

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1897.

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CALM BEFORE A STORM

Militia at Hazleton Still Continues to Be on the Alert.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Officers Are on the Lookout for Treachery.

Soldiers Not Allowed to Accept Food or Drink from Any Person Outside of the Camp--Gross Rumors Come from Various Sources--Miners Have Censured Patronizing Company Stores and Many Have Moved from Lattimer to Hazleton--Strikers Are Confident of Success on Account of Coolness Between Operators.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hazleton, Sept. 15.—It was confidently expected yesterday that today would witness a pronounced change in the strike situation one way or another but the day is over and the looked-for change has not eventuated.

There was not a single occurrence of any great moment since 12 o'clock last night and all agree that it has been the most quiet and featureless day of the last five. There were no resump-tions and no further strikes of any consequence; in a nutshell the condition is practically the same as it was last night.

One thing, which is not new, but which the day brought forth, is that the operators are not only not harmonious, but actually at logger-heads, and that the knowledge of this has urged the strikers to efforts which they would never have instituted but for their belief that this is a most favorable time to seek whatever they want. It also explains satisfactorily why the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre men and Lehigh Valley men demanded an extra ten per cent. increase after a settlement had been agreed upon.

The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre company is deeply chagrined at the turn of affairs and blames the other operators of the region for the failure of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre men.

The Tribune representative received an authoritative statement from the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre company today that the company will positively refuse to again take the initiative and further will make no effort whatever to resume operations until the other companies have come to some definite understanding with their men. The other companies, it was freely stated by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre official, have absolutely avoided co-operating with us. "They can now fight their own battles and when they have settled their troubles our company will settle ours."

STRIKERS CONFIDENT.

The strikers are so confident of success that all through the region they are amending their first demands and asking in some cases as high as twenty per cent. of an increase, where before they asked only ten. John Fahy, president of the United Mine Workers, is going among them day and night organizing branches in every hamlet. Before the operators can get together the miners, so they themselves believe, will be so compactly organized that they will be in a position to dictate a basis for the region. Should the Mine Workers' association be delegated to handle the strike, and there is a willingness on the part of the widely scattered and heretofore totally disorganized miners to leave everything in the hands of the leaders, the companies will either make concessions that they scarcely dream of now or a long strike, with consequences no one cares to foreshadow, will ensue. A combine of the operators and the delegation of arbitrary powers by the strikers to a committee of their number is now to all appearance the only hope for an escape from protracted and possibly costly trouble.

One of the difficulties that this to be wished for consummation will encounter is refusal of the strikers to act in concert. At the E. B. Markle & Co. mines, where the men limited for their consideration, twenty-five per cent. of the men stayed away from work this morning. Tuesday night Superintendent John Scott, of the Ebervale washery, received grievances and a three-days notice from his men. This morning they went out on strike at the instigation of some malcontents among them and then induced the men at the same company's washery at Audenried to also turn out.

As an indication that the strikers are gaining new confidence from the discord among the operators, numerous instances might be given. A pronounced instance was the action of the Dodson & Co. men who returned to work Monday with their grievances satisfied and today made a further demand of an additional ten per cent. increase in wages and the reduction of the price of powder from \$2.75 to \$2 per keg. They were quiet and their demands are not acquiesced in within three days.

At the Spring Brook colliery the men went out because they were intimidated by strikers from other collieries. Now they refuse to return and have formulated grievances. Superintendent Hayes stated to the Tribune representative that he does not know what his company will do.

There was considerable activity among the troops today but further than causing some anxiety as to pos-

sible encounters their movements were fraught with consequences. Word came from Cranberry that a strike leader's house there and Captain Ott with two companies of cavalry, escorted a couple of coal and iron police on a search for the stuff. The houses were filled with dynamite which was discovered. The Fourth regiment, under Lieutenant Colonel Case, was dispatched to Freeland early this morning to patrol the region where marches of strikers from Buck Mountain and Eckley were anticipated. The soldiers filled ten passenger coaches and took along four cars of baggage. They will remain at the Northwest region indefinitely. Up to a late hour tonight no trouble was reported from that point. One battalion of the Twelfth, under Major King, arrived with a roving commission patrolled the region about Audenried. It was simply a practice march General Gobin said. Burgess James O'Donnell, of Audenried, summoned them about 10 o'clock, saying the strikers were becoming unruly. The soldiers found a great many men drunk but no general demonstration.

