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IN SWELTERING MID-SUMMER HEAT TROOPS BATTLE ALONG THE SOMME

LONDON SAYS BRITISH HAVE ADVANCED THEIR LINES AT SOME POINTS ON SOMME TO NORTH OF BAZENTINE LE PETIT.

Germans Secured Footing by Redoubled Counter Attacks at Monacu, after Fierce Fighting, but Were Soon Driven Out—Petrograd Says Russians in Vicinity of Brody are Pursuing the Austro-German Armies and Have Reached the Rivers Graberki and Sereth—Second German Raid Within a Week on East Coast of England Made by Zeppelin This Morning—Arabs Sent to Hei Coast of Red Sea Have Opened Turkish Town and of Yembo, Making Prisoners the Turkish Garrison in t.

The British troops have advanced their posts at some points in the Somme region to north of Bazentine le Petit, London officials announce. These attacks were made in the sweltering mid-summer heat.

In this section, the Germans redoubled their counter attacks, says a Paris official statement. The struggle was especially severe around Monacu farm, where the Germans got a footing for a moment, but were immediately driven back. In the region of Brody, Petrograd announces, the Russians are pursuing German armies and have reached the rivers Graberki and Sereth.

A German statement says neither the French or British gained any ground in the Somme.

Another Zeppelin Raid.

London, July 31.—The second raid within a week of the east coast of England by a Zeppelin was made this morning. The official statement announcing the raid says the airship was engaged by a British aeroplane, but the British adversary was unable to continue the fight on account of the disability of his machine gun.

Arabs Take Turkish Fort.

London, July 31.—The Arab force dispatched to the Hegas coast of the Red Sea, after the fall of Jedah, opened the Turkish town and fort of Yembo, says a Reuter's dispatch from Cairo. The troops in the Turkish garrison were made prisoners.

HUNDREDS DIED LAST WEEK OF EXTREME HEAT

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR VICTIMS IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK FROM HEAT—TEMPERATURE MODERATING TODAY.

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—Latest reports show that 284 persons died in Chicago directly or indirectly from the effects of the heat wave during the past week. The temperature is considerably moderated today.

CHINESE REBELS ACTIVE

Large District Looted and Burned in Hankow Last Night.

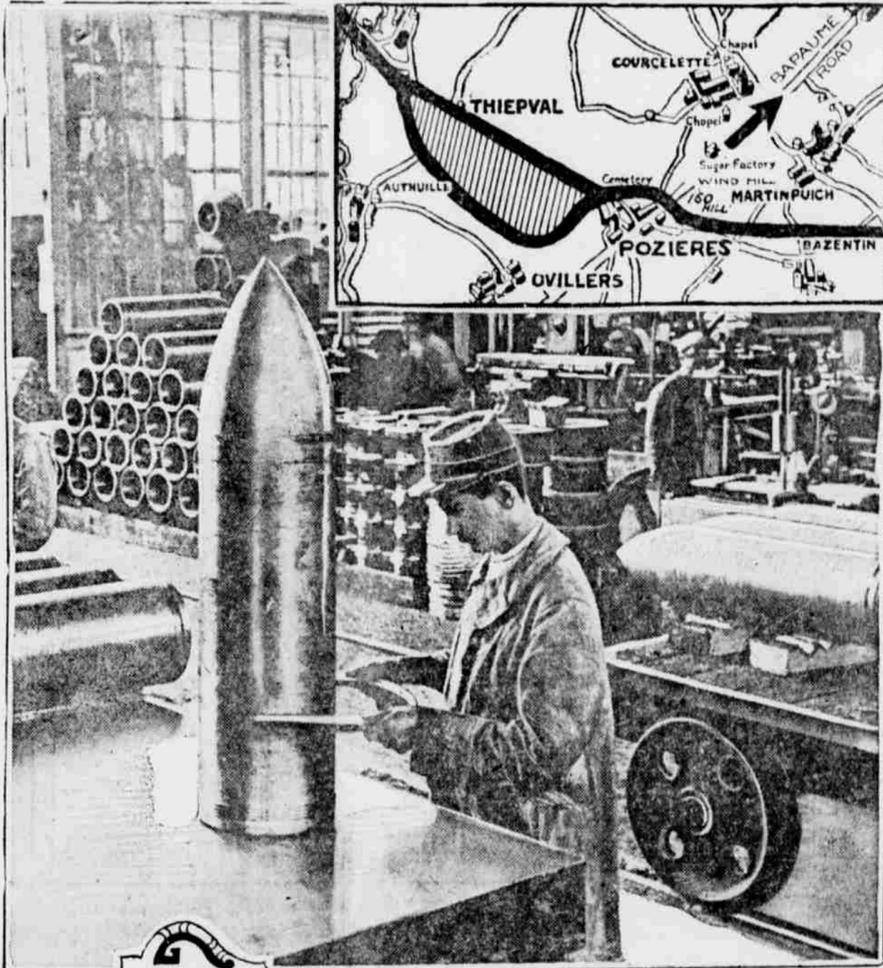
Pekin, July 31.—In a revolutionary outbreak in Hankow last night a large district was looted and burned. Many natives were killed, and some Russian women injured before the volunteer fighters checked the uprising.

The want ads make the best advertising medium for the small merchant.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., July 31.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Tuesday is unsettled.

BRITISH TRYING TO STRENGTHEN LINE; ALLIES HAVE NOW ENOUGH AMMUNITION



MAP OF ATTEMPTED BRITISH ADVANCE—FRENCH AMMUNITION WORKER.

