

RUSSIAN--AUSTRIAN PEACE RUMOR STARTS

BOLT WHICH LEFT NO MARKS RENDERS TWO UNCONSCIOUS

Berry Pickers Sought Shelter From Storm Under a Tree.

HAPPENED AT SMITHTOWN

Creed Stansbury and Two Daughters Were the Victims.

Creed Stansbury, a well known farmer living near Hopewell, and his daughter, Dorothy, aged about ten years, were rendered unconscious at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when while sitting under a shade tree at Smithtown, the tree was struck by a bolt of lightning.

Mr. Stansbury and his two daughters, Dorothy and Gall, went early yesterday afternoon to blackberry patch near Smithtown. After picking several berries in the heat of the afternoon, they sat down under a near by tree to seek shelter from a thunder storm approaching. During the storm, a bolt struck some where in the vicinity rendering Mr. Stansbury and his younger daughter, Dorothy, unconscious. Gall Stansbury, the elder daughter, escaped with only a few small burns as she had left the shelter of the tree when the rain abated and was a little distance away at the time.

Immediately after the injury, the older daughter ran to a near by house for aid and later Dr. J. A. Graham, of Fairmont, was called to the scene. The father was painfully burnt about the side and the younger daughter was unconscious until six o'clock in the evening.

Today they are at their home in Hopewell recovering from the burns. They are not in a dangerous condition. It is a mystery to all who have visited the scene just how the lightning struck. There are no marks on the tree or on the ground about the tree.

M.V.T. TO HAVE GAS LABORATORY

Experts Will be Able to Test Quality of Local Supply.

A thoroughly modern and well equipped laboratory in which the chemists and expert gas men of the company will be installed has been established by the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, for its Gas Department. Announcement of the new laboratory was made this morning following the receipt of some of the instruments and equipment, among which were a calorimeter and a gas machine. The former is a very delicate instrument which measures the heating value of the gas, the gas machine determines its contents.

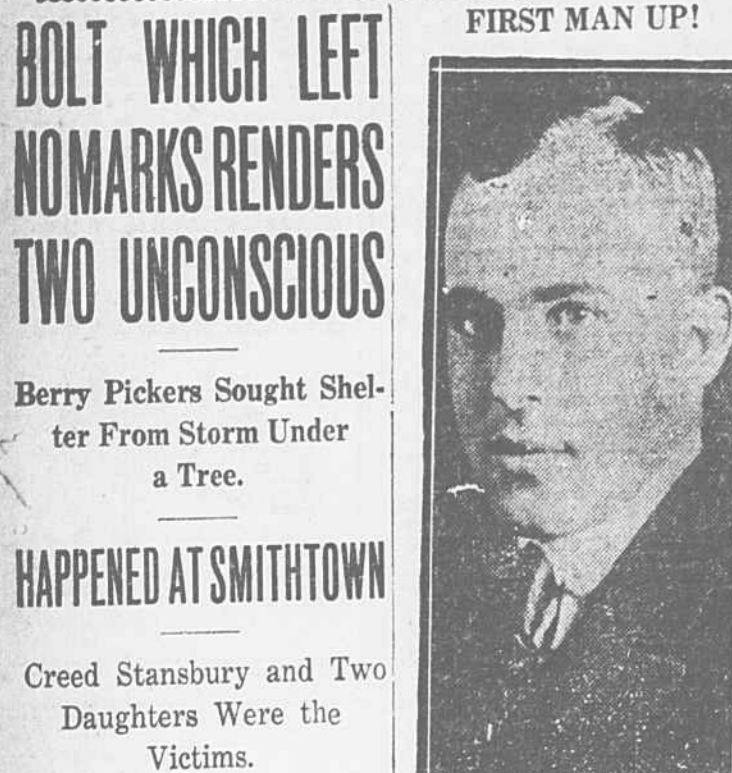
The idea of establishing a separate laboratory for the gas department has been under consideration for some time, it being recognized that the highest degree of efficiency in gas production and distribution necessitated such an equipment.

With the laboratory in operation, which it will be in a very short time, and with the new wells and improvements in pipe lines that have been made this summer, Fairmont should have the best gas supply in the state this coming winter.