PAY CAR GUARDED.

The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre company's pay car was guarded by eight deputies with Winchester on its trip to pay the miners at Audenried. The outfit of the Thirteenth at Lattimer at 3 o'clock this morning reported suspicious-looking lights, moving about on the mountain side to the east. A detail was hastened in the direction of the lights, but they had disappeared before the soldiers arrived. They are still unexplained. The scouts say that it looked as if it might be a crowd of men looking at a meeting. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the possibility of poisoned food or water. Colonel Mattes has given strict orders against his men buying or accepting food or drink in Lattimer and at Audenried. Thirty men constantly guard the artesian well from which the Twelfth secures its water. The Thirteenth has an artesian well in the center of the camp. J. H. Jacobs, a Broad street baker, received a letter today signed "Foreign Element," which accused him of being a deputy and threatening to exterminate the strike. It is unquestionably a joke. Today one hundred girls employed at the Freeland overall factory went out on strike because of a re-adjustment of wages, which they claim reduces their earnings. Theodore Tuckey, of the Austro-Hungarian consul, is still here collecting evidence with a view of seeking indemnity. Attorney Robert E. Cox, of New York, has been engaged to prosecute the case for the Austrian government.

CALVIN PARTEE, of Philadelphia, one of the most prominent operators in this region, came to Hazleton tonight. He owns and operates the two mines at Lattimer and one at Harwood. He said: "I see no immediate prospects for a settlement; the men have brought this on themselves." Mr. Pardee complains bitterly of the way the men were forced out and lays most of the blame on agitators, chief of whom he names John Fahy, president of the United Mine Workers, who is now in Hazleton.

County Detective Eckert was here today and stated that he is in possession of eighty statements from strikers regarding Friday's shooting and that every one of them is a different story. Tomorrow he will get statements from twenty-five deputies who were in the firing posse.

WAGE DEMANDS.

Midnight—An immense mass meeting of delegations from all of the collieries of the Cross Creek Coal company (Coxe Bros. & Co.) has just adjourned at Freeland. It was decided to make the following demands: Uniform scale of wages for miners similar to that paid at Jeddo, all laborers \$1.35 per day, slate-pickers 50 cents to \$1 a day, reduction of powder from \$2.50 to \$2 a keg, coal for private families reduced to \$2 per ton. The company will be given until Monday to consider the demands and if they are not acquiesced in all of the 2,000 will strike. Only two of the Coxe company collieries are at present out.

T. J. D.

TEN THOUSAND IDLE.

Estimate of the Number of Strikers at Hazleton--Notes of Thirteenth.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 15.—Careful estimates place the number of idle men at 10,000. All of the Lehigh Valley Coal company men are out and at the company's office it is stated that they did not expect a resumption of work, the men refused to accept the terms to which their leaders subscribed last Saturday. The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre employees gave as their reason for not resuming this morning that they wanted to attend the funeral of a victim who was a resident of MeAdoo, Eckley colliery, of Coxe Bros. & Co., 350 men; Sandy Run colliery of Kemmerer & Co., 400 men, and the Ebervale washery of McTurk & Tyler, 150 men, went on strike yesterday.

The Lattimer miners had a meeting yesterday and resolved to stand out. They had quit by agreement with the company, so as to avoid the possibility of inciting another march on the place. Now the men are determined to stay out for a raise in wages.

The men now on strike are:

Table listing names and numbers of miners on strike, including Lehigh Valley Coal Co., Sandy Run, and Ebervale washery.

In addition to this there are possibly 500 others idle by reason of the shutting down of various small washeries throughout the region, employing anywhere from five to fifty men.

Below is given a list of the operators, their collieries, their location and the present condition of affairs at each. The information is secured from official sources and is the first authentic compilation made:

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STEAMBOAT COLLISION.

