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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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Gales rip and tear the eastern coast, boats founder at sea, tales of wild passages across the Atlantic reach us, and then come reports of extraordinary gales, storm tides, snows, and torrential rains from western Europe. Yes, some of our storms reach Europe days later.

Radio reports from ships at sea, and maps made from them show the continuous passage of storm areas across the Atlantic. Usually, however, the center of greatest storminess migrates from one portion of a low pressure region to another, so the lows that leave here are not identical with the lows later appearing in Europe. Nevertheless, great storms, fostered at this time by strong contrasts in temperature and an abundant supply of water vapor, travel northeastward to the Arctic or whirl their way from coast to coast.

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