

HOTTEST OF THE SUMMER.

YESTERDAY'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE WAS 93.1 DEGREES.

Records Broken in the Last Four Days of Torridity—A Score of Deaths from the Heat in Manhattan and the Bronx Yesterday—Fast Hope of Relief Coming Today.

There have been days in remote August when the temperature has been higher than it was yesterday, but there never have been four days "hand running" in the harvest month with heat records more enervating than those of the quartet of broilers ending yesterday. No August days of the same dates have been able to hold a candle to the big four of this sweltering season. There was enough torridity to melt any ordinary candle, anyhow. The high temperatures of Aug. 8, 9, 10 and 11 were edgewise.

Yesterday was not only the hottest Aug. 11 on the books of the official meteorologists; it was also the hottest day of the summer. For three mortal and scorching hours the mercury was hanging around or slightly above 95 degrees. This was away up in the air, where the influence of the steaming bricks and stones and the hot walls of steel and granite are only slightly felt. Down in the air way to breathe and are forced to walk through, the thermometer was much more fervent than the official recorder. Their performances were not all of a piece. Some that faked the glowing surface of the sun made folks stare and wipe their brows by registering nearly 110. Others in shaded places close to the sidewalk and huddled to roof lampposts showed from 100 to 105 degrees.

A further breeze from the west saved the official mercury from breaking the August record. It was a spirited contest between the wind and the mercury for a time. The wind got in its noblest work at 2:35 in the afternoon, when the mercury was trying to vault over the ninety-fifth bar. It was whistling a 35-mile tune and breaking the flags on the high towers and on like tin signs. But the high towers and on like tin signs. But the high towers and on like tin signs. But the high towers and on like tin signs.

The percentage of humidity fortunately was not high, otherwise there might have been many more deaths and prostrations. The labors of the town which were numerous when the heat was greatest. They had taken their usual Saturday half-holiday, and the other reason the heat was lower than it might have been on a weekday day. All afternoon they worked in the sun out of doors even in the morning. Their clothing was used up by resisting the heat of the three preceding days, and by loss of sleep in the breathless ovens of the city.

Thousands slept on fire escapes and on roofs last night, as they had on the night before. Multitudes were sleeping on the ground, and many were sleeping on the ground. Many were sleeping on the ground, and many were sleeping on the ground.

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COLER OUT FOR GOVERNOR.

Practically Admits That He Wants Nomination.

Reasons Which Are Now Said to Have Led Him to Make Up His Mind—The Opposition of Mr. Croker Chief Among Them—The Backing Which the Comptroller Is Likely to Have in Case He Makes the Fight.

Mr. Croker has frequently said that he never sought a fight and that he never ran away from one. When he goes into a fight he goes in to heart and soul and with the intention of winning. In the contest for the nomination of Governor Mr. Croker will have the active support of ex-United States Senator David Bennett Hill, and according to all indications yesterday, of the delegates from Kings county. He will be opposed by the Hon. Richard Croker, chief of Tammany Hall, who is now in absolute control of the Democratic State machine.

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WAR PLANS FOR CANADA.

Imperial Government Fixing Schemes of Attack and Defence.

Canal Route for Sending Warships into the Great Lakes Chosen and Parliament Will Be Asked to Provide for the Necessary Work—Plans Are for Australian Defence.

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DISCORD OVER ASTOR WILL.

Mrs. Astor Objects to an Interpretation of It Unfavorable to Herself.

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PLLOT AGAINST THE CAZAR.

Anarchists From America Said to Be on Their Way to Russia.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 11.—Detectives are watching all Italians from America who are arriving at Liverpool, Antwerp and elsewhere. Several Anarchists are reported to be on their way from America to Russia, and there is talk of a plot to assassinate the czar. The Russian Government has been notified of the movements of these persons.

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EUROPE IS MORE HOPEFUL.

Believes the Warning to Peking Government Has Been Effective.

Early Collapse of Chinese Resistance Would Not Be Surprising—Good Signs in the Easy Agreement of the Powers on a German Commander-in-Chief—British Policy in the Yangtze Valley and Our Attitude.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 11.—There is no tendency to boundless sanguine over the Chinese situation, but the European peoples and Governments are beginning to give some credence to the reports that resistance to the Powers may soon collapse. It is recognized that at all events such fresh aggression of the allied forces seems to diminish the strength of the Chinese opposition and their bellicose spirit. This alone is a sufficient vindication of the forward policy of the allies and threats to sacrifice the invasion is abandoned no longer seriously than the European Powers. It is believed that the Pekin authorities are now duly impressed with the warning that any arm hereafter inflicted upon the foreigners will be met with the infliction of the severest personal penalties. This is something which appeals even to the most fanatical Oriental and the successes already gained by the allies are a sufficient indication of their power to execute the threat.

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CHICAGO'S HOT SPELL BROKEN.

Violent Shower Marks the Close of the Eighth Day of Excessive Heat.

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