An Excursion Party from Mauch Chunk in a Week on the Hudson.

New York, Sept. 15.—The Hudson river steambot wrecked at night last night and the large excursion boat St. Johns collided tonight in the river off the city. The St. Johns had one thousand passengers aboard and the Catalina had thirty passengers and was heavily loaded with freight. A hole was cut in the Catalina's hull and a panic ensued among her passengers. Small boats were lowered from the St. Johns and those struggling in the water were rescued. The Catalina was headed for the Jersey shore when near the shore she filled with water and went down on a mud bank. Three persons are missing and are thought to be drowned. They are Mrs. Maria McDonald, residence unknown; Susan Morris, of Buttenberg, N. J., and a boy named Bertie Timmerman. The thousand passengers on board the St. Johns, formed the members of an excursion party from Mauch Chunk, Pa. Their business consisted of visiting the city and there taking the boat and going up the Hudson. The St. Johns was on her way back to Jersey City when the collision occurred. To all appearances the St. Johns is not badly damaged.

THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT IN CAMP

Members of the Guard Are Not Enjoying a Picnic.

PLENTY OF WORK, NIGHT AND DAY

The Prospects for an Indefinite Stay Here Caused Restlessness in Some Quarters--Tents Are Being Made More Comfortable and the Camp Streets Have Been Graded--Strict Discipline Is Maintained.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hazleton, Sept. 15.—It is now evident that the soldiers are in it for an indefinite stay and the boys of the Thirteenth are making arrangements accordingly. The canvas homes are being made more comfortable and cosy, company streets are being gutted, graded and generally improved, and letters are being sent home for blankets, extra wearing apparel and the wherewithal to do barter with the sutler. Few, possibly, of the regiment are really desirous of a prolonged stay, but they are heard to grumble very freely against the present conditions. The present conditions or future prospects. The fact that the two men who had engagements to marry experienced no little difficulty in being excused even for five days, has about convinced the boys that furloughs are not the most ingenious of excuse-makers do not dare attempt to get one. There are about a dozen lawyers in the Thirteenth and every man of them has something or another coming up at criminal court which begins next week. They are very restless and are hoping harder than anybody else that the "blame thing" will break up this week.

YELLOW FEVER HAS GAINED A FOOTHOLD

Jackson Is Depopulated; Its Business Houses Closed and Its Newspaper Suspended--An Exodus of Inhabitants.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 15.—The state capital is depopulated, its business houses closed and its newspaper suspended. Several cases of yellow fever are officially announced at its very doors with many suspected cases at various points. The state and there are grave apprehensions that the dread disease has obtained a foothold in numerous parts of the state. The worst fears of the medical fraternity and the public have been realized and the prevailing disease at Edwards has been pronounced yellow fever. The state board of health has laid a general embargo on travel except out of the state by means of an order promulgated this afternoon and addressed to all lines of transportation. Travel from infected places is absolutely barred. The bright side of the situation is that the disease is not spreading rapidly. The most rigid quarantine prevails here.

Dr. Guitas reached Edwards at 4.30 a. m. today and after investigation sent a message to the state board stating that he found seven genuine cases of yellow fever.

FATALLY CHEWED BY A LION.

The Animal Escaped from a Traveling Circus.

Sharon, Pa., Sept. 15.—While en route from Sandy Lake to Grove City last night, a large lion escaped from a traveling circus and has since been terrorizing the country. As soon as its escape was discovered, the circus attacked, armed with poles and ropes, started after it, but it leaped into a dense wood. Its roar could be heard for miles and farmers locked their doors, afraid to venture out. Charles Hoffman heard a commotion and went to investigate. He saw an animal crouching in the stock yard, and charged it. With a roar it sprang upon him, sinking its teeth into his neck. He was killed and torn him in a frightful manner. He lost consciousness and when found several hours later was nearly dead from loss of blood. The lion is still at large. It was claimed to be one of the most vicious animals in captivity.

Union Traction Company Deficiency.

