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PEOPLE DYING IN MEXICO CITY FROM STARVATION DAILY

One Hospital Reports Death of Eight Children, While Another Announces Number of Famine Victims.

SOLDIERS SHUT OUT ALL FOOD

Woman Arrested for Stealing Dog to Take Home for Her Young to Eat.

CAPITAL FALLS AND FALLS

MEXICO CITY, July 31.—(Via Vera Cruz, Aug. 8.—Via Laredo, Tex., Aug. 16.—Delayed in transmission.)—Eight deaths by starvation, all children, were reported by the police station of the Second ward today. The general hospital also reported deaths by starvation, though the number was not made public.

A police court record in the Second ward was brought to the attention of the American Red Cross representatives today as illustrative of the extreme misery prevailing among the lower classes because of the want of food.

A woman was brought into court charged with stealing a dog. The defendant's plea was that the animal was stolen for the purpose of feeding it to her children. The judge dismissed the woman.

Food Can't Enter. Despite the distressing conditions the Red Cross representatives and the foreign relief societies have been able to do very little because the military officials refuse to allow food to enter the city.

Red Cross officials now have a supply of beef and beans sufficient for 750,000 liters of soup. Already applications have come from 60,000 persons, and the present supply will last no longer than a fortnight.

Cases of death from starvation are being daily reported to the Red Cross headquarters.

During the last twenty-four hours this capital has seen three changes of government. Such a kaleidoscope shifting of the political stage has alarmed even this city, accustomed as it has become to rapid changes of political leadership.

Zapattistas Go. Shortly after the noon hour yesterday the inhabitants were startled by the precipitate evacuation of the Zapata army before an invisible enemy. Two hours later the Villa contingent of the former army of occupation rallied and street fighting ensued with the invading Carranza forces.

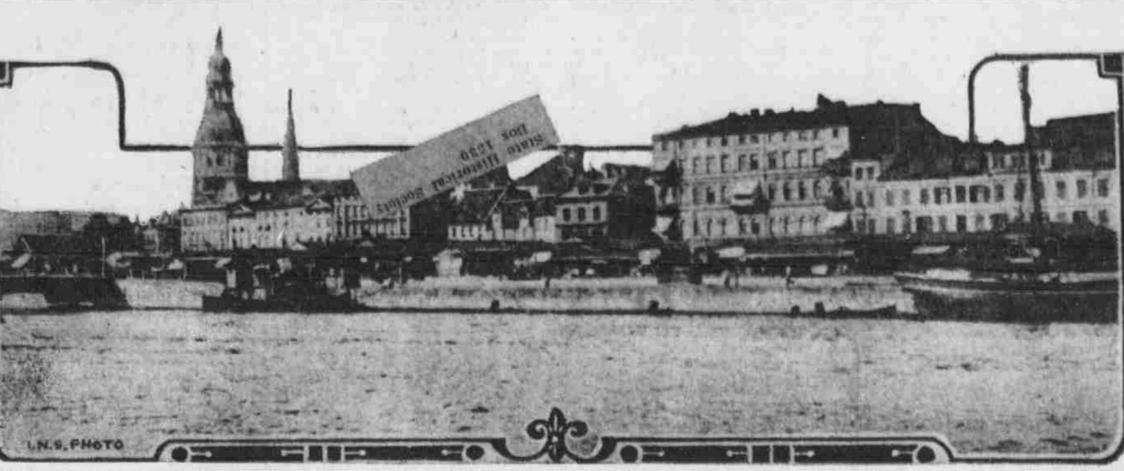
At 5 o'clock the firing ceased, and in its place was heard the clanging of bells. Offices and stores which had been in the line of fire were opened and the occupants emerged to learn that the city had been captured by Captain Manuel Sanchez and twenty men of Carranza's army. It is estimated that 2,000 Zapata soldiers fled before this force, believing it to be much larger.

Dead All Civilians. Captain Sanchez installed himself in the National palace and the Red Cross ambulance and cars gathered up the dead and wounded, numbering eleven, all of whom were civilians, the fighting having taken place in the main streets of the business section.

