SHARK FRIGHTENS BATHING THRONG AT SPRING LAKE

Fin Seen Near Beach and 300 Flee to the Shore

RUSHES OUT INTO OCEAN

Lifeguard Raises Rifle to Fire, but Fish Plunges Beneath Waves

By a Staff Correspondent

SPRING LAKE, N. J., July 8.—Three hundred bathers fled for the beach shortly after noon today when a fin suddenly cut the water 20 feet beyond the poles ow the inside lines at the boardwalk.

It was in the vicinity, only closer to shore, where Charles Bruder, a bellboy here, was killed by a shark on Thursday. His death followed by two days that of Charles E. Van Sant, a Philadelphian, who died after a shark at Beach Haven had mangled him.

All the bathers reached shore in almost a minute. None had been far out. When they re-entered the water, they went only where it was knee-deep or less.

The fin appeared five times more in various places near the ropes, and Life Guard George White, sitting on the bow of a motorboat with a rifle in his hand, pursued the fin and once raised the rifle to fire. The fin appeared further and further out, and in a short time all trace o fit was lost.

MOTORBOATS IN HUNT.

A line of motorboats, cruising from dawn to sunset and extending from Atlantic Highlands, near Sandy Hook, to Cape May, will protect New Jersey coast resorts from the raids of man-eating sharks, according to a plan formulated today by the Spring Lake Borough Council and leading hotel men here.

Fishermen, oldest inhabitants and summer visitors of long standing tell dozens of well-authenticated stories of sharks seen off the Jersey coast.

TALES OF NEW VICTIMS UNTRUE.

Besides these reports come almost hourly rumors that the shark had found new victims. Spring Lake was agog today over the story that a small girl had been caught by a shark inside the ropes there. The report was untrue.

Perry Hinkle, a New York cottager, shot two sharks near "The Rocks," a ten-fathom deep ledge, six miles out from here. That was last summer. A year ago fishermen caught a 20-foot man-eater in a net below Sea Girt. They slashed its head off and, cutting up the body, found in the stomach a foot and ankle inside a shoe and sock. Fishermen often find sharks as much as 12 feet long in the fish "pounds" they set up a mile off shore.

Six miles north of here is Shark River, the southern boundary of Belmar, a tidal inlet where at least one of the fish has been found. Old Jerry Gaskill, a fisherman, now long dead, used to tell the story that Shark River came by its name through the death of an Indian, eaten by a shark, near the sea.

One lone shark probably was responsible for the two killings off the Jersey coast, it was said at the United States Bureau of Fisheries, in Washington, today.

The shark, officials said, probably had acquired a taste for human flesh as some four-footed beasts do, because of scarcity of food fish this season.

Commissioner of Fisheries Hugh M. Smith laughed at a suggestion that heavy cannonading in the North Sea had driven large numbers of sharks across the Atlantic. Sharks that infest the north Atlantic seaboard in summer, he said, are entirelytirely a different species from European sharks. They come north in the summer from spots off Hatteras, where fish are found in large schools in the winter.

AUSTRIAN ARMY RETIRES BEFORE CZAR'S FORCES

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the Russian wave surged through the shattered lines.

So overwhelming was the Russian attack in the region southwest of Lake Narocz, where Petrograd claims the greatest successes in the new drive, that an enormous number of prisoners and a vast amount of booty were taken by the attacking forces.

Furious fighting is continuing along this whole line. The Germans, speedily rallying from the first Russian onslaughts, are launching counter-attacks in rapid succession in an attempt to win back the lost positions. Unless the Russians can be checked immediately at the vital points, where their first thrusts have succeeded, it is believed that the whole German lines in the northern sector will be greatly endangered.

RUSSIANS REACH POINT ONLY ELEVEN MILES FROM KOVEL; CAPTURE VILLAGES BY STORM

PETROGRAD, July 8.—She capture of the villages of Doljitsa and Gruziatin, in addition to that of Manevichi, already reported, was officially announced today.

(Manevitchi is only 11 miles from Kovel, the Great German base in Volhynia, which the Teutons have been fighting so desperately to hold.)

