

SCIENTIFIC IDEA OF THE TORNADO

It is a Small Land Cyclone That
Originates in Upper Layers
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STORMS ALWAYS WHIRL.

The Desert Whirlwind, Ocean Storm,
Land Tornado and Local Storm, All
Due to the Same Cause.

At the nature lesson at the U. of U. yesterday, the teacher explained that the popular idea of a storm, as of other natural facts obtained by observation, lacks definiteness. Observation is the key, the suggestion that may lead to the scientific fact or truth that lies back of it. Thus, we are accustomed to say that warm air rises, while science says that the cold air sinks and displaces the light air. Science shows that unless there is a greater difference than 1.6 degrees between two layers of air and the air 100 feet above it, the air will not move further than 200 feet, since air rises 1.6 degrees in rising 200 feet. But any excess over that difference between layers 200 feet apart in vertical distance, furnishes the condition of unstable equilibrium and brings about such a disturbance of the air that it is called a storm.

STORMS ALREADY DESCRIBED.

The desert whirl has a broad base (due to the very hot surface air—sometimes 150 degrees—not more than five feet high) but does not rise far in air because of the restricted land area that can prevent a perfectly flat surface to the sun's rays. It may be a tiny whirl of dust, or a considerable dust storm; but it usually occurs only at near midday, and in the afternoon it dies away. In a dry storm,

the smaller cyclone may cover an immense area, as far as the eye lies, still—but the surface temperature seldom exceeds 55 degrees. Yet this air, being saturated, contains potentially more heat than the desert air at 150. The warm sea air may form a thick stratum of almost infinite height, because the invisible vapor of water, evaporated from the ocean surface by the sun's rays, is 120 times lighter than the air, and will diffuse itself to any height until it reaches its dew point and condenses, which it may not reach for hundreds of feet; and if in rising 300 feet it does not cool more than 1.6 degrees, the air itself will rise as well as the vapor. But as soon as the vapor condenses back into clouds or rain, each pound that does so, gives off 1,600 degrees of heat, thereby sustaining the warmth lost by rising. These storms are thus self-feeders, and may last a long time.

THE TORNADO.

Imagine now, that the heated stratum of air is in some way displaced in a body by the cold air flowing underneath and lifting it. When this occurs in heated air that contains much moisture, important differences from cyclones and desert whirls will follow: (1) The area of disturbance will be small, because no great body of air is likely to be so lifted as a whole; (2) there will be a free space without the friction of land or sea in which the cyclonic motion may develop enormous speed; (3) the shape of the whirling storm-mass will be that of a very long and narrow funnel, instead of a very wide and short one. In the cyclone, 40 feet to the right being a cyclone, within the general influence of cyclonic forces—perhaps a cyclone within a cyclone, will turn in the same general direction—to the right in the northern hemisphere ("Dove's law"), and will sweep in a parabolic curve with its turning point in that part of the continent (Texas, Kansas, Illinois, etc.), to which the trade wind movement has carried it.

JUST WHAT HAPPENS.

If there is cold air above as well as below the warm and moist stratum, the warm air, feeling about for a point of escape through its cold cover, soon finds or makes a vent whence it may escape upwards; and the entire warm mass, a mile or more in diameter and often more than 1,000 feet in thickness, begins the rotary motion before explained. Unlike the cyclone, which cannot feed itself indefinitely, the tornado must cease as soon as the original mass has escaped upward. There being no land or water friction, the incoming currents must attain a great velocity. Moreover, when a body is drawn toward the center about which it swings, its velocity will increase as much as its distance from the center increases. Hence, in a tornado, air with a velocity of 20 feet per second at the circumference, may fly around at 100 feet per second in the center. But such rapidity increases the centrifugal force to an amount proportionate to the square of the increased velocity, and in a partial vacuum *as far as the center of the whirling mass, into which bodies are "sucked" or shot with terrific force.*

DESCRIPTION OF TORNADOES.

Tornados are a form of storms very violent and destructive, but not always dangerous. They are whirls in the air, a little above the ground, into which the surface winds are thrown with great velocity. They are most numerous in Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois, and they occur at all months and at nearly all hours of the day, but more frequently in the afternoons of June and the adjoining months. Their advance is nearly always to the northeast, at about 30 miles an hour. The tornado is seen as a dark funnel shaped mass hung over with clouds, and emitting a roaring sound as it comes near. The whirling funnel is seen to swing from side to side, and to rise and fall; various objects snatched from the ground may be seen flying and turning in its eddies, whirling pine trees appear like bushes, and lawn doors like shingles. At a certain instant these are thrown out and fall to the ground, iron chains, large stems and heavy carts are carried away in these whirls. People have sometimes been carried many feet, and occasionally dropped unharmed. The explanation given for sandstorms in the desert fails to explain the excessive force of tornados. The explanation given above shows why the cyclone sweeps out one town, bounds over another in its path without harming it, and demolishes a third in the same path. This theory (Ferrel's) explains the upward explosion of buildings whose roof is touched by the lower end of the whirling funnel, why nails are driven head first into planks, why a person is shot through a door, etc., and why at little distance from the storm track, which is often only a few hundred feet wide, no damage is done.

