

WEST VIRGINIA GUARDS TO BE CALLED JULY 15

PYTHIANS AND PIERPONT POST WILL DECORATE

Are the First to Announce Plans for Memorial Day.

BIG MEETING TONIGHT

Executive Committee Will Meet With Representatives of Organizations

A committee composed of P. M. Pitzer, J. Clark Miller and Frank P. Hall was appointed last night by the Mountain City lodge, Knights of Pythias, to look after the arrangements to have the graves of the departed members of the lodge decorated Memorial Day at the same time the G. A. R. members are decorating the resting places of the old soldiers.

The Executive committee of the Memorial Day program will meet tonight at the city hall in the offices of Mayor Anthony Bowen for the purpose of completing arrangements for the parade, flag raising, speaking, music and general understanding of what is to take place here that day.

Members of all organizations in the city are asked, both through the press and by the Executive committee, to have a representative at the meeting tonight. It will be ready for business at 7:30 o'clock.

Pierpont Post No. 61, Department of West Virginia, G. A. R., has planned a most interesting program for Memorial and Decoration Day services. The Post will meet on Sunday morning, May 27, at their hall at ten-thirty o'clock and attend the services at the First M. P. church. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. B. M. Mitchell.

On May 30, the comrades buried in Maple Grove cemetery will be remembered and their graves decorated. The friends of those buried in Maple Grove cemetery who have been expecting government stones will be glad to know that they have arrived and are placed near the graves. The Post desires that the stones be set to the proper graves before May 30.

LIVELY NIGHT AT FIRST REGT. CAMP

The order given yesterday to the guardsmen at camp which was "Call halt once and if no response shoot," drew all sorts of fire at the camp last night. Several times prowlers came too close to camp, near the stable section and sentries on duty called to them to halt. No word being received and no response save a general crash of bushes and shrubbery as of parties getting away as fast as possible brought flashes of fire and reports that awoke all guardsmen in camp.

In a few seconds after the shots were heard details came from all directions to assist if assistance were necessary and they, too, fired into the darkness in the direction of the noises. When quietness took hold of the situation the soldiers advanced to see if the prowlers had been unlucky, but apparently who ever it might have been he got away unharmed.

The first firing took place about ten o'clock and the second volley roused the sleepers about 1 o'clock this morning.

The members of the First regiment that have been assigned places in the officers' reserve and that have been given orders to get ready to go to Fort Ben Harris, Indiana, a few miles from Indianapolis, will not leave until word is sent here by the commanding officer at Fort Ben Harris. At present they do not know when they will leave though they were first ordered to report at the fort May 14.

British Big Guns On Italian Front

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 18.—British heavy artillery batteries are co-operating with the Italian army in the Italian offensive against the Austrians on the Italian front, according to an official statement issued this afternoon by the British war office.

First American Hospital Unit Has Reached England

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 18.—The first of the six fully organized and equipped hospital units which the American Red Cross is sending to France, arrived in England yesterday.

The unit comprised about 300 persons including 20 army medical officers, 60 nurses and more than 200 other attaches.

THREE EAST SIDE BUSINESS PLACES ARE BURGLARIZED

Thieves Got About \$40 and Left Some Interesting Clues.

Two stores and a restaurant on the East Side were broken into early this morning and robbed, the thieves securing between thirty-five and forty dollars in money and sundry articles of merchandise the value of which cannot at present be determined.

A grocery store on State street, belonging to L. H. Keener, was entered, a small amount of money taken from the cash register, and it is thought some groceries and other articles were taken, although this cannot be known for certainty until a more careful inventory of the stock is made. The thieves at this place gained entrance to the building through a window at the side after trying unsuccessfully to pry open a side door.

A meat market and grocery store on Merchant street, belonging to John Feorene, was entered next and the cash register opened, the thieves however, failing to find anything but a few pennies which they scooped to the street. Some pieces of meat were taken although here, as at Keener's, the exact loss cannot at present be estimated.

Entrance to the meat market was gained by breaking the door lock on the front door and an Italian who drives a general delivery truck and who was returning to his home about one o'clock this morning saw two men standing just within the door of the shop while a third, presumably a watchman, stood on the corner nearby. The Italian went at once to his home and attempted to call John Feorene who, however, does not have a phone in his residence. Not knowing how to get in communication with the police department the Italian let the matter drop and the thieves continued their depredations undisturbed.

