

Washington, Sept. 24.—Fair tonight and probably Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR. Table with columns for hours and temperatures.

PHILADELPHIA and THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

17 FIGHTING MEN OF THIS DISTRICT KIILLED IN FRANCE

Ten Others Are Reported Prisoners. Three Are Missing

PHILADELPHIAN HURT

Official Casualty Lists of 269 Include Sixty-one Pennsylvanians

Roll of Honor for City and Vicinity

- List of names including: LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK J. DEFFY, 3417 Spring Garden Street.

VICE PRESIDENT AND STATESMEN FLEE HOTEL FIRE

Marshall, Minus Gas Mask, and Penrose, in Bath Robe, Escape Willard Blaze

Washington, Sept. 23.—Police and fire officials today were investigating the origin of a fire early this morning in the New Willard Hotel, which caused damage estimated at \$100,000 and sent hundreds of guests, many of them of national prominence, scurrying through the smoke-filled corridors to the lobby and safety.

Vice President Marshall, senators, representatives and diplomats with their families were among the scantily clad guests who quickly reached the lobby by means of the elevators and stairways. Mr. Penrose, who was unharmed, was taken to the Willard Hotel by Mrs. Marshall, made his way with her, their adopted baby and nurse down three flights of stairs.

MAY SUE MAYOR IN GUEDEHUS CASE; ACTION CRITICISED

Playgrounds Association Officials Believe Smith Overstepped Authority in Forcing Election

The forcing through of the appointment of E. R. Guddehus, former secretary of State Senator Vane, as supervisor of the city's playgrounds by Mayor Smith, will be discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Playground Association in the Philadelphia City-County Building this afternoon.

BIDDLE, UNARMED, DRIVES FOE DOWN AND SMASHES GUN

Philadelphia Nearly Wrecks Enemy Plane by Brilliant Tactics

Neighbor Sees Battle

Joseph Fox, Balloon Service, a Witness—Infernal Machines on German Airships

One gun falling him, the centrifuge for the other exhausted, Captain Charles J. Biddle, this city, forced a German plane to within 150 feet of the ground, and then, by spectacular maneuvering, sought to dash it against a tree.

AMERICAN GUNS PREVENT ENEMY INFANTRY RAIDS

Proposed Attack Failed to Materialize When U. S. Artillery Got Busy

Lorraine Front, Sept. 21.—American artillery fire prevented a German raid from materializing yesterday. Warning of the enemy's intention was given by the start of a German barrage over the American lines at an early hour. As it shifted from the front line to the back areas the American fire opened so effectively that any attempt of the German infantry to attack was out of the question.

FOCH DRAGS NET AROUND ST. QUENTIN

French Encircling Move Gains to Left Bank of Oise River

BRITISH ADVANCE NORTH OF BASE

Arras Positions Improved and German Counter-Attacks Are Repulsed

THRUST IN FEANDERS

Germans Making Desperate Effort to Hold the Canal du Nord

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 21.—British forces are pressing in on St. Quentin directly from the west today, according to Field Marshal Haig's report. He reports fighting taking place to the British advantage and announces progress by the attacking forces in the region east of the city.

U. S. ON LOOKOUT FOR TEUTON TRICK

Any New Government as Part of Peace Drive Will Be Scrutinized

IGNORE PRESENT PHASE

By CLINTON W. GIBBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger, Inc. Washington, Sept. 21.—The Administration displays no interest in the present phases of the German-Austrian peace offensive. The State Department declines to discuss Bureau's interview published in today's papers, the agitation in Germany for parliamentary government or Ederer's move for a league of nations.

CONVICTS BUY AMBULANCE

Inmates of Eastern Penitentiary Make Donation to Red Cross

Warden McKenney's daughter, a Red Cross worker, and inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary today bought an ambulance for the Red Cross. The inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary have purchased an ambulance for the Red Cross. They raised \$1500 for this purpose.

PLAN ATLANTIC COAST CANAL

Project to Be Discussed by Deeper Waterways Convention

Boston, Sept. 23.—Consideration of the construction of a canal running parallel to the Atlantic seaboard is expected to mark the eleventh annual convention of the Atlantic Ocean Waterways Association, which opened here today. The project has been endorsed by the Atlantic coast states.

WANT TEACHERS EXEMPTED

State Board of Education Says Men Are Badly Needed

The State Board of Education has asked the military authorities to have released from the draft the teachers under the draft because of the shortage of teachers now being felt in the schools.

THE WEATHER VANE

Most astonishing joy or sorrow, Fickle winds bring joy or sorrow, Is she fair? Yes, fair tonight And probably still fair tomorrow, Warm or cold? Here's news that's strange: There is chance of little change.

ALL SECTS HONOR FARLEY

Thousands Attend Imposing Funeral Service at Cathedral

New York, Sept. 23.—Officials of the city, the State, the nation and the world, today participated in the funeral service for Cardinal Patrick Joseph Farley, which was held at the cathedral.

U. S. FLIERS DOWN 2 BOCHES

German Airplanes Vanquished on Lorraine Front

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 23.—Increasing enemy activity here this morning indicates that the Germans now are endeavoring their big gas delivery system and also a retreat, along the Hindenburg line.

CITY TO ESTABLISH MARKET

Will Be Distributing Center for Various Curb Markets

Plans for the establishment of a city market were formulated today at a conference at City Hall between Mayor Arch and the city market committee.

