

HEAT.

Thousands Are Prostrated.

Saturday the Hottest--350 Dead-- The Hot Wave Passing.

CHICAGO, July 12.—The fierce heat, under which the greater portion of the country has sweltered since the 1st of July has moderated in many localities, and predictions from the weather bureau, at Washington, indicate that lower temperature will bring general relief within 24 hours. The records of prostrations and deaths resulting from the long heated term approaches in magnitude that of a general epidemic. Reports from all sections of the country, received by the Associated Press, show that the prostrations number in the neighborhood of 2,000, with fatalities close to 450.

In addition to this, there were scores of deaths resulting indirectly from the intolerable heat, the death rate in many of the large cities showing a fearful increase over previous years. The central states suffered more severely than other sections, the heat being most deadly in Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis. In the number of fatalities, this city heads the list with 87 deaths, Cincinnati and suburban points reporting 65, and St. Louis 42.

Throughout the south the heat was intense, but the death rate was much lower than in the north. Eighty-seven people died from the heat since July 1. In addition, six have been drowned while bathing to escape the sizzling rays of the sun; six have been driven insane, and a like number have committed suicide, while 347 prostrations, more or less serious, have occurred. The health department shows a great increase in mortality in children, and sufferers from chronic diseases. The average number of deaths for the past three or four days has almost doubled.

The weather, though several degrees cooler than yesterday, is still very hot, and prostrations are numerous. The following deaths were reported during the day: Joseph Devorak, Thomas Kirk, child named Chewnusky, Michael McLaughlin, Thomas Walsh, John Fienal, Justin Syke and Fred Bender.

This afternoon the heat was broken by a smart thunder storm. The mercury in five hours fell 20 degrees, and life is once more worth living. The heat in the early part of the day caused 8 deaths and 21 prostrations, 11 of them being serious.

ST. LOUIS.

The hot spell in St. Louis has lasted 14 days, and the weather is still hot and oppressive. During this heated term, 42 persons have died from sunstroke, either on the streets, in ambulances or in the emergency hospital. The statistics of prostrated person who died in their own homes



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are obtainable. During the hot spell, 137 cases of prostration, classified as "serious," have been treated at the city hospitals. There is no record of those treated at their homes. During the 13 days, the heat has averaged 96 degrees. There were no deaths and few prostrations during the first five days. Today's record up to 6 p. m., is: Dead, 14; prostrated, 52; Of those prostrated, 10 are expected to die.

Bakers, teamsters, cooks and organ-grinders from the bulk of those prostrated. The city hospital is swamped with heat cases. The emergency wards were packed this morning. Superintendent Sutton ordered a large number of tents which he will have placed on the hospital grounds, and will transfer all the heat cases to them.

CINCINNATI.

Coroner Haerr reports 53 fatal cases of sunstroke here during the past 7 days. This does not include a dozen such fatalities for the week in Covington, Newport, and other Kentucky suburbs. There were over 500 prostrations. There were seven fatal cases of heat prostrations.

There are in Cincinnati hospitals 40 cases of sufferers from sunstroke. There are also a total of 358 cases under treatment, very largely from accidents, superinduced by heat. The prostrations requiring official attention were about 45. They are usually about five times the fatalities.

NEW YORK.

The number of deaths in New York city from sunstroke for the week was 14. There were numerous deaths from heart failure and other diseases hastened by the heat. The report of the bureau of vital statistics for the week gives the deaths as 966, an increase of 135 over the week previous.

MINNEAPOLIS.

There was one death caused by the heat during the past week.

ST. PAUL.

During the heated spell in this city there has been reported seven prostrations and two deaths.

WISCONSIN.

The number of deaths in this city, resulting from the intense heat of the past few days, is three, with 13 prostrations. A review of the state outside of Milwaukee, as far as reported, shows six deaths and about 20 prostrations.

Oregon for Flax.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 10.—Flax grown from fibre on the college farm is making and excellent showing. Of the two acres under cultivation, there are four or five varieties, and that grown from Belgium seed is the most thrifty. Samples of this sort pulled showed excellent quality, and a length of 43 inches. It was sown May 5, and gathered July 5, attaining the 43-inch growth in 60 days. It promises to reach a total length of 48 inches, and to make a yield of four tons an acre. Delivered at the scutching mills, 48-inch flax is worth \$17 a ton. The sample referred to was grown on clover sod, turned under last winter, and cultivated in the late spring.

ORIENTAL.

Japs Are Spoiling for a Fight.

Japan's Answer to Sherman's Note May Cause Trouble.

CHICAGO, July 12.—A special to the Time-Herald from Washington says: There is serious danger of diplomatic friction between the United States and Japan over Hawaii. Although the reply which Japan has made to Secretary Sherman's note concerning the intentions of this government has been received, the state department holds it in secret. It is known, however, that the reply is not as amiable as hoped for.

The reply of the Japanese government is of such tone, and there are such suspicious movements of certain Japanese warships, that the administration is afraid Japan may be meditating some coup de force in Honolulu. It is understood that in their reply the Japanese still contend that they have equal rights with the United States in Hawaii, and that the attempt of the United States to annex the islands without consultation with Japan is a breach of good faith.

One thing is certain, and that is that no matter which way the diplomatic matters turn, the administration does not propose to be caught napping. If the Japanese make a show of force at Honolulu, with or without the announced intention of demanding that the Hawaiian government comply with the demands for reparations, which were submitted some time ago, this government will do the same thing. None need be surprised if the warships of the United States and of Japan trown on one another in the Honolulu harbor within the next two weeks.

War is not expected by any member of the Washington government familiar with the facts, but it is admitted that the mobilization of naval craft at Honolulu would be sufficient to produce a hazardous situation. Already there is a good deal of animosity toward the United States on the part of the Japanese naval officers, and an overt act on their part might precipitate a great deal of trouble.

During the last ten days the navy department has made special preparations of a quiet sort for mobilization of our naval forces on the Pacific at Honolulu, should the turn of diplomacy made such action necessary. At the present time the United States is not as strong in Pacific waters as Japan. If the Nicaragua canal were open, the advantage would all be on our side in case trouble.

The Japanese minister sent to Secretary Sherman his reply to the note of the secretary of state, written in answer to Japan's original note protesting against the Hawaiian annexation treaty. The note of the minister answers in detail the contents of the secretary of state's note, and at some length elaborates the position taken by Japan against the treaty.

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