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THE WEATHER
Cloudy

JAPAN DECIDES TO GIVE RUSSIA AID AGAINST FOE

Premier Okuma Won't Discuss Details, but Intimates Assistance Will Be in Form of Munitions Supplies.

SLAVS IN GREAT NEED THUS

Dispossession of German Industrial Element When War Broke Out Crippled Country.

WESTERN ALLIES CANNOT HELP

TOKIO, Aug. 23.—The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions."

Russ Position Difficult.
The position of Russia in regard to obtaining war supplies has been one of unusual difficulty.

The Russians as a people are not given to industrial pursuits and their manufacturing plants utilized for the production of guns and ammunition were manned and directed largely by Germans at the time the war began. The dispossession of the powerful German element in Russia, which occurred in the early period of the war, left the nation unprepared to operate effectively even the limited number of establishments at its disposal.

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Could Help Little.

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p.m. Tuesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Cloudy, cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a.m.	63
6 a.m.	65
7 a.m.	65
8 a.m.	65
9 a.m.	67
10 a.m.	68
11 a.m.	68
12 m.	71
1 p.m.	72
2 p.m.	73
3 p.m.	71
4 p.m.	70
5 p.m.	71
6 p.m.	70
7 p.m.	70
8 p.m.	70

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday..... 1915 1914 1913 1912

Lowest yesterday..... 82 85 88 93

Mean temperature..... 63 63 66 64

Precipitation..... 15 28 60 .00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature..... 33

Deviations in the day..... 33

Total deficiency since March 1..... 33

Normal precipitation..... 13 inch

Actual rainfall..... 40.00 inches

Excess for the day..... 27.00 inches

Deficiency since March 1..... 21.00 inches

Deficiency for cor. period..... 8.35 inches

Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 8.34 inches

The last biennial reports of the different state officers show that the governor, as dairy, food and oil commissioner, received in fees \$178,000. As head of hotel commission he took in \$11,000. As head of the fish and game commission he took in \$6,000. As head of the fire commission he took in \$25,000. As head of the state veterinary department he took in \$40,000. Under the interpretation which the attorney general gives the constitution, the governor should have given a bond for at least \$350,000 or the bond would be of no value.

A visit to the various hospitals by a representative of the American Red Cross disclosed that for the first three days of August, twenty deaths from starvation were recorded. This number did not include the many who died in the streets from lack of food. Yesterday six death certificates attributed starvation as the cause. During the month of July, 1,365 deaths were registered in Mexico City. According to Charles J. O'Connor of the American Red Cross, 8 per cent of the deaths occurring in Mexico City are due to starvation.

Notwithstanding the fact the authorities may be sincere in their motives to relieve the distress, their work up to now has been of little or no effect. School teachers, government employees, and even

The indicated trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

ALMOST AS GOOD AS THE VICTORIA CROSS—Photo shows a wounded North Wales soldier in a Croydon hospital reading a letter written by Lloyd-George, in his own hand. The letter says in part: "The struggle up to now has been hard and severe, and it is due to the bravery and courage of yourself and thousands of others that we are not beaten."



READING LETTER FROM LLOYD GEORGE.

TOP PLAYED WITH MATCHES; DYING

Wilfred Riley, Aged Four, Will Be Third Child of Family to Meet Violent Death.

MOTHER PROSTRATED BY SHOCK

Wilfred Riley, aged 4 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Riley, 2575 Cumming street, is dying at St. Joseph's hospital as the result of burns received Saturday in a fire caused by his playing with a box of matches. Wilfred will be the third child of the Riley family to meet violent death at its disposal.

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Mr. Bryan Issues Statement About Sinking of Arabic

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