

THE COLDEST DAY IN FIFTEEN YEARS. Average Temperature Yesterday the Lowest on Record in New York.

See Times in the History of the Bureau Has the Thermometer Touched a Lower Point. A Wave Came from Canada, and It Was Warmer in the Northwest Than in Other Sections. COLDER WEATHER EXPECTED TO-DAY.

Watered Cars Like Tombs, Thousands of Bridge Passengers Forced to Walk and Incoming Ocean Steamships Were Encased in Ice. Black Frost was ruler of New York yesterday. The Crokers and Platts, Roosevelts, St. Johns, Tamsons and Hoehers and other associates of all degrees had to bow to him and acknowledge him king. He tied up the city in an icy knot and held it in his slipping grasp all day. In fact, he made a record of it in the way of average temperature for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight. The average was the lowest known in New York since the weather bureau was established here in 1870.

The official thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and remained stationary for the remarkably long period of three hours. It did not begin to rise until shortly after 9 o'clock. It is more than fifteen years since New York has experienced colder weather, and only once during that time has yesterday's record been equaled. That was last winter, when, on February 6, the temperature was 2 degrees below zero at 7 in the morning. Once before that—January 3, 1870—New Yorkers shivered with 3 degrees below zero. According to Local Weather Forecaster E. B. Dunn, there have been only three days in the history of the bureau when the temperature fell to lower points than yesterday. They were: December 24, 1873, 4 degrees below zero; January 10, 1875, 4 degrees below zero; December 31, 1880, 4 degrees below zero.

THE OFFICIAL RECORD. "Altogether," said Mr. Dunn yesterday, "there have been only ten days since this department was established in New York on which the thermometer registered less than zero. This is by 13 degrees the coldest January 6 on record. The force of the cold wave struck this morning from 6 to 9 o'clock when the temperature reached 3 degrees below zero, a degree of cold wave exceeded only three times during the past twenty-five years. While a lower temperature than this has been recorded here, to-day will establish a record for the coldest average temperature.

The crest of the cold wave this morning rests over Canada and is moving eastward rapidly. The lowest temperature reported on this continent this morning is 38 degrees below zero, at Eschscholtz, Ontario, Canada. The coldest place in this country was Montreal, 22 degrees below zero, and Oswego, 21 degrees below zero.

The zero line this morning runs just a little south of New York, not quite to Philadelphia, but quite comfortable with 6 degrees above zero. At Washington our national legislators huddled together while the outdoor thermometers showed 5 degrees above zero. Atlanta was just under the freezing point, with 30 degrees above zero. Jacksonville and New Orleans were basking in the temperature of 38 degrees above.

The highest temperature reported in this country was, singularly enough, in the Northwest. At Rapid City, S. D., they had 42 degrees above zero. In that section there has been a rise in temperature of from 70 to 80 degrees in forty-eight hours. Throughout the Central States the rise has been from 10 to 20 degrees. At Chicago this morning it was 18 degrees above zero and at St. Paul 6 degrees above. Havre, Mont., reports 38 degrees above.

It is warmer all over the region west and south of the great lakes. Only in Eastern Canada and in the upper Atlantic States is it colder. The thermometer will begin to rise to-morrow, and will go up quite rapidly, although the temperature will keep below the freezing point for several days. The conditions are for generally fair weather over the entire country, with possibly a few snow flurries near the coast and in the Northwest. It will be generally fair here to-morrow, with possibly a few flakes of snow. The wind has gradually diminished in force along the coast, but has been blowing from the north and northwest. Early this morning its velocity was thirty-four miles an hour. It dropped from that to twelve miles an hour.

THE OFFICIAL FIGURES. The record of the official thermometer of the Weather Bureau, 300 feet above the street, yesterday is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 1 A. M. 3 degrees above zero, 2 A. M. 2 degrees above zero, 3 A. M. 2 degrees above zero, 4 A. M. 2 degrees below zero, 5 A. M. 2 degrees below zero, 6 A. M. 2 degrees below zero, 7 A. M. 3 degrees below zero, 8 A. M. 3 degrees below zero, 9 A. M. 3 degrees below zero, 10 A. M. 3 degrees below zero, 11 A. M. 3 degrees below zero, 12 M. 3 degrees below zero, 1 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 2 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 3 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 4 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 5 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 6 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 7 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 8 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 9 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 10 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 11 P. M. 5 degrees above zero, 12 M. 5 degrees above zero.

The strong rays of the sun served to temper the extreme cold during the early afternoon hours, but as soon as the sun disappeared the temperature fell again. To policemen, drivers of cars, mail wagons and milk carts and others who had to be abroad before dawn yesterday morning the big drop in temperature was a severe handicap. Most of them were muffled up in heavy coats, caps and gloves, but they were not able to keep out the biting cold. Heavy telegraph lines hung from their masts and their joints were stiff with the cold.

