CLOUDBURST FLOODS STREETS; STREET CAR LINES ARE ALL TIED UP

Water Sweeps Down From Mountain Filling Basements, Covering Streets With Sand and Mud and Cutting Lawns; Army Camps Are Again Flooded By Storm; Mess Shacks Blown Down and Mud Everywhere.

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automobiles were covered above the hubs when they attempted to negotiate it. Water was just as deep at the corner of Montana and Poplar streets, and rocks and mud more than a foot deep were piled onto the paving by the water that rushed down from above, beneath a trestle on the E. P. & S. W. railroad north of the street crossing.

Curbing Washed Out.

Curbing along the east side of Elm street was torn out for distances of almost a block in places and dirt and stones were washed down into the intersection of Grant and Elm streets until traffic was almost blocked at that point. Elm street was filled with rocks at several places.

Piedras street appeared to carry the bulk of the flood waters from the Manhattan Heights section and for more than an hour Piedras street was a river, full from curb to curb with a torrent from the E. P. & S. W. crossing to Boulevard. Great rocks were washed into the street, as well as quantities of sand and gravel, covering the Manhattan Heights car track in places, putting a temporary stop to car traffic.

New Basement Filled.

The water flowing down Piedras street filled a basement excavated for a new building at the corner of Montana and Cedar streets. The water stood a foot deep all night on the paving in Piedras street alongside the Southwestern shops.

One of the streets most damaged in the Alta Vista district was Cebada, from Hueco southward. At the Montana and Tularosa intersections the flood rushed over the pavement and dropped to lower levels, doing great destruction to the unpaved streets. Property owners on both sides lost tons of real estate, which caved into the stream.

Cars Are Stopped.

Everywhere, the rocks and earth were washed upon the street car tracks and stopped operations. The tunnel on the Fort Bliss line was filled with dirt and rocks and the Fort Bliss cars were interfered with. Every line was tied up for a time as a result of the washing of gravel and mud over the tracks at curves, switches and street crossings where the flood waters came down over the tracks from higher ground.

Basements Filled.

The basement of D. C. Booth's home at 2254 Montana, was also filled and the grass was cut along the two sides of the lawn but the first floor was not damaged.

The basement of J. E. Winner's home at 2226 Montana was filled with water and the lawn cut by the water.

The garage at the home of T. B. Cunningham, at 2332 Montana street, was flooded and a number of rocks and quantities of sand washed onto the lawn but the basement was not filled with the flood waters.

Dirt, rocks and water covered the yard and garage floor at the home of Dr. John Hunter, at 2239 Montana street.

The parking in front of the home of Dr. G. N. Thomas, at 2506 Montana street, was covered with sand and rocks as were a number of the parkways in front of the homes in this block but no damage was done to the yards or basements.

Sand was piled on the sidewalk in front of the home of J. W. Pettus, at 2532 Montana and G. A. Martin, 2521 Montana, but the yards were not damaged.

Ball Park Fence Down.

Five hundred persons received a shower bath and over 200 feet of fence was blown down at Rio Grande park during the storm, which covered the field with over two feet of water. One of the scoreboards in the park was also blown down while sections of the corrugated iron roof were so torn that the water came through freely. The streets leading to the park were covered with water and it was necessary for all fans who did not own automobiles to walk the roadbed of the El Paso and Southwestern to the city.

The Overland touring car of Capt. Lee Hall, of the police department, was marooned at Newman and Wyoming streets, the water coming above the hub of the machine and reaching the magneto, rendering it powerless. A call was sent in to the central station and the Ford touring car used by the sergeants in making their rounds, made a hurryup call and pulled the Overland out of the water with the aid of a rope.

Horse Falls With Rider.