The War Office gave out the following report:

"We are developing our success west of Czartorusk. After hot fighting with the bayonet we captured Doljitsa, on the main road to Kovel; Manevitchi and Gruziatin. The number of prisoners in our hands is increasing. North of the lower Lipa, under the cover of a violent bombardment, the enemy attempted to start an offensive in the regions of Schklin and Dubovya, but all his attacks were repulsed. Severe artillery duels are in progress at many points in Galicia.

HOT, IS IT? NOTHING TO WHAT WILL COME

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wasn't hot at all; the fact is, he said, that this 8th of July is barely reaching the normal temperature.

If any Philadelphians are uncomfortable or even suffering, he said, they are paying the price of abnormal comfort these last few days.

"These last few days," he went on, "have been cool beyond the average, and much more so than we had any right to expect."

Then he cited figures to prove it. He showed by today's temperatures that the heat was having a hard time to be as great as yesterday; that not until 10 o'clock did it succeed in equaling its 84-degree record of yesterday, and just about managed to keep toe to the tune of 86 by 11 o'clock. All the hours before that time the heat lagged along one or two degrees cooler.

"If people really feel warm," Mr. Bliss continued happily, standing in front of an electric fan, which blew torough his loose, light Palm Beach suit, "it may be because the humidity has jumped from yesterday's mark of 44 degrees to today's of 63, but even 63 isn't anything to be alarmed about. From that is hardly the normal mark for this season, though it's very close to it. Yesterday's humidity was so low and the days before it, therefore, that Philadelphians didn't realize how wet all they were. This is evening up a little matter.

"Philadelphia was [illegible] with the Atlantic City [illegible] July 4th. It was cool [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] July 4th."

"INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH"

Jaws of a shark which was caught by Henry Gerlach, of 1215 Hilton street, in the surf at Ocean City, N. J. The several rows of teeth are shown as in the act of attacking a victim, who has no chance for escape untorn from the fangs which project in all directions. The grinding action of the molars will quickly tear a man's leg off, as the death of the victims at Spring Lake and Beach Haven, N. J., showed.

WOMAN TELLS OF SEVEN-FOOT SHARK CAUGHT AT WILDWOOD

Disagrees With Experts Who Think Lone Man-eater Caused Deaths of Young Men at Beach Haven and Spring Lake

One sportswoman, who does not subscribe to the opinion of those experts who view the killings of the young men by sharks at Beach Haven and Spring Lake as exceptional raids by a lone man-eater is Miss Lillian Daniels, of 1822 Norris street.

Miss Daniels feels she can differ with them fairly because she says she figured in the catch of a seven-foot shark with Dr. John W. Pinkham, of 208 North 33d street, on Wednesday.

This was off the Wildwood Crest Pier, and in barely four feet of water.

Miss Daniels says she sighted the shark, which was about seven feet long, and that Dr. Pinkham caught him with the help of his host, Allen McClellan, of 752 Holly street. Miss Daniels told the story today:

"We were fishing off the Wildwood Crest Pier," she said. "Of course everybody was talking about the terrible death of young Mr. Vansant, and being at the ocean's edge we naturally talked about it. 'Wouldn't it be funny if we were to catch one?' I said, though I was being kept pretty busy with kingfish.

"About that time I caught sight of the shark. He was half out of water, and his great fins were plainly noticeable. I told Doctor Pinkham to play for him, and almost as I said it the Doctor's bait was picked up.

"Doctor Pinkham played with the monster for awhile, and then Mr. McClellan ran down and threw a harpoon into it. I don't suppose it was more than four feet deep there, if that much.

"They brought the shark to shore and, standing him up, he was just a little more than a foot bigger than Doctor Pinkham, who caught him, and he is 5 feet 11. They cut him open, and the only thing found in his stomach was mossbunker, which had been the bait used to catch him. So it is plain that the shark was hungry."

CAUGHT NEAR BATHING POINT.

Miss Daniels said they were fishing early and their catch was not viewed until quite awhile after it was made, except by probably a dozen persons. There were no swimmers then, she said, but it was right where the swimmers naturally would be, and at a place where one could stand easily with body from the waist up out of water.

This is not her first experience with sharks, even in the East. Miss Daniels has done much fishing in Florida and has many pictures to show her catches down there; she shows also a picture of a shark she caught off Wildwood several years ago. Her theory of their visits so close to shore is hunger pure and simple.

And she speaks of them with some admiration, a fisherman's admiration:

"The shark is the gamest fish I ever met," she said.

