

FINDING OUT HOW HOT HE IS



The man who is foolish enough to consult the thermometer adds to his discomfort when he learns the mercury is near the hundred mark.

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Washington So Construes Declarations of British Foreign Minister

TERMS UP TO FRANCE

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RUSSIANS FIGHT STUBBORNLY ON GALICIA FRONTS

Teutons Cross Into Slav Territory Near Tarnopol. Meet Strong Resistance

HUNGARY NOW MENACED

GENEVA, July 31.—German troops that fought their way across the Zbrucz River, southeast of Tarnopol, have advanced from three to five miles into Russian territory, according to advices from Berlin today.

The Russians made strong resistance, but in spite of this the Germans were able to cross the stream at several points. Hard fighting was reported from the Dniester River sector, and also from the Carpathian Mountains in Moldavia (Rumania), where Field Marshal von Mackensen is attempting a counter-offensive to check the Russo-Rumanian forces in the Putna Valley region.

Just north of the Putna Valley the Russo-Rumanian army is based only five miles from the Hungarian border. The Russians seemed today to be recovering from the virus injected into her armies by the German spy system. Dispatches showed that on some sectors of the great northeastern front Kerensky's troops had assumed the initiative and were vigorously pressing the battle.

In Russia, German Chancellor Michaelis's statement, designed to alienate Russia from the Allies, apparently did not create a ripple of interest. London newspapers today emphasized an interview which Premier Lloyd George granted on his return from Paris, asserting:

"The Russians are a puzzling quantity; they fought when we least expected them and hung back when it seemed they ought to go on. My latest information is that Russia will recover and become as formidable as ever."

In this same connection editorial comment today applauded Foreign Minister Balfour's statement in the House of Commons yesterday denying the German claim that the Allies warred for conquest.

Evidence of a forthcoming military dictatorship in Russia were received in advices from Petrograd today.

Premier and War Minister Kerensky is understood to favor the strengthening of the military authorities' power at an army conference that has been called to meet in Moscow.

There are reports that General Korniloff, leader of the recent Russian drive in Galicia, may be made Minister of War.

ANGLO-FRENCH ARMIES LAUNCH GREAT DRIVE IN WEST; STRIKE IN FLANDERS AND ON THE AISNE

Haig's Troops Capture First Objectives and Many Prisoners in Gigantic Offensive in the Messines Ridge Sector

Petain's Forces Seize German Positions on Mile Front in Sudden Blow in La Royere-West Epine-Chevregny Region—Win "Complete Success"—Assaults Follow Terrific Bombardments

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, July 31. Field Marshal Haig sent the Crown Prince Rupprecht's German forces reeling backward today from the force of an unparalleled blow struck north of the River Lys.

French troops, co-operating with the British, crossed the Ypres-Lille Canal and swarmed over the enemy's first and second lines. Meanwhile, British Tommies struck savagely and successfully, driving the foe back. The British forces captured La Basseville in the first dash. All counter-attacks were repulsed here as well as elsewhere. This afternoon the victorious troops were consolidating their new gains.

BERLIN, July 31. "Artillery fire in Flanders increased toward evening to drumfire intensity," today's official statement said, "and in the morning strong enemy attacks commenced on a wide front from the Yser to the River Lys."

LONDON, July 31. The Allies captured their first objectives. Satisfactory progress was attained in all positions. Considerable prisoners have already been taken.

England and France signaled the beginning of the fourth year of the war today with a joint offensive on two fronts that swept forward in full success to first objectives.

In Flanders, beyond the Messines Wytchaete Ridge, the British, assisted by French troops on their left, brought to a climax the vast artillery preparation of the last week by a concerted mass attack.

On the Chemin-des-Dames, Paris reported a sudden offensive in the Chevregny sector which smashed ahead to German positions on a front of more than a mile.

Field Marshal Haig did not mention the exact extent of the British-French offensive front in Belgium, but gave its lowermost point as "north of the River Lys."

Front dispatches indicated fighting was continuing fiercely today. The first men went over the top at 3:50 a. m. The British Commander-in-Chief reported:

Haig's assaults—the second concerted offensive in this Messines Ridge sector—followed the greatest artillery duel in the whole war to date. For seven days now British and German guns have been roaring along this Belgian front. The Germans apparently started the concentrated fire, presumably fearing another stroke in this sector, and the British quickly replied with redoubled activity.

Suddenly assuming the offensive today, French troops swept forward to complete success in attaining their first objectives over a front of more than a mile in the La Royere-West Epine-Chevregny sector of the Chemin des Dames.

The War Office announced "complete success of all objects had been attained." A German counter-attack was thrown back. Prisoners taken in the French drive included 167 enlisted men, two officers and fifteen noncommissioned officers—belonging to three different regiments.

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QUICK NEWS

BASEBALL SCORES—NATIONAL LEAGUE PHILLIES, 1st g. 1 0 0 ST. LOUIS . . . . . 0 0 0

Alexander and Killefer; Meadows and Snyder; Quigley and Byron.