The cars of the elevated lines, like the trolleys, were coated with thick layers of frost and icy draughts blew through the cars. It was enough to induce influenza. WINTER WRAPS. A little later in the morning, when the armies of business men started out for their day's work, they were soon convinced that New York was not indulging in real winter weather. Those who had gone out clad for milder winter weather upon their return home and ransacked their closets for winter wraps. They were offered and any other articles that would keep them warm. Then they sallied forth again to do what everybody does in extreme of winter—hunt up a thermometer. They expected and hoped to find less than zero indicated, and they were not disappointed. Many thermometers in exposed places about town registered as low as 4 and 5 degrees below zero. In Mount Vernon, Yorkville, Mount Pleasant, Jackson and other suburban towns standard thermometers recorded from 6 to 10 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Every police station in the city was crowded to its utmost capacity over night

with poor unfortunates, who sought three positions from the cold. Every police sergeant had had tales to tell yesterday morning of the despair of those who could not be accommodated. The night and day were sore trials for the poor. Cold and bleak and forbidding as the promenade of the Brooklyn Bridge was yesterday morning, thousands of Brooklynites on their way to business in this city were forced to use it. The customary accident to the cars took place at 8:40 a. m., causing a delay of twenty minutes—enough to drive the intending passengers to the promenade, so that they might reach their offices in time. A train of four cars started from the Brooklyn terminal on the north side. It had not proceeded far up the incline when it was caught by a train of four cars from the south. As is usual at that hour, the cars were full of passengers, and they were alarmed and made a rush for the doors. They were quieted by the guards, who explained that something had gone wrong with the grip. The train was backed slowly down the incline and run into the Brooklyn terminal. It was found there that the grip on the second car had broken, and the train was not to start for the three other grips to sustain.

CROWDS FORCED TO WALK OVER THE BRIDGE. During the twenty minutes that elapsed before a mail was in running order again it was with loud protestations and angry abuse that the reluctant crowd faced the piercing cold of the promenade and began the march across the bridge. Overcoat collars were turned up, handkerchiefs and mufflers were tied around ears and mouths, and pretty girls wound their furs around their necks. The women had rather the harder time of it against the cold wind, their skirts holding them back and impeding their progress. The following incident occurred on the crowded platforms of the station between a wedged in the jostling crowd and could not get back to the depot and a stout woman who was in regular running order again. The first train was run back to the New York side simultaneously with the head of the structure was crowded by its own weight. Another accident, on the New York side, was narrowly averted. A train was run back to the depot and a stout woman who was in regular running order again. The first train was run back to the New York side simultaneously with the head of the structure was crowded by its own weight.

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Ronetto Was Found Slowly Freezing to Death. Policeman Reinhardt, of the Third Precinct, Jersey City, late yesterday afternoon, found Frank Ronetto, fifty-two years old, of First street, lying on the sidewalk at Pavonia avenue and the Hudson boulevard, slowly freezing to death. He was taken to the hospital and after being thawed out stated that he had fallen where he was found and had been unable to regain his feet. His condition is critical.

Coldest Day of the Season on Long Island. The cold was intense all over Long Island yesterday. The thermometer registered zero in Roslyn on Sunday and yesterday it went two degrees below. The record was six below in Glen Head village and in the farming district it was a few degrees colder. In Huntington the thermometer at the railroad station showed six degrees below zero. At Commack the thermometer was two below, and at Greenlawn six below.

The cold affected the running time of the Long Island Railroad. The Wading River express was fifteen minutes late and the Amagansett was an hour behind. The thermometer in Jamaica and vicinity varied from two to six degrees below. The bay at Rockaway Beach is frozen over, and if the weather does not moderate the baymen will be seriously interfered with. All the Western Union wires between Greenport and New York have been crippled by the wind and many of them are prostrate.

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Thousands of wild ducks are flying in every direction, looking for a spot of open water. Gamesters expect to reap a harvest to-morrow by cutting large holes in the ice and shooting the birds as they attempt to wade in the water.

A FAR-REACHING SNAP. The Wave Embraced the State, New England and Canada and Was Extreme Everywhere. The entire State of New York and all New England and Canada were in the grasp of the extremely cold wave of yesterday. Many localities report the lowest temperature ever recorded, in some the thermometer registering 35 degrees below zero. The lowest point reached in Canada was in a town in Northern Ontario, namely, 44 below. At Niagara Falls it was cold enough for an ice bridge to form, but it lasted only ten minutes. Incoming ships and steamers were kept busy the past two days caring for the poor as far as possible and in housing some of the homeless.

