

**WEATHER FORECAST:**  
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## 2 AMERICANS VOTE CERTAIN DIE IN BATTLE IN SENATE ON WITH RAIDERS NEW D. C. RULE

Five Mexicans Also Killed in Running Fight on Border Near Fort Hancock.

### CAVALRY OPENS ATTACK

Eighth Regiment Troopers Fire on Invaders When They Cross Into Texas.

EL PASO, July 31.—Five Mexicans and two Americans were killed in a fight this morning near Fort Hancock, fifty miles east of El Paso.

The Americans killed were Private John J. Twomey, of Troop F, Eighth Cavalry, and Customs Inspector Robert Wood.

Sergt. Lewis Thompson, also of Troop F, Eighth Cavalry, was wounded. The bodies of five Mexicans were found along the line of the bandits' retreat.

The Mexicans crossed into Texas and were attacked by the Americans.

### FLED TOWARD MEXICO.

The bandits were surprised by the cavalry patrol, and immediately fled toward the Mexican line. About 700 shots were exchanged. It is supposed that the bandits were killed on their way to raid some American ranch.

### CARRANZA MAY REJECT U. S. PLAN

State Department Reports Say He Objects to Additions.

Disturbing reports have come to the State Department that Carranza will reject the additions made in Washington to his suggestions in the note of July 21 for settlement of border troubles by a commission.

Strong apprehension was felt today that a serious slip may ensue in the negotiations between the two governments. The Mexican peace discussions are at a standstill pending receipt of Carranza's official reply.

Carranza submitted three propositions for consideration by a joint commission. All related to military movements across the border. If reports now coming from Mexico City are reliable, Carranza will continue to insist the commission parleys be confined to discussion of three subjects he suggested—withdrawal of American troops, a protocol governing reciprocal crossing of the border by military forces of both nations, and responsibility for past border raids.

### D. C. Official Is Hero In Drowning Rescue

Robert E. Berrian, of the office of the Collector of Taxes, is the hero of a near-drowning accident. While in bathing at Atlantic City, where he is spending a three weeks' vacation, Mr. Berrian went to the rescue of a man who had become exhausted and aided him to shore, a distance of several hundred yards, according to information received here. The name of the rescued man could not be ascertained.

## Things You Want To Know About

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Senator Lee Decides Not to Appeal From Decision Making Works Plan in Order.

### DRYS NOT TO PRESS FIGHT

House Committee Reports Out Two Bills Affecting Capital Interests.

Both Senators Jones and Sheppard told the Senate this afternoon that a prohibition amendment to the District of Columbia bill would be urged and the Senate forced to vote upon it unless the ruling of the Vice President that the Works amendment to abolish the District government was in order, was overruled.

There will be no appeal from the ruling of Vice President Marshall declaring in order the Works amendment to the District appropriation bill abolishing the local government.

This was made plain in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Lee of Maryland, who declared, in response to questions of Senator Jones of Washington, that he considered the right of appeal had lapsed.

Should there be no new developments of an unexpected sort this decision makes a vote on the proposal sure. Its defeat is expected.

Under the Vice President's ruling, the District prohibition amendment would be in order, but Senator Sheppard this afternoon still was not disposed to urge it, although some of its supporters were in favor of it.

### DRYS FORESEE DEFEAT.

Advocates of the prohibition amendment are convinced it will be held out of order if they do introduce it, despite the ruling of the Vice President on the Works amendment.

While action on the District bill dragged in the Senate during a discussion by Senator Newlands of proposed plans to improve the water front, the District Committee of the House favorably reported two measures.

The first was the bill authorizing the use of public school buildings as public forums.

The other was for increased salaries for officials of the Police Department. The bill, however, makes no provision for increased pay for privates.

### G. O. P. Clans in N. Y. for Big Time

NEW YORK, July 31.—Hotel lobbies today looked as though a Republican convention were on in New York. Hundreds of G. O. P. leaders were arriving from all over the country, anxious to see Charles Evans Hughes officially advised that he was the Republican standard bearer, and to hear him shatter another one of his famous silences.

### 184 Bodies Found In Forest Fire Area

MONTREAL, Quebec, July 31.—Reports from North Bay, Ontario, say 184 bodies have been recovered from the forest fire area.

The fire was quenched by heavy rains last night, and railway communication is expected to be renewed early this afternoon.

## TWO VIEWS OF SCENE OF GREAT BLAST



Ruins of Thirteen Warehouses of the National Storage Company, Leveled by Yesterday's Explosion.

Photograph Showing Wrecked Pier, Buildings and Barges at End of Black Tom Peninsula.

## THIRD REGIMENT IS READY FOR REVIEW

District Militia Will March to White Lot for Parade at 5 o'Clock.

All arrangements were completed at the mobilization camp today for the parade and review of the Third Regiment, District Militia, on the White Lot at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Headed by the band and Col. Glendon P. Young, the regiment composed of about 800 men, will leave the camp near Fort Myer shortly after 4 o'clock. This will allow one hour for a leisurely march down the military road, across the highway bridge and into the Government employes and thousands of others who are expected to reach the parade ground arrive.

## Rivalry Among Men.

It is expected by the officers of the Third Regiment that the soldierly appearance of the militiamen and the eagerness of their drill will prove a revelation to the people of Washington as to how much military training can accomplish in five weeks.