The richest haul was made at a little lunch room next the bridge where a slot machine was taken. The machine had not been opened for some time and it is thought to have contained at this time between thirty-five and forty dollars. The machine was found in the edge of the river shortly after noon today smashed to pieces and with all but about a dollar missing.

A wedge shaped steel instrument which was used to gain entrance to the building, together with some personal belongings which the thieves had lost was found by the police this morning. The personal property consisted of some letters and a comb, the letters however, all being addressed to "Dear Willie," and affording no means of telling to which of the numerous "Dear Willies" that infest the country, these letters belonged.

Sanford Watson Dies Suddenly

Sanford Watson, a brother-in-law of J. M. Hartley, of this city, died suddenly this morning at his home at Mason-town, W. Va. A message to relatives here stated that he had dropped dead but otherwise contained no particulars. Mr. Hartley left in an automobile for Morgantown on receipt of the message, catching the M. and K. train there for Mason-town.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Kate Hartley, only sister of Mr. Hartley, and four children, Walter, Watson, of Pennsylvania; Ernest Watson, Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. Jas. Gibson, all of Mason-town. Mrs. Watson has been in ill health for some time but Mr. Watson had apparently been in excellent health. He was a cousin of Mrs. C. C. Wheeler and of Mrs. S. A. Posten of this city.

While funeral arrangements have not been announced it is probable that they will be held on Sunday.

Wheat Market is Becoming Quieter

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 18.—For the first time this week fluctuations today in the wheat market kept within ordinary limits. Continued artificial restraint on buying made prices tend downward but there was notable absence of further violent breaks. The chief decline was in July delivery which sold off to \$2.14 1/2 as against the \$2.19 of yesterday's finish.

COL. SCHOONMAKER THINKS FAIRMONT IS A LIVELY TOWN

Monongahela Road Head Pays Visit to City and Looks It Over.

Col. J. M. Schoonmaker, president of the Monongahela railway, arrived in a special train early this morning and before daybreak had arisen, eaten breakfast in his private car and long before many were awake got a view of the city. He saw it at a time when thousands were taking various routes to work and when the quietness of night was dispelled by the rackets, noisy work day.

The Colonel after looking over the city in the hour of its change from rest to action was greatly impressed by the ginger with which the motive power of Fairmont "picks up" early in the morning and continues its run toward evening. He did not get to see its reversal back to the usual lull in the evening because pressing business forced him to leave the city at eleven-thirty this morning.

Col. Schoonmaker was asked what the intention of the road concerning the terminal for the bridge which is to cross the Monongahela river is; as to the company's decision concerning putting \$50,000 into the bridge. He did not know just at this time what would be done to the terminal to receive the bridge other than the house which stands on the corner of Newton and Archant streets will have to be moved. This will likely be moved to another section of the railroad company's property on the East Side.

Concerning the \$50,000, Col. Schoonmaker said his company would wait until the bridge builders got on his side of the river and would then arrange a system whereby in making the proposed and necessary improvements to the Monongahela stations, the company would work to benefit the city—perhaps financially.

Accompanying Colonel Schoonmaker was G. C. Robey, general superintendent of the Monongahela railway. Mr. Robey stated there might be some slight change in the schedules this summer but was unable to give out any definite information at this time. Both Col. Schoonmaker and Mr. Robey were taken from the station to the city by Major Samuel D. Brady in the office of Mr. Brady who is consulting engineer for the Monongahela railway and construction engineer for the Little Kanawha Syndicate.

JUNIOR PLAY AT NORMAL TONIGHT

Meritorious Musical Program Will be Part of Entertainment.

"The Purple Stockings" will be presented by the Junior Normal class in the Normal auditorium this evening and an excellent musical program will be given in conjunction with the play. She play is a clever little comedy written by John W. Mason, Jr., the cast has been working on it for some time and a treat is in store for those who attend.

The cast of characters is as follows: William Betts, attorney, Earl Fear; Sylvia Andrews, his sweetheart, Mary Hamilton; Miss Miller, his stenographer, Grace Ott; Rudolph Smith, her friend, Orrin Bell; Mrs. Coalington, Helen McMillan.

Some exceptional musical talent, as well as dramatic talent, is present in this class and a good musical program has been prepared under the able direction of Miss Edna Jacobs, who for some time has been music supervisor at the Normal. The program will precede the play and will be in itself well worth the price of admission.

