

CITY, DAY AND COAST LASHED BY A FERCE STORM THAT CAUSES MASSIVE SHIPPING AND OTHER PROPERTY

San Francisco for the second time this winter yesterday felt the full fury of the Storm King. Early in the morning the wind blew with steady force, increasing in volume each hour. In the afternoon the rain descended in volumes and during the evening the city and bay were swept by a miniature tornado. Considerable damage was done to property, but fortunately no loss of life was reported.

THE Storm King took possession of the city yesterday night. The wind was sent out by the Market Street Railway Company to clear the tracks. Until the wires were cut they could do little as the tangled mass of wires lying across the track moved by the wind, emitted warning flashes and made quite an electrical display.

During the morning the wind blew in strong blasts from the southeast, scattering dust in the eyes of pedestrians and causing signs and awnings to break loose. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the clouds opened and discharged their contents in copious volume. As darkness set in the storm increased hourly, until between 8 and 10 p. m. it had assumed the force of a small tornado.

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At Powell and Sacramento streets two large trees were blown over. The trees were blown down and the wreckage interrupted traffic in the streets. At 10 o'clock the fire of the Underwriters' Fire Patrol was returning from an alarm for a small blaze at Sutter and Jones streets.

A rumor was circulated, which caused some commotion, that the wind had blown down the towers of the Golden Gate. However, that only a few windows had been broken in the west side of the structure near the life-saving machine.

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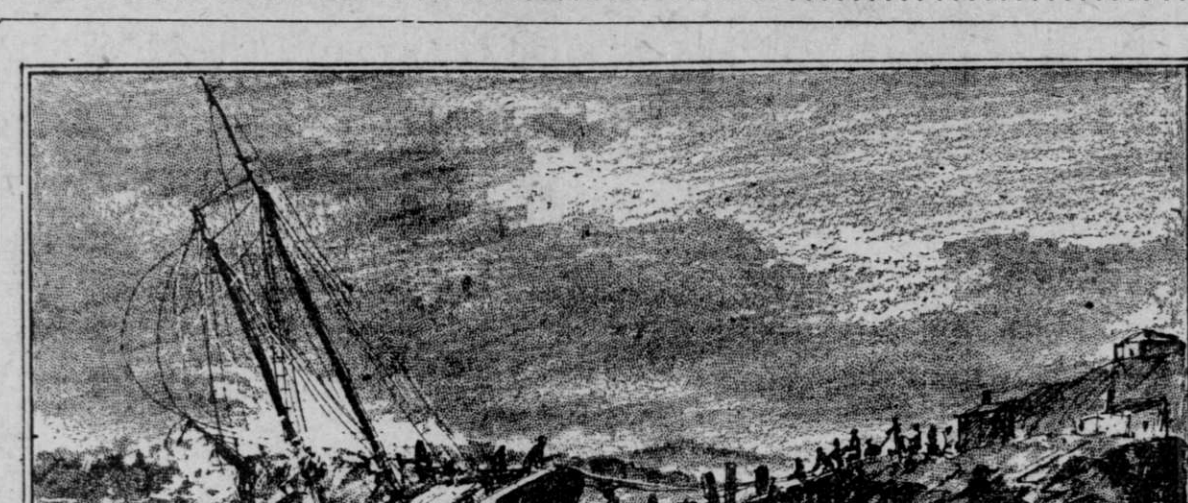
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SCHOONER J. EPPINGER GOING TO PIECES IN THE BREAKERS AT FORT ROSS. SHE WAS LOADING FOR SAN FRANCISCO, BUT A TERRIFIC GALE CAME UP AND SHE PARTED HER MOORING LINES AND WENT ASHORE. ALL HANDS WERE SAVED.

There was a scurry for cover yesterday along the waterfront. Shipmasters joined their vessels in a hurry and many a perilous voyage had the boatman to make before the storm broke. At 6 o'clock the gale was rapidly rising. At 5 o'clock to-night the 10-foot mark had been reached. The danger line is twenty-five feet. That the water is rising rapidly is apparent from the fact that it has risen 12 feet in the last twenty-four hours.

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SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 3.—A terrific windstorm is raging here to-night. Tin roofs have been carried away and signs blown down and much minor damage done.

It is reported that the steamer San Rafael, while docking at Sausalito, was carried broadside on against the pier. The passengers at once became panic-stricken and the efforts of cooler heads to pacify them were futile.

Two chimneys on the Wilkins building were blown down by the wind. The wind was blowing in the hardest the American bark Theobald and the British bark Invermark crashed together in the stream below Harrison-street wharf.

RENTO, Jan. 3.—Reno was visited last night and to-day by one of the most severe windstorms ever experienced in this vicinity. The wind attained a velocity of 40 miles per hour.

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Advertisement for 'The Hardest Knocks' clothing, featuring a portrait of a young boy and promotional text: 'The hardest knocks that clothes receive are from school-going boys, and we have that sort of clothes that will withstand those hard knocks.'

Advertisement for 'The Money-Saving Furniture and Carpet House', featuring an illustration of a large, ornate house and text: 'It will pay you to visit us and see our new stock of furniture... We have that sort of clothes that will withstand those hard knocks.'

Advertisement for 'Wesson Salad Oil', featuring an illustration of a bottle and text: 'This is far better value than the finest Olive Oil and less the same flavor.'

Advertisement for 'Dr. McNulty's Special Cure', featuring text: 'This Special Cure... is a most valuable and effective remedy for various ailments.'