9 SOLDIERS HERE HAVE INFLUENZA

Men Making Munitions in University Institute

Boleshevism Rampant in Ferdinand's Realm May Bring About Rupture

OFFICER NOT ALARMED TURKS TURNING TOO

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. While not losing sight of the fact that influenza is still a serious disease, the influenza epidemic here is not serious.

PORT OF ACRE TAKEN BY BRITISH CAVALRY

Horsemen Sweep Mediterranean Coast—Haifa Also Captured—Turks Retreat East of Jordan Toward Amman—Prisoners Will Exceed 25,000

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 24.—British cavalry, pushing up the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, have occupied Haifa and Acre, it is officially announced today.

East of the Jordan the Turks are withdrawing toward Amman, on the Hejaz railway. Australian, New Zealand, Jewish and other troops are pursuing the enemy and have reached Es-Salt, fifteen miles northwest of Amman.

The total number of Turks taken prisoner will exceed largely the 25,000 men, according to the official statement.

The town of Ma'ara, southeast of the Dead Sea on the Hejaz railway, has been occupied by Arabs, who are attacking parties of Turks retreating toward Amman along this railway.

ALLENBY'S GREAT DRIVE ROBBS TURKS OF ARMIES

By W. T. MASSEY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the British Army in Palestine, Sept. 24.—There is not a great deal of news up to date, but the great battle which was fought for the British in the Jordan Valley at the end of August has now taken the form of a series of smaller operations. A few important sniping operations have taken place in the Jordan Valley. A vigorous local engagement is taking place today on the front north of West of St. Quentin, between Hohenzollern and Erzerum. Many officers, however, are entering in the Erzerum-Romany sector, where the British since Saturday have been fighting a series of battles.

Further north, five fresh German divisions, including one of Alpine troops, have arrived since Saturday. The British have captured a number of German divisions in the region of Perth and in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulted in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The artillery was active last night on the French front between St. Quentin and between the Albert and the Aisne, but no infantry action is reported in today's War Office statement.

The text of the statement reads: In the course of the night there was marked activity by the artillery in the region of St. Quentin and between the Albert and the Aisne. Two of the divisions of the Champagne line have moved in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulting in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

By the United Press With the British Armies in France, Sept. 24.—The Germans, attempting to relate their front along the front today, lost 200 prisoners and twenty-one machine guns, besides leaving 100 dead within the British lines.

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London, Sept. 24.—Field Marshal Foch continues to make progress in his drive for the encirclement of St. Quentin. The British have captured a German strong point northwest of the city which had resisted for several days. The British have captured a number of German divisions in the region of Perth and in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulting in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

Canadian Builders Active. On both sides of the Canal du Nord Canadian forces have been active on raids and German patrols opposed to them also have been busy. There is an evident intention of the enemy to establish a base of operations on the east side of the canal to the end as one of the remaining strong lines in its possession.

One post has been taken and retaken in the French front. The operations have resulted in the capture of a number of German divisions in the region of Perth and in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulting in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

Swedish Influence. Swedish influence was reported in a new note today when it became known that nine soldiers from the Hertz Machine and Tool Company, who had been working at the factory in the city, had been sent to the front.

These are the first cases among hundreds of soldiers in the city to become known. None of them is believed to be serious. The soldiers from the Hertz Machine and Tool Company, who had been working at the factory in the city, had been sent to the front.

Seven deaths and sixty-two new cases among soldiers in the city were reported today. The deaths were reported by the British command. It was reported that the British have captured a number of German divisions in the region of Perth and in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulting in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

Eight of the nine civilian cases are in one house in the Second Ward, four girls and two men. These cases will be isolated in the city. The British have captured a number of German divisions in the region of Perth and in the direction of the Butte du Mesnil resulting in the taking of forty prisoners by the French.

The disease is subsiding among the civilian population of Philadelphia and the city market committee has been formed.

HOG ISLAND LAUNCHING OFF

Sac City Will Not Leave Ways Today

Hulgers Affected by Bolshivism

Victim of Downtown Accident Believed to Be John Masulis

Freight Train Kills Man

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 24.—Between the Vardar River and Lake Doiran, on the western end of the Macedonian front, the Bulgarians and the Allies have been fighting a series of battles.

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ALLIED GAINS DOOM PRILEP, BULGAR BASE

Franco-Serbs Only Five Miles to North and South of City

DOIRAN CAPTURED IN BRITISH DRIVE

Enemy Forces Hurdled Into Precipitate Flight on 94-Mile Front

VARDAR RIVER CROSSED

Two Hostile Armies Face Destruction as Allied Lines Gain

By the United Press London, Sept. 24.—British troops have captured the important town of Doiran, on the southern shore of Lake Doiran, in Macedonia, according to dispatches received here today.

British troops, operating on the left bank of the British and Greeks in the Vardar Valley, have advanced ten miles since yesterday, according to a dispatch from the Salonica front today.

British, French, Greek, Italian and Anglo-Slav troops are participating in the offensive.

The Franco-Serbs are advancing in Prilep, which has been cut off from rail communication.

Through the capture of Kalyani, the Allies are now only six miles southeast of Prilep. Five miles north of this objective, they have passed Maglin.

Reports from Paris say that German troops have been rushed to aid the Bulgarians and that these also have been swept back.

News from the Balkans reports that the Allies at this point the Serbians could smash the railway from Vienna to Constantinople.

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 24.—The Serbian troops continuing to cross the River Vardar northeast of Monastir and are in contact with the Bulgarians, says the Serbian official statement of Monday.

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