Light Frost Visits Minnesota Town

BRANDEN, Minn., Aug. 3.—The Government thermometer registered 34 degrees early today and light frosts were reported from neighboring points.

Country Near Athens In a State of Siege



FIRST MAN UP!

Harry C. Gilbert of Washington, D. C., the first man in the United States to be accepted for the great conscript army.

LITTLE PATIENTS ARE DOING NICELY

None of Them in Serious Condition, Dr. Noe Said Today.

There is one new case of poliomyelitis in Monongah. This case was discovered late yesterday evening by Dr. Noe and the Monongah physicians. The patient is little Irene Olivero, aged eight months, residing at 220 Walnut street. The case was soon examined and found to be a pronounced case of anterior poliomyelitis, the little victim being affected in the chest. Immediately she was taken to the children's hospital where today she is resting exceedingly well.

The case yesterday makes sixteen now in the hospital. There have been three deaths. With the former case in Fairmont and the case at Annabelle there have been in all twenty-one cases within the county.

Dr. Noe was in Fairmont this morning supplying his hospital with drugs. He reports that all of the children now in the hospital are resting well and that none of them is in a serious condition.

Dr. Noe is the only physician now at the hospital, the state health representative, Dr. C. R. Weirich, having been called into the medical service for the government.

The West Virginian will print a list of the several donations that have been received at the hospital. Dr. Noe reports that neighbors living about Traction park and business men in Monongah have been very generous about contributing vegetables, fruit and other eatables to the patients.

Would be Wreckers Are Rather Young

Two boys were arrested at Fairview yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Slack and Probation Officer Musgrove charged with placing obstructions on the track of the M. V. T. Company at that place. The boys, Patsy Weir and Orrin Boor, were both under ten years of age, and it is probable that their actions were due to thoughtlessness or idle curiosity to see what would happen, rather than to a malicious desire to do damage.

The boys were to have been brought before Justice Musgrove this afternoon at 1 o'clock but for some reason they did not appear at that time and the hearing was continued to a later hour this afternoon.

Italian Air Planes Bomb Pola Arsenal

(By Associated Press) ROME, Aug. 3.—Large squadrons of Italian aeroplanes yesterday effectively bombed the arsenal and military works of Pola, the chief naval station of Austro-Hungary on the Adriatic, according to official statement made today by the Italian War department.

Eight American Naval Gunners Lost

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Eight naval gunners were lost when the American tank steamer Montano was sunk by a submarine. Sixteen members of the crew also perished.

DRAFT BOARD HAS COMPLETED IT'S EXAMINATIONS

No Trouble Anticipated in Filling the Fairmont Quota.

THE EXEMPTIONS NEXT

As Soon as the Records Are Completed They Will be Considered.

The work of examining the local boys who have been summoned for the selective draft was completed today and results show that the board conducted its work in every detail without any difficulty. The summary of the examinations show that the Fairmont boys are very high up in the average of the country so far as physical condition is concerned.

The list of applicants for exemption does not exceed what was expected by the board, and it is probable that Fairmont will furnish her quota with as little difficulty as any city in the country.

The board has found it necessary to mark four men "physically fit for military service" without examination. These men have suffered this penalty to be imposed upon them by their own actions of not having appeared for the tests at the time required by the board.

The list of men who failed to appear is as follows:

Benjamin Jones, General Delivery; Serial number 1148.
Joseph Curley, 799 Walnut Ave.; Serial number 3613.
Homer Parks, 431 Monroe St.; Serial number 520.
Floyd Lovsoner, R. F. D. No. 1; Serial number 1417.
Captain White expressed his regret for the fact that these men failed to appear and that they will be forced to suffer the penalty of the department of war. However he stated that he was very much pleased that the examinations were conducted under such favorable conditions without any interferences.

As soon as the records are completed the individual cases will be considered and the list of those who will be exempted because of dependents or for other reasons will be announced.

GRILL YOUNGSTERS OVER BRASS THEFT

Seven of Them on Witness Stand in Musgrave's Court.

Seven boys, ranging in age from eight to sixteen years, were brought before Justice M. R. Musgrave this morning charged with stealing brass goods, spigots and light fixtures, from the house of Sam Polino on Pike street. The house has been vacant for some time and recently the owner discovered that the house had been entered and brass goods to the value of about \$14 taken.

