

FAIRMONT BIDS FAREWELL TO THIRTY NATIONAL ARMY MEN

BRITISH BEGIN NEW OFFENSIVE

Attacked German Positions East of Ypres at Dawn This Morning

MADE GOOD PROGRESS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—The British forces on the Belgian front attacked the German positions at 5:40 o'clock this morning east of Ypres.

Field Marshal Haig reports that satisfactory progress was made and that the British already have captured some valuable positions. The British official statement announced that Field Marshal Haig had taken the offensive this morning.

"We attacked this morning on a wide front east of Ypres. Satisfactory progress is reported. Our troops have already captured some valuable positions."

Field Marshal Haig's selection of the battle front to the east of Ypres in Belgium as the scene of his latest offensive against the Germans indicates that it is a continuation of the expressed purpose of the British commander in chief to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria from the western coast of Belgium and to cut off the German submarine and aeroplane bases on the North seas from Zebruge to Newport including Ostend.

The British drive is being made apparently in the direction of Roulers and Courtrai, from which Belgian town according to recent dispatches from the Dutch frontier, the German military authorities have been evacuating the civilian population. That the British offensive had been in preparation for several days were made known in recent statements of the German general army headquarters staff. The Germans reported that the British were maintaining violent and destructive fire against German positions, the bombardment frequently reaching the intensity of drum fire.

THREE MASONIC DEGREES AT ONCE

Unusual Ceremony Here for Benefit of National Army Man.

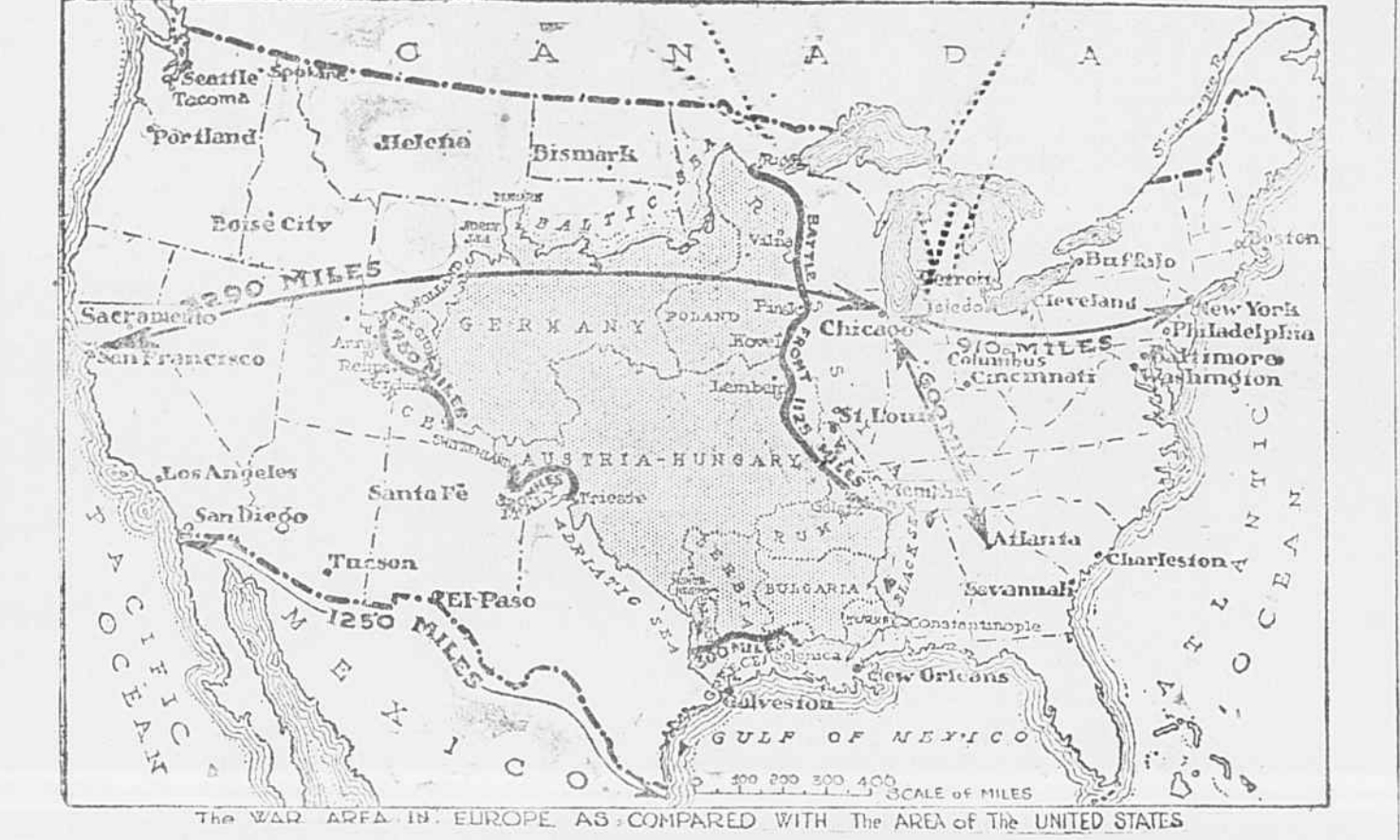
For the first time in the history of Fairmont Lodge, No. 8 A. Y. F. and A. M., a candidate received the three degrees in succession in Masonic Temple on Wednesday afternoon, the proper authority having been granted by Grand Master Charles E. Carrigan. The favored one was John Knox, of Fairmont, who is numbered among the local soldiers who will go in the first draft today to Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va.