Pushing westward from Pozieres toward Thiepval the British threaten to break a deep salient in the German line toward Ovillers by straightening the line and occupying the district shown by the shaded portion of the accompanying map. An advance will force a German retirement or cut off the troops in this sector. The present front swings around Pozieres, all of which is now held by the British. The Germans are supposed to hold strong positions at the windmill on the Bapaume road and at hill 169, northeast of Pozieres. The arrow in the map points in the direction of the western front line stress on the abundant supply of ammunition of all calibers for the guns of the French and the British. The photograph shows a worker on a big shell in a French ammunition factory.

FOUR DEAD, THREE INJURED AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION SUNDAY

ESTIMATES OF CASUALTIES AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION OF ALLIED AMMUNITION AT BLACK TOM PIER, PLACE NUMBER OF DEAD AT FOUR.

Property Loss is Estimated All the Way from Twenty-Five to Forty-Five Million Dollars—With Many Persons Missing, Number of Victims May Not be Known for Days—Cause of Explosion Still Unknown—Residents of Greater New York in State of Panic as Result of Explosion, which Was Felt in Five States—Fire Caused by Explosion Sweeps Several Warehouses of the National Storage Company on Black Tom Island, Where Munitions for Allied Nations Was Shipped to be Loaded on Steamers for European Ports.

New York, July 31.—Estimates of the number of casualties in the terrific ammunition explosion and subsequent fire early Sunday morning at Black Tom Island, placed the number of dead at four, with three mortally wounded, scores injured, and many missing. Estimates of the property loss range from twenty-five to forty-five million dollars.

The origin of the fire is still a mystery.

Lehigh Valley railroad officials believe the first explosion occurred on a barge moored at their pier without authority.

Mayor Fagan of Jersey City has announced that he will ask for a congressional investigation in order to give material for more straight laws regarding the storage and transportation of high explosives.

Investigation Ordered.

Washington, July 31.—An investigation of the New York fire and explosion to see if the federal law has been violated, was ordered by the department of justice today.

New York, July 31.—A series of

terrible explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom Island, a small strip of land, jutting into New York Bay, off Jersey City, early Sunday, threw the residents of New York City into a state of panic. The detonations were felt in five states and the bursting shrapnel shells showered the country and waters for miles around. Thirteen of the large warehouses of the National Storage company on Black Tom Island were destroyed by the fire which followed the explosion. The cause of the explosion is still unknown. Officials of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company last night issued the following statement:

"Thirteen brick storage warehouses out of the twenty-four owned and operated by the National Storage company, and six piers owned by the storage company and leased to the Lehigh Valley road, were destroyed. Several others of the brick warehouses were badly damaged and some minor damage was done to the Lehigh Valley grain elevators. In addition, as far as is known, eighty-five loaded cars were destroyed. Some 40,000 tons of raw sugar, valued at approximately \$3,400,000, is known to have been lost. It is be-

lieved that the other contents of the warehouses destroyed will increase this amount. There were no explosives stored in the warehouses. The mishap will not interfere with the operation of business.

Warrants charging manslaughter were issued last night for the arrest of Albert M. Dickman, agent at the Black Tom Island docks for the Lehigh Valley Railroad company; Theodore B. Johnson, head of the Johnson Lighterage & Towing company, and Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Storage company. They are accused of having illegally permitted explosives to be stored where human life was endangered. Johnson's company had been engaged, it was said, in lightening munitions from the warehouse to ships in the harbor.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Oklahoma's New Capitol Building to Be Completed by Spring.

Oklahoma City, July 30.—Contractors for the new state house of Oklahoma today said the work of construction is six months ahead of schedule. The building is due to be turned over to the state a year from now. According to this, it will be ready next spring. The legislative halls and committee rooms are nearing completion and will be ready for the assembly in January. This is according to the terms of the contract.

Remarkably rapid progress has been made in this construction and the state of Oklahoma, which started late with its capitol building, will have a state house before some states that have been much longer on the way.

SOCIETY HANDLED

FROM THIS OFFICE After today the society columns will be handled at The Ardmoreite office directly. Persons having items for society column please call society editor at phone 538. Hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. We will appreciate all items of news.

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BANDITS KILL TWO AMERICANS

IN CLASH WITH MEXICAN BANDITS TWO AMERICANS WERE SLAIN.

FIVE IN THE PARTY

Bandits Crossed Early Today East of Fort Hancock—Victims of Raiders Were Private Money of Eighth Cavalry and Customs Inspector Woods.

El Paso, Tex., July 31.—Two Americans were killed and one wounded in a clash with Mexican bandits, who crossed the Rio Grande below Fort Hancock, Texas, fifty miles east of here this morning.

There were five bandits in the party. Private John T. Money of Troop F of the Eighth Cavalry and Robert Woods, United States customs inspector, were killed.

Sergeant Lewis Thompson of the same troop was seriously wounded.

All five of the Mexican bandits were killed, but their identity or affiliations has not been established.

FOUR MINERS ARE KILLED.

Gas in Mine Ignites From Miners' Lamps Causing Explosion.

Pana, Ill., July 31.—Four miners were killed in an explosion at Spring-side mine, near here, when a fan at the mine which has been shut down for a day, allowed gas to collect, which was ignited by the miners' lamps.

COLE AND CUMMINGS OF THE TWO BIG PARTIES



RALPH D. COLE (Above) HOMER S. CUMMINGS (Below)

Homer S. Cummings, who has been vice chairman of the democratic national committee, is in charge of the democratic speakers' bureau in the present national campaign and expects to have his organization in full working order soon. Chairman Wilcox of the republican national committee announced that he had appointed ex-Congressman Ralph D. Cole of Findlay, O., director of the republican speakers' bureau. Mr. Cole was counsel to the comptroller of the currency in the Taft administration and served four terms in the house of representatives. In the pre-convention campaign he was an active Burton supporter. He is an authority on the tariff.

Trade what you don't want for something you can use by patronizing the want column.