The city had settled down to the first breathing spell of the day when the Zapata troops, learning that they had been routed by a force of twenty men, returned. Sanchez, with his Carranza forces thereupon evacuated the palace, which was taken possession of by General Castillo, who occupied it during the night.

Flees Police. Castillo, when morning broke, left the palace because of a rumored approach of hostile forces and General Albarca, claiming to be a Villa follower, occupied the government offices. Towards noon heavy firing on several streets leading to the national and municipal palaces, announced the second approach of Carranza men. This firing lasted all forenoon and well into the afternoon, and when it ceased the inhabitants were in doubt as to whether the forces of Villa, Zapata or Carranza held the capital of the republic.

RIGA, THE NEW GERMAN OBJECTIVE—Russian seaport on the Baltic, for the capture of which the Germans are making great efforts, both by land and sea.



WATERMELONS FOR ALL AT FREMONT

Two Carloads from Georgia, and They Are Free for All at Tractor Show.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CROWDS

Tuesday was Wyoming, Colorado, Fremont and Dodge county day at the National Farm Tractor Demonstration at Fremont. Acres and acres of ground were plowed by the big tractors and gang plows for demonstration purposes before the many thousands of farmers and business men from a half dozen states who flocked to the grounds to see the demonstrations.

The tractor show course, which is a feature of the week's demonstration began yesterday morning, with Prof. L. F. Seaton of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture as conductor. Experts on the various motors and the various accessories were given the floor to talk on technical points and to answer the questions of the crowds of these interested. Questions were numerous, for thousands of farmers are today as well versed on the carburetors and technical points of a gasoline engine as a decade ago they were on the spavins and ringbones of their horses.

Experts for Lecturers. Nor have the manufacturers been asleep on the job. They have grasped the opportunity to send out experts to give these lectures in the tent and thus set the special features and worthy virtues of their various machines laid bare before the prospective buyers. Fifteen companies have entered their accessories for exhibit and have furnished their experts to lecture on them. Here are the companies that entered for this special feature:

- Waukesha Motor company, Waukesha, Wis.
- Hausmann Manufacturing company, Long Prairie, Minn.
- McCaughey-Norris Carburetor company, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Ryan Roller Bearing company, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Beaver Manufacturing company, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Sumter Electrical company, Sumter, S.C.
- Champion Spark Plug company, Toledo, Ohio.
- Wheeler Manufacturing company, St. Louis, Mo.
- Pierce Speed Controller company, Anderson, Ind.
- K-W Ignition company, Cleveland, O.
- Perfex Radiator company, Racine, Wis.
- Wilson-Bentley Carburetor company, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Ray company, Marshalltown, Ia.
- Burd High Compression Ring company, Rockford, Ill.

Militia Is on Guard.

The Fourth regiment, Nebraska National Guard, is encamped at Fremont, and the militiamen are detailed to police duty on the exhibition grounds. Special parades are to be held during the week, as also sham battles by the troops.

Governor Glenn of North Carolina spoke at the chautauquas at Morse park in the evening, which was designated as special night for tractor men at the chautauquas. How could a tractor show be held with out watermelons? The melon crop around Fremont this year was a failure.

Wells Gets the Melons.

Well, President George Wells of the Fremont Commercial club decided a tractor show just could not be held without melons, so he got two carloads of the choicest from the south. These have been resting on ice in storage for several days and are now daily being sliced and passed out free of charge on the demonstration field. If they last long enough, there is to be a free watermelon for every visitor every day of the week.

Fishbake Tonight.

Special trains on the Burlington from Sioux City, Lincoln and Beatrice are to bring crowds to Fremont. These trains have been arranged for and the sale of tickets has been large. There is to be a fishbake at Morse park in the evening for the tractor men and special entertainment, including a battle royal and other sports.

BERNARD A. MELIA DIES FOLLOWING TYPHOID ATTACK

Bernard A. Melia, 60 years old, a resident of Omaha practically all his life, died at noon yesterday at his home, 1410 South Seventh street, as the result of a recent attack of typhoid fever. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Catherine H. Melia; two sons, Lee and Francis Melia; a sister, Mrs. J. Winters, Hammond, Ind.; and two brothers, James and Martin of Omaha. Mr. Melia had been in the employ of Paxton & Gallagher for the last fifteen years.