While the storm was at its height, a well drenched cavalryman, hastening in the direction of Fort Bliss had what might be called a lucky accident. He was riding at a gallop on Bliss street just east of Rayner. Water was running across the street and the pavement was slippery. All four of the horse's feet went from under; it struck the street on its side and thus skated for eight or ten feet. The rider thrown clear, likewise skidded on the wet pavement. He was on his feet by the time the horse was and began to look his mount over for injuries. There wasn't a scratch. The soldier then turned attention to himself and found he was hardly able to stand on his left leg. He managed to mount, however, and continued on through the storm—but not at a gallop.

Boy Almost Drowned.

A boy on a bicycle rode into the torrent of water at the corner of Montana and Piedras street during the storm Sunday afternoon and the force of the waters knocked him down. When he attempted to wade out with his wheel, the water almost to his waist, the water dragged the wheel from his hand and he went down, under the water, but was able to get up and, after a hard fight, to drag out his wheel. He was about 12 years of age.

Fort Line Tied Up.

Traffic on the Ft. Bliss line stopped after it had been raining about 15 minutes and, up until Monday morning, had not been restored further than Louisville street, a short distance of the tunnel, which was filled with sand making it impassable. Twent laborers were sent to the tunnel Monday morning to clean out the immense quantities of sand that had accumulated while others were engaged in sweeping off the earth from the tracks which made it dangerous for any cars to pass. As a result passengers living on the other side of Louisville street were forced to walk remainder of the way home.

Flood On Tremont Street.

Tremont street, between Indiana and Ohio in Highland park, was a river during the early part of the storm, a gap estimated at 30 feet in width and 15 feet in depth being cut in the street by the torrents of water rushing down from Mt. Franklin. Two Highland Park street cars were marooned on the other side of the washout and were unable to come to the city until the high water had abated enough to cross in safety, and repair work done on the badly washed track. Large numbers of boulders were washed down from the side of the mountain on Kentucky street near Lebanon, while two blocks distant on Louisiana conditions were so bad that many people could not get to their homes until ladders had been placed for them.

Water Main Breaks.

A water main at Cebada and Hueco streets was broken by the force of the water rushing down upon it, and was only repaired after considerable difficulty. Early in the storm a Ft. Bliss car jumped the rails at Boulevard and Brown street, where a large amount of sand had accumulated, but was put back on the tracks after over an hour's work by the wrecking crew of the company, which were hastily called from the barns.

Twenty telephone poles of the Alaquerque long distance line on the mesa were blown down while a large number of electric lightpoles were badly washed in the eastern part of the city. The telephone wires were not broken, however, and the poles were re-set by a gang of men from the telephone company in a very short time.

Rain is Local.

The rain Sunday afternoon was a local one as the reports of the railroads say that there was little or no rain near El Paso along the line of railroads. On the G. H. & S. A. the rain was reported at Marathon, Alpine and at Fort Hancock but there was no rainfall between these stations. A culvert was washed out at Madden, 60 miles east of El Paso, delayed traffic over this line for a short time Sunday evening. A washout on the S. P. one mile west of the Rio Grande bridge, also delayed the 4:20 passenger train for one hour Sunday evening. No rain fell at Cloudcroft Sunday, according to the report received at the Southwestern, although there was a half inch of rain at Alamogordo.

Camp Stewart Not Harmed.

The storm did not do any damage in Camp Stewart among the Pennsylvania militiamen. It made the shuttle trains in the evening run an hour late and so curtailed the time that men on pass for the evening, might have had in town but, compared with the flood in the camp last week, it was a mere shower.

The second brigade of the seventh division at Camp Stewart was to have gone on a war maneuver Monday morning to Cottonwood Springs canyon, but, on account of the mud surrounding the camp and along the road that runs from El Paso and Southwestern railroad, it was postponed by Brig. Gen. Albert J. Logan until Tuesday.

Sunday hundreds of the militiamen went into the mountains and many who left in the late forenoon were caught on the peaks in the rainstorm. They looked like drowned rats when they returned to camp but all got down safely, some going over to the smelter and coming back by street car.