Wires Snapped by the Frost. Utica, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The cold throughout Central and Northern New York was most intense last night, and the temperature reported from several localities is the lowest ever known. The lowest reported in this city is 27 degrees below zero. Places north of here, on the Black River division of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, report the temperature below zero as follows: Holland Patent, 36; South Trenton, 40; Lowville, 36; Lyons Falls, 42; McVickers, 43; Fort Leyden, 42. In many directions the telegraph wires have been snapped in two by the frost.

Thirty-five Below at Syracuse. Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The mercury in Syracuse and vicinity this morning ranged from 26 to 35 below zero, the latter temperature being recorded at Elmwood, a southern suburb.

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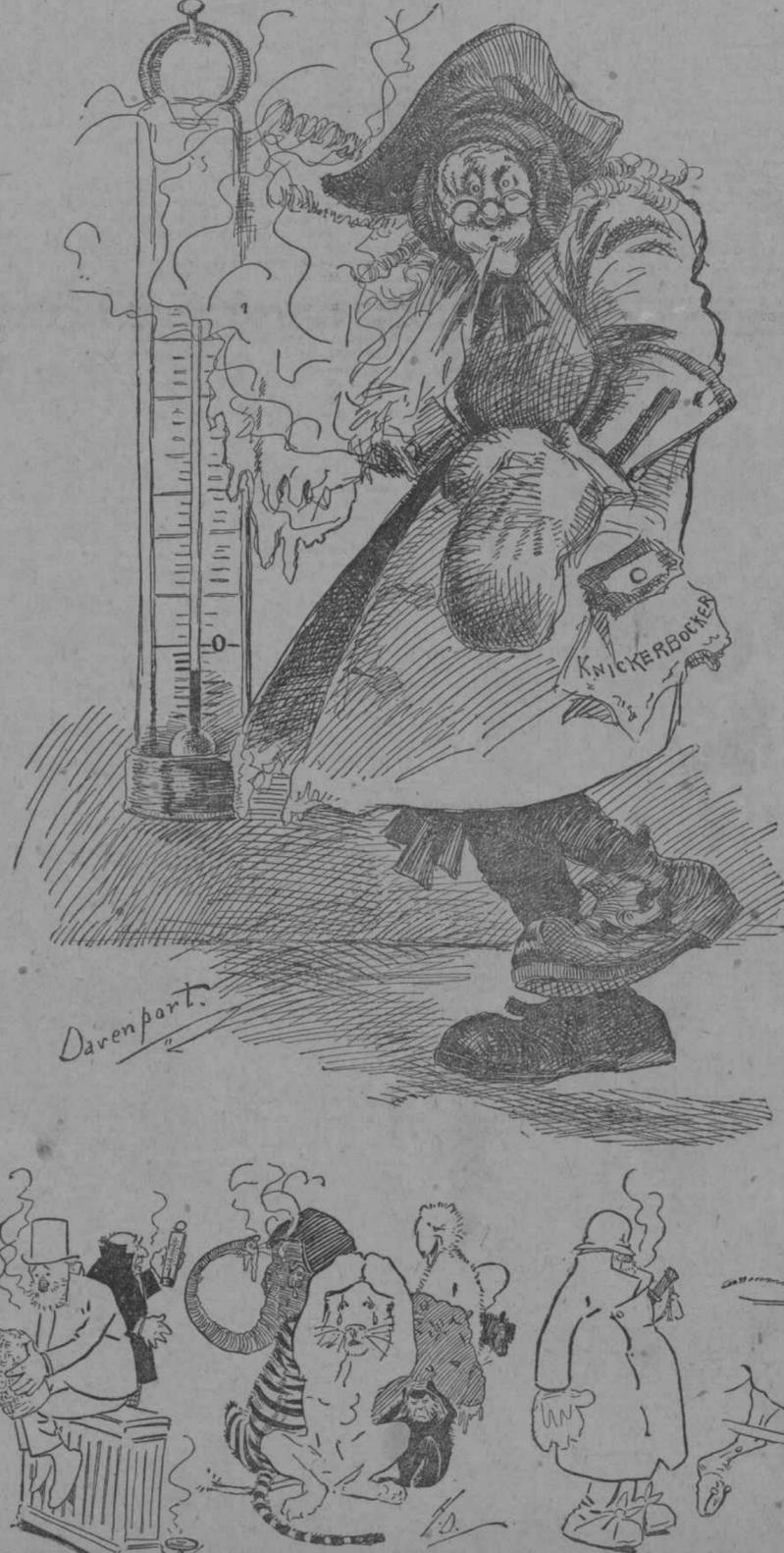
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The first New York production of "Saved from the Sea" took place at the Columbus Theatre last night. The play abounds in realistic scenic effects, and there is a pretty love story running through the plot. The heroine is an actress who has been rescued by a fisherman, and enemies seek to encompass his downfall and secure her wealth. The play is a well-acted and interesting one, and he was supported by a clever company. During the week a more extended review will appear in the Journal.

