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Dated Galveston, Tex; Sept 11-12th, 1900;

To Gov. Sayers,

Austin, Texas.

Send military supplies fire arms animal and human food stuff danger food riots any moment. Situation horrible cant discribe for god sake help us.

J. H. W. Steele,  
Chairman,

H. S. Murray, Rabbi Cohen.

837 PM.



A hurricane in 1900 devastated Galveston, Tex., and killed at least 6,000 people. (AP Photo/Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word)  
As Hurricane Harvey slams Texas, a look at the most devastating storms in U.S. history. The Washington Post. August, 2017

# The Great Galveston Hurricane – The Last and Worst Hurricane of the Nineteenth Century

The History of Texas Hurricanes, David Roth, National Weather Service.  
<https://www.weather.gov/media/lch/events/txhurricanehistory.pdf>

The question from the Racer's Storm was tragically prophetic as the Great Galveston Hurricane showed on September 7- 9th, 1900. It towers alone as the worst natural disaster in the United States in terms of lives lost; the most frequently used estimate of the death toll is 8,000. At the time, the population of Galveston was near 30,000. Most of its structures were wood frame built just above ground level and supported by pilings.

A new innovation helped relay details about what the storm did in the Caribbean Islands; it was known as the wireless telegraph. Word had been received of a hurricane which had struck Trinidad and destroyed almost all the structures on that island. Word of the storm's passing over Cuba and moving northwest into the Gulf in the direction of Texas had been relayed to the local weather office in Galveston Island). Sailors began to arrive in the port telling of nasty weather offshore.

On the 6th, a hurricane watch was posted along the Gulf Coast, westward to New Orleans. Large waves began to pound the shores of Galveston Island. The pressure began to fall rapidly at the Weather Bureau station. This caused them to hoist a Hurricane Flag - their version of a hurricane warning in those days. This action caused about 20,000 people to evacuate, a move that saved many lives. Yet a number of people ignored the warning. Gentry from Houston rode out to the island via train to witness the huge waves first hand. Through the morning of the 8th, greater and greater numbers of people crowded the beaches. Isaac Cline of the Weather Bureau could not believe what was happening. He took matters into his own hands and rode with his brother down the beach in a horse-drawn buggy, warning people to go back to the mainland - in effect, making him a modern day Paul Revere. Unfortunately, few listened.

In the end, fewer than 2000 of those remaining on the island survived. The weather office chief survived, but his wife drowned. Bolivar Point Lighthouse became the center of relief activities after the storm. The lighthouse over the ensuing days let people in the area know that at least one thing still worked on the island, as it helped storm-battered ships return to shore. Martial law was declared. Looters were shot on the spot.

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# The Chicago Sunday Tribune

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VOLUME LIX.—NO. 259.

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## SHOOTS CHILD, SUITOR, AND SELF.

Erastus Davis and Daughter Helen Dead, While Harry Connelly Receives a Wound.

## CRIME OF EX-POLICEMAN.

Father, Living at 214 Eightieth Street, Objects to Man's Attention to Girl and Uses Revolver.

## LIES IN WAIT FOR THEM.

Yacht Rescues Ball to Rip and is Able to Drag A Way Companion, but Safely Expires Instantly.

