

## FOREST FIRES SCATTER DEATH

DEATH LIST HAS REACHED 271  
MANY ARE INJURED

### FOUR TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

Prospectors Trapped—Many Families  
Destitute—Lake Affairs Refuge for  
Some—Many Remote Hamlets to  
Hear From May Swell List.

Englehart, Ont.—Forest fires raging in Northern Ontario have resulted in the loss of 376 lives. Scores more have been injured and some of them will die.

Several small towns have been wiped out by the flames. Reports show 99 perished at Nushka, a French Canadian settlement, and 10 at Matheson. Cochrane has 18 dead and 34 injured. Ironopolis Falls is dead and many injured, and Ramora is dead.

The number killed at Porcupine Junction is not known, but the entire town was destroyed except the railroad station. Monteth reports 120 dead and small numbers of dead and injured and missing come in from numberless small towns and settlements.

Prospectors Trapped.  
The death list will be materially increased, it is feared, by victims in outlying districts. There are apparently well-authenticated reports that many prospectors have been trapped at Tashota and Kowash. One farmer and his 10 children are known to have been burned, while the man's wife was vainly seeking aid to check the overwhelming flames.

Nushka, a hamlet consisting of a score of frame buildings and stores, suffered worst. It had been threatened several days, but the residents lingered in the hope they might save their homes. They waited too long, however, and walls of fire cut off escape.

A nearby lake in which they found refuge saved many residents of Cochrane.

### Second Largest Bequest on Record

New York.—As the principal heir of the estate of J. Pierpont Morgan his successor as head of the house, J. P. Morgan, receives the largest bequest made to any one now living and with a single exception, possibly, the largest bequest made at any time, J. P. Morgan by the terms of the will receives \$53,000,000. When Commodore Vanderbilt died his son, William H. Vanderbilt, received the greater part of the Vanderbilt estate, approximately \$90,000,000.

### BEES ATTACKED BY PARALYSIS

Columbus, O.—An epidemic resembling paralysis has broken out among Ohio bees and threatens to reduce materially the state's output of honey. The government is sending Dr. E. F. Phillips, its chief bee expert, to the state to investigate the disease. Bees attacked by the disease quit work, go to a corner of the hive and lie there until they die.

### U. S. Signal Men Attacked

San Antonio, Tex.—Four United States Signal Corps men were fired on today at a point about half way between Marfa and Presidio, Tex., according to a report transmitted to Gen. Frederick Funston by Col. J. A. Gaston at Marfa. The report did not say who fired the shots, but explained that 20 Guardsmen of the Fourth Texas Infantry had been sent out to search for Mexican bandits or snipers.

### Strike Ordered

Philadelphia.—A strike of motor men and conductors on the lines of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company was ordered by the executive committee of the local division of the union. Officials of the company declare that only 15 per cent of their men are members of the union and say that they do not anticipate any difficulty in operating their lines. Union leaders claim that at least half of the 4,700 men will answer the call.

### Sir Roger Casement Hanged

London.—Declaring that he gave up his life for his country, Roger Casement was hanged for high treason in the yard of Pentonville prison. He went to his death without emotion. Following the execution Gavin Duffy, legal representative of Casement's relatives announced that the home office had refused to turn over the remains to the Casement family.

### Five Indictments Returned

San Francisco.—The county grand jury returned five indictments charging the murder of eight persons who lost their lives in a bomb explosion here during a preparedness parade July 22.

### Murderer Dies on Gallows

Wheeling, W. Va.—Claude Sutton, of Mill Creek, Randolph county, was hanged at the State penitentiary at Moundsville for the murder of Dr. J. J. Kennedy of Randolph county about a year ago.

## VERDUN FRONT AGAIN ACTIVE

FRENCH CAPTURE MANY GERMAN  
TRENCHES, 500 PRISONERS  
AND TEN GUNS.

### TEUTONS CHECK RUSSIANS

Allies Victors in Furious Night Fight  
Jug in Picardy and at Verdun,  
Where New Drive Begins.

London, Aug. 8.—The armies in the three great centers of recent activity—the Somme region of France, Russia and Galicia—evidently have let up considerably in the violent fighting in which they have been engaged and are indulging in a breathing spell preparatory to further attacks and counter attacks. The official communications dealing with the operations in these theatres tell of no single important engagement or of any notable change in the positions of any of the belligerents.

Attacking in Ebelon on a three-mile line, from the Meuse River to Fleury, north of Verdun, the French have captured several German trenches and organized points of support. In the engagement 600 Germans were made prisoners and ten machine guns were captured.

