believe a quoted first-person account has far more credibility than an author's interpretation. All times quoted are local time. Locations and countries are referred to by their names at the time of the events described and similarly, weights and measures are given in pre-decimal figures.

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