BOSTON (1st g.) . . . . . 0 0 0 0 CHICAGO . . . . . 2 0 3 0

Rudolph and Traggess; Douglas and Wilson.

U. S. STEEL DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, July 31.—The United States Steel Corporation has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1-1/4 per cent on the common stock and an extra dividend of 3 per cent on the issue. The usual quarterly dividend of 1-3/4 per cent on the preferred stock also has been declared.

JULY WHEAT JUMPS TO \$2.74

CHICAGO, July 31.—Shorts in July wheat bid that future up to \$2.74 just before the close today, a jump of ten cents from the opening. Today, the last day of the month, also caused a big jump in July oats.

DRAFT SECOND CLASS ON CALL EARLY IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The second class of 755,700 men registered under the draft will be called up for examination early in August. With examination of the first quota of 1,374,000 progressing rapidly, the Provost Marshal General's office today announced that seven days after the first called are examined the second quota would be posted for examination. The second class, which will number 110 per cent of the 687,000 men needed to fill the regular army and militia, and the new national army of 600,000 will be combed for men to replace those exempt in the first group.

GERMANS SHOT MERCHANT AND THREE WOMEN

AMSTERDAM, July 31.—German authorities at Liege shot down a merchant and his wife and two daughters on the unproved charge of espionage, according to a wireless message received here today. The two daughters, it was declared, were compelled to witness the execution of their parents.

6100 RUSSIANS FROM U. S. REACH DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, July 30.—According to the Christiania correspondent of the National Tidende, 6100 Russians from America have arrived on Danish vessels together with a number of invalided Russians, mainly officers, from France. All are forced to remain at Christiania owing to the closing of the Russian frontier.

BRITISH LOSSES 71,889 IN MONTH

LONDON, July 31.—England lost 71,889 in killed, wounded and missing of her army forces, according to the month's casualty list total today. The casualties were divided as follows: Killed, officers, 557; men, 14,992; total, 15,549. Wounded, officers, 1679; men, 51,766; total, 53,445. Missing, officers, 190; men, 2705; total, 2895.

RUSSIAN COMMERCE CHAMBER AT SHANGHAI

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Consular report says that a Russian Chamber of Commerce has been organized at Shanghai largely through the activities of the Russian Bank, the manager of the bank, Count L. Jezierski, being at the head of the organization.

ROCKEFELLER RENOUNCES INTEREST FUND CONTROL

NEW YORK, July 31.—John D. Rockefeller, in a letter to the trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, has renounced his right to control the disposition of \$2,000,000 of the annual interest on the \$100,000,000 endowment. Mr. Rockefeller explained his action as due to a recognition of the increasing demand now being made upon the resources of the foundation, especially those arising from the great war for humanity, which have led the foundation to appropriate a part of its principal as well as of its income. Up to July 19 the sum of \$965,236 had not been designated by Mr. Rockefeller.

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO DROP FOURTEEN TRAINS

TOPEKA, Kan., July 31.—The State Public Utilities Commission has granted the Missouri Pacific Railroad the right to drop fourteen trains from its passenger schedules and to provide mixed trains for the service formerly rendered.

SUNSTROKE FATAL IN ALTOONA'S HOT WAVE

ALTOONA, Pa., July 31.—Thomas Baker died today from sunstroke at his father's farm in Logan township. He never recovered consciousness after being stricken. He is the season's first heat victim. This was the tenth and hottest day of the heat wave. At an early hour 90 in the shade was registered. Pennsylvania Railroad shophmen suffered intensely. Several prostrations were reported.

AMERICAN AVIATOR DOWNS TWO GERMAN PLANES

PARIS, July 31.—Sergeant Thomas M. Hewett, of New York, barely escaped serious injury in misjudging his landing place after an aerial reconnaissance, according to word from headquarters of the Lafayette Escadrille today. He crashed to the ground and was stunned. Lieutenant Raoul Lufberry, of New York, had a stiff fight recently with two enemy planes, both of which he downed. One was a fast German monoplane. He had no sooner disposed of this than a big biplane appeared. It, too, was crumpled in the American's fire.

GERMANS PLAN TO RECAPTURE DYE TRADE

WASHINGTON, July 31.—News has reached Washington through consular channels of the formation of a great new dyestuffs syndicate which has been formed in Germany for the purpose of recapturing the German trade as soon as the war is over. The new German combination is especially determined to drive the new American industry out of the foreign trade and is expected to give American manufacturers a hard fight.

NATIONAL GUARD CAMP PLANS REVISED

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Revision of National Guard camp plans was made necessary early today because Ohio troops will require a camp to themselves. West Virginia's two regiments of infantry will encamp at Hattiesburg, Miss., along with Indiana and Kentucky guards, leaving Ohio men alone at Montgomery, Ala. Ohio, with between 25,000 and 24,000 men, constituting virtually a full division, will need all the camp room available at Montgomery.