On the Russian front Petrograd reports merely artillery duels and infantry attacks by small detachments, while Berlin tells of Russian attacks on the Stokhod and Turia River fronts and of local Russian offensives on the Strapa River in Galicia, all of which were repulsed.

According to unofficial dispatches received from Petrograd the Russian advance against Kovel continues. General Kaledines' troops, the dispatches say, have pushed forward ten miles since they crossed the bend of the Stokhod River, which would place them only ten miles from Kovel.

Interest is now centered in the predicament of General von Boehmer's army. These forces are threatened on the northern flank by the Russian pressure between Kovel and Brody and at the southern end of the line by General Letchitsky's advance toward Stanislav and across the Delatyn-Jablontza railway. It thus appears that unless General von Boehmer acts promptly he is in danger of envelopment. In addition, should General Kaledines succeed in getting the Kovel-Lemberg railway, direct communication between the Germans in the north and the Austrians in the south would be destroyed.

## SWEEP GERMANS FROM TRENCHES

BRITISH AND FRENCH IN HEAVY  
ARTILLERY ASSAULT TAKE  
ADVANCED THIRD LINE.

London, July 31.—Advanced sections of the German third line were swept away by the British and French in a tremendous artillery assault on a front of eight miles. From east of Delville wood to the Somme the blow was struck and whole systems of trenches, the work of months, were carried. More than 500 prisoners were captured.

The most pronounced gains were made by the British. Colonial troops rushed forward beyond the Waterloo Farm, Trones Wood and the Halkroff Farm, formerly mere outposts of the British front, breaking well beyond the frontiers of the German third line, and establishing themselves in strong positions.

This victory puts the Franco-British allies in a position to strike a powerful blow at Comblies, the strong German point of support between Baupenne and Peronne. It also marks a further advance of the wedge which is being driven into the Kaiser's front between those two key positions of the 100-mile Neoyon salient.

Berlin reports the repulse of tentative night attacks by the British in the Pozieres section, while General Haig, in a dispatch, says there was no fighting throughout. The artillery fire of the British is steadily gaining in strength until it has drawn amazed comment by the German general staff.

A strain of offensive has been developed by the German Crown Prince on the eastern bank of the Meuse. South of Fleury and west of the Thiaumont work German attacks were launched. They have been uniformly repulsed, the French War Office announces. It is believed the object is to prevent the transfer of French troops to the Somme. A heavy bombardment is proceeding along the front northeast of Verdun.

The British statement says three hostile aeroplanes were destroyed and several others were forced to land in a damaged condition.

The French War Office reports that in series of assaults French troops carried an entire system of German trenches north of the Somme on a front of nearly one-half mile.

Russia has 14,000,000 men under arms and they are fully equipped. It is believed that Russia will throw an overwhelming number of troops into the Armenian campaign, will take Sivas and begin a series of attacks upon Constantinople.

## New Boiler Inspection Code Is Adopted by State Industrial Board

Harrisburg, Pa., August 8.—All steam boilers and appearances in all sections of Pennsylvania carrying pressure greater than fifteen pounds per square inch are to be thoroughly inspected, every year, both internally and externally and under operating conditions according to rules made recently by the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry.

The boilers exempt from inspection, according to an announcement made today by Commissioner John Price Jackson, of the Labor Department, are those of railroad locomotives, subject to inspection under Federal Laws, boilers on automobiles and boilers of steam fire engines brought into Pennsylvania for temporary use in times of emergency for the purpose of checking fire configurations. Boilers carrying pressure of less than fifteen pounds per square inch must be equipped with safety devices approved by the Industrial Board.

The Boiler Code, adopted recently by the Industrial Board, applies to boilers constructed for on or after July 1, 1916, and to boilers constructed before that date and to be delivered after January 1, 1917. This code deals specifically with the details of construction approved for steam boilers.

The rules and regulations, adopted by the Board, for the administration of the Boiler Code, set forth that no person shall be authorized to act for the Commonwealth as a boiler inspector unless he has passed an examination described and approved by the Board. At recent examinations, held by the Department of Labor and Industry, in various sections of the State, 118 inspectors passed examinations entitling them to receive commissions as boiler inspectors.

Commissions of inspectors may be revoked by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry for cause, and in such revocation an appeal may be made to the Industrial Board for a final hearing.

Regular examinations for boiler inspectors, employed by insurance companies, or acting as individuals, will be held at Harrisburg, and other points, four times each year, on the first Tuesday in February, May, August and November.

