

FRENCH THREATEN GERMAN LEFT WING BEFORE ST. QUENTIN STATE TROOPS CALLED OUT ALL OVER U. S. FOR POLICE DUTY LINER ST. LOUIS ARMED HAS ARRIVED SAFELY IN ENGLAND

FRENCH DRIVING TEUTONS

Have Taken Key to the Defense of St. Quentin

ATTACK NEAR DVINSK

Russians and English Continue Drive Behind the Turks.

Desperate resistance is being made by the Germans to the slashing attack of the French on the defenses of St. Quentin.

Heavy counter attacks are reported, but Paris declares that General Nivelle's troops have held all the ground won, the positions captured on Sunday being maintained.

Apparently this means that the Germans have lost the strong key position at Essigny, four and twelve miles south of St. Quentin, which is essential to the protection of St. Quentin on the south.

Military critics have pointed to the probability of the German wing in this sector being forced back to the Oise. If this position, which the French captured yesterday, was not regained by the Germans.

In view of verified reports from Petrograd that the Germans have been concentrating heavily for a drive toward Petrograd, interest attaches to the announcement by the Russian war office today of a German attack on the Russian line below Dvinsk.

The Russians are continuing their advance against the Turks in the campaign waged jointly by Russian and British forces to the north and northeast of Bagdad. Apparently their intention is to drive in behind the Turks as they retreat before the British up the Tigris in the direction of Mosul.

The Russians advancing westward from Persia are already in the vilayet of Mosul, Petrograd advices state.

This vilayet extends to the Persian border on the east and the Russian forces probably still have considerable distance to traverse before they strike the Tigris and the Turkish line of communication.

WOMAN INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Mrs. May Clayton in Hospital in Very Serious Condition.

Mrs. May Clayton suffered a possible fracture of the skull and five other passengers of a Maxwell automobile narrowly escaped death when the car, belonging to P. D. Pollack, a local coal operator, slid over the bank into West Fork river.

Mrs. Clayton is now in Cook hospital where this afternoon a consultation is being held to determine whether or not an operation will be necessary to save her life. The skull it is feared is fractured.

The accident, occurring about 4:30 yesterday afternoon, was the first motor accident of the summer. The car went over the bank on the country club road near White Rock.

Also in the car beside Mrs. Clayton was P. D. Pollack, Mrs. Grove Straight and Mrs. Knight. The car was fished from the river by workmen from the Standard Garage last night and is in their garage undergoing repairs.

Return to Country Home—Mrs. William Watson and daughters, the Misses Margaret and Ruth, who had spent the winter in this city, will move from Walnut avenue to their country home "Rockview," near Monongah, on Wednesday.

LINER ST. LOUIS SAFELY ACROSS

First American Ship to Go Through Danger Zone Armed

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—The American line steamer St. Louis, first armed American ship to cross the Atlantic has arrived safely at her destination, Secretary Daniels announced today.

Information as to the arrival of the steamer came to the Navy department from the offices of the American line in New York. The company wished to make known the fact to relieve the anxiety of those having relatives or friends on the vessel. Secretary Daniels approved such action. No details of the trip were given in the company's report.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The St. Louis, owned by the American line, left an American port March 17th with 31 passengers, of whom 14 were American citizens. Among her crew of 394 persons were 131 Americans.

F.H.S. MUSICIANS IN CONCERT TONIGHT

One Hundred and Fifty Young Men and Women Will Take Part.

Plans are completed for the annual High school concert to take place tonight at the High school auditorium when approximately 150 young men and women will give a concert under the efficient direction of Miss Ethel M. Horseman, musical instructor for the High school. Rehearsals have been in progress for some weeks and the entertainment will be a splendid one.

The music furnished by the chorus will be augmented by several selections from the High school orchestra. The program will be carried out as follows:

Part I.—Coronation March from The Prophet, G. Meyerber—Orchestra. Twilight Reverie (Traumerer), Schumann—Chorus. Winter Song, Frederick Field Bullard. One, Two, Three, Four (Hawaiian Melody), A. La Mesa—Boys' Glee Club. Lucia di Lammermoor (Fantaisie Elegante), J. B. Singelee Op. 44—Jamison Meredith Dorky Lukabay (Humoreske), Dvorak—Chorus.

