

STORM FLAGS MIXED UP BY FREAK WINDS

Gale Dances Charleston With Mariners, Weather Experts; Signals Are Contradictory

A storm of comparatively small area, but of unusual intensity, danced the Charleston with mariners and the United States Weather Bureau yesterday.

While the local bureau was explaining the strange phenomena, three different storm signals waved from their flags from San Diego to Eureka. Briefly stated, the wind was chasing itself around in circles, the rear trying to catch up with the front.

And here was what resulted: At 8 o'clock yesterday, from San Diego to Point Conception, the warning flag indicated a southwest wind.

Further along the Coast, from Point Conception to Point Reyes, the warning flag indicated a southwest wind.

And at the northern terminus, from Mendocino to Eureka, the warning flag indicated a northeast wind.

Major E. H. Bowie of the Weather Bureau stated that yesterday's storm was almost complete within itself from Eureka to San Diego. San Francisco was the pivotal point.

Within the short area, the wind was moving in a counter-clockwise direction starting in one direction at Eureka and moving the other at San Diego. In most of the other storms, he explained, the same thing occurs, but the movement is not so noticeable because of the larger territory included.

The full blast of the wind caused a considerable tide disturbance in the bay, resulting in the water being backed up to almost two feet higher than normal at this time of the year.

Russian River to Have New Bridge

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 12.—The Sonoma county supervisors awarded a new contract for a bridge across Russian river, near Guerneville, and also awarded a contract for permanent paving from the great Redwood highway through the towns of old and new Windsor and another connecting link from New Windsor northward to link into the Redwood highway again.

An Interesting Display

In The Emporium rug section there is now on display an interesting rug. It is a Trans-Caspian needlework Bokhara, and was woven as near as antiquarians can determine, in the sixteenth century.

There's every reason to believe that it was woven by a young girl under the instruction of a great master, for her wedding tent. The custom in past centuries was for the daughter of a royal family to weave a rug to present to the groom as her gift. She started weaving as soon as she was able to work and her wedding could not be celebrated until the weaving was finished. During the time of the weaving, the master instructor had the child interpret the happenings of her life in the symbols of the rug.

It stands today as a symbol of the sincerity of a wedding vow made many hundreds of years ago. Truly an interesting display!

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Water, Water Everywhere; Lots of Drops to Swim In



Mountainous waves lashed the ocean shoreline yesterday. Upper photo shows the breakers beating against the Sutro Baths at ocean beach with such force that they swept through the glass windows. Lower picture shows water pouring into swimming tank through broken windows, diving board in foreground.

STATE TO HAVE NORMAL RAIN

In almost every section of California, the normal amount of rain will have fallen before the present storm subsides. This was the word from the local weather bureau last night as it predicted a continuance of the rain for another twenty-four hours.

Outweighing in its benefits to the soil, the havoc that it caused to railroads and highways, last night's downpour virtually assured California a bumper year for crops, according to reports from all sections of the State.

More than six feet of snow had fallen at the Summit, insuring ample water for the irrigation districts, while swollen rivers continued to rise threatening flood heights at numerous towns. Mt. Hamilton was covered with 6 inches of snow.

Official rainfall figures for the 24-hour period ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, for cities having Weather Bureau stations, follow:

Eureka	.....	trace
Red Bluff	.....	.72
Sacramento	.....	.70
Santa Rosa	.....	.72
San Francisco	.....	.74
San Jose	.....	1.04
Stockton	.....	.48
Fresno	.....	.22
San Luis Obispo	2.50
Los Angeles64
San Diego66

2 DIE AS GALE-DRIVEN SEAS BATTER COAST TOWNS

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ply no parallel for the pranks played by the ocean during the morning at Ocean beach. While the financial damage was comparatively small here, in contrast to the havoc wreaked by the gale in Santa Cruz, the 30-foot breakers presented an imposing spectacle that drew thousands of spectators. The waves outside the breaker line were 50 to 60 feet high.

WRECK DRIVEN ASHORE. Early in the day the high tide and stiff wind drove the hulk of the wrecked dynamite ship Yosemite on the beach and swung it against the intake pipe of the Lurline baths. The impact knocked out a 40-foot section of the 18-inch cast-iron pipe. Coast guards under command of Captain Theodore Roberge attached lines to the hull and planned to blow it up to prevent further damage.

