

HOT BLASTS THAT KILL.

Many Cities of the Country Report Large Death List Resulting from Heat.

ST. LOUIS HEADS LIST WITH 12 DEATHS

New York and Brooklyn Report 13 Deaths - At Cincinnati During Week There Were 15 Deaths and 69 Prostrations Due to Heat-Baltimore Hottest Place in Country.

St. Louis, July 2.—The intense heat that has prevailed in this vicinity for several weeks continues unabated. At five a. m. the lowest point reached during the past 24 hours was recorded. The thermometer reached 80 degrees and two hours later it had risen to 82. Sunday there were eight deaths and 12 prostrations. The dead are: Edward Conrad, John B. Ward, Anthony Siegmazski, George Overstreet, James Monahan, Henry Miller, Peter Melvin and Mrs. G. Siebolt.

Four Additional Deaths.

At 12 o'clock the weather bureau thermometer registered 94 degrees in the shade, while on the street the record was several points higher. The temperature is still rising, but there is a cool breeze from the south to temper it. Up to noon there had been reported four deaths from heat prostration as follows: Henry Stauber, John Keller, James Roper and John Isaac.

St. Louis, July 2.—The weather bureau thermometer at 1:20 p. m. registered 95. Up to that time eight heat prostrations had been reported, four of which were fatal.

Heat Kills at New York.

New York, July 2.—The hot weather which has caused so much suffering in this city last week continued Monday. At nine o'clock the weather bureau thermometer showed a temperature of 87 degrees as compared with 83 at the same hour Sunday. At ten o'clock the temperature was 89. The humidity early Monday was 45 per cent. Sunday it was 56 per cent.

Between one and nine a. m. seven deaths due to heat were reported in this city.

Six deaths from the heat were reported from Brooklyn between midnight and 1:30 a. m.

New York, July 2.—At two o'clock the weather bureau reported a temperature of 96 degrees. This was within one degree of Sunday's highest, which was recorded at four p. m. There were 23 deaths due to the heat in New York and Brooklyn between midnight and one p. m. Monday.

Seven Die at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 2.—At 2:30 p. m. the police and hospitals reported seven deaths Monday from heat, three adults and four children. There have been 20 prostrations thus far.

Deaths at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 2.—The thermometer reached 90 degrees at noon Monday. John Stoffer, Joseph Fuez and Michael Giblin died Monday from the effects of the heat and there were about a dozen prostrations that were not serious. There have been 15 deaths and 69 prostrations within the past week.

People Die at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 2.—The torrid wave continues. Sunday night was one of the hottest in years, and at eight o'clock Monday morning the mercury registered 84 degrees.

Two deaths and eight prostrations were reported at noon. The dead: Samuel Jones, aged 68 years; Edward J. Rowen, aged 28 years.

The intense heat played havoc among the mill men, and many prostrations are reported. Oliver's puddling department at South Tenth street, the puddling department of A. M. Byers' mill and the Pennsylvania car wheel works were forced to suspend operations. In the latter plant 400 men and boys are thrown out of work. The Pittsburgh forge and iron works, Allegheny, also closed down, throwing 500 men out of employment.

The temperature at noon was 93 degrees.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 2.—The temperature at two o'clock in the afternoon was 96 degrees and still rising. Three deaths from heat were reported up to that hour, making 12 in 24 hours. Eighteen prostrations were also recorded.

Heat Affects Oarsmen.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 2.—The heat, which continues as intense as it has been for the past four days, is seriously affecting the oarsmen. Two of Syracuse's men are somewhat under the weather, but expect to be in their boat on race day. Columbia's freshmen crew looked by Monday morning's work to have been weakened, and two of the Wisconsin varsity men show the effects of the hot weather. All of the crews have lost in weight. The Cornell boat has averaged two pounds loss, while in the other crews from a pound to a pound and a half has been lost by each man. Cornell, however, can afford to lose some of their weight, for, next to Wisconsin, they are the heaviest crew on the river, averaging fully three pounds per man more than Columbia and fully seven pounds to a man more than Syracuse.

The Hottest Place in Country.

Baltimore, Md., July 2.—This city Monday was the hottest place in the United States, according to the weather bureau's report. At eight o. m. the thermometer registered 88 degrees, which is four degrees higher than at the same time Sunday.

At two p. m. the thermometer indicated a temperature of 101 degrees

and the relative humidity was about 65 per cent. Two prostrations have been reported, but as yet no deaths are known to have occurred due directly to the heat.

Torrid Wave at Other Points.

