

FRENCH CAPTURE HILL NO. 304 AT VERDUN

NEGRO TROOPS RIOT

Fifteen Men Dead As Result of an Outbreak at Houston

MARTIAL LAW IN CITY

Secretary Baker Says Incident Will Not Change Department Plans.

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 24.—As a result of a mutiny of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry last night the entire city of Houston and environs are under martial law today. Gen. John A. Hullen is in command as provost marshal. A revised list shows 15 men dead. Orders have been given soldiers to watch all incoming trains and not to permit armed men to enter the city.

A report shortly after midnight said armed men were likely to flock into Houston from some adjoining counties. It was decided that this would not be permitted. When the 200 or more regulars arrived from Galveston some were detailed to go to Camp Logan. Others were assigned to duty in the city. Two soldiers were detailed to each street corner in the city and two more were detailed to each street corner in the downtown sections. Orders were given to prevent the assembling of citizens on the street.

City and county officers are cooperating with and following the instructions of the military officers and it is officially stated that the situation is so well under control that unless crowds are permitted to assemble there will be no further trouble.

Among the dead is a negro sergeant, Vida Henry, believed to have been the ring leader in the uprising. Henry's body, riddled with buck shot was found a quarter of a mile from camp limits. Horace Moody, one of the wounded police officers who suffered an amputation of the leg died at the hospital this morning.

E. J. Meineke another officers is the fifteenth victim reported found. The following orders and warnings were issued today:

"All citizens will remain in their homes or usual places of business at once. No citizens, not an officer will appear on the streets with arms. Parties will not assemble on the streets. Saloons will not be permitted to open.

"Places of business where arms and ammunition are sold, kept or stored will remain closed."

The killing of Capt. Jos. W. Mattes, of the Illinois Second field artillery, was accompanied by extreme cruelty, according to early reports. Wounded by a rifle bullet Captain Mattes was surrounded by the riotous soldiers, riddled with buck shot and his body hacked and stabbed repeatedly with bayonets. The body was almost unrecognizable.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Senator Sheppard, of Texas, after a conference with Secretary Baker today announced that the negro troops concerned in the rioting at Houston would be withdrawn from Texas immediately.

Later Secretary Baker after reading the first official reports announced that he could take no action of any kind until the affair had been fully investigated.

The Secretary also said that the Houston affair did not effect the policy of training negro troops in the south. It is within the jurisdiction of the commander of the Southern department to move the troops to any other point in his territory without orders from Washington.

Leading Germans To Hold a Conference

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A Berlin dispatch says it is understood Dr. Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, had various parties in the Reichstag, negotiating with a view to summing leading representatives for a conference for the consideration of important questions.

Mrs. John Astor



Latest photograph of the beautiful Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, first wife of the late John Jacob Astor, who has been living in London for several years. She is now devoting her life to war relief work. She is one of the most industrious workers among the society women and nobility in London.

FIRST STEEL HERE FOR NEW BRIDGE

Reinforcing Material Was Hauled To Coal Run, Ravine Today.

The first shipment of steel for the construction of the new South side bridge arrived in Fairmont early this morning. The steel was purchased several weeks ago from the Jones and Laughlin Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. Other shipments of the steel are expected within the next few days.

Immediately upon the arrival of the first shipment of steel, teamsters were on the job with wagons ready to transport it to the site of the new bridge.

Apparatus from Milwaukee, Mich., where the John F. Casey Company has just completed a big bridge contract is expected in Fairmont at any time.

CEMENT CO. BUYS PITTSBURGH COAL

Alpha Company Acquires 500 Acres From the Initial Company.

Alex. R. Watson, of the Initial Fuel company, of this city, has completed a coal deal whereby he has sold five hundred acres of Pittsburgh coal to the Alpha Portland Cement company of Easton, Pa.

The five hundred acres of coal is located at Reynoldsville, in Harrison county. The transaction was completed yesterday.

Getting Ready To Test River Bottom

Work was started this morning by Mr. Hughes of the Pennsylvania Drilling Company of Pittsburgh on testing the foundations for the piers of the new bridge to be built across the Monongahela river. The drilling machine which has been holding Engineer S. B. Miller and Mr. Hughes back in their work for the past several days arrived in the city yesterday.

