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# YANKEES BUCK ENEMY LINE

## NO CLUE FOUND TO SLAYERS

Assassination of von Mirbach at Moscow Treated Political Maneuver by Lenin in Apology to Berlin.

Basel, July 7.—Nikolai Lenin, bolshevik premier, has sent the following message to M. Joffe, Russian minister at Berlin, regarding the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador at Moscow:

"Two unknown men entered the German embassy at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon, having documents from a special committee. They threw a bomb in Count von Mirbach's office, wounding him so severely he died."

"Government representatives immediately visited the embassy and expressed indignation at the act, which they considered as a political maneuver to provoke trouble. The government is taking every measure to discover the murderers and bring them before a special revolutionary tribunal."

"Extra measures have been taken to protect the German embassy and citizens. The government requests you to express to the German government the Russian government's indignation and convey its sympathy to the family of the late count."

### Ministers Express Regret.

Paris, July 7.—As soon as the news of the assassination of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador at Moscow, came to M. Tchitcherin, the Russian foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin and his associate, M. Karakhan, called at the German embassy and expressed the regret and indignation of the government at the occurrence, says a Berlin dispatch, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Basel.

The identity of the assassins has not been established, nor have they been arrested, the message states.

It appears, according to these advices, that with Count von Mirbach when he was attacked, were Herr Ritter, counsellor of the embassy, and a German officer. Neither was injured.

### 'Good Thing,' Kerensky's Comment.

Alexander F. Kerensky, when informed by the Associated Press of the assassination of General Count von Mirbach, said, while he could not "feel elated at the death of a human being," he could not help saying "it is a good thing for Russia."

M. Kerensky seemed reluctant to believe the news, asking repeatedly, "Are you sure?" When informed that the news seemed perfectly reliable as it originated in Berlin, he said:

"This may be the beginning of the renaissance of Russia."

"But now the Germans will surely go to Moscow," he added sadly.

**One Killed, Three Injured When Car Hits Auto Near Havelock**

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, July 7. (Special)—As a result of being hit by a University Place-Lincoln street car, two people are lying in a Lincoln home injured; another is close to death's door, and the third died on the operating table soon after reaching the University Place hospital.

Martin Beckman, who with his parents and brothers and sisters, lives about four miles east of Havelock, was returning from Lincoln to their home when they were struck where the O. L. D. road crosses the car track near Havelock. They were watching an automobile just ahead of them and did not see the approaching car, which struck them directly head on, throwing the auto about 40 feet. Miss Ella Beckman, 18 years of age, died from a fractured skull, while Merle Beckman, 11, is in a critical condition at a hospital. Martin Beckman, 21, driver of the car, and Clarence, his younger brother, are injured, but not seriously.

### The Weather

For Nebraska: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday and in east portion Monday.

Highs.....54  
5 a. m.....54  
6 a. m.....57  
7 a. m.....58  
8 a. m.....59  
9 a. m.....70  
10 a. m.....71  
11 a. m.....72  
12 m.....73  
1 p. m.....69  
2 p. m.....68  
3 p. m.....67  
4 p. m.....66  
5 p. m.....67  
6 p. m.....66  
7 p. m.....65

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature.....76

Total excess for the day.....56

Deficiency for the day.....15 inch

Total precipitation since March 1.....1.28 inches

Deficiency since March 1.....7.23 inches

Excess for cor. period, 1917.....46 inch

Deficiency for cor. period, 1918.....5.68 inches

Comparative Local Record:

1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919

Highest yesterday.....90 90 76 76

Lowest yesterday.....65 68 67 64

Mean temperature.....68 73 78 76

Precipitation......09 .09 .19

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Nebraska and Iowa  
Killed and Wounded  
Reported by Pershing

KILLED IN ACTION.  
Lee D. Saxton, Belvidere, Neb.  
Wagoner John A. Hamilton, Lehigh, Ia.  
Fred A. Sell, Chelsea, Ia.  
Adolph W. Mueller, Fort Dodge, Ia.  
SEVERELY WOUNDED.  
Sergeant Leroy A. Hammer, Lone Tree, Ia.  
Sigurd Arwig, Elkhorn, Ia.  
Clarence C. Coles, Collins, Ia.

WESTERN LEAGUE  
CLOSES UP UNTIL  
GERMANY LIKED

Magnates and Players Declare  
for Patriotism First; Many  
to Enlist; Dickerson Goes  
to France.

