Miles an Hour.

At 3 o'clock tonight the highest velocity was 65 to 75 miles an hour, with occasional gusts blowing as high as 90 miles.

The only damage thus far caused was the destruction of window panes and terrace woodwork on exposed buildings.

A heavy rain fell throughout the day and tonight the streets are filled with water to the curbings.

Barometer Drops to 29.

At 3 o'clock tonight the barometer stood at 29 flat, having fallen from 30.62 at noon.

No estimate as to the extent of the storm in Galveston or the surrounding country could be made tonight by the weather bureau, owing to wire failures.

It is estimated that 5000 persons left Galveston by train, interurban and automobiles during the last 36 hours. Tonight practically all of the homes, especially those on the beach, have been evacuated and the people are gathered in downtown hotels and public buildings.

Lifelines Stand Ready.

The lifesaving crew was held in readiness during the day, but there has been no occasion for its use.

The city is in darkness tonight because the wires of the lighting system are out of commission.

Warning of the tropical storm was given to shipping in ample time, and no vessels left port today. Several ships are due here, and have reported as standing by several miles off shore.

WALL WILL HOLD, IS BELIEF

Direction of Gale Said to Be Galveston's Greatest Hope.

DR. WHEELER SEES PERIL

Oceans Not Guard Enough, Says Educator, Advising Preparedness.

SEA WEDDING HALTS FEAST

WHEAT FIRE LOSS \$25,000

OREGON BUILDING VISITED

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GERMANS DEMAND WIDER FRONTIERS

LIBERAL PARTY DECLARES EXPANSION IS PEACE PRICE.

Land "East, West and Over Seas" Is Held Necessary Payment to Protect Nation's Interests.

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AIRMAN-WRITER IS DEAD

Newspaper Man of Arizona Meets End in Europe.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 15.—A cablegram from Paris today announced the death of Jacques Neyvatte, a member of the French aviation corps. Neyvatte, who was formerly a newspaper man here, left last September and returned to France.

He was licensed by the Aero Club of France in 1904 and appeared in aerial exhibitions in this country. He served in the Boer war as a balloonist.

MIDSHIPMAN DIES AT SEA

W. L. McCarthy Stricken With Spinal Meningitis on Ohio.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—W. L. McCarthy, of Danville, Ky., a midshipman of the Annapolis, second class, died last night aboard the battleship Ohio, which reached here today.

Midshipman McCarthy was stricken with spinal meningitis when the squadron left San Francisco Saturday.

AMERICAN DOLLAR IS WORLD'S BASIS

Foreign Exchange Decided Slump.

LOSSES ALL BORNE ABROAD

Pounds, Francs and Lires Go to New Depths.

EUROPE'S BUYING IS CAUSE

Contracts for Supplies All Found to Call for Payment in Dollars.

Morgan's Reappearance on Wall Street Livens Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The American dollar ruled the financial world today with an iron grip. Pounds sterling, francs, liras, virtually all foreign exchange went down to new depths in a torrent of bills that poured into the exchange markets from American manufacturers seeking pay for big war contracts of munitions and other supplies purchased here by the warring nations of Europe.

Coincident with the startling decline in exchange rates came the assertion from an unimpeachable source that manufacturers for supplies sent abroad called for payment in American dollars, and not English pounds sterling, which have heretofore been the standard of finance the world over.

Buyers Only Sustain Losses.

The immense losses, therefore, due to the decline in foreign exchange rates will be borne, to the last penny, by the foreign buyers, and will not be sustained by the American manufacturer—a situation exactly the opposite of what had heretofore been the popular belief.

The maximum depreciation today in pounds sterling was 4 1/2 per cent below normal; in francs, 19 per cent below normal; in Italian liras, 25 per cent below normal. In the money market today the pound sold for only \$4.64, 6.52 francs equaled a dollar, and a dollar purchased 64 1/2 liras. These were the quotations, while rates were at the lowest ebb during the early afternoon. In the last hour of the business day, the presence in Wall Street of J. P. Morgan for the first time since the attack on his life six weeks ago and an informal conference of bankers to consider the exchange situation, sent rates upward.

Market Closes Firm.

Sterling closed at 4.67 1/2, one-half point higher than it opened, and a point and a half under Saturday's close, which established a new low record at the time. Francs gained 3 points over the low record, selling at 5.99 at the close, and liras rebounded a point, closing at 64 1/2.

What to do to remedy the situation engaged the attention of bankers with international connections at their informal conference late today. It was (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

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