The degree work started in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and continued until 6:30 o'clock, the work having been done in three and a half hours. The first and second degrees were conferred by the worshipful master, Fred S. Harr, and the third degree was done by Past Master Hutchinson. The young man's father was one of the members who viewed with interest the candidate's reception to Masonry. At the conclusion of the degree work an excellent banquet was held at the Fairmont. There were twenty-nine covers laid.

Five members of the lodge are affected by the draft. Those who will leave today are George K. Barnes, Fred R. Heintzelman and James M. Knox. R. Linn, who was chosen for the second call, but who left today as a substitute for some one else, is also a member of the lodge. Samuel B. Brooks, a member of the lodge, will respond on the second call. Fred E. Harr, the master of the lodge, presided at the banquet.

The master in a parting word at the lodge room gave the young men instructions and informed them that there were three Masonic Lodges in Petersburg and urged them to keep in touch with the fraternity while stationed at that camp.

BRINGING THE WAR HOME TO AMERICA



This map shows how you could put the whole European war into that part of the United States west of the Mississippi and still have plenty of room left. You would, however, realize that you had some war on hand. Draw up the battle line of Europe on a United States map shows the remarkable extent of the battlelines.

On the eastern front the Baltic battle line of 1125 miles from Riga to Galata, would extend from a point west of Lake Superior eastward almost to Chicago and down the Mississippi to the latitude of Atlanta, Ga. Westward and southward from this line stretch all of Germany, Poland, Austria and the Balkans to the 300 Saloniki mile front corresponding to the same distance in Northern Texas, the 250 mile Italian front which in America would occupy a similar section in New Mexico, east of Santa Fe, and the 450-mile western front in Belgium and France, where the British, French, Germans, and now the Americans are at grips. In America this front would stretch the distance from New York to Boston, and the western front is longer than the distance from New York to Chicago.

The Battle battleline is 200 miles longer than the distance from Chicago to New York, is half the distance from Chicago to San Francisco, or nearly as far as from the Pacific at Lower California to the Gulf of Mexico; the Saloniki and Italian lines each would stretch the distance from New York to Boston, and the western front is longer than the distance from New York to Buffalo.

HOUSE FAMINE EXISTS IN THIS CITY RIGHT NOW

Building Operations Were Practically At Stand Still This Year.

There is a house famine on in Fairmont. It may not be apparent to the average citizen but it is an established fact with the real estate men of the city.

George Brobst, perhaps Fairmont's best posted realty man in discussing the matter today said, "Well famine might be a pretty bad word to use but it about the truth at that."

Not much building is going on just now. Only sixteen bungalows are being built at the present time and that is the only construction work of the kind going on. Eleven of these are being erected by the Watson, Fleming & Miller Company and five by the East End Improvement Company. Although it will be from three to six weeks before these houses are completed every one of them has been rented in advance.

There is a general demand for small houses, although this is being gradually shifted into a desire for houses with six and seven rooms in them, and with it a desirable location is wanted. To show just how scarce houses realty are Mr. Brobst added, "I have two that are on my order list. One of these is on a bank with a steep flight of steps to the street, which has been caused by the establishing of city grade at that point, and the other one is on High street close to the edge of the bluff."

At the present time it costs as much to build a four-room house as it did to erect a six-room house under normal conditions. To erect a four-room house and procure the lot which could be rented to a salaried man would entail an expense of \$2500—\$1700 for the house and \$800 for the lot.

An influx to the city has been noted recently due to the plentiful state of work and the fact that the many glass workers who left Fairmont last winter when the natural gas shortage was felt, have returned to the city to make their abode.