Frank Bush, for years well known to the vaudeville stage, made his metropolitan debut as a star at the Fourteenth Street Theatre last night in "Girl Wanted." The play seems to have been specially constructed for Frank Bush, as it gives him an opportunity to display his versatility. He impersonates seven different characters, ranging from a strand actor to a prima donna, and each character is cleverly enacted. There is little to the play in the way of a plot, but it is full of catchy melodies and witty jokes. The members of the star's supporting company are all good in their respective parts, and, as the play is a comedy, the making, they are equal to its necessities.

John Drew and his company began a limited engagement at Palmer's Theatre last night, appearing in Henry Arthur Jones's "Bauble Shop," which was so popular last season. Mr. Drew has created the part of Lord Clivebrook, and he gave the same splendid impersonation which marked his previous triumph. Miss Adelaide, the part of the toy-maker's daughter. Others in the cast were Agnes Miller, Mrs. Abbie Adams, Elsie de Wolfe, Harry Harwood, Arthur Byron and Levie B. B.

"Carmen" was again sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, with Mne. Calve in the title role. The popularity of Bizet's opera was manifested by the large attendance, and the diva was heard to splendid advantage. Mlle. Bamberger was Esmeralda and Mne. Van Caeteron, Mercedes. The part of Micaela was sung by Mne. Frances Saville, and M. Maurel was Escamillo. Orders in the cast were M. Lubert, M. de Vries, Sig. Carbone, M. de Louprez and Sig. Rinaldi. Mlle. Giuli's dancing was enthusiastically applauded. Sig. Benigni conducted the orchestra.

Paul Cingevall, the king of jugglers, was the main attraction at Koster & Bial's last night. He did some startling feats of balancing and gave an exhibition of strength, combined with skill. Martinetti's pantomime troupe remains a prominent feature, and the Orages, acrobats, were welcomed with renewed vigor. The Mario-Dunham Trio, Woodward's trained seals and sea lions, and the Gipsytroupe were among the other attractions. Professor Bonetti's trained animals and birds made their first appearance in America, and were warmly received.

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The first New York production of "Saved from the Sea" took place at the Columbus Theatre last night. The play abounds in realistic scenic effects, and there is a pretty love story running through the plot. The heroine is an actress who has been rescued by a fisherman, and enemies seek to encompass his downfall and secure her wealth. The play is a well-acted and interesting one, and he was supported by a clever company. During the week a more extended review will appear in the Journal.

Frank Bush, for years well known to the vaudeville stage, made his metropolitan debut as a star at the Fourteenth Street Theatre last night in "Girl Wanted." The play seems to have been specially constructed for Frank Bush, as it gives him an opportunity to display his versatility. He impersonates seven different characters, ranging from a strand actor to a prima donna, and each character is cleverly enacted. There is little to the play in the way of a plot, but it is full of catchy melodies and witty jokes. The members of the star's supporting company are all good in their respective parts, and, as the play is a comedy, the making, they are equal to its necessities.

John Drew and his company began a limited engagement at Palmer's Theatre last night, appearing in Henry Arthur Jones's "Bauble Shop," which was so popular last season. Mr. Drew has created the part of Lord Clivebrook, and he gave the same splendid impersonation which marked his previous triumph. Miss Adelaide, the part of the toy-maker's daughter. Others in the cast were Agnes Miller, Mrs. Abbie Adams, Elsie de Wolfe, Harry Harwood, Arthur Byron and Levie B. B.

"Carmen" was again sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, with Mne. Calve in the title role. The popularity of Bizet's opera was manifested by the large attendance, and the diva was heard to splendid advantage. Mlle. Bamberger was Esmeralda and Mne. Van Caeteron, Mercedes. The part of Micaela was sung by Mne. Frances Saville, and M. Maurel was Escamillo. Orders in the cast were M. Lubert, M. de Vries, Sig. Carbone, M. de Louprez and Sig. Rinaldi. Mlle. Giuli's dancing was enthusiastically applauded. Sig. Benigni conducted the orchestra.

Paul Cingevall, the king of jugglers, was the main attraction at Koster & Bial's last night. He did some startling feats of balancing and gave an exhibition of strength, combined with skill. Martinetti's pantomime troupe remains a prominent feature, and the Orages, acrobats, were welcomed with renewed vigor. The Mario-Dunham Trio, Woodward's trained seals and sea lions, and the Gipsytroupe were among the other attractions. Professor Bonetti's trained animals and birds made their first appearance in America, and were warmly received.

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