The central switchboard at Ft. Bliss has been out of order since the early part of the storm and up to Monday noon had not been repaired. It was impossible to get into communication with any of the post quarters due to the washing out of the poles.

Camp Cotton is Muddy.

Camp Cotton received the full force of the windstorm which accompanied the rainstorm but did not suffer from the flood of water which followed the storm of Thursday night. The streets in Camp Cotton were so muddy that going was heavy Monday morning and the trucks and wagons had difficulty in getting out of camp with their loads but none of the flood experiences of last Thursday night were experienced in either the Massachusetts brigade or Michigan infantry camps.

Mess shacks were blown down in the Fifth Massachusetts, in the 32nd and 31st Michigan infantry regiments. These shacks were in course of construction and were not braced sufficiently to withstand the windstorm. They are now being rebuilt.

Camp Pershing Flooded.

A flood of water poured off the side of the hills into Camp Pershing but no tents or mess shacks were blown down. The water drained off of this rocky ground quickly and the men in the camp near the fort suffered no more inconvenience by the storm than the Pennsylvania men in Camp Stewart. In Camp Fort Bliss the tents were soaked and the streets converted into puddles of water but no damage was done there.

Streets Flooded.

Many of the downtown streets were flooded during the storm and sand and earth washed down from the hills. The storm sewer on Oregon street took care of the water and there was no flood below the tracks. Sand washed out of the alleys onto Upson avenue and Prospect and made automobile driving difficult while sidewalks were covered with mud and sand and many had to walk through Cleveland Square to get away from the mud. North El Paso street was covered with sand and mud and it was necessary to shovel sand from the Southwestern and G. H. tracks before the evening trains could leave.

FLOOD WASHES WAGONS AWAY

Destroys Much Property For Contractor; Covers His Auto With Mud.

The property of H. D. Johnson, a builder and contractor in Highland Park, was almost completely demolished in the heavy floods that came down from the mountain. About 5:30 p. m. the high road and Highland Park street car track gave way for a space 30 to 50 feet wide and 25 to 30 feet deep in the 2200 block on Erie street. The Johnson property was in the path of the flood.

Mr. Johnson was first aware of damage being done to his place when a teamster working for him ran in with the information. Upon going to his office, he fonud another driver sitting on top of a flat top desk, holding down a number of his papers and books, which were saved. All of his other office supplies and fixtures were lost.

Some few papers were recovered as far down as the ball park on Wyoming street, but the most were destroyed. The flood waters carried away two big retaining walls one and one-half feet thick, three feet high and a half block long, 150 feet of barns and wagon shed and two tons of hay.

The 40 or more wagons owned by Johnson were floated from ten feet to a block from his place, and his Ford touring car was carried 50 feet, then almost buried in the sand. There were about 60 of his horses in the shed when the flood occurred and most of them were slightly if not seriously bruised.

A two room frame building which Mr. Johnson used as an office was completely demolished. The entire corral and lot of the property is either a deep gully or a heap of boulders and sand from the mountain. There is no flood insurance on the property. The loss is estimated at about $2000 or $3000.

LIGHTNING HITS TENTS IN CAMP

Skips About From Tent to Tent; Just Misses a Man.

Private Alexander McKean, jr., of the Rhode Island battery, shakes hands with himself every time he thinks of the storm Sunday night. McKean was in Sergt. Bill Thurber's tent tieing up the flaps over the door when a stroke of lightning came dancing down the main prop within three feet of him. He was thrown head over heels into the water buckets in the northwest corner of the tent but was uninjured except for numbness in his feet.

This stroke of lightning was a fantastic thing and it played several strange tricks in the Rhode Island camp. Men on the picket line feeding horses saw it go skipping up the street from one end to the other jumping from tent peak to tent peak. It split the wooden main prop in Sergt. Thurber's tent into at least six parts but the splinters were so jammed together as to keep the canvas from falling.

Even McKean did not know where the lightning had struck for several minutes. Only when he found a large brush which had been hurled from the center of his tent into the middle of the street did he discover what a narrow escape he had had.

