



While the percentage of humidity was not so great as on Sunday, the mercury insisted upon remaining in the eighties or nineties all day yesterday, and got as high as 81 degrees.

Some idea of the remarkable weather which New Yorkers have experienced for the past week may be gathered from the fact that yesterday was the fifth consecutive day on which the temperature reached 90 degrees or higher. It is not necessary to tell the people that they were hot, but the figures are interesting from a scientific point of view.

Man and beast suffered alike yesterday, as on Sunday, and from the different hospitals came the same story as on the preceding day—numerous sudden deaths and prostrations, all attributed to the heat.

NOT ENOUGH HEARSES.

Gruesome Necessities Resulting from New York's Hot Week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—In this city today were held 460 funerals and in Brooklyn over 200 people were buried. Friday, Saturday and Sunday saw more burials than any seven days of which the cemetery bookkeepers can find any record. These are startling facts, but there are others more noticeable.

ANNEXATION OF CUBA.

Belief in England that United States Will Take the Island.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The publication in the Times this week of a sensational letter from the Havana correspondent may be accepted as very significant of English opinion upon the possible annexation of the island by the United States.

CZAR WILL TRAVEL.

His European Tour Mapped Out for Three Months.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—It appears settled that the Czar will leave St. Petersburg August 24th for a European tour, and that he will return about November 14th, the program being to visit Vienna, Copenhagen, Paris and Darmstadt.

The French are already working up the excitement. President Faure and his wife will go to Chesbourg and embark on the ironclad Dupuy de Lome in order to meet the Czar in the channel. The Dupuy de Lome will be accompanied by the French fleet.

MRS. BEECHER ILL.

Widow of Famous Preacher Came Very Near to Death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Eunice Beecher, widow of the famous pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, has been seriously ill for a week at her home, 40 Orange street, in that city.

Mrs. Beecher is nearly 84 years old, but is active in mind and remarkably active in body for a woman of her age. Last Sunday morning she went to Plymouth Church, which is in the next block from her house.

Dr. W. E. Searle, who was Henry Ward Beecher's physician, was sent for,

and Mrs. Beecher has been under his care ever since. When he called at the house today he found his distinguished patient much improved and cheerful over her rapid convalescence.

Plague of Mosquitoes.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 10.—Mosquitoes have become so obnoxious in the Chilliwack valley, one of the most fertile farming districts of this province, as to have developed into a veritable plague.

Earl of Limerick Dead.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—William Hale John Charles Pery, Earl of Limerick, Ireland, is dead. He was born in 1840 and succeeded to both titles in 1866.

a Government against the Italians by reason of the fact that the latter Government had sold two second-hand cruisers to the Argentine Republic at a time when it looked as though Chile and her neighbor were on the verge of war.

The Prince was hurried into a nearby store, and with drawn knives the attacked officers and marines defended themselves until the police came. Several of the men-of-war-men were badly cut with stones.

CHINESE REVOLT.

Unusually Condition of Affairs in Kiangs.

Mohammedans Slaughtered Ruthlessly. Probability of the Insurrection Becoming more General.

The Chinese Government seem likely to have some little trouble in quelling the rebellions in Kiangs and Kansuh unless they act with vigor and promptitude, says the Hong Kong Weekly Press.

SOCIETY FLURRIES.

Rumors That Mr. Astor Will Wed Royalty.

His Suit for the Daughter of the Prince of Wales—A London Sensation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The World's London cable says: High life in London has taken seriously the possibility of William Waldorf Astor marrying the Prince of Wales's daughter, Victoria.

Ask an English woman of the circle her grounds for alarm for supposing the son of the Queen of England will permit his daughter to marry the grandson of a German fur peddler and she will answer, "But the diamond he gave the Princess Maud."

Astor, with his millions of New York rents, has been stalking high game. To every one who has taken the trouble to observe the cautious, deliberate course adopted by the American millionaire, it has been apparent from the very outset that he had in view some definite aim, some object upon which his ambition was centered.

After having during the first few years of his sojourn here maintained the most reserved demeanor, that, in fact, of a social chrysalis, he has this year burst forth as a full-fledged butterfly of the most gorgeous and magnificent species, a butterfly, indeed, who manifests supreme disdain for all but the very choicest flowers of England's aristocracy.

Slight as may appear the possibility of Mr. Astor's becoming the grandson-in-law of Queen Victoria, the matter is very seriously discussed as not at all unlikely in the drawing-rooms of Mayfair, in clubdom and in court circles.

In marrying Princess Victoria Mr. Astor would probably, like his future brother-in-law, receive the title of Duke on his wedding day, and might become as much a factor in the history of Great Britain as the lamented husband of Queen Victoria, known by the title of the Prince Consort.

MOBBED PRINCE LOUIS.

Chileans of Valparaiso Give Italian Count Bad Reception.

News of the attack of a Chilean mob on Prince Louis of Savoy, Duke of Abruzzi, and a party of the officers of the Italian warship, Cristoforo Colombo, has reached San Francisco.