Part II.—Largo, Cornet solo, Carl Andree, Handel—Orchestra. Glory to Isis (Aida), Verdi. Angels Serenade, Violin obligato, Irene Vincent. G. Braga—Girls' Glee Club. The Sea (Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor), Donizetti—Pauline Graham, Ruby Morton, Kathryn Schaefer, Goldie Hartley, James Knight, Arthur Fisher. Moonlit Meadows, Czibulka—Chorus. Priests March from Athalia, F. Mendelssohn—Orchestra.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: First violin, Irene Vincent, Jamison Meredith; second violin, Eunice Minor, Ruby Smith; flute, Heber Vangilder; clarinet, Raymond Salvatti; cornet, Gladys Beeler, Carl, Andre, pianist, Katherine Moore.

In addition to the High school girls and boys given above, the orchestra will be assisted by the following: Viola, Mary Price; violin cello, W. D. Barrington; bass viol, Milford Beeler; cornet, Von Peter; trombone, Howard Merrifield.

C. N. Mockler Dies at Mannington Home

C. N. Mockler, a well known resident of Mannington, died on Saturday night shortly before midnight at his home. He was a former mayor of Mannington, having held office during the year 1908-09. He was prominent in Masonic circles throughout the state.

Surviving him are his wife, who was formerly Miss Nell Jones, daughter of T. J. Jones, of the Hope Gas company, his mother, Mrs. Ellen Mockler, and three sisters, the Misses Margaret Beale and Beryl Mockler, and one brother, Emmett Mockler.

Funeral services are announced to be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the residence on Buffalo street and interment will be made by the Masonic Lodge. A number of people from this city will attend the services.

WORK OF THE U-BOATS. BERLIN, March 26.—The sinking of 25 more steamships, 14 sailing vessels and 37 trawlers, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 80,000 in the last few days is announced by the admiralty.

RAYMOND CARTER, BLACK, ARRESTED WITH WHITE GIRL

Persistent Yost Law Offender Who Seems to Have a Pull.

Raymond Carter, jail bird, friend of the powers extraordinary and a shiny black, was in police court this morning charged with loitering with Eliza Perine, white, at the home of Minnie Wells. Minnie herself was not in police court, she being out of town when the place was raided last Saturday night. Each was fined \$25 and in default of payment went to jail.

Carter has been arrested numerous times in Fairmont for violations of the Yost prohibition law. He has been pinched by both county and city authorities and has been sent up, but in some manner manages to get away. He will be turned over to the prosecuting attorney for having in his possession three pints of whiskey. He did not say who sold the liquor to him, but it is known that he got it in the city, which he admits, and that the place of purchase is known. Eliza will also be held when her city term is up or the prosecuting attorney because of her testimony in police court this morning that she purchased liquor on Monroe street of a white man. The negro and the white girl were arrested at 103 McKinney street, where at times prior to this the same conditions relative to the blacks and whites congregating have been met with.

More whiskey bought in Fairmont was produced at the police court trial. (Continued on page 10)

NO THOMPSON CASE RULING.

"Grandmother of Revolt," Exiled 43 Years, Freed!



PETROGRAD, March 26.—Babushka "grandmother of the revolution" and most of all feared by the former Russian autocracy, is back from Siberia enjoying the freedom of the new democracy after an exile of 43 years.

Babushka is the nickname of Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya, daughter of a Russian noble and 73 years of age. Her activities against the Russian autocracy and kindnesses for the people won her the title by which every radical in Russia knew her—"Grandmother of the Russian revolution."

While in her teens, Babushka pleaded so strongly for freedom of the people her parents forced her to leave home. She soon had a gathering of admirers and put the government into so much fear of an uprising she was sent to Siberia.

Twice she escaped. The first time she was sent back for 15 years. Then she returned to Russia, but noticing she was under constant watch, came to America, where she collected \$10,000 for the cause of the Russian revolution.

Returning to Russia, she was re-arrested again. In spite of her own unfortunate situation, she used all her efforts caring for her comrades in exile.

Babushka's reward is the revolution. Receptions in her honor are being given throughout Petrograd and she is hailed as the heroine of the new Russia.

WHISKEY SELLERS AWAIT HEARINGS

Many Yost Law Arrests Were Made Over the Week End.

The county jail is again the home of several old time whiskey and beer dispensers working within the state and county limits. George Lillie, white, will be tried within a few days on a selling charge. Harry Rice, colored, is awaiting a hearing, meanwhile he is a guest of Jailor Glover. J. W. Priestly, colored, is once more ready for a defense movement against the state. He is up again for Yost law violations. Raymond Tanner, white, is with the above set waiting in jail for a hearing. George Crews, colored, was necked in the act and is now fanning himself in the close quarters of a cell in the county jail where regardless of the weather the steam is kept on full. Eliza Perine and Raymond Carter, the latter black, will be tried before Justice Conaway this afternoon on charges of having whiskey and selling it.