Investigation led to the arrest of seven boys of that neighborhood, Sam Tatasco, Willis Tatasco, Kenneth Hamilton, Thomas Robinson, William Relis, Bill Keyser and Abraham Relis, who had been accustomed to playing about the house.

Sam Tatasco and his brother, Willis, were the first arrested charged with the theft but they denied any knowledge of the affair, saying however, that they had seen some other boys in the house. This led to the arrest of the other five and this morning the entire seven were lined up and took the witness stand. All of the boys denied having been in the house since it was vacated and the junk dealer, to whom it was said the goods had been sold, asserted that he had not purchased any brass goods from any of them.

At last one of the boys who was accused of the stealing, Kenneth Hamilton, age 9, was put on the stand and testified that while passing the house on his way to the store he had seen four boys running up the stairway in the house with two wrenches and a crew driver.

As there was not sufficient evidence to warrant holding the boys they were dismissed and warrants will probably be issued this evening for the other four who are said to have been in the house with the monkey-wrenches.

THE NEW BATTLE GROUND



The battle line of what promises to be the greatest fighting of the war covers about twenty miles, about equally divided between the French and British, the former holding that portion from Dixmude to the vicinity of Bosinghe and the British the southern section, extending to the Belgian frontier.

In these two sectors lie all the ten towns and villages captured by the allied forces. This region has been occupied by the Germans almost from the beginning of the war, three years ago. It was regarded by them as practically impregnable. Its possession is vital to the Germans, for if they lose it they will lose also Zeebrugge, their chief base for submarine work, and the subsea war on commerce would be seriously crippled.

Have Danced Their Way Out of U. S. Army

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Aug. 3.—"Tango toes" thought to have been caused by excessive dancing is a prevalent defect found among young men presenting themselves for examination for the new draft army in the 11th district of Pittsburgh, which comprised the fashionable Squirrel Hill district.

ROUND UP TAGLESS DRIVERS OF CARS

Costs \$7.60 to be Caught in This Tax Drag Net.

Officers began today the work of rounding up the violators of the law regarding the placing of license tags on automobiles and the two justices, Musgrove and Conaway, were kept busy hearing the cases and imposing fines.

Despite the fact that the tags were due the first of July and the owners of cars have been given over thirty days of grace there are still a great many who have failed to get the new license tags and these are being sought out by the authorities and will be prosecuted.

Early in the afternoon about ten violations had come to the attention of the two justices. One of these was tried before Justice Musgrove and a fine imposed, which with the costs amounted to \$8.60. The others will probably be given hearings later in the afternoon and more are being constantly brought in by the officers.

The drivers are warned to keep their cars off the streets if they have not two 1918 tags for each year as the law requires, and the payment of a fine does not right the matter as each appearance of the car on the street thereafter constitutes another offense. Placards on machines stating that a license has been applied for will not be considered for every one has had ample time to get the license itself from the state tax commissioner.

Increase Scope of Officer Training

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—An increase of 30 per cent. in the number of candidates to be admitted to the second officers' reserve training camp opening August 27 has been ordered by the War department. Sixteen thousand were to have been admitted. The number has been raised to 20,800.

NO CHANGE ON THE FLANDERS FRONT

Germans are Shelling Positions British Took From Them.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 3.—Artillery duels of considerable intensity continued last night along the battle front in Flanders, but generally speaking the German guns were less active today and the situation is unchanged. At daybreak the Germans concentrated heavy gun fire on the newly acquired British position in the area south of the Ypres-menin road and have been actively shelling these defenses since that time. During the night the enemy launched counter attack on small part of the front held by Australians and New Zealand troops in the Hollebeke-La Bassée Villa line but were forced to retire by British artillery which poured deadly fire into the German ranks.

Appeal Boards to Meet at Capital

W. M. Rogers, of this city, president of the State Federation of Labor, and members of the Draft Appeal board for the northern district of West Virginia, has received a telegram from Governor Cornwell summoning him to a meeting of the members of the two appeal boards in the state which will be held at the Federal court building in Charleston next Monday.