The funeral will be held at St. Philomena's church, Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery, South Omaha.

Ex-Congressman Sutherland Is in Critical Condition

SUPERIOR, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Word has been received here of the very serious illness in a hospital at Kansas City of ex-Congressman R. D. Sutherland. He is reported to have a very severe case of acute Bright's disease and the physicians do not hold out any hope for his recovery.

GENERAL SCOTT'S MISSION SUCCEEDS

Villa Agrees to Call Off Meeting of Mining Men and Will Restore Confiscated Goods.

CONFERENCE HELD IN EL PASO

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 10.—General Hugh L. Scott, chief-of-staff of the United States army, has accomplished his mission to the border. At noon today the following statement was given out:

"General Villa assured me during our interview that the proposed meeting of mining men will be postponed indefinitely. The foreign merchandise seized at Chihuahua last week will be restored to its owners. Violations of the law, however, will be prosecuted in the civil courts. My mission here is now accomplished.

Villa Crosses to El Paso.

Escorted by a mounted detachment of bodyguards, General Villa entered an automobile early today in Juarez and crossed the border to keep his appointment with the American chief of staff, representative, and Colonel R. E. L. George C. Carothers, State department representative, and Colonel R. E. L. Michie, aide to General Scott, went to Juarez and accompanied the Mexican leader to the private residence of J. F. Williams, a banker, where General Scott has made his headquarters. On the international bridge a detachment of soldiers from the Sixteenth United States infantry for General Villa, whom they escorted in automobiles to the place of meeting. General Villa's guards also accompanied their chief to General Scott's residence and remained there until the conference was concluded.

Mr. Carothers and Alberto Madero, a political adviser to Villa, and brother of the late President Madero, were the only men present at the meeting between the two military chiefs.

At 10:30 Villa emerged from the house, re-entered his machine accompanied by Colonel Michie and Mr. Carothers, and returned to Juarez.

General Scott, after Mr. Carothers' return to American soil, issued his statement. General Scott said that while his work here was completed he would remain awaiting orders from Washington.

Mexican Stocks Sold.

The confiscation of foreign merchants' goods throughout Villa territory was ordered at Chihuahua City July 31, when Villa accused the merchants of charging exorbitant prices.

Foreign consuls placed their seals on the stores of their nationals, but the stores of Mexicans were sold out at prices fixed by the Villa government plus 15 per cent allowed for profit.

On August 2 seizure of imports at Juarez began. Supplies of food, coal and other merchandise consigned to mining camps, as well as to merchants of all nationalities were seized and ordered shipped to the Villa government at Chihuahua.

Meanwhile a meeting of mining men called by Villa for August 1 to consider a matter of "great importance" with General Villa was postponed until August 9, when the news of the coming of General Scott stayed all action and postponed the mining men's meeting until August 11. It was this meeting which was called off by General Villa today.

SEWARD SETTLERS LISTEN TO BRYAN

Commoner Says His Name and Wilson's to Be Linked as Friends of Peace.

SIX OXEN SERVED AT BARBECUE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Under ideal conditions as to weather the Seward county old settlers' picnic was held today with a crowd of more than 10,000 people in attendance.

W. J. Bryan delivered an address in the forenoon to a crowd of about 1,500 people at the park, following out the lines of recent addresses made since his retirement from the cabinet.

Mr. Bryan ridiculed the idea of preparedness for war as being the best thing to promote peace and called the war in Europe a "humane war inhumanly conducted."

Still After Jingoism.

He said the people were refusing to apply to nations what it would apply to society and that the jingo press of the country and the jingo public would put a uniform on every citizen and a hair-trigger rifle in his hands ready to go to war.

He reiterated the statement made in former speeches that it was only the prepared nations that went into the present war and that had the United States been as well prepared for war as these were this country would have been in at the start.

"There are a few people in this country," said Mr. Bryan, "who drink blood and that the jingo press of the country and the jingo public would put a uniform on every citizen and a hair-trigger rifle in his hands ready to go to war."

He said the sentiment of the present time appeared to be along the lines of cruelty, and if any man was cruel it was up to the man who opposed him to be more cruel than he was.

In Thousand Years.