The waves breaking off the Esplanade washed out long sections of the sandy beach, threw up a barricade of splinters from the wreck, and hurled spray and foam 60 feet into the air. At high tide the huge breakers covered Seal rocks, and guards were stationed to prevent spectators from using the observation platform below the Cliff House.

The sea side of Sutro baths was inundated. The breakers knocked out a dozen gates above the bathers' level platform, shattered scores of panes of glass, and at times were so high that they measured a height of 20 feet on a sidewalk which is normally completely out of reach. The surface of the main plunge was covered with debris, and engineers said it would be necessary to drain the tank, removing bushels of broken glass from the floor, before it could again be used.

Despite torrential rains, hundreds of motoring parties visited the beach along the Great Highway last night, and parked their cars facing the sea opposite the chutes to watch the mountainous breakers crash against the seawall. A dash of the artificially spectacular was added to the natural grandeur of the scene when the drivers, almost without exception, trained the headlights of their machines on the moll.

EMBARGADERO SWAMPED. While the fury of the high sea was most noticeable outside the Golden Gate, conditions within the bay were also unusual. Whipped by a sharp southwest wind, the waves leaped over the pier roofs in several instances, and swept up onto the Embarcadero.

The bay was so rough that ferryboats wallowed heavily and ran on slow schedule. Outside the Gate, the bar was breaking all the way across and the steamer Melville Dollar, bound for Seattle, cautiously stuck her nose outside the bay and then returned to her dock to await smoother weather. Two days out from San Francisco, the Matson liner Wilhelmina wireless that a 50-mile gale was running.

It was at Santa Cruz that the fearful pounding from the highest sea on record caused the greatest damage. Huge waves lashing the beach during the night carried out to sea two bandstands in front of the Casino, washed away two restaurants on the municipal pier and wrought havoc along the Esplanade and waterfront estimated at \$250,000.

Four other restaurants and six fish stores on the municipal pier were badly damaged, the pleasure pier was so undermined, that it was declared unsafe and the public was forbidden to venture onto it, and five concessions along the Board Walk were converted into splinters.

Two small houses at Capitola Beach were washed to sea. Three fine homes on a cliff, three miles east of the city are undermined and in danger of collapse.

HIGHWAYS INUNDATED. The heaviest surf in years yesterday lashed the shore at Half Moon Bay and caused damage estimated at \$10,000. Long stretches of highway were swept by waves and inundated.

J. L. Richard, radio operator at Point Montara light, driving near Petron's wharf at Princeton, narrowly escaped being swept in his automobile out to sea. A wave swept the highway as he passed and wrecked his car. Baras and trees were carried to sea in the undertow of huge waves on the artichoke ranch of Dante Dianda, near Princeton, and the settlement of workers' houses on the ranch threatened. More than \$5,000 damage was done on the ranch.

San Rafael creek overflowed its banks, and the high tide on the bay joined the waters of the creek in flooding the city of San Rafael up to fourth and Grant streets.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED. The railroad track between San Rafael and San Quentin was under water, and so were the roads between San Rafael and Point San Pedro and between Kentfield and Greenbrae. The state highways between Sausalito and Alto, Greenbrae and Alto, and other sections, were also flooded, while slides in the hill districts blocked transportation in several places.

Growing grain, it is stated, will be immensely benefited as will fruit, vegetables and other crops. Slight damage was reported to green peas in the San Luis Obispo region.

Highways were blocked by slides in many parts of the State, but it was reported that the maintenance department of the State Highway Commission was at work repairing the damage.

STORM PERILS MILLIONAIRES

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 12.—(By International News Service.)—Although no loss of life had been reported early today, many millionaires had narrow escapes from death in a cloudburst which last night swept the exclusive colony at Montecito. Ten inches of rain fell

and roads and bridges were badly damaged. Elmer Boeske, internationally known polo player, is marooned at his estate, which was badly damaged by flood waters. Keith Johnson was standing on a small bridge which was struck by the flood and wiped out. Johnson was hurled on the opposite side of the canyon spanned by the bridge and escaped serious injury.

in interrupting train passage over the Santa Fe lines from Los Angeles to San Diego, and sent a five-foot wall of water over the coast highway near San Juan Capistrano, sixty miles south of here.

Train Service Between L. A., San Diego Halted LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Driving rains, accompanied by high tides which lashed the coast from Santa Barbara to San Diego today resulted

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