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—The Union Traction company, which operates all of the street railway lines of this city, with one small exception, held its annual meeting and election today. A. J. Casper, who was elected in a general election on the board of directors about a week ago, declined to serve and General Manager J. S. Forster was elected in his stead. The report for the year ending June 30, 1897, shows a deficiency of \$83,931.

Wellington's Successor.

Springfield, Sept. 15.—The reconvened Republican state convention to choose here a delegate to the National Convention, today nominated Philip L. Goldsboro, today nominated Philip L. Goldsboro, today nominated Philip L. Goldsboro.

Silver Camp Meeting.

Springfield, Sept. 15.—The silver camp meeting arranged to continue here a week began today with a somewhat smaller assemblage than was expected. The meeting is a national free silver camp meeting, a number of the speakers are engaged for each day. A great tent has been erected in the fair grounds at the foot of the hill which will seat 5,000 and give accommodations for 2,000.

Boynnton-Gaines Wedding.

Washington, Sept. 15.—One of the most interesting social events of the season was the celebration today, at the Church of the Covenant, of the wedding of Charles H. Boynnton, night manager of the Associated Press, and Miss Florence Gaines, of this city. William D. Farwell, of the New York Tribune, acted as best man. After the wedding breakfast the bride couple left for the north.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The president today nominated postmaster for Pennsylvania as follows: California, James I. McKenna; Clarion, W. Day Wilson; Corcosopolis, John D. Scott; Freeland, B. F. Davis; Hastings, Henry J. Van Dusen; George Sowaish; Mount Pleasant, J. R. Zuck.

Powderly Departs "Japs."

Washington, Sept. 15.—Commissioner Powderly of the immigration bureau, has directed the deportation of sixteen contract laborers recently arrived at San Francisco from Japan on the steamer Victoria. These laborers arrived at Victoria on Aug. 28 by the steamer Columbia.

Medal for General Pearson.

Washington, Sept. 15.—A medal of honor has been awarded to General Alfred T. Pearson, of Pittsburg, Pa., for gallantry in leading a charge at the battle of Lewis Farm, Va., March 29, 1865.

American Vessels Favored.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The Mexican government has exempted American and other sailing vessels, carrying exclusively coal into Mexican ports, from tonnage duties.

BOARD OF PARDONS.

The Gallows Cheated Out of Two Candidates.

Harrisburg, Sept. 15.—The board of pardons today recommended a commutation of the sentence of Albert Von Neida, of Philadelphia, to life imprisonment. Von Neida was to have been hanged Oct. 27. The board pardoned George Runeri, of Pittsburg, whose death sentence was commuted February, 1892, and refused to grant a re-hearing to Frank Jongsraas, the New Castle murderer.

These pardons were recommended: William Watson, Lancaster, larceny; Harold Spray, Philadelphia, larceny; Frank J. Ring, Sullivan, assault. Pardons were refused Timothy Horgan, Montgomery, assault and battery; Thos. J. Devlin, Schuylkill, misdemeanor in office; William J. Dunn, Allegheny, forgery; Robert Eyster, York, larceny; Jeremiah McDonald, Allegheny, larceny; J. L. Davidson, Allegheny, robbery.

TWENTY-FOUR MEN ENTOMBED.

Asphyxiated by Foul Gases in a Mexican Quarry.

City of Mexico, Sept. 15.—The persons killed at the Penoles quarry explosion, numbering twenty-four, were asphyxiated by the poisonous gases generated by the explosion. Among the number were several horsemen, who perished with their teams, and the bodies of men and horses lay together in a horrible manner. It seemed an age before the heavy atmosphere allowed the gas to rise from over the graves in which they had been entombed.