## Germany Now Demands Special Passports

Persons desiring to enter or leave Germany must obtain special permission from the German authorities, Ambassador Gerard cabled the State Department today.

## U-BOAT GETS START FOR DASH TO SEA

BALTIMORE, July 31.—At 1:30 the tug Thomas F. Timmins started its engines and began clearing away the barges obstructing the passage of the German super-submarine Deutschland now snuggling at the foot on Andre street.

## British Aviator Battles Zeppelin

LONDON, July 31.—Combat between a British aeroplane and a Zeppelin thirty miles off the east coast of Great Britain, was reported in an Admiralty statement today.

## SLOCUM FREED OF BLAME BY SCOTT

Chief of Staff Decides No Stigma Should Be Attached to Him for Raid.

No stigma should be attached to Col. Herbert J. Slocum, Thirtieth Cavalry, because of the raid on Columbus, which precipitated the present Mexican trouble, Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, reported today.

## FRENCH RETRIEVE GERMAN FOOTING

PARIS, July 31.—French troops brilliantly retrieved a temporary German footing obtained around Monacu farm, and had repulsed every German attack there and at Henwood with terrific losses.

## Continues District Budget for August

President Wilson today signed a resolution continuing for the month of August the appropriations required out of last year's budget to run the government of the District.

## ALLIES CUT DEEPER INTO GERMAN LINES IN EAST AND WEST

British and Russian Commanders Report Further Gains Around Somme and Brody.

BERLIN, July 31.—Anglo-French attacks through the morning, along the front from Longueval to the Somme, were everywhere repulsed with sanguinary losses, according to the war office statement today.

In the eastern fighting zone also, the war office declared Russian attacks had been repulsed.

LONDON, July 31.—British and Russian troops kept up their amazing blows against the German lines, and today drove deeper into the Kaiser's positions, the London and Petrograd war offices announced today.

The Petrograd statement asserted the Russians had forged ahead in their advance from Brody, and had reached the Graberki and Seret rivers. Advances also were reported near Stock-hod.

General Haig, leading the British "big push," announced he had made gains at several points north of Brabantine le Petit.

"The night was spent in improving the positions we gained yesterday," the British commander-in-chief continued.

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The official statement detailed "numerous" German counter-attacks against Henwood and extremely violent combats in that neighborhood, in which the Germans were repulsed.

In the course of these attacks," the statement asserted, "our left bank batteries enfiladed the enemy, causing heavy losses to them."

As the result of local encounters," he said, "our posts have advanced at points north of Brabantine le Petit."

## Haig Reports Further Advances by British

LONDON, July 31.—Further British advance at points north of Brabantine le Petit was announced by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig today.

## MEN BLAMED FOR BIG BLAST FREED ON BOND

Railroad and Storage Company Employes Charged With Manslaughter by Negligence.

### WILL BE TRIED ON FRIDAY

Only Four Known Dead So Far and Total List May Not Pass Twenty-five.

JERSEY CITY, July 31.—Albert M. Dickman, Lehigh Valley agent, and Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Storage Company, were arraigned before Judges Mark A. Sullivan and George Tennant today, charged with manslaughter in connection with the Black Tom explosion yesterday.

Their cases were postponed until Friday morning at 10 o'clock, at the request of Prosecutor Robert Hudson.

The defendants were released under \$5,000 bail.

Theodore B. Johnson, president of the Johnson Lighterage Company, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued, did not appear.

Johnson and Davidson are charged with negligence in permitting a tug to tie a barge loaded with dangerous explosives to the pier.

Dickman is charged with permitting box cars loaded with high explosives to be placed on a railroad siding in a position where danger from fire or explosion was great.

The three men are specifically charged with causing the deaths of Capt. Cornelius Leyden, of the Lehigh Valley railway police, one of the victims of the explosion.

AGENTS ON SCENE. Agents from the Justice Department and the Interstate Commerce Commission spent nearly all day on the scene.

On their report will depend whether the commission will go more fully into the case. This phase, however, will not deter State and Jersey city officials in their investigations and prosecutions.

Most amazing of all the startling features of this greatest explosion on record, is the growing belief this afternoon that the death list will not exceed 25 or 30 at the outside.

As the flames died out this afternoon and searchers probed to the ruins of the Lehigh docks, only four persons were known to have died.

They were Conrad Leyden, the Lehigh Valley's chief of police; Arthur Toscani, baby, shocked to death, and two unidentified men.

Twenty-three men are reported missing.

These are the known facts as to loss of life more than thirty-six hours after the first explosion.

A serious aftermath of the disaster developed today as boxes of dynamite and other high explosives were discovered floating nearby submerged in the harbor. Marine officials were warned to shipowners, and established a harbor patrol of small boats.

## U. S. DECIDES TO TAKE NO ACTION IN PROBE

Bielaski Denies Taking Part in Jersey Investigation.

State authorities alone are endeavoring to fathom the cause of the gigantic explosion which yesterday morning struck terror into the hearts of residents of New York and surrounding communities and destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property bordering on the harbor of the metropolis.

The Federal Government is merely "sitting on the side lines," as an official expressed it, and will take no part in the proceedings unless the State discloses that outside agencies were responsible for the explosion.