The program is as follows: "My Lady Shoe," Clough Leichter; "The Rosary," Nevin—Helen McMillan; Mabel Toothman, Flora Powers, Jessie Vandervort, Ethel Toothman, Irene Barnes, Clarice Turner, Lera Waters; piano solo, "The Serf," George Irwin; "Dreaming," Shelley—Catherine Troxell, Lera Waters, Irene Barnes; "Wind Song," Rogers, "In My Garden," Liddle, Ethel Toothman; "Mammy's Little Coal Black Coon," Parks—George Irwin, Ralph Miller, Orrin Bell, Earl Fear.



BULLECOURT IS FINALLY IN HANDS OF THE BRITISH

Japanese Navy Has Joined the Hunt for German U-Boats.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, May 18.—Official statement of today by the German army headquarters staff says that the ruins of the former village of Bullecourt were evacuated by them yesterday.

Bullecourt is at last in British hands and the recourt-Quant line appears doomed. The tremendous sacrifices made by the Germans have proved in vain as the flames of the burning towns behind their lines give color to reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is contemplating another strategic retreat.

The capture of Bullecourt has brought the British to within two miles of Quant on the northern side of the famous line. Their guns have already encircled an equal distance to the south and east and only a narrow gateway to the northwest lies open to the German garrison.

Bullecourt itself over which much blood has flown stands on a height overlooking a broad valley which runs directly to Quant. It presumably will take some time for the British to establish their heavy guns on this height but the fate of Quant seems sealed.

Additional reports from the Italian front emphasize the importance of the victory won by General Cadorna but also bring word that the Austrians have reacted and apparently the usual period of counter attack will follow the first successful assault on the Isonzo heights.

Probably the most important news from Europe is the announcement that Japan is going to take an active part in the great struggle. A Japanese naval force has arrived at Marseilles to join the campaign, against the German submarines especially, according to the dispatches, with the purpose of protecting French shipping. This unheralded action by the allies oriental partner raises both political and military questions of supreme interest, upon which however there is no light at present.

HONDURAS BREAKS. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Honduras has severed diplomatic relations with Germany following the lead of Guatemala. The government's information came from Minister Ewing at Tegucigalpa.

Degrees of Warmth. We bow to an emergency and embrace an opportunity.—Kansas City Journal.

SEND RELICS TO MARION CO. MUSEUM

The Senior class of the Fairmont High school, under the supervision of Miss Newman, of the History department, have established a Historical Museum and they wish to obtain, for permanent exhibition, all articles of interest in the community. For this purpose they ask the co-operation of the citizens of Fairmont. Glass cases with locks have been provided for the reception of the articles. These cases will be placed in a room, readily accessible to the public, and this room will be thrown open to the public one afternoon each week. Members of the class will be in charge. The importance of this movement cannot be over estimated. It is not of passing moment only, for records of all kinds in this county should be preserved and the need of an institution such as has been established has long been felt in the community.

In many homes are newspapers, family records, utensils of all kinds, as well as implements not known to the present generation. These articles can best be preserved in a museum of this kind and more over, will be of benefit to many rather than to the few, who now have access to them. Each article is properly inscribed with its name of the owner and a short history is also appended.

Will the good citizens of the county please assist in this movement? The first public exhibition of the museum will be on May 23, 24, 25, in connection with the regular high school exhibition. All articles should be sent to the History department of the high school, prior to the time mentioned above. The pupils of the senior class will be glad to call at any place designated. Those who have anything of interest that they desire to have cared for by persons, who will accept full responsibility, for the preservation of such will please call the high school during school hours or Dunlap Bra 17, president of the History society.

City Hall Notes

A suggestion was made to City Clerk Albert Kern as secretary of the executive committee on Memorial Day program that the flag on Palatine hill be illuminated by incandescent lights each night as long as the flag flies there. This flag which cost \$160 and the pole to hold it which cost \$400, will be put in place during the services Memorial day. The pole is of steel and is in sections.

Fireman Raber, an expert automobile driver and repair man, has been sent to the East Side to handle the big Peerless truck which has been moved there. Raber will be missed at the central station as he has been one life of the department since his arrival there.