MINE CARRIAGE DROPS; NINE MEN INJURED

Engineer at the Alden Shaft Lost Control of the Machinery and the Carriage Fell 580 Feet.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 15.—At 6.30 this morning an engine, with Sylvester Blerly was lowering ten men into the new shaft of the Alden Coal company at Alden. He lost control of the engine, and the carriage descended to the bottom, 580 feet, with a crash, injuring every occupant of the carriage but one. Instantly as was ascertained about the works and as the news spread through the town, the families of the miners at the works rushed to the head of the shaft, all fearing that the men found in the shaft had been instantly killed. The injured are: MARIAN KULOSKI, 20 years old, single. THOMAS TOGUEKI, 27, single. JOSEPH KOCZEL, 42, married, wife and two children. STEVEN FABYHSHEFSKI, 22, single. ANTHONY KOCZEL, 25, single. THEOPHIL MELOFFSKI, 31, married, wife and one child in old country. GEORGE GOLCOMB, 21, married, wife and one child. ROMAN SURTKOBI, 23, single, injured. JOE STOMKIEWICZ, uninjured, walked home to Nantux as the accident occurred. After the carriage dropped, it was impossible to raise it again, it being bent and twisted out of shape. A rescuing party found its way to the shaft by means of ropes. The shaft which connects with No. 2, and all of the injured were brought to the surface through No. 1.

KING BENIN'S TRIAL.

Three of His Chiefs Have Been Condemned and Shot.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Sept. 15.—The trial of the king of Benin and his chiefs who surrendered on Aug. 5, to the British authorities and who are charged with being concerned in the massacre of an unarmed expedition under Consul Phillips, is proceeding at Benin City.

Three of the chiefs have already been condemned to a fatal wound. Congon and his bodies were displayed, hanging in the streets for twenty-four hours. The third of these three chiefs committed suicide.

Governor at Bellefonte.

Harrisburg, Sept. 15.—Governor Hastings will go to Bellefonte tomorrow to spend a few days at his summer home. The executive said tonight the troops would be withdrawn from the strike region as soon as circumstances will warrant. He is anxious to avoid the expense of keeping the soldiers there if their services are not necessary and has asked Major General Snowdon and Adjutant General Stewart to report fully on the situation.

Shot His Brother-in-Law.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Thomas J. Congdon shot his brother-in-law, Frederick Cook, near Saugott, in this county, today, inflicting a fatal wound. Congdon surrendered himself. Congdon some years ago lost his farm through mismanagement. When it was sold under mortgage foreclosure, Mrs. Cook, his sister, bid it in and the Cook family have since resided on the place. Both men are over 60 years of age.

Chicago Fever Proof.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—No quarantine will be declared in Chicago against the fever infected districts of the south. This was decided upon by a meeting of the board of health today. It was announced that the yellow fever refugees will be received in Chicago without quarantine. The board agreed that the climatic conditions prevailing in Chicago preclude the possibility of any danger from that source.

Du Bois Miners Will Work.

DuBois, Pa., Sept. 15.—The DuBois miners held another meeting today and again voted to return to work. Unless some unforeseen trouble arises they will therefore resume work tomorrow morning. All other mines in the Clearfield district are working.

Steamship Arrivals.

Liverpool, Sept. 15.—Arrived: Aurania, from New York. Queenstown-Arrived: Germanic, from New York. Southampton-Arrived: Paris, from New York. Plymouth-Arrived: Saale, from New York for Bremen.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

- 1 General-Suspense at Hazleton. Thirteenth in Camp. Lynching Bee in Indiana. 2 Sport--Base Ball Games. Sporting Chat. 3 Local--A Few County Statistics. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local--September Weddings. W. C. T. U. in Session at Dalton. 6 Lackawanna County News. 7 Thirteenth in Camp (Continued). 8 Neighboring County Notes. Financial and Commercial.

OFFICERS RESIGN.

Lieutenants Moir, of Company C, and Sample, of Company D, have resigned. The regiment has taken an anti-shave vow and already they are beginning to look ferocious. Any man who breaks his vow forfeits a day's pay to his company. Lieutenant W. W. Ingalls, of Company D, was growing a beard that looked like Sheriff Martin's hirsute footstool and rather than run the risk of being lynched he shaved. Last night he was tried by court martial, found guilty and sentenced to give up the use of his looking glass for three days. The officers of the trial were J. S. Courtright, Company G, Judge; Sergeant Paschalis, Company C, clerk; Headquarters Clerk W. H. Roe, clerk.

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BAD GANG CLEANED OUT

Five Desperadoes Are Lynched by Citizens of Osgood.