Even snacks about the city are at a premium and it really is a stern reality that the city faces a house famine.

Another expert in local realty conditions said the other day that it would pay any man who has a little ready capital to put it into building operations.

Coal Mines Close In Harrison Co.

(By Associated Press)
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Twenty-five coal mining plants in Harrison county alone have suspended operations during last week or two as the direct result of the establishment of \$2 a ton for coal at the mine, according to a statement issued here today by Daniel Howard a prominent central West Virginia coal operator.

These mines were forced to suspend Mr. Howard says, because the price fixed is too low for the operator to continue mining coal without loss.

Reports received from him from other counties are to the effect that many other mining plants have been forced to suspend lately for the same reason.

City Hall Notes

For the third time in four days Mayor Bowen found a blank program when entering the court room at nine o'clock this morning to hold the daily police court.

The guy that got his foot mached on his way to the city hall to sell an incinerator has never shown up.

City Health Officer Chesney M. Ramage is of the opinion that the city will not be able to get an incinerator for some time, in that the same company that was to furnish Fairmont's incinerator is providing all the southern army camps with garbage outfits.

The dog killing brigade has not returned from business. They are merely on a vacation. The death toll remains thirty five. The last unlucky number for the dog catchers was 29 which number was reached about one month ago.

WATER WASTE IN FAIRMONT COSTS TAXPAYERS DEAR

Daily Bill Is \$220 According To Commissioner Smith's Figures.

Two hundred and twenty dollars is paid each day by the city of Fairmont for water that is wasted. No wonder Water Commissioner Ira Smith has been doing all in his power to hasten the day when 1200 additional water meters will be installed.

The actual consumption of water during the month of July reached an average of 5,500,000 gallons per day, or, in other words, every man, woman and child within the city of Fairmont used an average of 370 gallons each day. According to the statistics of other cities and the population of Fairmont, the average daily consumption should not exceed 1,500,000 gallons which would furnish 100 gallons per capita. Many other cities over the country with a population twice that of Fairmont are not consuming over 2,000,000 gallons per day.

Measured by these standards the actual waste of water each day in Fairmont is 4,000,000 gallons. It costs the city just five and one-half cents to put a thousand gallons of water in the city reservoir, disregarding the additional cost of filtration. At this rate the water that is consumed over and above liberal allowance costs the city just \$220 each day.

The receipts from the city water are \$65,000 per year. If all the water that is used was paid for, as it will be when the entire city is metered, the yearly receipts from a daily consumption of 5,500,000 gallons would be \$223,000. At the average rate of twelve and one half cents per gallon.

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CARD WILL SHOW HOW CLEAN YOUR GROCERY SHOP IS

A card system by means of which the groceries, meat markets, restaurants, ice cream parlors and other places where food is dispensed in this city, will be rated according to their sanitary condition, will be put in effect in the near future through Miss Eliza Rock, the municipal housekeeper, acting in conjunction with the city sanitary department and the Civic and Economic department of the Women's club.

The system will be shown by the use of three cards, white cards showing the standard of first class shops, yellow, those in the second class and blue for those in the third class. The percentage attained by each grocery, meat market or other store will be shown by means of these cards which will be displayed in conspicuous places in the shops.

The request for this rating system has been made by several of the local produce dealers and the matter was taken up and decided upon as entirely feasible.

It has been practically two months since the office of Municipal Housekeepers was established in this city and during that time Miss Rock has frequently visited each of the wholesale and retail food supply houses and in most instances has found greatly improved conditions over those of the early spring when in conjunction with a representative of the Junior Civic League, she made her first round.

In the visits made to the local places of business Miss Rock has in (Continued on page 10)

ALL MANNINGTON DEVOTES DAY TO HONORING MEN

Two Banquets, a Parade, Presents and Crowds Feature Sendoff.

In Mannington from which town the men summoned for army service by the county draft board were to leave this evening the whole day was devoted to showering honors upon the 57 young men, every one of whom was present, and practically every one in the town had a hand in the affair.

Stores closed at noon and the town was profusely decorated, the national colors, of course, being the sole material used by the decorators. At 12:30 the men were guests of the Hotel Bartlett at a dinner which was in fact a banquet. At the dinner each man was presented with a bouquet by the local florist, the Parish drug store.

At 3:30 there was a parade in which all the school children took part as an escort of honor to the young men and at the end of the parade there was a talk by Rev. H. D. Clark and the men were presented with completely equipped comfort kits by the Mannington Red Cross.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to auto rides for the men and they evening they will be dining again. This time at the Arlington hotel as the guests of the management. The train is due at Mannington at 5:50 and the men will go direct from the dining room to the station.