## WIFE CURSE HER HUSBAND.

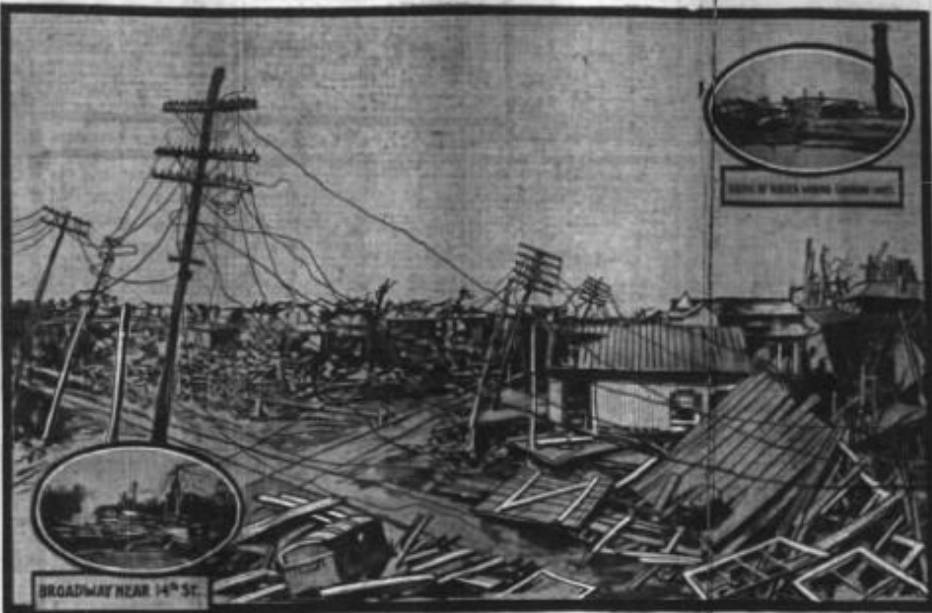
Erastus M. Davis, 214 Eightieth street, Chestnut, shot and killed his daughter Helen last night, wounded Harry Connelly, 24 Putnam street, and then, with the same weapon he had used on the two others, took his own life.

The cause for the shooting was Mr. Davis' disapproval of Connelly's attention to the daughter and his determination to prevent it.

The affair took place at 7:30 p. m., at Twenty-ninth street and Cedar street, where the father had just bought walking sticks to his wife.

## EXAMPLE OF DEVASTATION AT GALVESTON—TREMONT STREET.

(From photographs taken for The Tribune.)



## BARON WIELDS HIS PEN.

CURT VON HENSELWELD ABOUT CHICAGO.

Mayor of Detmold, Germany and Publisher of the German Paper, who is in Chicago, while being in Chicago, shot at Charles A. McSwain, a detective, accidently, after a long talk, on Sept. 15th, has written a book, in which he severely criticizes the Americans in and Chicago in particular. The book has been translated into English and is also in the French language as well as in the German.

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Three-fourths of Galveston's Population Absolutely Destitute as a Result of the Storm.

## ALL HOPE FOR FUTURE.

Men, Formerly Well-to-Do, but Reduced to Poverty, Prepare to Begin Life's Struggle Once Again.

## SYSTEM IN RELIEF WORK.

People of Flood-Swept City Make Wonderful Progress in Clearing the Streets and Disposing of the Corpses.

his talk, thinking it was merely to amuse me, and this is the result.  
"I am not badly hurt and think I will be all right in a few weeks.  
"When I left the house this afternoon I took some of my sister's money for Helen to keep, I anticipated no trouble. Though the father had driven the girl from the house, her mother knew that I was calling on her and was my friend. I have a letter from a private detective who had been employed by Davis to watch me. The letter was interesting to Mrs. Davis and given to me.  
"My mother suggested me not to see the girl if her father was so fierce opposed and so vindictive, but I would have been ashamed to be such a coward as to fear to see the

## PLANNED TO DIE TOGETHER

MYSTERY OF NEW YORK SUICIDE IS EXPLAINED.  
Helen Southgate is Found in a Hospital with a Bullet Wound in Her Breast—She Had Allowed Harry Barker to Shoot Her—Able to Leave Here Where He Killed Himself—Was in the Apartment in Neighbor of the Late Bishop Southgate.

## BULLETIN OF The Sunday Tribune

CHICAGO, SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 1900.  
Weather predictions for the next 24 hours:  
Fair and much cooler Sunday and Monday, probably from Monday morning.  
Sun clear at 9:41, sets at 6:55.  
Moon rises at 21:48 p. m.  
IMPORTANT NEWS AND FEATURES  
Phon.  
5 Maple Grove of St-Fullerton.  
612 to 12 with Barlowe.  
Grand St. 21-22 with Barlowe.

## WANT GLENN TO EXPLAIN.

SHAREHOLDERS ASK ACCOUNTING FROM BOOKKEEPER.  
Shortage of \$20,000 Charged in Affairs of Workman's Building and Loan Association—Shareholders Hold Meeting to Appoint Committee for Conference with Judge Henry—Creditors Demand Overhauling of Books—Each Winding Up of Organization.