BODIES DANGLED ON AN ELM

Strange Sight That Greeted Residents of Osgood.

Incensed by Numerous Robberies, the Citizens Form Themselves into a Vigilance Committee and Try to Exterminate the Gang--Desperate Encounter Between Sheriff and the Robbers.

Osgood, Ind., Sept. 15.—Incensed by numerous depredations, repeated burglaries, and daylight robberies, the people of Ripley county, Ind., have taken the law into their own hands and meted out to the perpetrators a punishment greater than provided by law. Five men, who have long been a terror to the citizens of this county, were lynched last night, and when the citizens of Versailles, the county seat, across this morning, they found the bodies of five men dangling from as many limbs of an elm tree in the center of the public square.

Their feet were but a few inches from the ground, while their hands and feet had been securely tied with strong ropes.

Versailles is a town of eight hundred people. It is one of the oldest in the state and although it is five miles from a railroad station and has no telegraphic communication, it is still the county seat. For four or five years the farmers of the county have been the victims of a lawless gang who lived an outlaw existence, robbing indiscriminately and sometimes committing graver crimes. Farmers would come in town with a bunch of cattle or load of farming products and next morning they would be found robbed and beaten by the roadside. Old German farmers have been visited and both men and women have been tortured to make them give up their savings. Aged German women have been forced to stand upon a red hot stove in an effort to compel them to disclose the hiding place of some treasure in the home. These depredations have continued unceasingly. Arrest has been made, but the guilty parties have covered up their lawlessness and it was seldom that conviction followed.

The information was given by one of the gang's confederates, who had been under suspicion. Sheriff Henry Bushing arranged that his informant should accompany them, and securing five deputies to attend to the place, Sheriff Bushing concealed himself in the collar, while the deputies were stationed at a convenient distance outside. Shortly after midnight the gang reached Woolley Brothers' store. Clifford Gordon and the sheriff's informant had been designated to break into the building. Gordon himself effected an entrance and just as he stepped inside the sheriff grabbed him. Both pulled pistols at the same time and began firing. Bert Andrews was with the robbers and he, too, joined in the fusillade, while the deputies came to the assistance of the sheriff.

The robbers had driven out to the place in a buggy belonging to Lyle Levi, and from information subsequently gathered it was learned that the robbery had been planned in the home of William Jenkins. The latter was arrested as accessories. All were taken to the jail at Versailles, Henry Schuler, 21 years, was put in the jail for robbing the barber shop at Osgood last night. Levi was 57 years of age, Gordon 22, Andrews 29, and Jenkins 27.

LYNCHING PARTY ARRIVES.

It was 1 o'clock this morning when horsemen seemed to come from all quarters and dismounted on a hillside near Versailles. Little time was lost, for the details had been pre-arranged. Quietly about 400 marched into the town.

The jail was in charge of William Kenan, Sheriff Bushing's brother-in-law, the former being at home on account of his injury. In front of the jail proper is the residence and in that were acting Jailor Kenan and Robert Barnett, deputy sheriffs.

Shortly before 2 o'clock there was a knock at the door and when Kenan and others opened the door they were presented to pistols held by three masked men and asked to turn over the keys. This they did and then the mob filed into the jail. Three of the prisoners, Levi, Jenkins and Schuler, were on the lower floor, while Gordon and Andrews were in the upper tier. Levi and Jenkins and Schuler showed fight and the former was shot through the breast, and the skulls of the two latter were crushed with a stool. Ropes were in readiness and adjusting a noose around the neck of each, their feet and hands were pinioned and then the march began. The five prisoners were dragged to an elm tree, where their bodies were suspended. It is said Levi, Jenkins and Schuler were dead before they reached the place.

Cincinnati, Sept. 15.—A special from Osgood says trouble is brewing again tonight. Local authorities will not call for troops and Governor Mount has ordered the attorney general there to interpret the law to them.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Sept. 16.—In the middle states and New England, today, clear and decidedly warmer weather and fresh to light southerly to southerly winds will prevail, followed in this section by sultriness and maximum temperatures of 86 degrees or more excess on that note the coast, with the approach of the severe hot wave.