

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 8.—A hurricane, accompanied by a heavy rain, prevailed along the Texas coast and for a hundred miles inland to-day. Telegraph and telephone wires are down along the coast, and no accurate news is obtainable.

Galveston is cut off entirely. Communication was lost at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, and no trains were operated to-day. The last report from Galveston stated that the Gulf waters were incroaching rapidly on the beach and that the flood had extended into the residence portion of the city for several blocks.

The waves were very high and boisterous in the bay and considerable damage was being done to small craft, though the big boats were not then in any danger. The rain had been very heavy all day and traffic was entirely suspended.

The wind is blowing sixty miles an hour in Houston at midnight and great damage is being done to business houses and residences throughout the city. The Associated Press wire is the only one that is working, all other telegraph and telephone business being shut off. The electric light plant has been closed down, as the wires became crossed with telephones and several persons were shocked, though none was seriously hurt. Several great brick and iron stacks have been blown over and tin roofs are as numerous on the ground as on houses.

The streets are utterly deserted. So far there have been no casualties in Houston.

The storm has spread to the interior and there is great anxiety in this city. People are offering extraordinary sums to the telegraph companies to get messages through to Galveston and other points, but nothing can be done for them. Up to midnight nothing has been heard from Galveston.

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