COAL COMPANIES SUE RAILROADS; CARS TOO SCARCE

If They Win Far Reaching Precedent Will be Created.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 18.—In one of the most far reaching complaints ever filed before the Interstate Commerce Commission, four Utah coal companies today seek to recover approximately \$425,000 from seven railroads as damages alleged to have been sustained through the failure of the roads to supply them with an adequate number of coal cars for their operation.

The case sets a precedent. If it is decided in favor of the complainants it will open the way for the filing of innumerable similar complaints not only by coal and other mining companies but by manufacturers and shippers of virtually all commodities carried in interstate commerce for alleged losses running into many millions.

Complaints also ask the commission to compel the railroads to increase their equipment to keep pace with industrial demands.

Bridge Plans Not Quite Right Yet

William Meusser, engineer in charge of the work of building Fairmont's two new bridges stated several days ago that he would be in Fairmont the latter part of this week. Thus far he hasn't arrived in the city and no word has been received from him concerning the date that he will arrive. Officials at the city hall do not expect him to show up there tomorrow, it being Saturday.

The plans which have been sent here by Mr. Meusser will in all probability be returned for further changes. The plans now on exhibition at the office of J. Walter Barnes, city commissioner, are of the type and the design designed by the city but a few minor details will have to be rearranged before formal acceptance of the blue print.

Army Bill Now in Presidents Hands

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—After the army bill had been perfected in both houses today and was sent to President Wilson for his signature, the Senate adopted a joint resolution proposed by Senator Smith, of Georgia, to put conscription out of force four months after the end of the war.

THIS STATE, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA WILL GO FIRST

Sixteen Divisional Camps Are to be Organized.

EQUIPMENT IS SCARCE

Taking Over of Guards Will Depend Upon Its Receipt.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—All National Guard organizations will be called into the Federal service between July 15 and August 5. Governors have been authorized to recruit all organizations to wait strength.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia will be called July 15. Arrangements for formally incorporating the guard into the armies of the United States, terminating for the war period their status as militia or state troops are understood to be based upon the possibility of supplying war equipment for the troops.

It is understood that 16 divisional cantonment camps for guards will all be in the south, eastern, southern and western departments.

Dates upon which various state units are to be moved to big camps from state mobilization points will depend upon completion of quarters and supply system at the camps.

LOCAL TEMPLARS MOVE UP A NOTCH

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., May 18.—The forty-third annual convulse of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of West Virginia, came to an end here yesterday after one of the largest and most successful meetings in the history of the order. The sessions were closed with the installation of the newly elected officers, as follows:

Grand Commander, Thomas C. Bowling of Charles Town; Deputy Grand Commander, Edward O. Patten of Parkersburg; Grand Generalissimo, Dr. C. C. Sinsel of Grafton; Grand Captain General, C. C. Dusenberry of Huntington; Grand Senior Warden, F. W. VanHorn of Martinsburg; Grand Junior Warden, Scott Lowe of Fairmont; Grand Prelate, Rt. Rev. Bishop W. L. Gravatt (Episcopal) Charleston; Grand Treasurer, J. S. Vandervoort of Weston; Grand Recorder, Francis E. Nichols of Fairmont; Grand Standard Bearer, Benjamin A. Caruthers, of Charleston; Grand Sword Bearer, W. H. Wade of Bluefield; Grand Warden, Charles E. Carrion of Moundsville; Grand Captain of the Guard, F. E. Debridge of Clarksburg.

The Commandery elected to hold the next convulse in Huntington, the third Wednesday in May, 1918.

The Past Grand Commanders' Association elected officers as follows: president, A. C. Nadenbousch, of Martinsburg; secretary, James A. Bryson of Parkersburg; treasurer, Jere A. Miller of Wheeling.

Public Works Board To Make Budget

CHARLESTON, May 18.—When the state budget resolution was on second reading in the Senate today, an amendment ordered by Senator Gray in the hands of a party vote placing in the hands of the Board of Public Works of which the Governor is president, the responsibility for making the budget. The original resolution gave that function to the Governor alone.

Governor Cornwell was called into the Senate chamber and made an address on the subject of the budget. He said he did not have the slightest objection to the Senate amendment.

Notice Taxpayers

We are now making up the 1916 delinquent tax list for publication June 1, 1917. Those who owe taxes should come in and pay at once and save cost of publication. Office Monroe Street. J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.