Before closing Mr. Bryan said that one thousand years hence the name of Woodrow Wilson and "my name" will be linked with the peace treaties and be household words whenever the peace proposition is mentioned.

Governor Morehead spoke in the afternoon to a large crowd and, notwithstanding the races and other sports were in progress, the crowd listened attentively. The governor spoke along lines of the advancement of the state, of prosperity and said there was no state in the whole union so favorably situated as so rich in material prosperity or where the people appeared to enjoy the good things of life so much.

Big Barbecue.

At noon the big barbecue was served, half a dozen big Nebraska steers being roasted for the occasion under the supervision of Colonel John Teeling of Hastings. The carving and serving was under the supervision of Joe Kendall, head chef of the Lindell hotel at Lincoln, both of whom did their very best, the people enjoying the repast. The program was conducted well along into the evening, the Seward county old settlers' picnic being the event of the season in this territory.

British Cruiser India is Torpedoed Off Swedish Coast

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The British auxiliary cruiser India, of 7,000 tons, has been torpedoed off the Norwegian coast. Eighty members of the crew were saved.

The place of attack of the India lies along the steamship lane between England and the Russian port of Archangel. Restford is a bay six miles long on the northwestern coast of Norway.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The British torpedo boat destroyer Lynx was sunk yesterday as the result of striking a mine, according to an official announcement made this evening by the British press bureau. Four officers and twenty-two men of the crew were saved.

Turkish Airmen Destroy Subsea Craft of Entente

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 2.—(Via Berlin, Aug. 10.—By Wireless to Sayville.)—A submarine of the entente allies was sunk near Bulair this afternoon by a Turkish aeroplane, which threw bombs upon the craft. All the crew were lost.

Special Train from Sioux City to the Big Tractor Show

So great has become the interest in the tractor show at Fremont that the Burlington has decided to run a special train from Sioux City for those along the line who wish to visit the show Thursday. The special will leave Sioux City Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, and returning will leave Fremont at 9 o'clock that night.

CAPPER TO PROBE ALLEGED GRAFT

Kansas Governor Orders Inquiry Into Payment to Former Attorney General by Receiver.

DEAL IS HELD TO BE ILLEGAL

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 10.—Governor Capper has directed Attorney Bruster to inquire into the alleged fee of \$8,325, said to have been paid by the receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company to John S. Dawson, while he was attorney general.

Dawson is now an associate justice of the Kansas supreme court. The governor directs the attorney general to start proceedings for the restoration of the money to the gas company, if illegally paid. Gov. error Capper also directed the attorney general to investigate other fees paid by the company, which aggregated more than \$224,000.

The governor's action is the result of a report of an accountant for the Kansas Public Utilities commission, who made an examination of the gas company's books.

Statement by Governor. Governor Capper in his instructions to the attorney general referred to fees to the amount of \$224,015.04 shown in the accounts report as follows:

"These fees, it seems to me are so out of comparison with services rendered and so far in excess of just and fair compensation as to constitute what will appear to many as a public scandal."

"I note with astonishment that the former attorney general received the amount of \$8,325.00 for his services as attorney general for the year 1914-15."

The Day's War News

TEUTONIC PRESSURE on the eastern war front continues heavy against the Russian positions all along the line, with steady retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas' troops recorded in most of the reports.

Reports from the Warsaw and up to the Baltic provinces the Russians are making their most determined stand. Increasingly strong resistance to the German assaults is indicated in this territory.

PETROGRAD CLAIMS that in the Baltic provinces the Germans are being pressed back from Riga, on land, while on the water an allied fleet is breaking through the mine barriers defending the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, and has been off.

RUSSIANS ALSO ADVERT they have checked German advance guards in Vilkomer district, at which point the invaders are within fifty miles of the trunk line railroad to Petrograd.

At Kovno it is believed that despite the bringing up of the heaviest caliber guns desperate attacks on the fortress have been repulsed, with heavy losses to the attacking forces.

AUSTRO-GERMAN pressure on the retreating Russians continues strong in the Warsaw sector and along the lines to the southeast. Pronounced successes for the Teutonic forces are reported all through eastern Poland from the Vistula to the Bug.