Today arrangements are being carried out by Mr. Miller for the use of a boat from which the drilling will be done. The rock in the bottom of the river will be tested first while the water is low. Today the drilling machine was operating on the west bank of the river.

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOX FACTORY TO BE BUILT IN FAIRMONT

Mid-West Box Company, One of the Country's Strongest Box Making Concerns, Comes To This City To Build Fourth Plant.

ABOUT 150 PEOPLE WILL BE EMPLOYED

New Enterprise Will Be Built On Plot of Ground Near the Owens Bottle Machine Plant—Construction To Begin At Once.

Late yesterday afternoon the Mid-West Box company, of Anderson, Ind., through its president, W. H. Fairchild, and L. N. Devore, of Toledo, O., completed negotiations with the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce and W. J. Wiegel, secretary of the Greater Fairmont Investment company for the location in this city of a large box factory. The plant will go up on a plot of ground near the Owens Bottle Machine company's big establishment on the East side.

The factory when complete will cost not less than \$100,000 and will employ in the neighborhood of 150 people. It will be located directly opposite the Owens Bottle Machine company between the Speedway and the industrial line of the railway. The factory will be a steel frame brick building entirely fireproof. It will be 380 feet in length and 80 feet wide, covering over 30,000 square feet of land.

The preliminary survey for the factory was made yesterday. Construction will be started just as soon as possible and by April 1, 1918 will in all probabilities be complete and the plant in operation. The construction of the building, as well as the architectural work will be under the supervision of the Devore-McGormley company of Toledo, Ohio.

The product of the plant will consist of various kinds of fibre boxes, corrugated bottle packing, and kindred articles. The Owens Bottle Machine company will use much of the factory's products. The output will be marketed largely in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, districts of West Virginia and other points in the east.

The Mid-West Box company is one of the large factory organizations of the west. The Fairmont factory will make four box factories that the company now has in operation. The other factories are in Kokomo, Ind., Anderson, Ind., and Cleveland, O. The main office is located in the Conway building of Chicago, Ill.

Walter H. Fairchild, of Anderson, Ind., who is president and general manager of the Mid-West company, will spend a large part of his time in Fairmont until the factory is put in operation. Together with L. N. Devore, of the Devore-McGormley company, the architects and engineers for the new factory, Mr. Fairchild left yesterday afternoon for Toledo, O., after spending the fore part of the week here.

The Mid-West company located the factory in Fairmont in preference to other cities in the state where sites were ready to be occupied. Much credit for the establishment of the box factory in Fairmont is due the two local organizations; the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Fairmont Investment company, through whom the negotiations were carried out.

GROWTH OF CITY SHOWN BY TAPS ON WATER MAINS

Unusual Number Made During First Half of This Month.

A good indication of the growth of Fairmont is the enormous increase in the number of water and sewer taps made by the city during the past month.

Water Commissioner Smith reports from the first of last month until August 15, a total of 42 new water taps and 21 sewer taps had been made, which is an unusually large number for this short length of time.

What few wells and springs that are now in use within the city are under suspicion. Being easily contaminated, they always contain water well infected with bacteria coli.

Commissioner Smith has made a careful comparison of the city water and the water in the local springs. The water that flows in the Monongahela river even before being treated with chlorine has never been found to contain more than 15 bacteria to the cubic centimeter.

While the city water has not been tested this week, local authorities believe it to be pure. Last week when it was found to be unsafe, it contained many less bacteria than the best spring water usually contains.

Home From Church Meeting at Hagens

Representatives of the Central Christian churches have returned from a two-day meeting at Hagens at which matters of interest to the members of the congregations in this district were discussed. Among those who attended the gathering were Rev. Mr. Jarrett, of Morganown; Samuel Davis, of Shinnston; Prof. Howell, state Sunday school superintendent, of Parkersburg; Rev. O. G. White, the state evangelist; A. P. Jones and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Anna Kuhn and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour McIntire, of this city. Rev. Dr. Mitchell, pastor of the Central church who is housed up at the parsonage with an injured knee, was not able to attend.

DISTRICT BOARD READY FOR CASES

Fairmont Appeals To Come Up Some Time Next Week.

William M. Rogers, a member of the district draft appeal board which has been in session at Clarksburg, returned to Fairmont yesterday evening. The board has been at work at its headquarters in Clarksburg since Tuesday morning, but convened yesterday to meet again at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning of next week.