It seems that the Colombo, after leaving this port, made for Honolulu and then sailed south to smooth over a little hard feeling borne by the Chile-

time is short now to our opening night, and every minute is valuable. You cannot be spared."

"But I have a very important engagement."

"Sorry, but you'll have to break it."

"Then you'll have to put it off until after rehearsal. Now, then, ladies and gentlemen, get ready for the next scene," shouted Reed, as he walked away.

"But, Mr. Reed, one moment if you please. My engagement is well—er—to tell the truth I am to be married at noon, and as it's close to the hour—"

Miss Benson is a California girl, petite and pretty, and a decided brunette. Her first appearance on the stage was made with Miss Ellsler's company. She has been in the theatrical profession a little more than a year.

Miss Benson is well known by the people of this city. She is a niece of J. H. Paty.

VENEZUELA BOUNDARY.

Classifying Information Received by the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—During the past month the work of the Venezuela Boundary Commission has entered on a new stage.

The British Government, it is presumed, has put into its two voluminous Blue Books all the information upon which it relies in support of its claims.

For some months past Sir Clements R. Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, has been in correspondence with the secretary of the Commission and has furnished valuable information on the subject of the Schomburgk line, accompanying it with copies of maps on file in the Colonial Office, some of which have never been published.

In order to solve this problem, a number of preliminary reports are being prepared. Among these may be mentioned special reports from the geographical and physical characteristics of the region in dispute; reports upon the evidence presented by the 300 or more maps which have been published; reports upon the facts of occupancy and settlement, as given by the historians, and separate reports upon the same facts as developed by the documents from Dutch and Spanish archives; critiques upon the arguments of the British and Venezuelan governments as these appear in the British Blue Book and in the Venezuelan briefs.

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A Remarkable Cure for Chronic Diarrhoea.

In 1862, when I served my country as a private in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhoea. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since.

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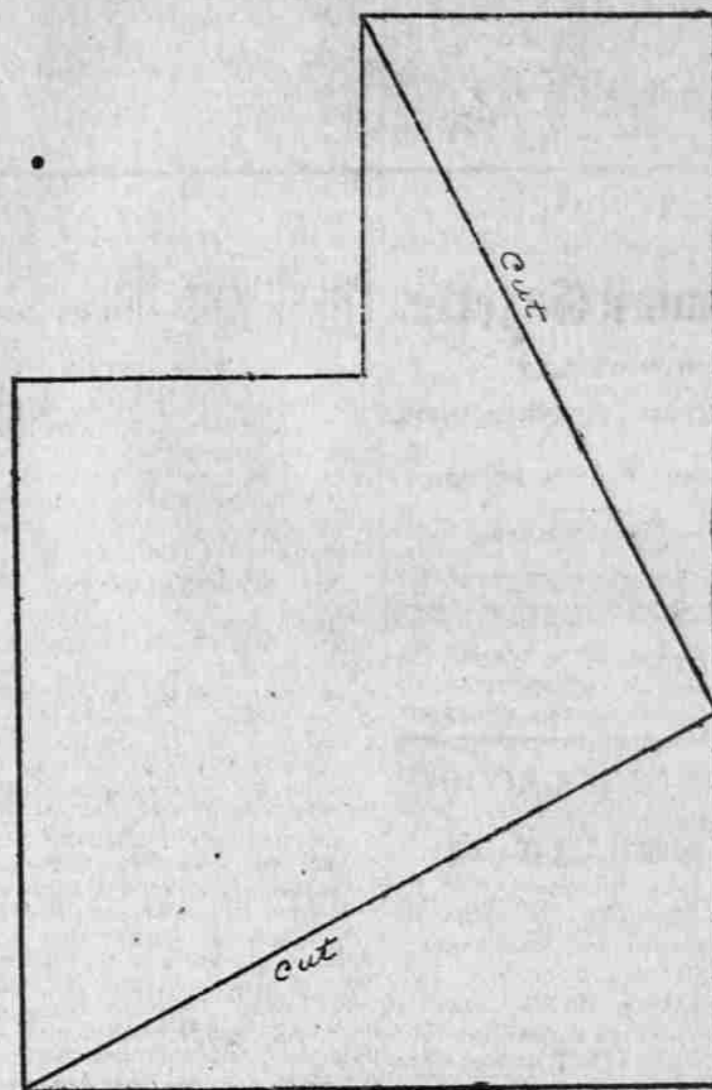
MISS BENSON'S MARRIAGE.

Her Betrothed Has Hard Work Getting Away from Rehearsal.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Roland Reed was hard at work rehearsing his new comedy at Scottish Rite hall yesterday. As the noon hour approached and there was no sign of adjournment, Howard Blinn, who plays one of the leading parts, was noticeably perturbed.

"Mr. Reed," said he, "I would like very much to be excused from further rehearsal. I have—"

PUZZLE NO. 2--SOLUTION.



Ernest Schmidt sent in the first correct answer to the above puzzle, with Lieutenant Wells of the mounted patrol as second. In all there were fifty answers of every description received.

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