HAS CAUGHT MANY SHARKS.

Doctor Pinkham at his home today said he was surprised to think that people all these years had the idea that the Atlantic coast was free from sharks.

He said he has fished all along this part of the coast, from Asbury Park down, and has seen and caught them everywhere, especially at Asbury Park and Wildwood. The last four years he has done virtually all his fishing at Wildwood, and each year has caught some sharks. His catch on July 4 was his first this year.

"I don't suppose," he said, "that the sharks I have been catching are any different in species from those that have killed the two boys this week. As far as I know they are all of the regular man-eating variety, with the double row of teeth.

"At Wildwood they frequent what we fishermen call the inside bar, and are pretty numerous. In Delaware Bay, where I've done a good deal of fishing, they're as thick as can be."

MAN EATER AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Doctor Pinkham was asked about Atlantic City, and he said he hasn't done much fishing there, but he supposed they were there just as well as anywhere else. He told how last summer fishing off the pier at Wildwood he saw a big shark coming in on a wave heading right for a woman bather. He cast a tempting bait right in the shark's path, and the monster took the bait and went out to sea with line and all.

Tuesday's catch, he said with a fair degree of pride, was made with a 12-thread line. That is an unusually small size line for fishing for sharks, and he admitted he could never have landed it without the other man's aid in using the hook.

The seven foot of shark weighed approximately 200 pounds, Doctor Pinkham said.

KILLINGS BY SHARKS FIRST KNOWN ON ATLANTIC COAST, SAYS EXPERT

Never, in His Experience, Attacked Human Beings Except in the Tropics, Asserts H. F. Moore, of Philadelphia, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Attacks on human beings by sharks, which have resulted in killing two bathers at the New Jersey resorts within the last week, are the first instances of the kind ever recorded along the north Atlantic coast, according to H. F. Moore, of Philadelphia, deputy commissioner of fisheries.

Doctor Moore, who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, is in charge of the scientific branch of the United States Fish Commission.

"Except in the tropics, I have never known of a shark to attack a human being," said Doctor Moore. "Shortly before I went to the Fiji Islands a native woman, who was bathing in a river some distance from salt water, was attacked and one of her legs was bitten off by a shark.

"The tiger sharks are quite rapacious. Within the last year the United States Fish Commission's boat, Fishhawk, got a shark eight or nine feet long off the North Carolina coast. It was caught with a hook and line. A strap was thrown around its tail and it was pulled up by the boat tackle. The shark was hanging alongside the boat, head down, and several feet out of the water. A little later another tiger shark of the same school jumped out of the water and tore a huge chunk out of the belly of the other.

"The whole boat was rocked by the force of the pull. The attacking shark was hit by a bullet fired from a naval rifle by one of the men aboard the Fishhawk. When the second shark was pulled aboard it was found to be 12 feet long. It was cut open and the part of the other shark turn away was found in its belly.

Doctor Moore, when asked how he accounted for the presence of sharks in the surf along the Atlantic coast, said:

"Normally the sharks feed on fish. It is possible there are schools of fish close in shore as there often are just outside the breakers. It is also possible that a shortage of fish has caused the sharks to go foraging far insore, and being very hungry they have attacked human beings."

UNITED SPORTSMEN FAVOR FISHERMEN'S LICENSE LAW

Resolution Will Ask Legislature to Pass Measure

SCRANTON, Pa., July 8.—Local sportsmen, who leave here tomorrow for the convention of the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, to be held at Oil City, July 11-13, are to take with them resolutions urging the next Legislature to pass a fishermen's license law; also that the unused moneys in the hunter's license fund be devoted to the purchase of additional State game preserves.

"We favor a law calling on all fishermen over 16 years of age to take out an annual license, the fee to be 50 cents. Farmers' wives and daughters, in fact, all the women of the State, would be permitted to fish without a license," David Prichard, of this city, treasurer of the United Sportsmen, said today. He figures that the State could raise $100,000 annually through the issuance of fishermen's licenses, a sum sufficient to meet the expense of handling the State Fishery Department.

The United Sportsmen hope to have the support of Senator Penrose in their fight for the fishermen's license law and other measures favored by the organization. The Senator is to address the convention at Oil City next Thursday night.