The arrests were all made since Saturday. The county officers and the city cops worked together to round up the Wallingfords who sell whiskey here at three times the price they pay for it. It is possible that the negro doing the best business in town selling whiskey will be exposed by Raymond Carter in his trial this afternoon.

WILL MINE COAL ON SCOTTS RUN

Osage Coal Company's Plant Will be Modern in Every Respect.

A mine, modernly and electrically equipped, and capable of producing at the start 5,000 tons of coal per month, will be established at once on Scott's run in Monongalia county, by the Osage Coal company, incorporated by Fairmont men Saturday. Complete facilities for the mining of the coal, along with accommodations for the miners, will be built. Work was started this morning and it is hoped to have coal going over the tippie in a little more than a month.

The company is incorporated for \$100,000 by the following men: Sam D. Brady, A. P. Brady, David C. Reay, Charles A. Goodwin and James Close, all of Fairmont. The headquarters of the company will be in Mr. Brady's offices in this city.

The mine is situated on the lines of the Morgantown and Wheeling Traction company which lines will remove the mine's production. An excellent grade of Pittsburgh coal will be mined.

Mrs. John Durrett Dies at Elkins

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) ELKINS, W. Va., March 26.—Mrs. John Durrett, aged 72 years, died at her home in this city today after an illness with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Durrett is survived by her husband and several children. She was the mother of the late Dr. J. J. Durrett, of this city.

City Hall Notes

William Meusser, engineer for the Concrete Engineering company, is in the city today the guest of Street Commissioner Albert Lehman and City Engineer Shrewsbury Miller, the two men with whom Mr. Meusser will work in designing the bridge and in making the plans for its construction. Mr. Meusser was en route from Texas to New York when he was telegraphed to stop at Fairmont and confer with the city officials here, which conference was set for this afternoon, but which may possibly be postponed until tomorrow afternoon, Mayor Anthony Bowen being otherwise engaged.

Officer Dugman was in Clarksburg Saturday attending the trial of a color-order pickpocket there. The negro was arrested at the Baltimore and Ohio station upon complaint of a foreigner who testified that the negro had stolen a railroad ticket out of the victim's pocket. Dugman was called to identify the prisoner with a recent pickpocket robbery that was perpetrated in the city. He was unable to identify the man.

PISCONERI ON TRIAL FOR DEATH OF E. W. BROOKS

Jury Was Obtained This Morning Without Any Delay.

Trial of the case of the State against Frank Pisoneri, who is charged with the murder of E. W. Brooks on the night of January 16, started in circuit court this afternoon after the morning was required in getting a jury. At press time the jury and court was inspecting the scene of the crime following the details of the case by the Prosecutor in his address to the jury and an eloquent introduction by Congressman M. M. Neely, his counsel.

The jury, which is trying the case is composed of J. M. Leeper, Brooks Floyd, R. E. Davis, B. F. Cornwell, William McMichael, Ira L. Danly, A. M. King, J. W. Irvin, J. D. Radford, C. E. Parrish, J. A. Fear and L. K. Metz. The state will try to prove, under an indictment for murder in the first degree, that on the evening in question after having quarreled with Jim Pacifico, an Italian, the deceased came home to his rooms over the Pisoneri store in the Bardell property on Pennsylvania avenue and there the defendants was asked to assist in deterring Brooks from his announced intention to go back and fight Pacifico. Recognizing Pisoneri as a countryman of Pacifico's, Brooks made a rush at Pisoneri and after knocking down his sweetheart, Mary Ambrose, started the fight with the defendant which resulted in the killing, which the defense alleges was in self defense.

Two Houses Burn In Hoult Today

BELONGED TO DARY L. HOULT AND WERE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE TOWN.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed two one story dwelling houses at Hoult this morning shortly after six o'clock. The houses which were the property of Dory L. Hoult were situated in the center of the village. Fire discovered in one of the dwellings had gained such headway that before it could be extinguished it had spread to a nearby dwelling which was also consumed.

The houses were occupied by the families of John Barley and William Hess. A loss of several hundred dollars was sustained.

