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Weather averages! Napoleon was fooled once by weather averages. The story goes that he asked the great scientist, La Place, to calculate for him when the cold set in over Russia. He was told that severe cold did not set in till January, this being the average time. Napoleon therefore went to Russia with his army before January. In December a cold spell came and the army was lost. So the average condition does not tell the whole story: one must know the extremes and the variations in times of occurrences. For example, Chicago has a July mean of 74 degrees and a January mean of 26, but the extremes are 23 degrees below and 103 degrees above; and these may occur on any days in their proper seasons.