John D. Golfs at 77

CLEVELAND, O., July 8.—John D. Rockefeller, celebrated his 77th birthday on his Forest Hill estate today by playing a foursome at golf with his "scouts."

HUGHES HURRIES TO NEW YORK TO END PENNSYLVANIA FIGHT

Candidate Called to Select Men to Serve as Electors

NEW YORK, July 8.—Charles Evans Hughes, Republican nominee for the presidency, came to town unexpectedly today. It was in answer to a hurry call from his campaign managers. They wanted to see him relative to some difficult details that had to be taken care of immediately. He planned to return to his summer home in Bridgehampton, N. Y., early in the afternoon.

Mr. Hughes came to New York to look over a list of Pennsylvania electors chosen by the Republican National Committeemen from that State. A law in Pennsylvania provides that a presidential candidate must file his list of electors with the Secretary of State within 30 days after his nomination. The time for Mr. Hughes to send his list will expire Monday.

When Mr. Hughes got to town he approved the selections and then sent them along to Harrisburg.

Restaurant Man Burned by Kitchen Fire

Lewis Wilson, an employe of the restaurant of Henry A. Underwood, at 511 Vine street, was slightly burned today while extinguishing a fire in the kitchen. He was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital. The fire was prevented from spreading through Wilson's efforts.

EX-VILLA CHIEF DIGS DITCHES FOR PHILADELPHIANS

General Blanco Bosses Gang in Work for First Brigade

HOMELIKE AIR IN CAMP

By CARL L. ZEISBERG
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EL PASO, Tex., July 8.—General José De La Luz Blanco is digging ditches for the 1st Brigade of Philadelphia. This surprising information became known today to the Philadelphians, who probably had entertained no suspicion that the distinguished-looking Mexican was indeed no other than the famous Villa leader and exile. At once he became the target for hundreds of pairs of eyes of General Price's men.

It is perhaps unfair to the generals to say that he digs ditches. Actually he does not. As "boss" of a gang of Mexican laborers which, by the way, includes four ex-captains of one of the numerous Mexican armies, he draws $2 a day from the Government. He does not handle pick and shovel personally, but sees to it that his 100 or more men do and that they handle the blasting powder correctly and that they do not strike too often. The digging of sanitary excavations is in charge of the general, whose duties are rendered arduous through the propensity his men have for striking. An attempt to interview him was rendered futile thereby.

"Good morning," smiled the general, showing his teeth under his military mustache, and then he was hurriedly summoned to a far section of the camp where another man had gone on a strike.

A meeting between the general and Sergeant Major Fred G. Blair, of the 1st Regiment, after a lapse of 15 years, was witnessed by members of the regiment. The two men shook hands, recognizing each other, but unable to converse.

"Good morning," said General Blanco.

He and Sergeant Major Blair met last at Fort Huachuca, Ari., in 1901, when General Blanco was at his zenith and the American officer was in the 5th Cavalry.

General Blanco was a Madero leader and then became a tower of strength under Villa and was exiled by Carranza. He lives in this city.

A more homelike air pervades Camp Pershing today. The 1st Regiment has cleared every speck of cactus and mesquite from the sandy soil of its camp site. Lieutenant Colonel Kemp, of the 3d, today gave a straightforward address to his men, warning them against dangerous associates in the city. In the absence of Chaplain Davis, he is serving as spiritual adviser to his men.

The medical corps of the three regiments under Major George S. Crampton, surgeon of the 1st Brigade, have treated at least 150 cases since tents were pitched. Most of these were of very trivial nature, such as cactus scratches, fingers cut and dietary troubles due to the radical change in climate.

There were several cases of heat exhaustion of a mild nature. The general impression in camp that the few men carried to the Red Cross tents were victims of sunstroke were corrected by Major Crampton, who issued the following statement:

"Sunstroke and heat exhaustion are very different, the former being dangerous and the latter not at all dangerous. Sunstroke is virtually impossible in a dry climate like this. We have had no cases of sunstroke here."

Following a conference of all the Philadelphia medical officers and Major Bevans, U. S. A., medical sanitary officer, the regimental hospital plan was abandoned, regimental infirmaries being substituted. These will be operated like dispensaries. All cases of more than moderate severity and all contagious cases are being treated at the post hospital.

As soon as the camp is permanently established all itinerant hucksters will be barred, Major Crampton announced. Regimental exchanges where the men may buy eatables and little luxuries will be opened.

