

WEATHER REPORT: Fair tonight and probably light frost. Saturday fair, slightly warmer in western portion. Sunday fair. Generally to North West to North winds that are becoming variable.

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GERMANS OVERTHROW LETTISH GOVERNMENT

FORCIBLY SEIZE LIBAU, DISARM AND INTERN LETTISH FORCES. AND TO ARREST THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

GEN. VON DER GOLTZ DENIES KNOWLEDGE

By Associated Press
Copenhagen, April 18.—German troops on the Baltic have forcibly seized Libau and overthrown the Lettish Provisional government, according to advices received by the Lettish Press Bureau, as follows:
"The German troops disarmed and interned Lettish forces and later arrested the Lettish minister of the interior and several officials.
"Premier Ulman has protested to General Von Der Goltz, commander of the German troops in Letticia and the latter has expressed his astonishment over the incident."

PHOTO OF HEAD OF GEN BLANQUET

(By Associated Press)
Mexico City, April 18.—Photographs of the head of General Aureliano Blanquet, the reports of whose death on Tuesday in a skirmish at Vera Cruz were received here, arrived last night and were positively identified as that of the former general.

MISTCHENKO REPORTED SHOT

Vladivostok, April 18.—General Mistchenko, has been shot, according to a statement made to a member of the British Mission here by a Russian aviator who deserted from the Red Army in January and flew into the lines of Admiral Kolchak's army.

General Paul Ivanovitch Mistchenko was a veteran of four wars. He fought through the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-8, in the boxer fight in China in 1900-1 in the Russo-Japanese war and the world war of 1914.
He distinguished himself in the Russo-Japanese conflict by a series of brilliant operations as a commander of a cavalry corps. Afterward he was Governor-General of Turkestan and subsequently commander of the Don Cossacks. For his services in the world war he was decorated with the Order of Alexander Nevsky.

DEATHS EXCEED THE BIRTHRATE

London, April 18.—Coincident with publication of the report showing that during the last quarter of 1918 the number of deaths exceeded the birthrate for the first time in the history of civil registration in this country the War Office has announced

COUNCIL OF FOUR RESUME SESSIONS

LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS FROM LONDON AND CABLES STATE GOOD PROGRESS IS AGAIN BEING MADE

PRES WILSON HAS FULLY RECOVERED

Paris, April 18.—With the return of Premier Lloyd George from a visit home for his House of Commons address the Council of Four, comprising the British, French, and Italian premiers and President Wilson, resumed its deliberations today.
The meeting was held at the Paris White House.

Washington, April 18.—Satisfactory progress at the Peace Conference was reported again today in advices to the White House from Paris.
It was also stated that Rear-Admiral Grayson had reported that the president was entirely recovered from his recent illness.

REDS ASSAIL GOV'T BUILDING

(By Associated Press)
Vienna, April 18.—Bolshevik sympathizers attempted to storm the Austrian parliament building yesterday but were soon dispersed with a few wounds. The city generally is quiet.
The attempt caused on special excitement in the city. It was the first Bolshevik outbreak here since last November.

MILAN STRIKE CLOSES CITY

(By Associated Press)
Milan, Italy, April 18.—The 24 hour strike, called as a protest against the killing of four and wounding forty others in a clash between the socialists and anti-socialists caused a complete cessation in business, even the cafes, bars and restaurants being closed and no newspapers were published.

PETLURA'S MEN KILL MANY JEWS

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 18.—Detachments of troops of General Petlura, the Ukrainian peasant leader, have been carrying out excesses against the Jews in Galicia, according to information reaching the Polish National Committee here.
At Husiatyn and Fastov, it is declared, twenty five hundred of the Jews have been killed or have been wounded. At Papaiarka two hundred and fifty are reported to have been killed.

IF GERMANY REFUSE TO SIGN

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 18.—Military experts under the direction of Marshal Foch have been charged with drafting a report on what should be done if Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty.
It is indicated that methods of coercion the allied nations would adopt may include the occupation of more German territory; the blockade of enemy ports and discontinuance of dispatch of food supplies to Germany.

OFF FOR HONEYMOON IN THE SKY



A honeymoon trip through the clouds was taken by Major E. L. Williams, R. A. F., and Miss Biddy Gibson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gibson of Cowes, following their wedding on the Isle of Wight the other day. A big Avro aeroplane picturesquely decorated with streamers bore the happy couple back to the mainland.

