

SOUTHERN HEAT WAVE

Over 100 Deaths in New South Wales

Melbourne with 114 deg. Breaks its Record

Last Friday was one of the worst days of the intense heat wave that has been sweeping the Southern States, but which, like the Victorian bushfires, has now been alleviated by rainfall.

Melbourne that day broke all its temperature records, when a maximum of 114 deg. was registered—the highest ever recorded in Victoria.

Sydney's maximum temperature during the day was only 82.5; but at 10.15 p.m. the reading was 90.3, the highest ever recorded at that hour.

In the Capital Cities

Maximum temperatures in the capital cities on Friday were: Brisbane, 87; Sydney, 82; Canberra, 107; Melbourne, 114; Adelaide, 114; Perth, 74; Hobart, 70.

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News from Sydney, January 16, says: Two more deaths at Cobar and one at Bourke have resulted from the heat wave which is still sweeping the inland areas. Deaths due to the heat in New South Wales now number over 100.

These deaths, be it noted, are the result of the heat wave, and do not include the tragedies directly caused by the bush fires.

Cobar: 40 Successive Days Over 100 Deg.

Cobar claims to have broken all heat records for Australia with a temperature of more than 100 degrees for 40 days. On Sunday the maximum temperature at Cobar was 118 degrees, and at 9 a.m. on Monday it was 112 degrees. At Bourke, at the same hour, it was 110 degrees. Since the heat commenced Cobar has averaged six or seven cases daily of collapse from heat,

and altogether there have been five deaths there. Bourke has also had five deaths due to the heat. After 32 consecutive days of heartbreaking heat, which caused the collapse of scores of people and the deaths of six, Ivanhoe on Sunday enjoyed its first day with a temperature under 100 degrees.

A Hot Sunday

Last Sunday was hot over most of Queensland. Brisbane recorded 99.8 (Monday was 13 deg. lower), and the mercury soared to 114 at St. George, 113 at Cunnamulla, 111 at Charleville and Goondiwindi, and 110 at Roma. It was 100 at most places even on the Darling Downs.