General Price and members of his staff and Colonel Turner, of the 2d, and members of his staff have rented bungalows on the edge of the camp.

The 10th Infantry, of Pittsburgh, arrived today, the first section leading the way, 3 a. m. Philadelphia. The regiment detrained at Fort Bliss and was assigned to a site at Camp Pershing.

FRANKFORD 'L' WORK DELAYED AGAIN

Several Carloads of Girders Go Astray and Operations Are Halted

Work on the Frankford elevated steel superstructure is threatened with further delay because several carloads of girders went astray while en route to the scene of operations.

The McClintic-Marshall Company suspended work in the erection of the steel girders two weeks ago and posted a notice that it would be resumed on July 5, believing that the missing girders would have reached here by that time. There is still no trace of them and the men who have been reporting for work daily find nothing to do. The contract is now two months behind schedule.

A conspiracy of circumstances has blocked the work of the contractors for some time. First, the mills were delayed in turning out the material on account of the big war orders. Then there were several labor strikes, and when they were settled, the girders got lost.

Meanwhile, a fine of $50 a day is being imposed upon the contractors in accordance with the terms of the contract. The steel pillars have been received and laid on the street as far as Oxford street. But they cannot be put in place for the reason that the connecting spans have not yet been received.

TWO HELD AS PICKPOCKETS

Watch and $90 Cash Taken From Franklin Square Sleeper

Three alleged pickpockets operating in the Tenderloin were arrested today by the police. In each case the offenders showed stubborn resistance.

While John Green, of Pemberton, N. J., was taking a nap on a bench in Franklin Square, Samuel Alber and George Lavell, of 7th and Vine streets, came along and, according to the police, took Green's watch, a pearl pocket knife and $90 in cash. Joseph Hulshart, a watchman, who saw them, told Policeman Gilligen. He caught the men, and after a fight took them to the 11th and Winter streets station.

Each was held in $1500 bail by Magistrate Collins.

A similar attempt to rob Michael McNichol, of 15th and Fairmount avenue, was made while he was sleeping by Samuel Millman, the police say. Policeman Dorsey, it is said, caught Millman in the act. He showed fight, but was quickly subdued and held in $1000 bail for court.

Jenkintown School Board Meets

The Jenkintown School Board has reorganized for the year with these officials: President, N. B. Gaskill; vice president, Dr. W. B. Jameson; secretary, J. Fred Tiefenbach; treasurer, Dr. A. C. Heritage. The tax rate has been fixed at 9 mills, no change from the preceding year; and the board is considering plans for floating a new bond issue to take care of a mortgage and current indebtedness.

GREAT RUSSIAN ADVANCE

While the Czar's forces in the south continue to shove the Austrians back in Galicia and Bukowina, on the north a new offensive has been started against the Germans on the line from Vilna to Baranovichi. Russian successes west of Czartorysk now menace the German base at Kovel.

DEATH TOLL OF STORMS GROWS IN MAGNITUDE

Six Known Fatalities and Biloxi, Miss., Hears Number Exceeds 100

ATLANTA, July 8.—A series of tornadoes and torrential rains following in the wake of the Gulf hurricane have done damage to ships, property and roads throughout Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi estimated at $5,000,000, caused at least six deaths and injury to several score other persons. All of the dead were negroes except an engineman, who was killed near Bond, Miss., in a washout. Three were drowned at Birmingham and two near Tuscaloosa.

A dispatch from Biloxi, Miss., says reports there indicate that the loss of life in the hurricane was more than 100, this estimate being based on the fact that schooners carrying more than 100 persons are still unaccounted for.

At Birmingham, Valley Creek and Village Creek spread, surrounding lowlands, and residents along the streams had to be rescued.

In Montgomery and surrounding territory several houses were blown away and many persons were injured. Enormous crop damage has been done throughout Mississippi, southern Alabama and Georgia.

The precipitation in Atlanta has been 3.80 inches during the last 24 hours, and heavy rain continues. Many sections of roadway have been washed away.

Twenty-four boats, mostly fishermen's craft, are missing from Gulfport, Biloxi, Pascagoula Bay, St. Louis and Ocean Springs, and seven motorboats are searching Mississippi Sound for them.