DIRECTION OF WIND.

The nearer a storm is to the equator the less its winds will be turned to the right by the earth's rotation, and at the equator they will whirl around in almost perfect circles. Small and violent equatorial whirls, only one or two hundred miles in diameter. Further from the center the winds will flow almost straight forward, but in our temperate zone the inflowing winds are strongly turned to the right. In

the northern hemisphere the wind blows faster on the right and rear of dangerous side of the storm, and slower on the north, the front or manageable side. In the North Atlantic where the storms often move rapidly, a hurricane may prevail south of the center, while very moderate winds may blow on the north. On the sea the turning to the right from the earth's rotation is more pronounced than on land. In the upper air, the winds are probably perfectly circular in the core of the storm. It has often been observed that the surface winds of a storm are not parallel to the motion of the clouds above it; but the surface winds are always turned more to the right.

A STORM AT SEA.

When a cyclonic storm occurs at sea, the first warning is a falling of the mercury in the barometer, and presently the wind will arrive. Its force increases, blowing in tremendous and terrible gusts until the vessel is stripped of its canvas, and the yards and masts are cracked and broken away. The hull then drifts helpless and unmanageable, rudder fails in driving turrets; and the sea rolls in great broken waves. The roarings of the winds rises to a screaming pitch, and when at its most fearful strength, suddenly dies away. In a few minutes the air is quiet, and then the heavy sea and clouds and the fading sound of the retreating wind, tell of the violence that has passed by. The vessel is then in a cushion of quiet air, left at the core of the storm; but the suspense of this quiet is brief. In less than an hour the center passes on and the opposite side of the whirl falls on the unhappy wreck with all the roar and fury that were felt before, but now blowing from the opposite direction. This hurricane chops the waves into the dredged sea where the water rises in pyramids instead of in linear crests, wrenching the vessel and springing leaks in the worn-out hull, which is left to founder as the weather clears and the storm goes on its path.

FOR FULL REGIMENT.

War Department to Provide Accommodations at Fort Douglas.

The indications are that the war department will in the very near future provide accommodations at Fort Douglas for a full regiment of infantry. Plans to that end are being consummated and it is believed will be carried out when the army maneuvers of the present season are over. The proper authorities have determined that the increase should be made, and it remains for the arrangements to be carried out.

The proposed enlargement of Fort Douglas and the increase of soldiers contemplated would prove to be a great thing in a financial way for Salt Lake and the immediate vicinity. The buildings to be erected would require vast quantities of materials and work would be plentiful. Besides

the supplies necessary the fort would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, and much if this amount would go to the merchants and producers hereabouts.

Fort Douglas is an ideal headquarters for a large body of troops and this fact is recognized by army officials.

SHAMEFUL CONDUCT.

Street Car Men Quarrel While Passengers Are Compelled to Walk.

Six street car men indulged in a fight of words dispute yesterday afternoon to the indignation and discomfiture of 73 passengers who were dumped in the street and compelled alternately to walk and run several blocks to the depot through the scorching sun, where the train was held seven minutes for them to board it for Saltair. Briefly these are the facts:

At eight minutes to five o'clock an open car started from the corner of East Temple and First South streets for the Saltair depot. The car was loaded to the limit and men and even women stood upon the platform, perfectly willing to do so, as it was the last car before the departure of the train. When First West street was reached two empty cars had bound on the same track were met. The crew with the passengers begged of the others to back down the track as there was barely time to catch the train, but they refused absolutely saying they had the right of way and proposed to meet it.

"Don't you miss the train with all these passengers," argued the conductor and motorman of the westbound car. "We can't help that," rejoined the obstructive, settling themselves into the seats.

The wrecks were picked up by the Oregon Short Line outfit. Owing to the accident only one train operated to and from Saltair last night.

A WRECK ON THE LAGOON ROAD

Engineer Armstrong and Fireman
Stewart Both Have Nar-
row Escapes.

INJURED AND IN HOSPITAL.

Fortunately no Passengers Were in
Anywise Injured—Accident Happened in North Farmington.

There was a bad accident on a Salt Lake & Ogden passenger train, a mile and a half north of Lagoon yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the engineer and fireman had narrow escapes from death. As it was Henry T. Armstrong, 122 north Third West, the engineer, sustained a wrenched back and several scalp wounds, while Fireman Thomas E. Stewart of 410 north Third West contracted a broken collar bone and a number of severe bruises. Both men are at the Dr. Groves L. D. S. hospital and are suffering from the effects of the shake-up.

