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DISASTROUS WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 16, to Be Long—The Hottest Day for a Hundred Years—Interesting Particulars.

The long dreaded Tuesday, predicted by Tice to be the hottest day seen in St. Louis for a hundred years, had passed, and although the mortality computed over the hundred millions at cases of prostration less intensity, people felt grateful that it was no worse, and looked hopefully to a change for the better on Wednesday.

The scenes on the streets were much the same as were witnessed on Monday. On the thickly peopled thoroughfares where the population generally moved to and fro, the streets looked like a sea of moving umbrellas; every pedestrian being provided with one of these protectors as well as a palm leaf fan. The effort on business generally was more marked than Monday, and threatened to become serious in the highest degree. Along the levee, Main and Second streets and the portions of the city devoted to wholesale business, the streets were deserted, and business houses were closed to a most unusual extent. But few men were to be seen on the streets' and these moved along with sluggishness that is far from creditable to the energetic and prompt business people of this city.

Business, always dull at this season of the year, is reduced, except in a few branches, to almost a standstill. Along Sixth and Seventh streets, and in the retail trade generally, the accustomed bustle was noticeable, and the same dull, sleepy air that pervaded the streets was noticed in the stores and warehouses, so as not to more than half that of keeping cool out of every one's head.

At several of the buildings in course of construction the laborers did not appear at all, and work in consequence had to be suspended. In some cases the men are working half time, equally distributed between the forenoon and afternoon, hardly any work at all was done Monday, and but little Tuesday.

At 7 o'clock patients began to arrive at the City Hospital, where many they received quick and scientific treatment. They arrived, however, were not so frequent as Monday, and the attendants had an easy time until 2 o'clock. After that hour the city ambulances, conveying the wretched victims, rolled up in quick succession, and the hospital presented a busy scene. At 5 o'clock eight patients were dead, and the number of those dying rose like mad men, and remained at that figure for about an hour. A great crowd was at the Dispensary all day, anxious to witness the sad sight and to gaze on the victims as they were borne out after death to be placed with ice and others of sorrow-stricken.

At sunrise Tuesday morning there were only five bodies in the Morgue, the greater part of the bodies having been claimed during the night for burial. Crowds of men, women and children thronged through the dreary place windows and gaze at the stiff, stark corpses that lay on the marble slabs before them. The light from the background, reflected from a few low-painted wall shed a golden luster on the scene of blackened flesh, eyes awed with rotten cloths, exposed bowels and the whole horror heightened by the presence of the dead.

The corpses steadily augmented, however, and during the day and night no less than seventy bodies were exposed on the marble slabs. Tuesday will be long remembered by all in the potter's field as they are no known as the "hot day" interment.

So far as known, no premium at exists during this city, but several were prostrated. Five Chinamen, who were digging ice and letter-carriers succumbed to the heat, but recovered, and will be fatally affected. Many of the newspaper offices had their force temporarily depleted by the prostrations of reporters and editorial employes. The Globe-Democrat has five editors, two three, and the Evening Post two, the Republican two, and the Dispatch two, the whole number of reporters are affected by the heat and prostrated.

Work at the factories and machine shops continued quite briskly Tuesday during the day—in fact, it was virtually impossible for either men or boys near furnaces to prosecute their occupations. The only exception was at the Carondelet branch of the Iron Mountain railroad, the laborers refusing to risk their lives in the sun. The men at most of the factories quit during the day. Five dropped dead and others were prostrated while walking from the barracks. On the river a number of steamboats were detained, and the alarm was to great among the river hands that they could not be induced to work.

Fires were numerous, a prominent one of which was the burning of the real estate sale, which destroyed property to the extent of $100,000, and was not insured.

While the heat did not seem to increase on Monday, it was higher than the day before, being at 1 P. M. 97 degrees in the shade, and 120 degrees higher. The following will show the temperature at the hours named by the U. S. Signal Service: 7 A. M., 91; 11 A. M., 94; 1 P. M., 96; 3 P. M., 97; 5 P. M., 101.

There has been a great exodus of people from St. Louis during the last few days. All the trains going north on Monday night for quite a distance crowded with passengers bound for cooler climes. The Chicago and Alton express, which left the city at 7:30 Monday night, carried over 200 persons who were going north in search of cool weather.

The fast line train on the Vandalia, which left the East St. Louis depot Tuesday morning, pulled half a dozen coaches filled with men, women and children leaving the city to escape the heat.

Northward bound trains leaving Tuesday night carried crowds of passengers. All the Upper Mississippi boats that have left for the last four days have been crowded. The Canton, that left Monday, and the Dubuque at noon Tuesday, carried an immense passenger list.

At sundown clouds were piled up in the west, and the eagerly looked for that a rain storm was in store for the parched city, but alas! the clouds broke the horizon for a brief space the clouds passed away, and at 10 P. M., the sky is clear and there is every prospect that the mercury will rise to about the same degree of sweltering fury that it did Monday and Tuesday. The night is intensely hot. Over one hundred cases of sun-stroke were treated at the City Dispensary and Hospital.

The following is a record taken from the books showing the number of burial permits issued by the Board of Health, in cases where death was reported to the board, on each day during the sixteen days that is far from complete, but will give a correct idea of the mortality:

July 15.	27.	July 11.	43.
July 16.	27.	July 12.	39.
July 17.	27.	July 13.	41.
July 18.	27.	July 14.	45.
July 19.	27.	July 15.	45.
July 20.	27.	July 16.	70.
July 21.	27.	July 17.	70.

Twenty-nine cases of sun stroke in all have been the extremes heat on July 16, three of which resulted in death.

TWO WOMEN

With Plenty of Money, They Prefer to Live Squalid Existence—A Sad Story in Which Dead Kin Figure.

Another one of those peculiar phases in life, that, when revealed in the public press, causes a shudder to run through the reader, happen in our very midst, without the knowledge of any but a few neighbors, was revealed yesterday by the ugliness of the unsavory stench that arrested the attention of the officers who were passing through the alley in the "uptown" street, not far from Fourth. The lower part of the building is used for business purposes the upper as a boarding house, and the entrance to the building and in the rear portion of the building is free alone. They are empty two rooms ally lighted, in unsavory condition, dingy and cheerless. The furniture, if furniture it can be called, is of the most primitive description. There is no look of it, how ever, as the rooms seem to be literally jammed with all sorts of trash huddled together pell-mell, as if they had just been dumped in hap-hazard. The smell that greets the visitor on entering is so entire that every drop of water in the vicinity seems to have been carried away by the sickening stench. The owner of the house has turned over the keys to the agent, who has never touched it and, in fact, all the tenants have moved out, and the house and offensive as could well be imagined.

The women who call the house are two in number, and for a money given, as provided for. They did not trouble themselves to keep the rooms in any respectable manner, and have been in the habit of keeping a number of cats. The owner of the house has turned them out and again that they have either clean up or leave, and they promise to comply with the order, but always manage to evade it. Finally a peremptory order was issued for them to move at once, and this time they would have gone, but for the sudden death that brought their condition to the knowledge of the health department, and which will be given further on.

Before moving to their present quarters, about two years ago, these women, who are sisters, lived with their parents in a handsome house on the same street. The room they occupy on the ground floor was then a handsome parlor. For a bed they used the same one that was in the house, and the one they occupied for nine years. They are not grass widows