

THE WEATHER
Showers tonight, Friday partly cloudy.

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GREAT BATTLE ON ROAD TO PETROGRAD IS DUE

GERMAN FORCES GOING FORWARD

Kaiser's Armies Reach Points Only 300 Miles from the Capital of Russia.

PETROGRAD IS THE GOAL Russian Rearguards Fighting Desperately at Points Regarded Critical.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Baltic flank of the German armies under Field Marshal von Hindenburg has virtually attained the banks of the river Dvina between Riga and Dvinsk with Petrograd less than 300 miles away in a direct line.

The second line of defense upon which the Russians proposed to fall back after Petrograd was sawed has all the appearance of having been rendered untenable and the British and Russian press is beginning to see in the Austro-German an ambitious plunge deeper into Russia with Petrograd the goal.

In the meantime the Russian rear guards are fighting desperately especially in the critical Dvina region and at Kovno, to capture which the Germans are making a terrific sacrifice of men.

It seems plain the Germans propose no great demonstration in the West, but rather to press to the utmost their brilliant successful Russian campaign on the theory that conditions in France or Belgium are such that neither the French nor the British will attempt a general offensive.

During the lull in activity on the front in France and Belgium the British public is looking to the Dardanelles to bring the relief Russia so badly needs though the task of opening the straits remains a difficult problem, which some think may only be solved by a change in the Balkan situation. Both Germany and the entente powers are exerting the hardest pressure on Bulgaria as that country is considered to be the key to the situation.

FRENCH STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The French war office today gave out a report on progress of the war reading as follows:

There was last night in the Artois district cannonading and fighting with bombs in the vicinity of Souchez.

In the Argonne the enemy last night delivered two attacks against our trenches in the region of Marieux. Both German and Fontaine-aux-Charmes but they were completely repulsed.

In the forest of Le Pretre there was fairly spirited fighting from trench to trench with hand grenades and heavy bombs.

In the Vosges near Lingé the Germans delivered an attack but were repulsed after fighting in which hand grenades were used.

There has been nothing on the remainder of the front.

TRUSTEES

Of Wesleyan College Gather Here for Purpose of Electing a President.

For the purpose of electing a president of West Virginia Wesleyan College at Buckhannon is today being considered his action and withdrawn his declination. In the meantime applications have been filed by a number of able men. After settling the question of the presidency, the trustees will look after routine matters of the college and make plans for the forthcoming term.

TAKES POISON

As Result of Worry over the Possibilities of War with the Mexicans.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Caroline Green, whose husband is said to be a lieutenant in the regular army stationed on the Mexican border, took poison today but is said to have a fighting chance of recovery. Her father is said to be George W. West, a ranchman of El Campo, Tex. Green's full name could not be learned by the police. At the house where Mrs. Green boarded it was said that the woman worried over possibilities of war with Mexico in which her husband might be exposed to death.

ANONYMOUS

Statements in Election Campaigns Bared from Publication in Newspapers.

Attention has been called to the fact that it is unlawful under the new corrupt practices act passed at the last session of the legislature for any newspaper to publish anonymous letters unless the communication shows that the article is paid for and gives the name of the person authorizing the publication of such article.

The section which is 13, reads as follows: No person shall publish, issue or circulate, or cause to be published, issued or circulated, any anonymous letter, circular, placard or other publication tending to influence voting at any election.

No owner, publisher, editor or employe of a newspaper or other periodical, shall insert, either in its advertising or reading columns any matter, paid for or to be paid for, which tends to influence directly or indirectly, the voting at any election whatever, unless it is distinctly designated as a paid advertisement, and states the name of the person authorizing its publication and the candidate in whose behalf it is published.

TWO ARRESTED

In Police Raid on a Glen Elk Hotel and One is in the City Jail.

As a result of a police raid on a Glen Elk hotel late Wednesday afternoon, Earl Martin is a prisoner in the city jail and a woman, giving her name as Mrs. Neal, is out under bond of \$11.60 for her appearance before Mayor G. H. Gordon in police court at 7 o'clock this evening. Both are charged with assembling for immoral purposes.

The raiding squad was headed by Chief Brooks and the other officers taking part were McCloud, White, Sims and Ours.

FINE NEW CARPENTER.

Announcement is made of the birth of a nine-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Smith at their home at Industrial Westday. The young star is going to be a fine carpenter and contractor like his father. He is already talking about saws, hammers and the like. Mother and babe are doing well and the father will soon be ready to resume building operations.

MISSING FROM THE CITY.

John P. Keeley, senior member of Keeley Brothers, successful contractors, and his family mysteriously disappeared from the city at an early hour Thursday morning. It is strongly suspected that they went to Atlantic City and their return at the end of two or three weeks is expected.