Representatives of the Western  
League baseball clubs at a meeting in  
Omaha Sunday unanimously decided to  
discontinue playing out the present  
season. Prexy Dickerson and owners  
of the clubs expressed the opinion  
that but one pennant race could be  
successfully battled for under present  
conditions and that one on the western  
front. No more baseball will be seen  
in the Western League until after the  
successful termination of the war. Omaha's last games were  
played Sunday. Other teams will con-  
clude the season today.

It was generally admitted that the  
present season has not been a success-  
fully, but all club owners stated they would have been able to  
finish the season, were they not of  
the opinion that continuing the league  
would be a handicap to the govern-  
ment's prosecution of the war.

"We need every man in the country  
either on the western front or engaged  
in occupations of a productive nature," said President Dickerson.

"Base ball players are as patriotic as  
any other class, and I believe a major-  
ity of them will enlist in the army.

Base ball fans do not have their  
interest on sports when they know  
that relatives and friends are battling  
for life in Europe.

"At the close of the war base ball  
will be more popular than ever before.  
It will not be a purely American  
sport but a world sport. The world's  
championship will soon be contested  
for by every civilized nation and I  
trust the young men engaged now  
will be able to return to the game in  
better condition than ever before."

Leaves to Close Up Shop.

President Dickerson left last night  
for Kansas City where he will close the  
headquarters of the league which  
will be moved to his home at Grand  
Rapids, Mich. He has received his  
commission from the government and  
expects an early call to leave for  
France where he will have charge of  
base ball and boxing among the al-  
lied troops. This position was once  
offered Christy Mathewson who was  
unable to accept. Mr. Dickerson has  
had 25 years experience as a sport  
writer and referee which will prove of  
great benefit in his new duties. He  
will be released at the conclusion of  
the war in order to preside at the  
opening of the Western League.

W. A. Rourke, president of the  
Omaha club, stated that he was sorry  
to see the league close but felt that it  
was traitorous to continue under  
war conditions. "I look to see base  
ball bigger and better after the war," he  
said. "You can assure Omaha fans  
that when the Western League re-  
opens and the American flag flies in

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## American Casualties in War Now Total 11,086

Washington, July 7.—Casualties in the army and marine corps in the American expeditionary forces increased by 703 during the week, compared with 497 the previous week, and aggregated 11,086 with the inclusion of today's army list, giving 117 names, and the marine corps list, giving 53 names.

Total deaths, including 291 men lost at sea, men killed in action, died of wounds, disease, accident and other causes, number 4,414—army men 3,917; marines 497. The wounded aggregate 6,169—army men 5,200; marines 969. The missing in action, including prisoners, total 503—army men 452; marines 51.

Of the week's increase, 438 were army men and 265 marines. Killed in action and other deaths numbered 285, those wounded totaled 303 and the missing and prisoners 115.

The army casualties summary as officially announced today follows:

Killed in action (including 291 lost at sea) 1,574; died of wounds 532; died of disease 1,322; died of accident and other causes 489; wounded in action 5,200; missing in action, including prisoners, 452.

The marine corps casualty summary follows: Deaths 497; wounded 969; in hands of enemy 2; missing 49. Total 1,517.

Officers included in the marine corps summary were: Deaths 21; wounded 28; missing 2. The army summary does not note the number of officers included.

## THREE KILLED WHEN SLACKERS BATTLE POSSE

Soldiers Armed With Machine  
Guns Called From Camp Pike  
to Cope With Deserters  
in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., July 7.—Three persons were killed today in pitched battles between officers and a band of 25 or more alleged deserters and their supporters, in a woods eight miles west of Heber Springs, Ark.

The dead are Porter Hazelwood, a chauffeur; Tom Atkinson, aged 55, and his son, aged 18.

The first fight took place early this morning at the Atkinson home, where it is alleged draft resisters have been harbored.

Sheriff K. W. Duke of Cleburne county had received information several men at the house were wanted for failure to report. His deputies surrounded the house and then called to those within to come out and surrender. A volley of shots was the reply.

About noon the sheriff led a second attack upon the Atkinson place. The men in the house opened fire. The posse men returned the fire and Atkinson and his young son were killed. Following the fall of the Atkinsons, the band dispersed.

Governor Brough arranged for the sending of 50 soldiers from Camp Pike, armed with machine guns.

**Pilot Baylies Killed  
And Buried With Honors,  
German Airman Reports**

With the French Army, July 7.—(Special Cablegram to the New York Tribune and the Omaha Bee)—"Pilot Baylies killed, was buried with honors befitting hero" read a note dropped over the French lines by a German airman. The French anti-aircraft guns ceased firing as the aviator flew low to drop the message to the Poilus in the trenches.