CHRISTNER VERDICT WAS A COMPROMISE

All But One of the Jurors Believed to Have Been for Acquittal

A verdict of involuntary manslaughter, entailing at the discretion of the judge a fine not to exceed \$100 or a prison sentence of not more than a year, or both, was found against Hoy Christner late Saturday evening when after an hour's deliberation the jury gave its decision in the case of the State against Christner, growing out of the murder of Fred Shaver at Monongah last December. It is known that the first vote of the jury was eleven for complete acquittal and one for conviction of first degree murder. After an hour's consideration the manslaughter decision was arrived at. Counsel for the defense immediately moved to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial and the hearing of argument on this motion was set for April 16.

RAILROAD MUST SELL STEAMERS

WASHINGTON, March 26.—In the first case brought under the Panama canal act requiring railroads to dispose of their steamship interests, the Supreme court today decided the high Valley railroad must relinquish its great lake steamship transportation lines operating vessels between Buffalo, Chicago and Milwaukee.

A New Worry. Reminding a man that worry will shorten his days merely gives him something new to worry about.

PARTS OF GUARDS OF MOST STATES HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT

Will be Assigned to Duty Guarding Points Where There Is Reason to Fear Outbreaks of German Sympathizers.

FURTHER MOVEMENT OF TROOPS SECRET

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 26.—Twenty six additional complete infantry regiments and five additional separate battalions of National Guard troops have been ordered into the federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disturbances.

The troops have been called from 18 western and middle western states not included in the list of similar orders made public yesterday. The war department statement follows:

The following additional national guard organizations have been called into the federal service for general purposes of police protection against possible interference with the postal, commercial and military channels and instrumentalities:

- Illinois, 1st, 5th and 6th regiments infantry.
- Indiana, second regiment infantry.
- Iowa, first regiment infantry.
- Missouri, first and third regiment infantry.
- Nebraska, fourth regiment infantry.
- Minnesota, first regiment infantry.
- Michigan, thirty third regiment infantry.
- Wisconsin, third regiment infantry.
- South Dakota, third battalion of 4th regiment infantry.
- North Dakota, second separate battalion of first regiment infantry.
- Colorado, first and second separate battalions infantry.
- Wyoming, second separate battalion infantry.
- Ohio, 3rd and 6th regiment infantry.
- Oregon, third regiment infantry.
- California, 2nd, 5th and 7th regiment infantry.
- Idaho, 2nd regiment infantry.
- Montana, second regiment infantry.
- Washington, 2nd regiment infantry.

Of these organizations the following are already in the federal service and in consequence will not be mustered out as planned.

Michigan thirty third infantry.

Colorado, 1st and 2nd separate battalions.

Ohio, third and sixth regiments.

"It is requested that no details of locality be carried in the press with regard to further distribution of these troops unless given out by the war department."

The new order makes a total of 32 national guard infantry regiments called into the federal service for police purpose, supplemented by six separate battalions and several detached companies. They will be assigned to posts in connection with police work by commanders of the military department acting under instructions from the war department.

The Guard units summoned yesterday were: Massachusetts, Second and Ninth Regiments; Pennsylvania, First and Third Regiments; Maryland, Fourth Regiment; District of Columbia, First Separate Battalion; Virginia, Second Regiment; Vermont, Company B, First Regiment; Connecticut, First Regiment; New York, Second and Seventy-first Regiments; Delaware, First Battalion, First Regiment.

The following organizations now in the Federal service will not be mustered out: Thirteenth Pennsylvania; A and B companies of the first Georgia.

Division of the United States into six instead of the existing four military departments was announced yesterday by the War Department. The two new departments are the Northeastern, comprising the New England States, and the Southeastern, comprising the states in the old South.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood is transferred from command of the Department of the East to the new Southeastern Department; Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell from the Western Department to the Eastern Department; Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards from the Canal Zone to the Northeastern Department. Major General Barry of the Central Department and Major General Pershing of the Southern Department remain in their commands.

The order states that the changes are to facilitate decentralization of command. Pennsylvania and West Virginia remain in the Eastern Department and Ohio in the Central Department.

Brig. Gen. Edward H. Plummer will command the troops in the Panama Canal Zone. President Wilson has signed an order authorizing the increase of the Navy to 87,000 men from the present authorized strength of 74,500. He took the step on the recommendation of Secretary Daniels under authority granted by Congress in the case of a "national emergency." The present actual strength of the Navy is 62,000 men. The additional men will be used to man the reserve ships.

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MOVIE CENSORSHIP BILL INTRODUCED

Mayor's Measure Provides For General Supervision of Theatres

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