

formations doubtless were responsible for the abnormal course of cyclonic systems that otherwise would have moved in a more nearly normal direction; during the second half of the month the areas of high pressure over the western North Atlantic were found farther south with westward extensions over the continent of North America and as previously stated they were a distinct deterrent to precipitation over eastern United States. On July 31 an unbroken area of high pressure extended from the Spanish coast on the east across the Atlantic and the Continent and still farther west over the Pacific at least to the one hundred and seventieth meridian of west longitude, while the only low pressure on that date was along or near the Arctic Circle in both Europe and America and northeastern Asia. The full story of the drought will not be told until definitive data for the Northern Hemisphere are available. The course of the drought in the United States from month to month is portrayed graphically by the series of 9 small charts of Figure 1.—A. J. Henry.