KNOX KILLED.

FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 12.—Quartermaster Captain George H. Knox, of the First Aero squadron, was killed and Lieut. R. D. Sutton, his aide, probably fatally injured today when an airplane in which they were flying fell 500 feet.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN A TRAIN ACCIDENT

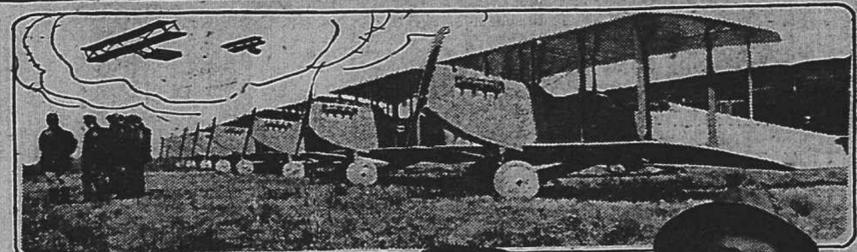
Fast Freight Train Crashes into a Pythian Party's Special Train.

COLUMBIA, Aug. 12.—Four persons were killed and more than a score were injured, some of them seriously, early today when a loaded freight train crashed into a special train bearing a party of members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Mt. Sterling, O., many of them accompanied by their wives or other members of their families.

The accident occurred at Orient Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad, thirteen miles southwest of Columbia. The excursionists were returning from an annual outing at Cedar Point. The excursion train had stopped to take water when the freight train crashed into it. The dead are Logan Holter, Pickaway county farmer; Margaret Sellers, Thomas Neff and Thad Mitchell, all of Mt. Sterling, or that immediate vicinity.

Fifteen of the injured were brought to Columbus on a special train and placed in hospitals. It was said that an equal number of injured, who sustained less serious hurts, were taken to their homes in Mt. Sterling, making the total number of injured at least thirty. The injured: Fred Gearhart, Mt. Sterling, fractured skull, will probably die; Grover Gearhart, condition serious.

UNCLE SAM'S AERONAUTIC CORPS TO BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED AS PART OF NATIONAL DEFENSE PLAN; SKILLED PILOTS SCARCE



First aero squadron of the U. S. army; Lieut. Col. Samuel Reber (left) and Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven.

Comprehensive plans for the improvement of the aeronautic branch of the war department as part of the general scheme of national defense are being prepared by the signal corps under the direction of Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven and Lieut. Col. Samuel Reber.

Col. Reber has just returned from the Pacific coast, where he went as member of a commission authorized by congress to report upon available locations for an aviation school for extension of this branch of the service. It is said that trips will soon be made to seek location on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Col. Reber says that San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane were visited, and various sites well looked over.

There is need of more aviators for army work; the machines can be turned out whenever necessary. To furnish pilots in event of war is the difficulty.



The law under which the aviation corps has been organized provides that army aviators must be lieutenants, unmarried, and less than thirty years of age.



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BIG DAY

On the Coffman Farm in Tenmile District When a Lime Pulver Starts.

Possibly the most important meeting, so far as agriculture is concerned, that was ever held in the county took place on the farm of J. F. Coffman, in the Tenmile district this week.

The object of the meeting was to see the lime pulverizer recently purchased by Drummond and Gerard Brothers started.

The machine has a capacity of from two to three tons per hour. It is run by a twenty-horse power traction steam engine and it will improve more acres of land than any machine ever brought into the county. There is absolutely no excuse for farmers now having lime shipped into this county.

More than 150 people were in attendance upon the meeting and all expressed themselves pleased with the meeting. Other meetings of the kind will be held in other sections later.

PLYLE TO ENTER.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 12.—Political gossip has it here that S. G. Pyle, a prominent banker of Sistersville, is to enter the race for the republican nomination for Congress in the Fourth district.

MR. HARDMAN A VISITOR.

O. W. O. Hardman, of Middlebourne, a prominent and influential Tyler county Republican is a city visitor to attend the Wesleyan College board of trustees meeting. He has been in bad health the last six months but is improved now.

OFFICER

Of Northview is Arrested by the Marion County Authorities.

Charged with false pretenses, in that he represented to a Fairmont attorney that he was the owner of real estate here, Joseph Crispino, an Italian of Northview, is a prisoner in the Marion county jail, awaiting a hearing before Justice M. R. Musgrove of Fairmont. Constable Charles Satterfield came here from Fairmont Wednesday and arrested Crispino.