ROME REPORTS capture of some Austrian trenches in Cavallo pass, in the Carina region, and a similar success in the Plava zone.

ALLIES ARE AGAIN attacking vigorously in the Dardanelles and are making substantial progress, according to news agency dispatches from Athens.

RUSSIANS REPORT new successes against the Turks in the Caucasus, near the Euphrates river.

TURKISH AIRPLANE threw bombs on a submarine of the entente allies engaged in the Dardanelles operations and sank the craft, with loss of all of its crew, Constantinople reports.

AMERICA REJECTS AUSTRIA'S VIEWS ON ARMS TRADE

United States Sends Vienna Note Declaring Neutrality Not Violated by Allies' Buying Munitions Here.

COUCHED IN FRIENDLY TONE

Penfield Will Probably Present it to Foreign Office Thursday.

INSISTS ON RIGHT TO SHIP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The United States government today dispatched to Vienna a reply rejecting the Austro-Hungarian views recently set forth in a note contending that the great scale on which war munitions are being exported from America to enemies of the German allies "is not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

The note was cabled to Ambassador Penfield, who probably will present it to the Vienna foreign office Thursday. It may be made public later by agreement between the two governments.

Replies to Suggestion. Though framed in diplomatic language and entirely friendly in tone, the reply is understood to repudiate flatly the suggestion that the United States has permitted violations of neutrality and rests firmly upon the right of American exporters to send war supplies to belligerents able to purchase and receive them.

The United States always has held that this is an unquestioned right under international law and high officials have pointed out that to prevent such shipments to one country because another was not in a position to receive them would be in itself a violation of neutrality.

Precedents also have been recalled where in previous wars Germany and Austria imported arms extensively.

The Austro-Hungarian note, handed to Ambassador Penfield on June 29, was a lengthy document, setting forth the views of that government and suggesting that the United States might redress the state of things complained of by informing the enemies of Austria-Hungary that the supply of foodstuffs and war material to them would be suspended unless legitimate trade in these articles between America and neutral countries were permitted.

According to Berlin dispatches, this complaint was sent after a conference between the Austro-Hungarian and German foreign offices. Similar notes, it was said, soon would be sent to the United States by Germany and Turkey.

German Take Lomza, Tighten Net Around Grand Duke Army

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Lomza, the strong fortress holding the same relative position on the northern flank of Warsaw as Ivankograd on the southeast, fell into German hands today, the outlying defenses having been taken by assault yesterday.

The Russians still hold Ostrow some twenty-five miles to the southward of Lomza, but their only purpose in holding it is to delay as long as possible the advance of the victorious Germans and enable the Russian armies to get clear of the widespread net in which the Teutons are trying to envelop the forces of the Grand Duke Nicholas.

That the Russians are getting ready for a further retreat seems clear, from the fact that preparations are making for the evacuation of the important city of Vlna. This information was quite unexpected in London, as the latest official bulletins from Petrograd conveyed the impression that the German rush in that quarter had been stemmed.

The sudden change of front indicates that developments must have supervened to induce the Russians to surrender their junction.

Six Indictments Voted in Eastland Disaster Inquiry

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Three indictments naming six persons, none of whom are federal government officials, were voted today by the state grand jury in connection with the steamer Eastland disaster and will be returned in court tomorrow. The state's attorney said the grand jury had been given evidence that the Eastland was overloaded. Evidence concerning government officials in the case was considered proper matter for the federal grand jury.

British Fall Back, Then Consolidate

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, in a report given out today by the official press bureau, says the British troops have slightly withdrawn from their line south of Hooge, near Ypres, but have consolidated the village of Hooge.

HARRY THAW GOES TO ROOM UPON ARRIVING IN OMAHA

Harry K. Thaw and his party arrived in Omaha at 7:30 o'clock last evening. Thaw went directly to his room at the Fontaine hotel without stopping to register. He expected to remain two or three days here.

MISSOURI AFTER TRACTOR EXHIBITS FOR STATE FAIR

F. C. Biggerstaff of Sedalia, Mo., superintendent of the machinery and industrial sections of exhibits of the Missouri state fair, was in Omaha last night on his way home from the tractor show at Fremont.