"I have heard every song from Alpho to Omega sung in France, but never 'Home, Sweet Home.' Home is spoken with awe and only in the quiet of the night," said the speaker.

"I would like to stay here for an hour and speak of the English boys;

I would like to speak of the French,

Belgians and of all others. You

have all their flags flying from your

radiators save one—Italy's. Those

fellow are holding a line 450 miles

long. Their general said to them:

"Go, and for God's sake never fall

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**TALE OF FAITHFUL HOUSEMAID;  
This "Perfect Jewel" Won Admiration on  
Every Side—But Camouflage Will Out  
WAS PRIZE COVETED BY ALL**

Because of the humiliating nature of the tragedy which occurred, and because, too, this is a story of camouflage, it is both wise and necessary that the heroine of this tale be called, for convenience, Mrs. Johnson—there are more Johnsons in the city directory than any others.

This Mrs. Johnson lives in that vague and extensive district embraced in the West Farnam neighborhood.

For the last year she has been envied—wholeheartedly envied by all of her feminine neighbors.

She possessed that rare avis known as a faithful maid. The maid in question was Titian haired, very much so, wore green goggles and a rather striking though indefinite individuality. Every morning, when her mistress was supposed to be enjoying her "beauty sleep" the maid would appear and sweep off the porch, dust the porch furniture, and when occasion demanded would scrub the woodwork and the windows. She was industrious, painstaking and painfully neat—a perfect pearl of a servant. It was noticeable, too, that during other hours of the day she tactfully obfuscated herself from public view, supposedly devoting herself to duties in the kitchen and chambers where she unobtrusively slaved from early dawn to dark.

Neighbors plotted and planned to make the acquaintance of this no doubt sly servant, some, it must be confessed, with ulterior and selfish motives of luring her away from her

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mistress by any kind of blandishment or strategy that could be employed.

But she was as evasive as the fabled Irishman's flea. Nevertheless, her fame became great in the neighborhood and grew on the element of mystery of her complete isolation after the outdoor work was performed.

All other maids and servants in the neighborhood were abjured by their several mistresses to model their energies and devotion along the lines of Mrs. Johnson's "jewel."

One fateful day last week the tragedy occurred which wrecked an idol.

The mysterious servant was at work washing a window at Mrs. Johnson's home. As usual she was the cynosure of many covetous eyes. She worked silently, albeit blithely, when suddenly she lost her equilibrium and for a moment it seemed she would fall from her perch to the ground with a dull, thudding thud.

Frantically she tried to recover her balance and save herself from a fall.

She threw up her arms and as she did so she scalped herself completely and tore the green spectacles from her optics. There, to the affrighted onlookers, was revealed Mrs. Johnson, minus a red wig and the disguise of green eye shades—a perfect jewel of a maid no longer, but her own sweet and efficient self.

The neighbors were shocked by the revelation, but what she lost in prestige as a maid Mrs. Johnson has gained in the reputation of being the most artistic camouflager in Omaha.

## GERMANY TO SEND THREE ARMY CORPS TO AUSTRIA'S AID

Heavy Losses Sustained by  
Emperor Charles' Forces in  
Piave Fighting; Italians  
Fortify Ground Taken.

Paris, July 7.—Germany will send three army corps to the aid of Austria, according to a Rome dispatch to the Temps.

Rome, July 7.—The Italian official statement today reads:

"Between the Sile and the Piave our troops, having reached with perfect maneuvering and irresistible elan the right bank of the new Piave and driven the enemy to the other side of the river, now are fortifying themselves on the vast tract of ground recaptured, every yard of which shows traces of the epic struggle and furnishes proof that the enemy's losses were much higher than he foreseen.

"The 23d army corps, having carried out the difficult operation victoriously, has added new laurels to its glory.

"The Fourth infantry division particularly distinguished itself. The bearing of the troops was splendid. The infantry, among whom were a marine regiment and parties of the Royal Customs Guard, fought with ardor. The army corps and the royal navy group contributed notably to the success with its very effective fire.

"The allied airplanes and those of the Italian Royal Navy participated with unusual daring. Special honor for the great valor shown is due the 33d sapper battalion of engineers.

"On the Asiago plateau, a French party carried out a brilliant raid into the enemy lines at Zocchi, overcoming the garrisons in a lively struggle and capturing two officers, 64 of other ranks and