DEMAND FOR CALIPH FOR EGYPTIAN EMPIRE

MUTINY REIGNS THRUOUT CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID CAUSING GREAT CONCERN TO GREAT BRITAIN

COMPEL EVACUATION OF OFFICIALS

274,860 MEN U. S. LOSSES

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 18.—Newspapers here feature the report as to the gravity of the Egyptian situation and it is said that there is great concern among British authorities over the nationalistic movement.
Dispatches state that mutinous conditions prevail at Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said and that the insurgent leaders demand that European officials resign and that English citizens leave the country.
It is further demanded that a Mussulman Empire be founded with a Caliph at Cairo.

Washington, April 18.—Including the names 311 men on the casualty list which also gave the total casualties from beginning of the war as of 274,860 men, which include 32,384 killed in action; 13,435 died of wounds received in action; 22,656 died of disease; 4,248 died of accident and other causes; 197,574 missing in action (of which 85 per cent returned); 4,563 missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned, it is intimated that casualty lists will continue to be issued as returns are received.
In today's casualties are found eight North Carolinians, as follows:
Private Julius O. Godwin, of Raleigh was wounded severely.
Corporal Dewitt W. Rector of Andrews was wounded to a degree undetermined.
Sergeant William A. Lay, of Belmont was wounded slightly.
Corporal Pender Faraday Rector of Marshall was wounded slightly.
Corporal Francis L. Morrison of Statesville was wounded slightly.
Private Walter R. Lassiter, of Sanford was wounded slightly.
Private William B. Kerr, of Charlotte was wounded slightly.
Private Griffen Gold Rollins, of Shelby was wounded slightly.

DIRECTS PRICE STABILIZATION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 18.—President Wilson has directed the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce and Railroad Administration to reopen the discussion of price stabilization and endeavor to find a common ground on which they can agree.

EICHORN HAS BEEN CAPTURED

London, April 18.—Eichorn, the former Spartan police chief of Berlin, has been arrested by German government troops at Brunswick, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company's dispatch.
When the troops took Brunswick Eichorn tried to escape by airplane but the machine was forced to land and he was captured.

PRINCE OF WALES HIGH STEWARD

Plymouth, April 18.—The town Council has decided to invite the Prince of Wales to accept the honorary freedom of the borough and the office of Lord High Steward. The latter office has been held by a member of the Royal family for 150 years.

"FLU" STRIKE LONDON THRICE

London April 18.—London scientists who are observing the operations of Spanish Influenza say that, so far as the British Isles are concerned, it moves in waves. The country is just recovering from the third wave within the year.
The disease first made its appearance here last July and began to subside toward the end of August. Eight weeks later in October, it reappeared, and by the middle of November had apparently run its course. The third wave came in January and by the latter days of March had apparently done its worst.
Physicians point out that if the disease is to remain for an indefinite period another wave may be expected toward the end of April, and are warning the people to take all necessary precautions.

CUPID BUSY IN FRANCE

Paris, April 15.—That Cupid was nearly busy as Mars with the members of the American Expeditionary Force and that romance bloomed in France in spite of war's alarms is shown by the fact that more than six thousand French women have been wooed and won by American soldiers in one year. The majority of the French girls who have become Americans through marrying men and officers of the American Expeditionary Force are stenographers, salesgirls or teachers with a sprinkling of peasant girls and those of the middle class or bourgeoisie.

REDS ABANDON BOSHIEOZERKI

(By Associated Press)
Archangel, April 18.—The Bolsheviks have evacuated Boshieozkerki, according to peasants who fled to the allied lines yesterday.

ANARCHIST CONTROLS MUNICH

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, April 18.—Sondheimer, the Bavarian anarchist, has obtained complete control of the new communist government in Munich, according to Munich advices.

SNOWSTORM STOPS FLIGHT

(By Associated Press)
St John N. F., April 18.—A driving snowstorm which covered the ground with six inches of snow and which is still in progress at noon put a stop today to the activities which await only favorable weather conditions to attempt the trans-Atlantic flight.

MEXICO JAILS NEWSPAPER MEN

Mexico City, April 18.—Advices from the state of Tabasco say that Marcos Torres Collado, director of the newspaper, Tabasco Nuevo, of Villahermosa, has been shot, and several other of the well known newspapermen imprisoned by the dominant political-military faction of that state known as the "reds". The Association of Mexican Journalists of this city held a meeting and paraded through the streets of the capital as a protest against the treatment of the newspapermen in Tabasco.

COTTON MARKET No Market Today being GOOD FRIDAY

the release in one week of 700 physicians from the army.
Influenza caused the great increase in the death rate, the number of victims from that disease being 98,998, or 41 per cent of the total deaths for the period. Lack of physicians is held responsible for the failure to curb the epidemic. At the beginning of men of the army had had been demobilized, only 1,500 out of 11,000 physicians are released.