GERMAN DRIVE TOWARD CITY OF RIGA IS CHECKED

Large Fleet Which Attempts to Force the Mines and Forts at Entrance of Harbor is Driven Away.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS IN WEST

Capture of German Trenches Near Hooge Not Followed by Usual Counter Attack.

BALKAN OUTLOOK STILL MIXED

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Although military operations in Russian Courland have hardly reached the decisive stage, the Germans, who have been smashing their way toward Riga, have been checked. Almost simultaneously German warships, which attempted to seize the Gulf of Riga and attain a strategic position to assist the troops ashore, were dispersed and damaged.

The assemblage of German craft was the largest of any engaged in the naval actions of the war thus far, with the exception of the allied fleet off the Dardanelles. It nosed its way towards Riga much after the manner of the British ships ranged off the Belgian coast last fall. The fact that the German warships were forced to retire is a source of satisfaction to the British press, which finds encouragement in the resistance of the Russians in this northeastern theater in contrast to their retirement elsewhere.

British Gains in West. The British advance in the vicinity of Hooge, while not comparable with the tremendous actions in Poland, marked the most important engagement in which the British army has figured since the battle of Festubert in May. The gain was small and still has to be maintained against the almost inevitable German counter attack.

The Balkan situation is still chaotic. Dispatches from Saloniki say that the Austro-German plan to strike again at Serbia already has found expression in a concentration of Teutonic forces along the Serbian frontier. It is said 100,000 men have been massed near Orsova, Hungary, which may be the forerunner of the predicted campaign through Serbia for the relief of Turkey. Italy as yet has not declared war on Turkey, but Athens reports that Italian consuls are leaving the Ottoman empire, entrusting their affairs to their American colleagues. If this be true, it probably means that impending developments in the Balkans dictated the action of Italy.

Many Rumors About Italy. It has been rumored frequently that Italy would send troops to assist France and England in the Gallipoli operations.

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Andrews Is in Race In Fifth for Congress

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—W. E. Andrews today authorized the statement that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from the Fifth district in 1916.

Mr. Andrews said that he would at the proper time enter upon the public discussion of national questions that will be involved in the campaign.

This announcement disposes of the report that Mr. Andrews might enter the race for the governorship. His friends assert that he has had no thought of seeking that place.

Mr. Andrews rendered distinguished service in congress before taking the place of auditor for the United States treasury, which he held during several different administrations and until a few weeks ago under the democratic regime of President Wilson.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday.
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair; not much change in temperature.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	55
6 a. m.	54
7 a. m.	53
8 a. m.	52
9 a. m.	51
10 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	49
12 m.	48
1 p. m.	47
2 p. m.	46
3 p. m.	45
4 p. m.	44
5 p. m.	43
6 p. m.	42
7 p. m.	41
8 p. m.	40

Comparative Local Record.

1915	1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	55	59	52	51
Lowest yesterday	41	39	31	30
Mean temperature	47	49	37	37
Precipitation	.00	.00	.12	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	Deficiency
5 a. m.	10
6 a. m.	11
7 a. m.	12
8 a. m.	13
9 a. m.	14
10 a. m.	15
11 a. m.	16
12 m.	17
1 p. m.	18
2 p. m.	19
3 p. m.	20
4 p. m.	21
5 p. m.	22
6 p. m.	23
7 p. m.	24
8 p. m.	25

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High-Low	Wind	Rel. Hum.
Omaha, Neb.	41	41-55	W, 10	60
Lincoln, Neb.	40	40-54	W, 10	60
Sioux Falls, S. D.	39	39-53	W, 10	60
St. Louis, Mo.	40	40-54	W, 10	60
Chicago, Ill.	39	39-53	W, 10	60
St. Paul, Minn.	38	38-52	W, 10	60
Des Moines, Ia.	39	39-53	W, 10	60
Wichita, Kan.	38	38-52	W, 10	60
Denver, Colo.	37	37-51	W, 10	60
Portland, Ore.	36	36-50	W, 10	60
San Francisco, Cal.	35	35-49	W, 10	60
Los Angeles, Cal.	34	34-48	W, 10	60
San Diego, Cal.	33	33-47	W, 10	60
Phoenix, Ar				