It is the plan to have the boards at that meeting co-ordinate and render uniform the execution of the selective service law. Mr. Rogers will leave here Sunday night on the interurban and take the train at Clarksburg.

Today Colonel Wallace notified the West Virginian that the meeting of the northern district board which was scheduled to be held at Clarksburg Monday has been postponed in order to permit the members to attend the joint meeting at Charleston.

Grenades Again Cause Trouble

(By Associated Press) AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN FRANCE, Aug. 3.—American interpreters and a lieutenant were slightly wounded and a French instructor was bruised when a live grenade fell near a box of grenades during practice.

Four Killed When Car Hits Auto

(By Associated Press) DETROIT, Aug. 3.—Two men and two women were killed early today in a collision between an interurban car and an auto on the eastern outskirts of the city. According to the motorman of the interurban car, the car was backing up on the track from behind a store which obstructed the view of the rails.

REPORT REACHES LONDON BY SOCIALIST CHANNELS UNDERSTANDING IS NEAR

Belgian Secretary of International Socialist Conference Told This to Representative of a Dutch Paper

AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN CZERNOWITZ

Chancellor Michaelis Tells German People They Must Get Over Their Nervousness As Unexpected Developments Might Bring Peace at any Moment.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Aug. 3.—Camille Huysmans, the Belgian secretary of the International Socialist conference in an interview today with a correspondent of the Dutch newspaper Handelsblad, declared that Russia and Austria Hungary were on the verge of coming to an understanding, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph.

Austrians Take Czernowitz.

VIENNA via Amsterdam, Aug. 3.—Austro Hungarian troops have entered Czernowitz the capital of the Crown land of Bukowina.

Battle Bulletins

LONDON, Aug. 3.—British troops, according to the official statement issued today by the British war department, already have regained part of the ground they lost when the Germans penetrated the British front line trenches on infantry hill to the east of Monchy le Preux last night.

Monchy le Preux is on the Arras bat- tle front in France. It is about 2 1/2 miles south of the Arras Douai railroad.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Troops of the German Crown Prince after an intense artillery bombardment delivered several attacks against the French positions near Cerney in the Aisne region along a front of about 1500 yards, the French official statement issued today says that all attacks were repulsed. On the Belgian front the bad weather continues.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—Kinpolog in southern Bukowina has been evacuated by the Russians the war office says today. The Russians are now engaged with Austro German forces on the river Bystritsa. Between the Dniester and the Pruth the Russian retreat is continuing. Russian forces in the southeast of Galicia, the official statement says after battle with the Austro Germans retired across the river Zbrocz at its confluence with the river Dniester.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 3.—According to a published account of a conversation in Dresden, Chancellor Michaelis said that while he was ready to accept any opportunity given to him to secure an honorable peace, the requirement of the hour for Germany was to delay any manifestation of a nervousness and prove to their opponents that Germany's might was unweakened. Germany's opponents, he said had been greatly encouraged by the combination of nerves in the latest inner crisis and the German longing for peace which was interpreted abroad as a sign of the weakening of German people. Peace would be brought no nearer by such things, adding that the Government would continue its efforts for peace but would avoid earlier mistakes. Chancellor Michaelis indicated that prospects for a speedy peace were not high, but unexpected developments might at any moment bring the question to a head, and produce results.

CASEY CO. MEN ARE VISITING QUARRIES

Will Select Source of Material for Coal Run Bridge.

Commissioner A. L. Lehman, Engineer Miller and three representatives of the John F. Casey Company of Pittsburgh spent the day in and about Fairmont looking over stone quarries where stone may be most economically secured for the construction of the South Side and Monongahela river bridges. The three men from the John F. Casey company that are here are: Ottomar Stange, J. H. Gass and Mr. Bradley.

After a investigation of the Stone and gravel in an about Fairmont by experts in this line several weeks ago it was learned that the local material was of the very best quality and that enough of the two materials could be secured for the construction of both bridges.

Several excellent stone quarries are in view and before the day is over it is probable that the exact location of the quarry that will furnish the larger part of the stone for the two constructions will have been determined.

There has been no meeting of the city Board of Affairs today. The commissioners have been giving all of the time to the planning of the city improvements in the individual departments.

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