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OVER FIFTY DEATHS

EASTERN STATES SWEEP BY DEADLY BLAST.

Of Three Hundred Persons Who Were Prostrated by the Heat in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, Forty-four Are Dead.

New York, July 19.—An area of oppressive heat, that brings to mind with unpleasant vividness the record-breaking summer of 1901, has settled down over the eastern and New England states, already numbering hundreds among its victims and causing indescribable suffering to thousands in this and other cities.

From all points came the story of the hottest day of the summer attended with frequent prostrations and not a few deaths. Philadelphia reported a maximum temperature of 98.3, the highest figures officially noted. In this city the weather bureau's high mark was 96. The official thermometers located in exposed places above the street did not, however, indicate the temperature in which the ordinary mortal moved and many street thermometers indicated a temperature of 100 or higher.

All records for the summer were broken for high temperature, but mercifully the humidity was comparatively less. Only for this, the total prostrations and deaths must have been doubled.

In this city there were 190 prostrations and 26 deaths, in Philadelphia 50 prostrations and 5 deaths and in Pittsburg 60 prostrations and 13 deaths.

In New York the suffering was intense, especially in the crowded tenement districts, where scarcely a breath of air relieved the stifling atmosphere. Thousands who could afford the holiday flocked to the beaches, but even in the consequent crowds women and children fainted and men were overcome, making the trip from home a doubtful experiment, as far as securing any comfort was concerned. It was a busy day for the hospitals and the ambulances were continuously on the street.

"Jake" Cook, keeper of the monkey house at Central park, famous as an elephant trainer and the idol of the children who frequent the "zoo," was among the victims. The other keepers had complained of the heat, and Cook, volunteering to help them with their duties, over-exerted himself, was stricken and died.

To add to the unavoidable physical suffering, Brooklyn was threatened with a water famine, while the whole city was startled by the prospect of a strike of the icemen. The water supply in Brooklyn was reported as nearing the danger point and the water department took immediate precautions, asking that street sprinkling be temporarily suspended and warning households to be very economical in the use of water.

It was different with the ice question, though an expected strike did not materialize. A few ice wagon drivers stopped work, but deliveries continued.

Prompt measures were taken by the police and park commissioners to alleviate in some degree the suffering of the public. Orders were issued keeping open throughout the night the park gates and permitting those who would to spend the night in these places. "Keep Off the Grass" signs were, by permission, disregarded and thousands of men, women and children deserted crowded and stifling apartments for a bed on the cool grass. Thousands of others, too exhausted to reach the recreation grounds, slept on the pavements in front of their homes.

HOT WEATHER HELPS CORN.

Humanity, However, is Sweltering and Several Deaths Reported.

Des Moines, July 19.—Hot weather which has prevailed over this state for the last four days has caused four deaths and a large number of prostrations. While the weather has caused humanity to suffer severely, it has made millions for the farmers in the growth of corn. Clarinda is the hottest city in the state, the temperature there being 100. At Grundy Center Theodore Bromsmith, a farmhand, was overcome with the heat while pitch-

ing hay and died a few hours later. In this city Mrs. Marguerite Casper, while her mind was affected by the heat, drank carbonic acid and died. There were a number of prostrations in this city and others are reported from Marshalltown, Waterloo and elsewhere. The three-month-old infants of John Doolittle and Daniel Marmon of this city are dead from the heat.

Hottest Day Thus Far.

Chicago, July 19.—This was the hottest day of the year for this city, the mercury registering 95 degrees for two hours. The humidity was high and the result was a great deal of suffering. A strong wind blew from the southwest all day, but it was stifling hot and felt as though it had just come from an oven. Five deaths and thirty-eight prostrations have been reported to the police.

No Relief Just Yet.

Washington, July 19.—There will be no material relief from the present high temperatures throughout the country for three or four days, according to the weather bureau.

Nine Parisians Drowned.

Paris, July 19.—Nine Parisians were drowned while shooting wild fowl at the mouth of the river Loire. The boat containing them was overturned by a squall.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Strikes a Live Wire.

Superior, Neb., July 18.—W. B. Lee, manager of the Superior Electric Light company, was fatally shocked while making a new wire connection. Hope of life is given up.

Kills Brother With Gun.

Stromsburg, July 13.—Earl Noyd, the three-year-old son of R. S. Noyd, living two miles west of here, was accidentally killed by his five-year-old brother while playing with a shotgun.