HOMER FOLKS BEGINS RED CROSS DUTIES IN FRANCE

PARIS, July 31.—Homer Folke, president of the Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, who recently arrived in Paris, has taken charge of the Department of Civil Affairs of the American Red Cross in France. The work of Mr. Folke will be largely with the question of tuberculosis and the care of orphaned children and refugees from the devastated districts of the war zone.

Frost and Overcoats Are Reported by Wire

DENVER, Col., July 31. WHILE a large section of the country sweated under a blistering sun, people at Corona, on the Continental Divide, wore overcoats today in a temperature of 40.

PORTLAND, July 31. Many parts of the Pacific Northwest have been touched by frost and today tender vegetable plants in war gardens were killed. For several nights the temperature in eastern Oregon and Washington has fallen to 30 degrees.

BROWN BRINGS ACTION AGAINST AUDITOR GENERAL

Asks Court to Compel Auditor General to Recognize Requisitions Drawn by Department Heads

HARRISBURG, July 31.—Auditor General Snyder's refusal to recognize the legality of requisitions drawn by Banking Commissioner Lafean, Commissioner of Fisheries Buller, Secretary of Agriculture Patton and Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding Long was put before the courts today for review when Attorney General Brown asked the Dauphin County court for a writ of alternative mandamus to compel Snyder to abandon his stand.

Judge Henry, of Lebanon County, specially presiding here in the absence of Judges Kunkel and McCarrell, received the application from Deputy Attorney General Hargest. August 13 was the date fixed for the Auditor General to file an answer. The Attorney General kept closely to legal forms in his application. He recites the acts of the Auditor General in July 5, and appointments by the Governor, July 5, and appointments by the Auditor General to honor their warrants. He did not mention the rejection of the men by the Senate. The result now depends upon the court's interpretation of the Constitution.

Ozark Feud Breaks Out Again

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 31.—The Taylor-Billyeu feud in the Ozarks claimed another victim today. Frank Taylor was shot and killed by Lenora Billyeu Taylor's son-in-law, Wilford Hensley, received a charge of shot in the side from a rifle in the hands of Ben Billyeu. He was probably mortally wounded.

Russian Officials to See Chicago

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Boris Bakshmet, the Russian Ambassador, and the embassy staff will pay a formal visit to Chicago, leaving Washington Thursday. They will spend Friday and Saturday in Chicago. The visit will be marked by a trip to the great lake naval training station, a series of luncheon visits to the Jewish quarter and the Polish quarter.

WORST HEAT IN 16 YEARS KILLS THREE

Street Temperatures Ranging to 107 Bring Suffering to Thousands

VICTIMS GO TO HOSPITALS

TEMPERATURES Today Yesterday 12 a. m. . . . . 82 78 1 a. m. . . . . 81 79 2 a. m. . . . . 81 77 3 a. m. . . . . 81 77 4 a. m. . . . . 80 78 5 a. m. . . . . 80 75 6 a. m. . . . . 82 76 7 a. m. . . . . 84 79 8 a. m. . . . . 87 82 9 a. m. . . . . 90 88 10 a. m. . . . . 92 90 11 a. m. . . . . 93 93 12 m. . . . . 96 93 1 p. m. . . . . 98 95 2 p. m. . . . . 99 96 3 p. m. . . . . 99 96

Heat prostration caused the death of Dr. Jacob Frankel, forty-six years old, of 1314 South Fifth street. Without any outward indication that he was in ill health he toppled over. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Sophie Frankel, and two daughters, Rosalie, five years, and Helen, three years old. The body of Doctor Frankel will be buried Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Frankford Cemetery.

With the street temperatures ranging from 100 in the shade to 107 in the sun, the city is sweltering in the worst heat wave in sixteen years. Three deaths were caused in this city today by the heat.

One victim, Samuel Mortimer, forty-five years old, of 3247 Tampa street, died while sitting in a chair at his home. The second death was that of Charles E. Remmester, Jr., one year old, of 2018 South Colorado street. Another baby to succumb was Daniel Lipscomb, six months old, of 2202 Bolton street.

Mrs. Katie Conner, 66 years old, of 2407 Howell street, Camden, was overcome at her home and taken to the Cooper Hospital. While cleaning a car at Huntingdon street station, Charles Pifer, forty years old, of Newkirk street above York, fell exhausted and was rushed to the Samaritan Hospital.

Zebby Coles, fifty-two years old, of 518 Elm street, Camden, was overcome while sitting in a chair at his home.

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THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued warm tonight and Wednesday; gentle winds, mostly southwest.

LENGTH OF DAY 11:57 a. m. Moon sets . . . 1:42 a. m. Sun sets . . . 7:15 p. m. Moon rises . . . 10:04 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTER TIDE Low water . . . 4:15 a. m. High water . . . 11:30 a. m. 4:15 p. m. 11:30 p. m. DELAWARE TIDE AT EACH POINT