Persons applying for examinations as boiler inspectors must obtain blank forms from the Division of Boiler Inspection of the Department of Labor and Industry and any applicant failing to pass an examination may be re-examined.

### PIANO GIVEN TO YOUNG PATIENTS AT CESSON

Miss Victoria Keltonick, of 224 Llewellyn street, First Ward, Johnstown, who was awarded a piano given in connection with the German-Austro bazar at Johnstown donated the instrument to the Johnstown Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

## MEXICAN ISSUE STILL IN DOUBT

Officials Vary as to Views and Decision Left to President.

Washington.—Doubt appeared to exist in official circles as to whether the Mexican note fully answers the suggestion of the United States that the scope of the proposed joint commission be enlarged so that it could deal with Mexico's financial problems. Many officials assert not. They decline this Government would direct another query to the defacto government of Mexico. Others expressed the opinion that the note could be construed to mean that Mexico believes the commission could exercise wide powers. These officials asserted that it was improbable that another note would be sent to Carranza and that this government probably would name its commissioners at once.

### LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES

Train Derailed and Two Persons Killed as Result.

South Bend, Ind.—Two men were killed, one seriously injured and many bruised and cut by flying glass when the engine boiler of a Lake Erie & Western passenger train blew up.

The train was running an hour late at high speed, in an effort to make up time. The boiler let go on Gliner Hill, known as a dangerous spot. All coaches were derailed and passengers badly shaken.

### BANDITS GET \$37,000

Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Pay Roll Taken From Pay Car.

Detroit, Mich.—While frightened pedestrians scurried to shelter before a fusillade of shots, bandits held up and robbed the pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of \$37,000. Burroughs officials admit the extent of their loss.

There was an exchange of shots between the hold-up men and the company guards in the car. The messengers were returning from a bank with the company's pay roll when the attack occurred. Three men participated in the robbery, and all escaped.

Lansing, Mich.—Four Detroit men are being held here by the police in connection with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company hold-up in Detroit. They drove into Lansing in a small automobile similar to the one used by the Detroit highwaymen and when they failed to give satisfactory explanations they were taken into custody.

### Farm Loan Ready for Season

Washington.—The new Farm Loan Board, charged with organization of the Federal land bank system providing methods for making loans to farmers on first mortgages of land, held its first meeting at the Treasury Department. The most important preliminary work will be division of the country into 12 districts with a land bank in each district. Forty cities already have applied or have been recommended for banks.

### LATEST MARKETS

Pittsburgh.  
Cattle—Good to choice, \$9.25@9.50; medium to good, \$8.45@8.90; 14d, \$8.75@9.25; fair, \$7.25@8.25; common to good fat bulls, 5.00@7.25; common to good fat cows, \$2.50@7.25; heifers, \$5.00@8.25; fresh cows and springers, \$2.00@8.00.  
Hogs—Prime heavy, \$10.15@10.20; medium, \$10.25@10.35; heavy Yorkers, \$10.20@10.35; light Yorkers, \$10.10@10.20; pigs, \$10.00; roughs, \$8.65@9.00; stags, \$7.00@7.25.  
Sheep—Prime wethers, \$8.10@8.25; good mixed, \$7.00@8.00; fair mixed, \$6.25@7.25; culls and common, \$3.50@5.00; lambs, \$7.00@10.40; wethers, \$9.00@13.00.  
Butter—Prints, 32@32½¢; tabs, 30½@31¢.  
Eggs—At mark, 23½@24¢; select, 26½@27¢.  
Wheat—September, \$1.24½.  
Corn—September, 80½¢.  
Oats—September, 43½¢.

Chicago.  
Cattle—Prime steers, \$10.75@11.25; butcher grades, \$7.00@10.25; cows, \$3.00@7.25; calves—Culls to choice, \$8.50@11.25.  
Sheep—Wethers, \$6.75@8.25; ewes, \$3.50@7.65; lambs, \$7.25@11.00.  
Hogs—Bulk, \$9.15@9.85; light, \$9.35@9.90; mixed, \$9.00@10.00; heavy, \$8.80@9.90; roughs, \$8.80@9.65.  
Buffalo.  
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.00@11.50; butcher grades, \$7.00@8.50; cows, \$4.00@7.75; calves—Culls to choice, \$4.50@12.00.  
Sheep and lambs—Choice lambs, \$7.00@11.25; culls to fair, \$5.50@9.25; yearlings, \$5.50@9.50; sheep, \$3.00@8.00.  
Hogs—Yorkers, \$10.00@10.25; pigs, \$10.00; roughs, \$8.50@9.00; mixed, \$10.50@10.25; stags, \$6.50@7.20.