As yet none of the Fairmont cases have come up, with the exception of one or two alien cases. The Fairmont board has been one of the first to complete its work and it is very probable that the Fairmont cases will be among the first to be considered. All of the reports from the first and second calls are now in the hands of the district board awaiting consideration.

"It is probable that the district board will get to the Fairmont work by the last of next week," said Mr. Rogers this morning.

Musical Asso. To Meet On Sunday

Arrangements have been completed for the session of the Second district Musical Association which will be held Sunday at Curtis chapel. The program for the occasion will be as follows:

Morning session—10, congressional song, led by W. S. Asher; devotional, F. M. Malcolm; report of secretary; report of classes; class singing; address of welcome, W. E. Gump; dinner.

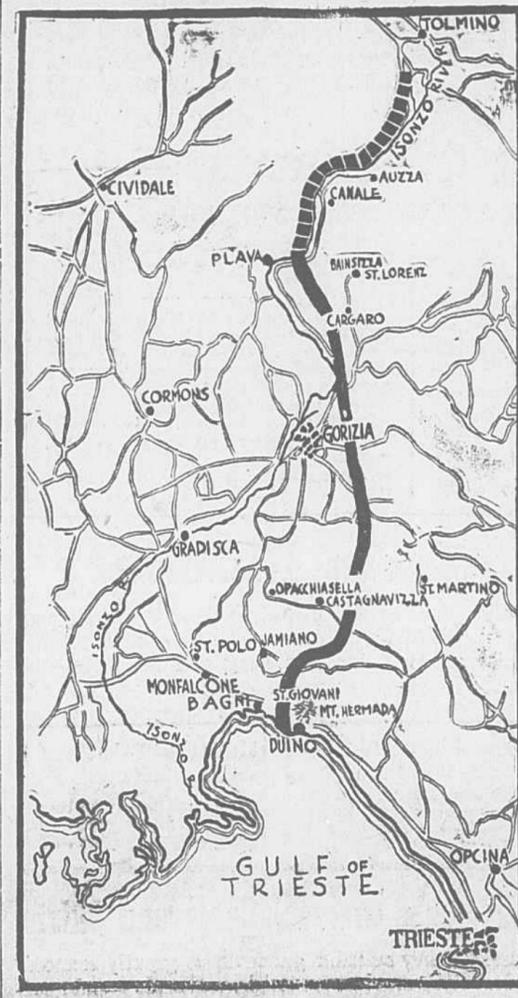
Afternoon session, 1:30—Congressional singing, led by J. A. Hamilton; report of committees; class singing; benediction.

Night session, 8:00—Congressional singing, led by Jesse Parrish; class singing; adjournment.

Second Fire Starts In City of Saloniki

(By Associated Press)
ATHENS, Aug. 24.—A second fire is burning in Saloniki where great damage was done last Saturday by a conflagration which destroyed a considerable part of the city making 60,000 homeless. Thus far 100 houses have been destroyed.

The Italian Battle Line



The heavy black line from Plava to the sea follows approximately the course of the new Italian offensive, including the Julian front, the Gorizia area and the Carso front, where the battle is now centering. The dotted line is the Italian front to Tolmino, where there is little activity.

GAULS PUSH THE GERMANS BACK OVER ONE MILE

Have All the Territory They Held When Crown Prince Attacked.

THE GERMANS ADMIT IT

Explanation Is That a Weak Garrison Was Left There.

In a brilliant attack this morning on Verdun front the French carried Hill 304 one of the most bitterly disputed positions in the war in the struggle for which thousands have lost their lives.

The French advanced to an average depth of fourteen and one-fourth miles over the sector between Avocourt wood and Dead Man's hill. Paris announces officially and in addition to Hill 304, stormed the fortified works between Haucourt and Bethincourt.

The new French assault made less than a week after the beginning of the new offensive was delivered west of the Meuse on a somewhat shorter front than Monday's opening attack, which was on both sides of the river. At the first shock the French although highly successful did not obtain all their objectives and today's attack was doubtless intended to complete the attainments of the ends immediately in view.

The French are now masters of all the important points on the Verdun front which they held before the beginning of the great German attack last year.

On the British front the bitter fight for the possession of Lens was continued during the night. The official British statement announces that the British now hold German trenches, immediately south of the Green Crassier to the south of Lens and that especially heavy losses have been inflicted on the Germans.