Sergt. Thurber and private R. T. Adams stopped the crowd of curious from squeezing into the tent and demanded 15 cents a head to see the handiwork of heaven's artillery. They shut McKean up in the tent and included him as part of the exhibit.

All of the Rhode island camps were flooded but the cavalry which is situated in low land suffered worst. Nearly half of the men in the cavalry have no cots and the canvas bags filled with straw which they have been using for beds were soaked with water.

GERMANS CLAIM RUSSIAN REGIMENTS ARE SHATTERED

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 21.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Figures showing enormous losses for the Russian guard regiments in the fighting around Stanislau, Galicia, as a consequence of which these regiments are said to have been retired from service at the front, are given by the Overseas News agency today, based on what it declares are reliable reports from Russia by way of Stockholm.

In the emperor's own Semenov regiment, according to these figures, the losses were 43 officers and 2751 men; in the Dragoon guards, 35 officers and 1859 men; in the Moscow Guards, 56 officers and 3978 men; in the Pavlov regiment, 61 officers and 3157 men; in the Finland Guards, 48 officers and 2681 men.

TUETONIC FORCES PUSH FURTHER INTO GREECE

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 21.—The German and Bulgarian forces which have taken the offensive on the western end of the Balkan front are pushing southward in Greece, the war office communication of today shows. They have wrested further positions from the Servians and beaten off efforts to recapture ground taken.

BULGARIANS ARE NEARING KAVALA

Greek Divisions Are Ordered to Retire Before Advance of the Bulgars.

Athens, Greece, Aug 20 (via London, Aug. 21.)—The Bulgarian forces moving towards Kavala have already pushed their outposts to a point seven miles from that Greek seaport. The Greek government has ordered three divisions of the Greek army still remaining in the vicinity of Drama and Serres to retire before the Bulgarian advance, which was explained to the Associated Press correspondent by a military authorities of the entente allies as follows:

"The Servians had not finished the consolidation of their conditions in the Florina, Caradjova and Corytsa sectors and, therefore, the Bulgarians found it easy to force a certain retirement, but it is difficult to see what they expect to get by an advance at this part of the line.

"Attack Without Value."

East of the Struma the Demir-Hissar and Sarichaban sectors were not held by the entente forces and offered no impediment to the advance. Where the enemy attacked the regular defences of Saloniki, namely in the Dolran-Gievgeli sector, they accomplished nothing. As the attack has so far developed, it is without strategic value, and can only be assumed to be for political purposes."

Civil Populace Fleeing.

The Bulgarian and German ministers have repeated previous assurances that the integrity of Greece will be respected. The French and British ministers this morning asked premier Zaimis what measures Greece proposes taking to control the civil populace in the attacked districts, who are fleeing in all directons.

GERMANS ATTACK FRENCH WITH LIQUID FIRE; FAIL

Paris, France, Aug. 21.—The Germans delivered a violent attack near Verdun Sunday night, using flaming liquid, but without result, says the war statement today. The announcement continues:

"North of the Somme, in addition to the important captures of material mentioned Sunday, we took six field guns in the wood which our troops carried Sunday between Maurepas and Guillemont.

"During the night there were violent artillery actions on the Somme front.

GERMANS DRIVE BRITISH PATROLS BACK; ARE CHECKED

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covering patrols northwest of High wood on the Somme front this morning, but were stopped when they came under the fire of the British positions west of the wood, says today's war office statement. Bombing attacks on High wood were repulsed.

ARRESTED ON LIQUOR SELLING CHARGE, U. S. GOODS SEIZED

Government goods valued at over $50 were taken charge of by provost marshal Lieut. H. B. Lewis Sunday night following the arrest of J. Brown, on a charge of illegally selling liquor at 313 Texas street.

The goods, which are said to have belonged to a soldier, were found in a back room of the place by officers and comprised the following articles: Three blankets, seven shirts, one sweater, and one pair of trousers.