Will Decrease Size of Papers.  
New York.—Publishers of daily newspapers in Greater New York took action which will result in a decrease of the number of pages in their morning, evening and Sunday issues of 121 pages a week.

Villa Leader Executed.  
Chihuahua City, Mex.—Pedro Sella, a Villa leader, captured recently by Carranza troops, was put to death in Chihuahua penitentiary. The sentence was carried out quietly, without the knowledge of the public.

## GERMANS LOSE ALL ALONG LINE

BRUSILOFF'S ARMY DRIVE BACK  
TEUTONS FORCES

### RUSS CAPTURE SIX TOWNS

English Advance Slowly on the Somme  
and French Arms Meet Small  
Successes at Verdun—Turks  
Meet Reverses at Suez.

London.—A Russian victory in the Sereth valley, Northeastern Galicia, after a three days' battle in villages where every street was a battlefield and every house a fortress, is reported by the Petrograd war office. The success was gained on the front taken by General Brusiloff's center after the fall of Brody, extending southward from that city across the headwaters of the Sereth. Finally breaking the desperate resistance of the Austrians, who hurled themselves forward in vain counter attacks, the Russians captured five small villages and the town of Zalozce, as well as the whole ridge of hills on the slopes of which these points are situated.

In the fighting the Russians took altogether 140 officers and 5,000 men. On the Stokhod, east of Kovel, and in the Carpathians, however, the czar's forces are gradually losing the initiative to the armies of the central empires. Particularly in the Carpathians the Austrians appear to have begun a vigorous counter offensive, having not only checked the Muscovite advance, but pushing their own lines forward, according to Vienna.

On the Stokhod, near Zareze the Teutons captured four officers and 300 Russians, as well as five machine guns, the Austrian statement says.

Advance in Caucasus.  
Considerable progress is claimed by the czar's war office for the Caucasus army under the Grand Duke Nicholas, West and East of Erzerum. On the Mosul-Batlis front, however, the Turks have gone over to the offensive. Petrograd asserts, adding that "the enemy is being held back."

Austro Prince Shares Power.  
Berlin.—The command of the entire eastern front now is divided between Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Archduke Charles Francis of Austria, heir apparent to the Austrian throne.

Submarines Sink Five.  
London.—The sinking of five steamships, whose tonnage totaled 13,616, by Teutonic submarines, was reported in dispatches.

Turks Routed at Suez.  
The strong Turkish force which attacked the British at Romani, 23 miles east of the Suez canal, August 4, was defeated and put to flight by a counter attack, says an official statement.

The Turks, adds the statement, vigorously pursued by the British, who have taken more than 2,500 prisoners, including some Germans.

### TWENTY-EIGHT DEAD IN FLOOD

Big Barren Creek in Tennessee Goes on the Rampage.  
Knoxville, Tenn.—After what is reported by the official observer to have been a 14-inch rainfall, a 35-foot dam in Big Barren creek gave way and the angry waters swept down the valley and for five miles carried everything movable before them.

Latest reports fix the death list at 28. Property damage is estimated at \$50,000. Two flour mills, five dwellings, churches and much live stock were lost.

A cloudburst at Pineville, Ky., left water three feet deep in the main streets.


### Wimborne Reappointed

London.—Baron Wimborne has been reappointed lord lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Wimborne was released from his post after the outbreak of the revolt in Ireland and was a witness before the parliamentary commission, which investigated the affair to determine who was responsible. His reappointment is regarded as clearing him from all blame. Baron Wimborne is best known in the United States for his success in 1914 in taking back the pole cap to England.

List City Records Are Found.  
San Francisco.—When Harry Meigs, the arch swindler of San Francisco's pre-vigilante days, escaped to Chile, October 6, 1854, he carried with him 26 records of the proceedings of the San Francisco city council from 1850 to 1854, according to a discovery announced. These records are now in possession of the Meigs estate in Callao, Peru.

Serbian Capture Village.  
Paris.—Serbians won another success in operations along the Macedonian front, according to a dispatch from Saloniki taking the village of Remil, near Prosha, which had been occupied by the Bulgarians.

Weather Imperils Iowa Corn.  
Des Moines, Ia.—Fears for the safety of the Iowa corn crop were renewed when reports received at the Des Moines weather bureau showed the dry, hot weather had been general over the state for several days.



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