Portuguese troops which are holding a sector in northern France repulsed German raids in the vicinity of La Bassee. Heavy artillery fighting continued around Ypres where the British have improved their position and successfully withstood counter attacks.

BERLIN ADMITS IT.

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The evacuation by the Germans of Hill 304, the famous stronghold on the Verdun front, is announced by the war office. It is said a weak garrison was left there.

TO PLAN FAREWELL FOR DRAFTED MEN

Meeting Will Be Held At Chamber of Commerce This Evening.

This evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the office rooms of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce on the second floor of the Watson building a meeting will be held for the purpose of deciding upon some definite plans whereby Fairmont may say farewell to the 76 young soldiers that will go to Petersburg, Va., next month to make up Fairmont's quota of the draft army. The meeting this evening is open to all who are interested in the affair.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon with Mayor Bowen and several members of the Chamber of Commerce attending. Many excellent plans were suggested after which the meeting scheduled for tonight was called.

The Tanker Navajo Sank a Submarine

(By Associated Press)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 24.—The Standard oil tank steamship Navajo destroyed by fire at sea Aug. 15 while homeward bound had an encounter on her trip over with a submarine and sank the enemy vessel with her guns after a four hour battle, according to members of crew of twenty-seven who arrived here today on an American steamer. The destruction of the Navajo was caused by an explosion of a fuel pipe.

MOBILIZATION ORDERS MAY BE LATE IN COMING

All the Men On the List Should Prepare to Leave Quickly.

Because of the delay in getting the official list of those certified for service, it is probable that those who will make up the first one-third to leave Fairmont on September 4 may not receive their orders for mobilization until 48 hours before the time they are to leave, according to information given out this morning. It is for this reason very important that all who are certified should dispose of all private matters, being able to respond on a short notice.

Leonidas B. Linger, serial number 1623 and order number 15105, was registered at the office of the local board this morning. As persons register from time to time not registered on June 5th, they will be assigned serial numbers by Major Wallace. After given a draft number their order of priority is then determined by the master key. In the master key serial number 1623 is between 1444 and 5364 which requires the 5 number.

The local board has not received the official list of those selected for service from the district board and can do nothing further until this list is received.

The board has received a supply of purple and green cards to be used in notifying those that are selected. The green cards will be used in informing them that they are selected, while the pink cards will be sent informing them of date of mobilization. From the date that the pink card is mailed the person selected will be in service of the government.

Interesting mobilization orders were received at the office of the local board this morning which read as follows:

Out of each party of men who will leave during the next month for the training camp, you will select the man who appears most fitted to command and place him in charge of the party. You will fill out the notice of appointment, inserting the names of the next two most likely looking men as assistants in command and hand it to the man selected as commander to be carried as his authority. Have him read (Continued on page two)

ITALIANS TAKE FIFTY MORE GUNS

Battle On the Isonzo Front Continues With Unabated Fury.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Aug. 24.—The war office reports that the battle on the Isonzo front continues and about 50 guns have been captured.

Gen. Cadorna announces that the Italians yesterday stormed new Austrian positions, broke up violent counter attacks made by the enemy, and took a large number of Austro-Hungarian prisoners. More than 20,000 prisoners, the war office statement says, have been removed from the Austro-Italian front by the Italians.

Great Air Navy Is Entirely Feasible

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Tests of the first of the standardized United States airplane motors designed and built under the direction of the Aircraft Production board make it practically certain that American-made fighting machines will be available for service in France early next year.

The results of several tests have been highly satisfactory it is learned, although details of design and performance of engines withheld.

City Hall Notes

At the regular meeting of the Board of Affairs Monday City Clerk Kern will submit the provisions of the lease whereby the city will rent the Carr property on South Cleveland avenue to restore connected with the South side bridge.

Water Commissioner Ira L. Smith has completed the plans and specifications for the 1,200 water meters that will be installed within the city and will present them to the Board of Affairs for approval on Monday.

To date Chief Harr reports the massacre of 29 dogs, while City Clerk Kern's docket shows that 249 dogs have been tagged.

Here of late many prominent Fairmonters have been appearing at the city hall protesting against the enforcement of the dog law. One even went so far as to say that he would shoot the first person that captured his dog.