The engine and two cars were ditched. Only eight passengers were on board and one and all escaped serious injury. They are not so badly shaken up but they could assist in getting the two men out of the wreck. Both the engineer and the fireman jumped and were caught in the debris which resulted from the smash.

The wreck occurred near Leonard residence, Nome, Farmington. The train was made up of engine No. 15, one of the two large engines of the road, a baggage car, two coaches and an open excursion car. At the point where the wheels of the tender left the track there is a high fill. Fortunately the cars remained on the grade until the cut was reached, otherwise the train must have rolled down the embankment and lost of life resulted.

The engine was proceeding at a lively clip, tender first. It is thought that the brake began dropped and derailed the tender, the engine and cars following a moment later. Conductor Charles Fletcher and two passengers W. H. Copp of Salt Lake and Benjamin Barrett of Kaysville, hastened to the front and worked hard in getting out the two men. The engine was plunged down by a broken portion of the tender. He sprang from his position with his legs but despite his position he called to the men to get out his fireman first as he was not badly hurt.

Dr. Summer Gleason, the county surgeon at Kaysville, arrived on a special engine shortly after the wreck and made the injured men as comfortable as possible. He was joined later by Dr. Dixon of Kaysville, Drs. Van Cott and Kessler of Bountiful and Dr. Holbrook of Layton, who had been summoned as soon as news of the accident had been received.

Senator Bamberger, who was at

Kayville, also arrived on the scene on

an engine and no time was lost in taking the injured men to Salt Lake, where they received attention at the hospital.

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PETITION DENIED.

Second West Property Owners Cannot Have Wider Sidewalks.

The streets committee of the city council last night denied the petition of the property owners on north Second West street to have the cement walk constructed a foot further out from the property line. The property

owners for four blocks along the street asked to have the change in the sidewalk line made, but the committee denied the petition for the reason that the work was to begin this morning and it was too late to make a change and further that it would make a variance between the sidewalk lines along the street as the change would put the walk on the four blocks a foot farther out than on the other blocks.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—The Mayall company get their patrons, no matter what the name of the theater is. The Salt Lake theater was packed with the admirers of the company. Mr. Mayall's villain was roundly applauded and the heart interest was filled with many tears.

There will be three more opportunities of witnessing the play of "The Wife," which is a clean drama, without the objectionable atmosphere which surrounds so many of the modern offerings.

Grand—"Deadwood Dick" was presented at the Grand last evening by the Ethel Tucker Stock company, and with the same bill the 10 weeks' engagement closes tomorrow evening. The play is of the extreme melodramatic order, and pleased the audience that filled the house. The principal roles were sustained by Mr. Brandon, Miss Perle, Al. T. Dickinson, Elmer Ballard and Jack Diamond. The piece abounds with stirring episodes, there being nearly as much passion burned as in "Jessie James," while there is a great deal of humor throughout.

Casino Park—"In Sunny Tennessee" is in its closing nights at this resort.

WESTERN MARKET LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., July 2.

Total cattle and calf receipts last

week 49,000 head, of which 19,000 were

in the quarantine division and 6,000 were calves, equally divided in the quarantine and native divisions. This left the supply of natives small, and buyers had some difficulty in securing the requisite percentage of good to choice beef steers. Prices advanced 25 to 35 cents during the week on fair to good killing cattle of all descriptions, stockers and feeders 15 to 25 cents higher, veal calves 25 to 50 cents lower.

The run today is 18,000 head, nearly half in the quarantine division, market steady to strong on fair to good stuff, steady to weak on common cattle. Straight grass Kansas steers sold at \$4.65 to \$4.80. Indian grass steers are selling in the quarantine division at \$3.80 to \$4.50. Hay fed horned Colorado, from Ouray, sold at \$5.25 last week, and other feed steers from Arkansas valley at \$3.25 and \$3.50; prices 25 to 40 cents above expectations at time of shipping. Cattle have not yet started from the great range country, with the exception of veal calves. Generous rains over the corn belt have again failed during last week, and the strong prices for finished cattle are naturally entailing many farmers and feeders into making calculations for next season.

Fairly liberal mutton receipts last week, 33,000 head, resulted in lower prices for all but the best ones, and the run of 9,000 today is also selling weak to 10 lower. Texas, Arizona and native sheep, and Texas goats are pretty evenly divided in the receipts. Arizona showing best quality as a rule, Texas sheep lacking quality in the last week. Native much mixed, goat sales steady, at \$3.50 to \$4.00. Texas mutton today at \$2.50. Arizona wethers \$5.50 and \$6.00, top native spring lambs \$8.50. Outlet is very large for all classes of mutton, and restriction in receipts will be followed immediately by stronger prices. Nothing from Utah or the northwest yet.

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