Brown was transferred to the county jail Monday morning when a complaint was filed against him for the illegal sale of liquor, while the goods are being held by the military authorities. Brown, it is said, stated that the goods did not belong to him but were the property of soldiers.

TWO CRUISERS SUNK BY U-BOATS

German High Seas Fleet Avoids Direct Engagement, Says British Report.

London, Eng., Aug. 21.—An admiralty statement says two British cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk Saturday in the North Sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet which was reported to have emerged from harbor. The statement says one German submarine was destroyed and another was rammed and possibly sunk.

The admiralty statement follows:

"Reports from our lookout squadrons and other units showed that there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North sea Saturday, August 19.

"The German high seas fleet came out, but learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port.

Two Cruisers Torpedoed.

"In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attacks—H. M. S. Nottingham, Capt. C. B. Miller, and H. M. S. Falmouth, Capt. John Edwards.

"All the officers of the former were saved but 28 of the crew are missing. All the officers and men of the Falmouth were saved, but one leading stoker, Norman Fry, died of injuries.

"An enemy submarine was destroyed and another was rammed and possibly sunk.

"There is no truth in the German statement that a British destroyer was sunk and a British warship damaged."

15 German Warships at Sea.

A German squadron of some 15 warships, including large cruisers, is reported in the North sea by trawlers arriving at Ymuiden, Holland, a Reuter dispatch says. The squadron was sighted early Saturday in the region of White Bank and was accompanied by two Zeppelins; it was on a northwesterly course.

GREEK ROYALISTS ARE CAREFULLY GUARDING KING

Athens, Greece, Aug. 21.—The Royalist party in Greece is taking extraordinary precautions preparatory to the coming election. King Constantine constantly is guarded, and visits the capital only on rare occasions.

Stabbed In Movie Style As Leaves Picture Theater

As he was leaving the Chapultepec moving picture theater in Juarez Sunday evening, Angel Franco, aged 18 years, was stabbed in the right shoulder. His condition is serious.

His assailant, whose identity is suspected by the police of Juarez, has not yet been arrested. An affair of the heart is said to have been at the bottom of the tragedy. Lic. Rafael D. Martinez, district judge at Juarez, is conducting an investigation.

STATE DAIRY INSPECTOR STUDYING COOPERATIVE DAIRY

The fame of the recently formed cooperative dairy association of El Paso has traveled far enough to induce inspector Patterson, of the dairy division of the state department of agriculture, to come to El Paso to study the methods being used here. It is hoped that similar associations will be established in other parts of the state.

Mr. Patterson, who arrived in El Paso Sunday night, will be assisted in his investigations by A. G. Graham, county farm demonstrator. The inspector expects to remain in El Paso three or four days.

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Friend Of Presidents To Go to San Diego After 10 Years Of Border Service

After ten years of faithful service on the border here for the United States immigration service, William M. Johnson will leave this evening for San Diego, Calif., where he will be stationed.

Mr. Johnson came to El Paso from Washington, D. C., where he was an official of the Pullman company attached to the presidential special trains which were run from Washington. He was a personal friend of president William McKinley and was with him at Buffalo when he was shot and killed.

Mr. Johnson, because of his experience in Washington, was selected as chairman of the carriage and automobile committee for the Taft-Diaz meeting and his work on this committee and his knowledge of diplomatic usages proved invaluable to the general committee at that time.

He has participated in a number of the biggest immigration cases on the border and, because of his friendships, has been enabled to prevent a number of wholesale smuggling expeditions from being successful.

TWO FINED $15 EACH ON CHARGE OF ROBBING MEXICAN.

Jose Morales and E. Rodriguez, whom an aged Mexican declared attempted to rob him late Saturday night on Eighth, between Oregon and San Jacinto streets, were fined $15 each in police court Monday morning.

Both defendants were arrested by city detectives Juan Parra and A. C. Varela. They denied that they intended to rob him.

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