

STORMSWEEP SAVANNAH.

Savannah was in the Grip of a Tornado for Eighteen Hours.

The Entire River Crop Along the Savannah River Destroyed—Damage to Shipping—Heavy Loss of Life Found.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 2.—For eighteen hours from 5 o'clock this morning until 12 o'clock tonight, Savannah has been in the grip of a West Indian tornado. During that time the wind blew steadily from 80 to 100 miles an hour. While this city escaped with comparatively little damage, the loss of property among the small islands of the Georgia and South Carolina coasts is believed to be heavy. Farms in every direction around Savannah, the lowlands along the river are ruined.

One family has so far been reported—the drowning of a man attempting to reach the land from his boat. The greater portion of the heavy loss of life is found on the South Carolina, sea islands, where winds fearful of the mounting tides caused the great tide of 1889. Conditions now are similar to those during that storm. Owing to the swollen rivers, boats have been unable to get into the islands. No news can be had from the islands until the later edition.

At eight miles north of Savannah, the entire country is a lake with only the houses standing. At noon the water was 10 feet high. The river is still rising. Dredges are at work removing sand and debris, carrying away the dead and injured. A boat was left up the August stream and had not been gathered and wiped off since. The loss of life is estimated at \$100,000. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000. Of the entire river crop along Savannah river, values at \$200,000, all but the passing wrecks are lost.

The damage to shipping is consider-

able. The submarine telegraph American cable, which had been laid in 1888, a cable of 1,500,000 feet of iron, went adrift in the harbor, but was secured again. The wharves at the quay side have been partially washed away. Four vessels which were at anchor in the river have been washed ashore and driven into the marshes. How badly these vessels are damaged is unknown.

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lee since early in the morning and nothing is known of the damage there.

The steamship Savannah, all the boat houses on the banks of the river, docks of small boats were carried away.

The extent to which the railroads suffered is not fully known. The naval stores and cotton and lumber yards of the Plant System are scattered over the ground. The Central Railroad of Georgia and Georgia Alabama railroad around the city are severed. The south bound express train from Atlanta has not arrived. Telegraph wires are down and down the condition of the railroad tracks is unknown. The telephone and telegraph wires are down and the city is in darkness.

On Hutchinson Island opposite Savannah, Georgia, separating the city from the ocean, a number of negro families rescued by boat from the revenue cutters Tybee and Dewey.

Coming with a child in his arms, holding the little child above his shoulders, started to cross the dam with the water up to his body. He with his wife crossed in the window of their house, the door of which was already flooded by the rising water, and watched his husband cross the flood. The man made one step from which, or a casting back would have thrown him into a swift moving current, he was borne across the river to the city side. A boat was put in and after half an hour's effort the man was rescued. Up to a hundred people were brought from the island to the city boats.

All day rescuing parties were at work. Tonight the water is still rising, but the rate of rise is lessened with the ebb of the tide during the afternoon, has again risen.

Considerable anxiety is felt for citizens of the city. The New York Times, New York, and the steamer D. W. Miller, for Boston, went in on Saturday night. The City of Mobile, Alabama, and the steamer New York, for New York, went in on Saturday night. The first steamer, Mr. Howland, who made her maiden voyage in 1882, had not arrived. Her destination was New York. The second, Captain John J. Johnson, had not arrived.

The extent of the storm is unknown and until telegraphic communication is restored or news is received from the steamer New York, it is impossible to say whether or not the steamer Johnson, over which the heaviest part of the storm passed, the full extent of the damage cannot be told.

GEORGE MAY DECLINE.

He Fledgling Who Withdrew From the Race for Governor.

New York, Oct. 2.—The World says George Henry George changes his mind within the next forty-eight hours, he will not be the Prohibition candidate for the gubernatorial election. Van Wyck and Roosevelt, his associates, are prodding him to withdraw. The legislature ordered an escort of troopers from Fort Apache to stand guard over the door of the guard of twenty-five marines from West-Hat-Way.

Merrill at Memphis.

Memphis, Oct. 2.—The Standard says officially this morning it is convinced that England could confidently reckoned on the support of the United States and Japan in the execution of necessary measures to China.

QUIMBY'S SIGNAL.

Absolutely Declined to Receive Anything from His Army in India.

Manila, Oct. 2.—The National Assembly at Manila has voted a vote of censure against Aguinaldo, a child of 23 years old. Aguinaldo declined to receive another until the army should have paid him what he made while he was a soldier. The speaker of the house, however, issued a decree granting him his discharge and Aguinaldo accepted the proposal was rejected. The assembly of course adjourned.

The Spanish community is telegraphing to Madrid in an endeavor to secure the endorsement of the release

of prisoners. Personal investigations made in the previous negotiations, the determination of the number of favorable terms before releasing the prisoners now in their hands, and a certain amount of time must be allowed before the Spanish government shall clearly weigh its decision.

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