The intense heat is general throughout the country, as is indicated by the reports from the following widely distributed points:

Boston—Temperature 88, and wind very light from the westward.

New Haven, Conn.—Official temperature 84, the same as Sunday.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Thermometer 77 and breeze off lake.

Rochester, N. Y.—Thermometer 86 and rising.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Street thermometers registered near 100. No relief promised.

Washington—Hot wave shows no signs of breaking. Weather bureau thermometer at two p. m. recorded 100. Twelve prostrations. Hot wave general east of Rockies and no immediate prospect of relief.

Louisville, Ky.—Temperature at one p. m. 94. Humidity excessive. Two prostrations.

Kansas City—At noon government thermometer registered 94 degrees. Two prostrations.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Drought unbroken. At ten o'clock mercury registered 92 degrees. One fatal prostration.

Detroit, Mich.—The temperature at 1:30 p. m. 92, with 15-mile breeze.

Milwaukee—Thermometer registered 92 with a hot breeze. Indications for hottest day this year.

St. Paul, Minn.—Mercury at weather bureau office, 70; sky overcast and threatening storm.

Cleveland, O.—At noon thermometer 97 to 98. Six prostrations.

Columbus, O.—Three prostrations and thermometer at one p. m. 96.

Omaha, Neb.—Thermometer at weather bureau at one o'clock reached 93, four degrees below Sunday's record.

Chicago—Temperature at noon 92. Cooling thunderstorm from northwest lowered temperature to 81.

Taft's Commission Signed.

President by Stroke of Pen Makes Him Governor of the Philippines.

Washington, July 2.—The president Monday signed the commission of William H. Taft, Ohio, as civil governor of the Philippine islands. Judge Taft was notified some time ago when instructions were sent him relative to the inauguration of civil government in the islands July 4 that he would be appointed civil governor. While the appointment of the civil governor is credited to the war department, this does not mean necessarily that the president is proceeding entirely under his war power in setting up civil government in the Philippines. He is not differentiating the source of his authority. He is acting, so it is authoritatively stated, under all the powers he has in the premises.

Declared Unconstitutional.

Milwaukee, July 2.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Madison, Wis., says Attorney General E. R. Hicks Monday rendered an opinion holding that the act passed by the last legislature authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 of state money for the extension and improvement of the Wisconsin river levee at Portage is unconstitutional and void as violating the provision of the constitution which prohibits the state from expending money or contracting debts for work for internal improvement.

Weds a Chicago Man.

New York, July 2.—At St. James' Episcopal church, in Bensonhurst, Miss Theo Julian, a sister of Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, was married to Clarke G. Ball, of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles E. Benedict, pastor of the church. The bride was given away by her brother, Martin Julian. Mrs. Fitzsimmons acted as matron of honor and William G. Morrissey was best man. Miss Amie Julian, a sister of the bride, was flower girl and little Bob Fitzsimmons was page.

Barker to Appeal His Case.

Trenton, N. J., July 2.—Counsel for Thomas Barker, who was sentenced to five years in the state prison for assaulting Rev. Dr. Keller at Arlington, Monday took out a writ of error which will carry to the court of errors and appeals.

In the meantime Barker will not be sent to the state prison to serve his sentence. If the court of errors and appeals grants the writ Barker may again be released on bail.

Settlement of Strike Likely.

Reading, Pa., July 2.—It now looks as if the end of the strike of Reading railway shop hands, inaugurated ten days ago, is in sight. President Baer, of the railroad company, and Chairman Boscher, of the strikers' committee, held a conference in New York Monday night. Mr. Boscher will report to the employees here Tuesday. Concessions have already been made by both sides.

Murder Suspected.

Milwaukee, July 1.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Schlesinger, Wis., says John Gehl was found dead in his pasture on his farm near St. Lawrence, Wis. It was thought at first that death resulted from a horse kick. Circumstances now point to murder. Wounds on his head indicate that he was stabbed three times, and his skull fractured with a stone. An inquest will be held.

Good Meeting Despite Heat.

Detroit, Mich., July 2.—Despite the oppressive heat, Monday morning's session of the national social and political conference was better attended than any preceding one. Ex-Congressman John J. Lentz, of Ohio, was the first speaker, discussing "Should Political Reforms Precede Social and Economical Reform?"

Dried Fruit Destroyed.

San Jose, Cal., July 2.—Four hundred and fifty tons of dried fruit was destroyed at night by the burning of the fruit packing house of George N. Herbert near this city. Loss about \$60,000; insurance, \$40,000.

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