Communication with many of the points affected by the storms is still lacking. Reports from Mobile, Pensacola and other Gulf points state the high water is receding, leaving in its wake property damage estimated at millions of dollars.

HUNT BEGINS FOR NEGRO WHO BEAT TICKET MAN

Assailant of Broad Street Station Clerk Believed to Have Been Former Employe

The police today are searching the city for a daring hold-up man who beat the night ticket clerk at Broad Street Station into unconsciousness and then fled with $26 early this morning.

The robber, dressed as a porter, gained access to the room where Charles Morgan, the clerk, was counting the money the ticket sellers had received by pretending to clean the office.

Morgan fought the robber, who was a light-colored negro, believed by the railroad police and the city police department to be a former employe at the station, until he become unconscious.

Morgan's duties include the collection and counting of the money received by the ticket sellers each night. He is 25 years old, and lives at 2516 South 15th street.

According to the story he told this morning, he had just placed the money in the drawer of his desk, at about 1:40 o'clock, when the negro, dressed as a porter, opened the door.

"What do you want?" asked Morgan.

"I came to clean up," answered the negro.

Morgan protested that the office already had been cleaned, but the negro said he had come to mop up. He carried a mop and bucket, and Morgan let him in.

Morgan was suspicious, however, and watched the negro for a time. He had just started to count the money, when the negro struck him. Morgan, who is a strong man, fought while he was making desperate efforts to arouse the railroad police.

He placed himself between the negro and the cash drawer and fought for several minutes, until he fell to the floor, weak from the loss of blood. The negro had to reach around Morgan to get at the money.

Morgan is in the Hahnemann Hospital, where he was sent by H. S. Duncan, assistant station master, who discovered him 10 minutes after the hold-up.

CLUBS WILL FEDERATE

Republican State Chairman Calls Meeting to Form Organization

TRENTON, July 8.—Plans for a federation composed of 114 Republican clubs will be considered at a conference to be held at the Republican club in this city July 18. A call for the meeting has been issued by State Chairman Bugbee, inviting the president and secretary of each club to be present.

Senator Ackley, of Cumberland, today launched a boom for John S. Ware, formerly Assistant State Treasurer, as a Democratic candidate for the Senate from Cumberland County.

Lansdale School Board Named

LANSDALE, Pa., July 8.—At a reorganization meeting of the Lansdale Board of Education these officers were elected: Isaac D. Hoebner, president; Abram Hunsberger, vice president; Ira B. Harr, secretary; B. D. Conver, treasurer. This is Mr. Hoebner's 41th year as a member of the board.

TROOPS OUT TO QUELL WILMINGTON, N. C., STRIKE

Three Regiments Mobilized for Border Duty Also Held in Readiness

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 8.—Rioting and disorder in the street car strike has tied up the entire Wilmington system with the exception of the beach cars. Coast artillery companies from Raleigh, Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro were ordered here today.

Three regiments mobilized for border service are also being held in readiness if they are needed.

Citizens were sworn in today as special deputies to protect the cars running to the beaches.

FRENCH EXTEND GAINS ON SOMME FRONT

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French made a surprise attack, which was entirely successful.

Further south, in the vicinity of Estrees, an assault with grenades netted the French a gain.

The foregoing information was contained in an official communique issued by the French War Office today.

In the sector of Belloy-en-Santerre the French captured 350 prisoners.

There is a continuous cannonade both north and south of the Somme, as well as on the Verdun front. At the latter place there were no infantry actions during the night.

Operations are being hindered in Picardy by storms. Despite flooded streams and thick mud, the Allies are still attacking violently.

The text of the official communique follows:

On the Somme front bad weather is hindering operations. A surprise attack, carried out by us late yesterday in the outskirts of Belloy-en-Santerre, was a complete success. We captured 350 prisoners. East of Estrees our troops made progress with grenades in the enemy's communicating trenches. Fifty prisoners were taken. North of Lassigny a detachment, which attempted to capture one of our small posts, was scattered by our rifle fire.

On the front north of Verdun there was a violent artillery battle, particularly in the sectors of Hill 304, Esnes, the Souville battery and Damloup, but no infantry action.

In Lorraine we destroyed with grenades a German post near Bezange and brought back some prisoners.

PUBLIC ANXIETY IN GERMANY GROWS WITH ALLIED DRIVE

Crown Prince Assailed for Persisting in Verdun Attack

LONDON, July 8.