Two Prostrations at Lincoln.

Lincoln, July 17.—Sunday was the hottest day of the year in Lincoln, 99 degrees being the maximum recorded at the government station, while street thermometers showed 101. There were two prostrations.

Boy Is Burned in the Barn.

Fairmont, Neb., July 17.—The six-year-old son of James Foulon was burned to death while playing in the barn. It seems that the lad had got in the barn loft and the supposition is that he had matches and started the fire.

Accident to Veteran Fatal.

Grand Island, July 18.—Lewis Stantler, the inmate of the Soldiers' home who accidentally fell into a bathtub before he had turned on the cold water and was badly scalded before relief could come to him, died as a result of his injuries.

Boy Drowns in Missouri

Plattsburgh, Neb., July 18.—Johnnie Svehla, aged 8 years, was drowned in the Missouri river opposite the Burlington depot. Johnnie was in bathing with two companions and two brothers, aged 10 and 12. The other boys narrowly escaped being drowned.

E. W. Nash Near Death.

Omaha, July 19.—E. W. Nash, the Omaha banker and millionaire, who has been near death for two months as the result of a paralytic stroke while dining at the residence of Herman Kountze, the banker, is lying at his home here in a critical condition.

Traction Engine Explodes.

Lincoln, July 15.—Four men were injured, one fatally, by the explosion of a traction engine at West Lincoln. The injured: Will Allison, engineer, of Maryville, Mo., legs broken, abdomen cut and whole body scalded, fatal; Fred Howard of West Lincoln, badly scalded and bruised; Frank Kirkham of Alva, Ia., scalded; Phil Thompson of Lincoln, scalded.

Little One Strangles to Death.

Bloomington, Neb., July 13.—The infant child of William Houtz, a rancher living four miles southwest of this place, was strangled to death in a peculiar manner. To prevent its falling off the bed, as it had done several times after a nap, Mrs. Houtz pinned its dress to the bed clothing. The child was found suspended over the side of the bed and choked to death by the neckband of its dress.

Railroads Also Accused.

Omaha, July 15.—Having charged deliberate conspiracy on the part of the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association to freeze out the Worrall Grain company and the collusion of the railroads in refusing to grant elevator sites to this company, T. D. Worrall continued his testimony before Notary Pearsall in his endeavor to prove his charge of combination in restraint of trade against the line elevator firms of Nebraska. The further taking of testimony was adjourned until Monday.

Fatal Flames at Guide Rock.

Guide Rock, Neb., July 18.—The eleven-year-old son of W. L. Million, a farmer and stockman about three miles south of this place, was so badly burned by the overturning of a

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lamp that death resulted. Three children of the family were sleeping on the floor by the window, when one of them, in getting up, overturned a small stand on which a lighted lamp was standing. The other two children were only slightly burned before their parents succeeded in putting out the blaze.

Lone Robber Holds Up Five Men.

Omaha, July 19.—A lone man, Frank Leonard, held up five men in Clark's drug store, Twenty-fourth and Seward streets, and, after taking all their valuables, was chased by the victims, caught, beaten to a pulp and turned over to the police. As a result of the fight Frank Bandle is badly cut about the head and Leonard is a mass of wounds and bruises. During the running fight Leonard took five futile shots at his pursuers and used the butt of the revolver over Bandle's head. Leonard is from Peoria.

KNOX ASKS FOR A DECREASE.

Non-Taxpaying Indians in the County Given as Reason.

Lincoln, July 19.—The state board of equalization listened to J. B. Snelcar, county assessor, and County Attorney Maple of Colfax county, and to Assessor Baker of Knox county, the former two asking that their county assessment be not increased and the latter asking for a flat reduction of 10 per cent. Mr. Baker, as an excuse for asking a 10 per cent reduction in the assessment of Knox county said his county had to pay the cost of looking after some 1,300 Indians that other counties didn't have to look after. Owing to the fact that there are yet six counties out the board cannot get down to business as it would like to, but will, until these counties get in, figure up the assessment of cattle, horses and hogs.

Senator Clark's Condition.

New York, July 18.—Though scarcely perceptible, the little change noted in the condition of Senator William A. Clark is in favor of the patient. Since the radical operation of Saturday, the senator has exhibited remarkable recuperative powers and has rallied steadily. Should tomorrow pass as satisfactory as the preceding days, the attending physicians say that they will have little anxiety as to the ultimate result.

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