Several weeks ago Crispino was arrested in Fairmont on a charge of carrying steel knuckles. He was acquitted of the charge. Crispino's attorney in this case alleges that Crispino represented to him that he was the owner of real estate in Clarksburg, and gave him a note for \$100 in payment of attorney fees. When the note fell due and was not paid, the attorney made an investigation and alleges that Crispino owns no real estate here.

It was reported in a Fairmont paper that Crispino was a member of the local police force. At the police department this was denied, but it was stated that Crispino was connected with the police department of Northview.

DIES SUDDENLY

News of Death of J. E. Steel at Rochester, Pa., is Received Here.

J. L. Steel, son of John R. Steel, of this city, died suddenly this morning at his home in Rochester, Pa., according to a message received by relatives here. The cause of his death was not stated.

The deceased man is survived by his wife, his father and one sister, Mrs. C. F. Grumble, of this city. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Steel had been engaged in the plumbing business at Rochester for several years. He was chief of the local fire department at one time, and had many friends here, who were grieved at the news of his death.

John R. Steel, father of the deceased man, is a former city treasurer.

FARMERS' MEETING.

County Agent W. D. Zinn will discuss lime and commercial fertilizers at the court house meeting at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Farmers having limestone that they think of having ground should bring a small sample or several small samples, the size of a walnut in to the meeting and the agent will have them analyzed. Before buying fertilizers farmers should consult the agent for he is able to tell what they should use.

SHOWS EASTLAND DISASTER.

Scenes of the Eastland disaster at Chicago are included in the Pathe Daily News motion picture film showing today at the Bijou theater.

NEW PRESIDENT.

PORT AU PRINCE, Aug. 12.—General Artigue was today elected president of the Haitian republic by the national assembly. Cain prevails.

BROADBODDUS

Graduate to Deliver a Sermon Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

C. Worthy Kemper, a young man who is making rapid strides in the ministerial profession, will be in the pulpit and deliver a sermon Sunday morning in the First Baptist church. Mr. Kemper is a graduate of Broadbuddus Institute, having attended it when it was situated here and having received his diploma in the church in which he will preach Sunday. He has many friends here who will be glad of the opportunity to hear him preach.

Mr. Kemper is now pastor of a Baptist church in Minneapolis, Minn., and is meeting with marked success in his work there. At present he is taking a well earned vacation and is visiting his parents and other relatives near Weston.

AIRSHIP RAID

Is Made by French Aviators and Eight Civilians Are Killed or Wounded.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Wireless dispatch from Berlin says that French aviators dropped bombs on Cwelbruecken and Saint Ingbert, killing or wounding eight civilians. The property damage was small.

The raid was made over Rhemish, Bavae, Swelbruecken is a town of Palantine, about sixty-five miles northwest of Nancy. It is a manufacturing town of some 15,000 inhabitants.

St. Ingbert is about twelve miles west of Swelbruecken. It is near Saarbruecken, which was bombarded by French aeroplanes on Monday.

BATTALION GOES TO BROWNSVILLE

BENEFIT

Performance Held at Theater for the Clarksburg Italian Marine Band.

The Clarksburg Italian Marine band gave people of the city another treat Wednesday evening by parading through streets playing fine music and also by giving concerts in front of the Odeon theater. The occasion was a performance for the benefit of the band. It was largely attended and the band members are thankful to their many friends for the support given. A like benefit performance is to be given later at the same theater, when some special moving pictures of the Italo-Austrian war are to be shown.

The band is making splendid progress with its music and whenever it makes a public appearance praise is heard on all sides over its excellent and artistic playing. There were forty-four instruments in it Wednesday evening, but the manager, James Burgess, says that other instruments are being added and that it is planned to bring the total up to sixty. The organization makes a striking appearance in neat uniforms of navy blue and white.

PICTURE TAKERS

Will Hold Their Annual State Convention in Huntington in October.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 12.—C. W. Elz, the photographer, has arranged for the annual convention of the West Virginia Association of Photographers, which will be held at Huntington on October 13 and 14, through the assistance of A. T. Proctor, of that city.

The program will be unusually good this year. While at the national photographers' convention in Indianapolis recently Mr. Proctor was able to persuade R. W. Phillips, president of the national body and C. W. Lewis, of Washington, vice-president, to visit Huntington during the state meeting.

Besides these two men, an expert on advertising and business methods, J. C. Abel, of Cleveland, will lecture at the local convention on the business end of photography. Members of the leading manufacturers of photo materials will have representatives here with beautiful exhibits of the work.

TO REBUILD.