The London newspapers printed several dispatches from Holland and Denmark today, indicating increasing public anxiety in Germany on account of the western and eastern offensives of the Allies.

The Kaiser, one English correspondent reported, is traveling from front to front, conferring with his generals, each advising against the reduction of his forces for the benefit of others.

Another correspondent wired that the Crown Prince is being blamed for persisting in the Verdun attack when his forces are urgently needed on the Somme. Military circles in Germany, he reported, are discontented because of Austria's weakness.

To complete the picture of pessimism, several English correspondents agreed that the food situation in Germany is daily growing more serious. The Frankfurter Zeitung was quoted as saying that the great fight for victory or defeat has only begun.

BRITISH SHELL GERMANS IN GOMMECOURT REGION; PLANES ATTACK DOUAI

LONDON, July 8.

British artillery north of the Ancre River in France was active all night and there was a continuous rain of shells of all calibre upon the German trenches in the region of Gommecourt.

The British War Office in an official announcement at noon stated that the German positions at Gommecourt, which is due west of Bapaume, were heavily shelled.

It was stated also that British aeroplanes have carried out a bombardment of the important railway city of Douai, which is behind the German lines and which is a point of high strategic value in the rapid movement of German troops in northern France.

During the last few days, the official report says, the English have captured 20 guns and 51 rapid firers as well as a great mass of other materials from the Germans on the Somme River front.

Following is the text of the official report:

Heavy rain yesterday afternoon and last night impeded operations between the Ancre and the Somme. The night was spent improving the forward positions gained on Friday. In the neighborhood of Gommecourt we bombarded the enemy's trenches. At Neuville St. Vaast and northward to Rocklincourt the enemy was active on Friday, exploding a mine among the craters near Hohenzollern redoubt without any advantage to them.

Northeast of Hulluch we sprang a mine. Our aeroplanes co-operating with our artillery did important reconnaisance work. We bombarded a German aerodrome at Douai, completely wrecking the hangar and doing other material damage. In the last few days we have captured 20 guns and 51 quick firers as well as a large number of automatic rifles, trench mortars, mine werfers, searchlights and other booty not yet enumerated.

BERLIN REPORTS REPULSE OF ATTACKS ON VERDUN AND SOMME FRONTS

BERLIN, July 8.

The repulse of attacks against German positions on the west front were reported by the War Office today.

On the Somme River front assaults against the German lines broke down.

On the Verdun front hundreds of French were made prisoners at Froide Terre.

Following is the text of the report:

On both banks of the Somme numerous repeated enemy attacks were repulsed with sanguinary losses.

The heroism and tenacity of our troops prepared the enemy for a day of delusions.

On the Verdun front the French made several fruitless attacks on Froide Terre. Weak advances against Damloup were also checked.

Will Consider Tax on $2000 Incomes

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee will consider today proposals to levy a tax on incomes of $2000. Several Democrats in the House are in favor of extending the tax if it is found the revenue from such incomes will be sufficient to justify it. If a majority of the Democrats on the committee favor the course an amendment will be offered when the House takes up the bill under the five-minute rule.

Red Cross Branch at Ogontz

A new branch of the Southeastern Division of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross has been formed by Mrs. George Horace Lorimer in Ogontz, to be known as the Ogontz and Huntingdon Valley branch. More than 100 members have been enrolled, but 400 are expected. This branch will make comfort bags, nightshirts, pajamas, nurses' aprons and other articles.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET OF ELECTORS READY

Ellis A. Gimbel and Dr. James Van Buskirk on List—Democrats to Act Soon

The Pennsylvania ticket of Republican electors whose names will appear on the ballot has been completed. Ellis A. Gimbel was decided upon as the choice in the 1st District and Dr. James Van Buskirk in the 3d District, Philadelphia. The electors follow:

AT LARGE.
David B. Oliver, Pittsburgh.
Nathan T. Folwell, Philadelphia.
Charles T. Aikens, Selinsgrove.
Simon P. Fauxtis, Edwardsville.
William Flinn, Pittsburgh.
Rodman Wanamaker, Wyncote.

