

CLONDBURST VISITS THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND MANY PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Death Roll Will in All Probability Reach Twenty-Five--Dozens of Factories Swept Away and Big Money Loss.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 4.—Twenty-five lives lost, as estimated by the police, millions of dollars in property damage, and the city in total darkness last night, is the result of a cloudburst shortly after six o'clock at night that culminated in a flood that inundated a large section of the city.

Water is running from three to five feet deep in the streets. Many houses have been washed from their foundations. Water has reached the second story of others, and rescuers are working to the limit of their ability conveying persons in perilous positions to places of safety.

The city is in darkness, and all lines of communication are down with the exception of one telegraph wire at the edge of the town.

LIGHT CUT OFF. Among the first plants to go out of commission was the Erie County Electric Company, which supplied the city with light.

At 8:45 the Glenwood dam three miles above the city burst, and a huge wall of water swept down thru the city, carrying with it the homes of those who had waited until last minute to leave.

Four blocks on either side of the stream, including State street, the main business artery of the city were covered with a depth of from six inches to five feet.

NEW CREDITS FOR THE WAR

Reichstag Will Reassemble for This Purpose--Banks Have Plenty of Money.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 4.—The chief business of the Reichstag, which assembles, August 19, will be to vote new credits for war purposes.

The great German banks say they have completely sold out their bonds of the two previous war loans and now have unusually heavy deposits.

These recently were swollen so abnormally that the Berlin banks reduced the rate on current deposits to the normal level.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 4.—The emperor, it is officially announced, has received a despatch from Dr. Seitz, governor-general of German Southwest Africa, explaining his surrender to General Louis Botha early in July.

These recently were swollen so abnormally that the Berlin banks reduced the rate on current deposits to the normal level.

These recently were swollen so abnormally that the Berlin banks reduced the rate on current deposits to the normal level.

These recently were swollen so abnormally that the Berlin banks reduced the rate on current deposits to the normal level.

SEMI-PRIVATE PUBLIC WARD

This Decided Upon by Hospital Governors--Other Business.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Governors took place yesterday afternoon.

GERMAN EFFORTS TO SECURE A CRUSHING VICTORY NEAR WARSAW COMPLETELY FAILED

OFF TO A GREAT START

Brantford Effort to Raise \$20,000 or More for War Purposes is Well Supported.

Brantford's campaign for \$20,000 or more, for the purchase of machine guns, ambulances and other war supplies, has started off in first class style.

Seven thousand dollars was the record this morning as follows: H. Cockshutt \$2,500, \$1000 for 25th Dragoon's \$1000 for one gun, \$500 for kitchen; Out Sales organization of Cockshutt Plow Co., \$1000; Factory Organization Cockshutt Plow Co., \$1000; Lloyd Harris, \$500 (kitchen); Verity Plow Company's employees, \$1000; Barber Ellis Co. and employees, \$1000.

The following firms have been interviewed: Waterloo Engine Works, Gould, Shapley and Muir; Adams Wagon Works, Bucks Store Co., Hans and Notts, P. H. Secord and Sons, Steel Co. of Canada; Brantford Cordage Co., Wm. Paterson and Co., Ltd., Brantford Starch Co.

As a result of the preliminary meeting held on Monday by employees of the Verity Plow Co., another enthusiastic and largely attended meeting was held at noon yesterday to make up the matter of purchasing a machine gun for Canadian troops.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

Russian Defensive Has Proved More Effective Than Was Expected--Business as Usual in Polish Capital.

London, Aug. 4.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd says: "The local rear guard actions which the Russians have been fighting to cover the retreat from the Vistula line have almost achieved their purpose.

The enemy has not managed even to crush any of the rear guard. Indeed, several of these are more than held their own and causing the Germans the heaviest of losses.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army for the moment appears to be incapable of any vigorous offensive, and all the German armies seem to be in need of reinforcements.

It is learned that the stream of troops from the western front to the eastern zone, which began more than three weeks ago, continues undiminished and with greater speed.

As a result of the preliminary meeting held on Monday by employees of the Verity Plow Co., another enthusiastic and largely attended meeting was held at noon yesterday to make up the matter of purchasing a machine gun for Canadian troops.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

The chairman, in a short, rousing speech outlined the needs of our Empire and urged upon the men the necessity of doing their bit at home in this practical manner.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE FIERCE FIGHTING

Tells the Story of Heroic Resistance and Great Slaughter of Enemy.

Petrograd, Aug. 4.—An official statement given out to-day by the Russian general staff says: "During the last three days the enemy has made enormous efforts to dislodge us from the sector of the Narew River from Ostrolenka to Lomza.

"In the district of Jedwabno the enemy is conducting trench warfare, but by the exploding of mines we have continually held the upper hand.

"Near the mouth of the Skwa, the enemy, thanks to the forests, succeeded in passing to our side of the river, but we successfully prevented him from bringing his artillery across the Narew and at the point of the bayonet we annihilated some forces which were deprived the protection of their artillery.

DAUGHTER OF AMBASSADOR

Is Quietly Married in Old Land--Notables Sign Register.

London, Eng., Aug. 4.—Miss Katherine Alice Page, daughter of the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Walter Hines Page was married at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the chapel royal, St James Palace, to Charles Greely Loring, son of General Charles Loring of Boston.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop Boyd-Carpenter, sub-dean of Westminster, assisted by the Rev. Edgar D. Sheppard, sub-dean of the Chapel Royal.

The bride's gown was of white tulle edged with pearls and she carried a small wreath of orange blossoms.

Among the gifts received by the bride was a fan made of amber and old lace from King George and Queen Mary.

Among the gifts received by the bride was a fan made of amber and old lace from King George and Queen Mary.

Among the gifts received by the bride was a fan made of amber and old lace from King George and Queen Mary.

WOOING GREECE

Athens, Greece, Aug. 4.—Via London—The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, to-day, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

EMPIRE UNITES IN PRAYER ON WAR ANNIVERSARY

King and Queen Attend a Very Impressive London Service.

London, Aug. 4.—The British Empire united to-day in prayerful observance of the anniversary of the declaration of war against Germany.

In virtually every city and town in the British Isles, as well as in all parts of the Dominion and colonies overseas, the day was one of intercession and prayer with meetings of common aim and purpose to ask the aid of the Almighty for ultimate victory in a cause which the British people consider just and righteous.

The chief ceremony was held in London with services attended by King George and Queen Mary at noon in St. Paul's Cathedral.

NEW YORK ALSO VISITED

Very Heavy Rain Floods Streets and Suburbs.

New York, Aug. 4.—Streets in New York City and its suburbs were turned into yellow rivers, surface and elevated traffic was badly crippled, wires were blown into a tangled network, trees uprooted and hundreds of cars flooded in a torrential downpour that broke over the Metropolitan section this morning to the accompaniment of a sixty mile gale.

In a dozen parts of New York City and Brooklyn the streets lay under water from two to three feet deep.