MONTGOMERY, Aug. 12.—The Knights of Pythias lodge has arranged to rebuild its lodge and business building, just destroyed by fire together with Hooper and Edward's undertaking establishment and Miss K. Barringer's dwelling at a total loss of \$12,000. The ground occupied by the Pythian building was occupied by Tabit Brothers' produce store, which was three-fourths destroyed.

YOUNG TO ATTEND.

CHARLES TOWN, Aug. 12.—Briggs S. Young, of Ada, O., supreme chief of the Knights of Pythias, is the selector of the Knights of Pythias of the circuit clerk of Lewis county, who has been a patient in St. Mary's hospital undergoing treatment for appendicitis. She submitted to a surgical operation a week ago, which proved to be successful, and she is on the road to recovery.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

MARTINSBURG, Aug. 12.—Stepping from an approaching passenger train, Charles Barthlow, a quarryman of Berkeley Place, walked in front of a moving freight train and was killed at the Bull's Eye bridge near here. He was 45 years old and leaves a family.

But General Funston Makes No Request for Additional Troops.

ORGANIZERS ARE AT WORK Mexicans Are Reported as Being Aigned under "Plan of San Diego."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—General Funston reported today that he had sent a battalion of the Ninth Infantry from Laredo to Brownsville. He made no request, however, for additional troops in response to Secretary Garrison's message yesterday saying that all mobile forces not now on the border would be sent to Texas if needed.

War department officials would not discuss reports that secret organizations in Texas were aligning Mexicans under the "plan of San Diego." Whether General Funston has communicated these reports was not disclosed. It was apparent, however, that he had decided to concentrate a considerable force in the Brownsville district, where the trouble appears to center.

FOREIGNERS SAFE

In the City of Vera Cruz, Cables General Carranza to His Consular Agent.

GALVESTON, Aug. 12.—The statement that foreigners in Vera Cruz are in danger is false. The Constitutional government guarantees life and property to individuals of whatever nationality.

The foregoing is the text of a cablegram signed by General Carranza and received here this morning by Juan T. Burns, his consular agent.

Another cablegram from General Carranza, minister of war, to the United States and Latin American countries was sharply criticized. This speech was denounced by higher officials and was made without sanction of the Carranza government, the dispatches say.

CATTLE GO BLIND

In a Michigan County as a Result of a New Malady in That Section.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 12.—Puzzled by a mysterious disease, which is killing cattle in Saginaw county, members of the state live stock sanitary commission were confronted with another new problem today when a report was received from Standish, Arenac county, that cattle in that vicinity are being stricken blind. Inspectors have been sent to Standish to diagnose this new malady.

A federal quarantine have placed a temporary quarantine on cattle in Saginaw county.

MRS. ALLMAN RECOVERING.

W. W. Hall, well known printer of Weston, came here Wednesday to see his sister, Mrs. W. C. Allman, wife of the circuit clerk of Lewis county, who has been a patient in St. Mary's hospital undergoing treatment for appendicitis. She submitted to a surgical operation a week ago, which proved to be successful, and she is on the road to recovery.

SILVER OFFERING.

Tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Anna Freeman a silver offering will be held. Lunch and ice cream and cake will be served. All are invited.

ON VACATION.

Ernest Swiker, general bookkeeper at the Wald hotel, began his summer vacation Thursday morning to continue two weeks. He will go to Pittsburgh next week.

VILLA WILLING.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—General Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more duration with its opponents during which time a peace conference shall be held.

RETURNS TO ATHENS.

ATHENS, Aug. 12.—Eleutherios Venizelos, former premier of Greece, who resigned in March on account of King Constantine's disapproval of his policy in favor of the entente powers, returned to Athens today.

TUBERCULOSIS FATAL.

D. Giardano, aged 26 years, died at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at his home at Pinckinnick mines after a two years' illness of tuberculosis. The deceased man is survived by his widow, his mother, Mrs. Mary Giardano, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Giardano, all residing at Pinckinnick mines. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

BUT FAIR TO TAX PUBLIC UTILITIES

of rates to a small portion of the community would give them an unfair advantage over the taxpayers generally. "No one is injured by keeping the tax on," he said, "but always the many are injured for the benefit of the few by taking it on."

Assuming then that the public utilities should be taxed, the question arises as to the amount of the tax and whether the valuation should be the same for tax as for rate purposes. No difficulty arises in the taxed mind in ascribing a different value for each purpose, as rates are largely based on what is put into the property as investment while taxes are assessed on what is taken out as income. One is an investment value, the other an income or market value. Under constant and proper regulation the two would tend to come together as the fixing of rates is the chief factor in the market value of a utility.

He held that as the question requires expert analysis of facts and as the same set of facts must be used for both rate and tax purposes, the same expert body of public service commissioners could well determine both issues.