DISTRICTS.
1—Ellis A. Gimbel, Philadelphia.
2—Thomas Robins, Philadelphia.
3—James Van Buskirk, Philadelphia.
4—Thomas B. Smith, Philadelphia.
5—Niel C. Brodhead, Philadelphia.
6—Edgar Fahs Smith, Philadelphia.
7—William Wayne, Paoli.
8—Oscar G. Bean, Doylestown.
9—Benjamin S. Schindle, Lancaster.
10—E. M. Rine, Scranton.
11—C. E. Rice, Wilkes-Barre.
12—Edmund D. Smith, Pottsville.
13—A. Ellsworth Leinbach, Reading.
14—Edwin M. Dunham, Sayre.
15—Horace H. Packer, Wellsboro.
16—Curtis G. McWilliams, Shamokin.
17—D. E. Long, Fayetteville.
18—John Hays, Carlisle.
19—William Y. Hughes, Hollidaysburg.
20—Thomas Shipley, York.
21—David Howells, Kane.
22—Robert B. Greer, Butler.
23—Allen F. Cooper, Uniontown.
24—Kerfoot W. Daly, Charleroi.
25—Arthur L. Bates, Meadville.
26—William E. Chipman, Easton.
27—William O. Smith, Punxsutawney.
28—Frank H. Buhl, Sharon.
29—George E. Sewickley, Tener.
30—Charles A. Rook, Pittsburgh.
31—Nathaniel Spear, Pittsburgh.
32—Joseph M. Hall, McKees Rocks.

Under the Pennsylvania law the electors must be certified to by the nominee for President of each party within 30 days after his nomination or the vice presidential nominee will have the naming of them. The date expires July 10.

The Democratic electors will be announced within a day or two. William L. McLean, of Wilkes-Barre, Democratic State chairman, returned from Washington last night, where he conferred with Democratic leaders, and said that the list of Democratic electors is being completed and will be announced on Monday, at the latest.

ANOTHER WEDDING AT GRETNA

Fifty Men Clamor to Be Best Man for Pittsburgh Ambulance Sergeant

By a Staff Correspondent

MT. GRETNA, Pa., July 8.—Hail to the latest war bride!

More than fifty men in the 1st Ambulance Corps here clamored for the honor of being best man at the wedding of Sergeant J. D. O'Connell and Miss Leota Beecher, both of Pittsburgh, who were married with military honors this afternoon.

Miss Beecher will be the last war bride here, according to all predictions. Confetti, tin cans and old shoes were thrown at the bashful and youthful couple. The bridegroom leaves for El Paso tomorrow.

FOUR FALSE ALARMS

And All Sounded Before Daylight on a Sizzling Hot Summer Morning, Too

Firemen were busy in the early hours of this hot day. Just because some other persons had insomnia they figured they wouldn't let the firemen sleep and, beginning shortly before 1 a. m., they amused themselves by sending in false alarms. Boxes were pulled as follows:

12:54 a. m., at 36th and Wharton streets.
2:49 a. m., 6th and Market streets.
3:10 a. m., 4th street and Fairmount avenue.
5:13 a. m., 56th and Christian streets.

Whenever an alarm is struck at the Electrical Bureau it is relayed to every firehouse in the city, and all men must get up, whether or not they are summoned to an actual job. If there really is a fire they don't mind. But four false alarms before daylight * * *!

Girl Killed as Auto Strikes Train

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., July 8.—Miss Marion Clinton was killed and Frank Smith was fatally hurt, when their automobile collided with a train at Howell's today.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

HOUSEWORK—Wanted (white), for general housework; family four adults. Call 4305 Spruce street, Sunday, 8 to 1 o'clock.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS—The Bell Telephone Company offers positions as operator to intelligent young women between 18 and 22 years old; salary $6 a week while learning, with rapid advancement; a steady position assured, with pleasant surroundings and unusual opportunity for promotion. Apply in person to the Bell Telephone Company's operators' school, 400 Market st. daily between 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. Tuesday and Friday evenings between 6:30 and 8:30 o'clock.

HELP WANTED—MALE

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ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER for automobile business, age 18 to 22 years; knowledge of stenography; state experience, reference and salary in first letter. F 408, Ledger Office.

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LABORERS wanted for general work; steady work, good pay for right man. Apply N. W. cor. 5th and Brown.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

YOUNG MAN, with 14 years' general business exp., wants responsible posit'n giving chance with advancement; excel. refs. M 740, Led Cent.

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