BRIDGE ENGINEER CALLED TO ARMY

William E. Brady, the resident engineer for the John F. Casey Company, the contractors for the new bridge that is being constructed across the Coal Run ravine was examined by City Health Officer Chesney M. Ramage this morning for the draft army. Brady had registered in Cleveland, O., and shortly after his arrival in this city received orders to appear for physical examination. He made arrangements to take the examination this morning, which he passed. He will file claim for exemption to the Cleveland draft board.

John L. Seddoway registered by a local board in the state of Utah appeared before the local board yesterday and passed the physical examination. He filed claims of exemption on the grounds of being a minister of the church of the Latter Day Saints.

STATE TO CARE FOR POLIO VICTIMS

Taking the stand that the State of West Virginia should play its part in assisting to bring back to health the victims of infantile paralysis Dr. L. N. Yost, county health officer has been active in progressing that view upon the state authorities. Today he received encouraging news from the state Board of Control. That board has written to Dr. J. W. McDonald superintendent of the Fairmont hospital and authorized him to give the necessary treatment to any children who may be in need of such after care and are sent to that institution for that purpose. If additional equipment and appliances are needed Dr. McDonald is instructed to send a requisition for it.

If any after treatment is to be effective it must be given within two years after the patient has had an acute stage of the malady. This view is held by authorities on the subject Dr. Yost communicated with Governor Cornwell, who stated in a letter that he was in favor of the movement, but was endeavoring to discover some means to secure the necessary and the best methods to carry on the work. The governor then wrote to Dr. Yost, the State health commissioner, who in turn took it up with the Board of Affairs.

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EVERY NATIONAL ARMY MAN ORDERED TO REPORT TODAY WAS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Draft Board Placed Squad In Charge of Homer C. Toothman With F. R. Heintzelman And J. F. Debolt As Assistants

DINNER AT Y. M. C. A. THIS AFTERNOON

Special Train Which Will Carry the Men to Petersburg is Scheduled To Leave Here at 6:25—Parade To Station.

Thirty more of the young men that were drafted to make up Fairmont's quota for the new National army are now in active service for Uncle Sam. At the first call this morning every one of the thirty was present and from that time they are actually in government service.

At the meeting of the thirty young men this morning the local draft board designated Homer C. Toothman to take direct command of the quota. Upon the suggestion of the board Frederick R. Heintzelman was designated as first assistant to Mr. Toothman with John Forest DeBolt as second assistant.

The entire quota is in military service from nine o'clock this morning and of course are now under army law, although they remain under the jurisdiction of the local board until they are delivered to the mobilization camp. The regulations required that the board designate a leader; a person fitted by reason of experience, age, character and personality to be in charge of the party from the time of the assembly this afternoon until the arrival at Camp Lee.

The board was entirely satisfied that Mr. Toothman measured up to the requirements in every particular and has confidence that he will discharge his first military duties in a manner that will reflect credit upon himself and the entire quota. The assistants, Mr. Heintzelman and Mr. DeBolt are men of considerable experience, good character, and strong personality. The quota will be divided into squads, each assistant taking charge of one of them, and the party conducted in military fashion.

The entire quota will assemble at the office of Captain Kemble White at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, each man taking with him such personal apparel as he will need. Promptly at 4:15 o'clock the men will be marched to the Y. M. C. A. All the friends of the men who are to attend the dinner at the Y. M. C. A. should then be at the building ready to attend the dinner promptly.

At the Y. M. C. A. building the drafted men will be given a farewell dinner which affair is in the hands of the Fairmont chapter of Red Cross. Following the dinner several informal speeches will be given by prominent citizens. After the dinner which must end not later than 5:40 o'clock the young men will march in military fashion to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station. A fine dinner has been prepared at the Y. M. C. A. for the soldiers as well as boxes containing a lunch for each of the thirty soldiers.

Leaving the Y. M. C. A. building Ira Smith's military band will fall into the ranks behind the soldiers and sounding the patriotic tunes will march to the station with the boys. Other organizations that wish to join the march may do so at this time.

The train on which the young men will leave is scheduled to depart at 6:25 p. m. It is a special coming from Wheeling, and stopping only at a few (Continued on page 10)

INQUEST MONDAY FOR HUNTING TRAGEDY

Coroner Lloyd Believes He Will Call a Dozen Witnesses.

Little has developed recently in the case in which William G. Morgan a wealthy Paw Paw district farmer is charged with shooting and killing Harvey Hayhurst and Fernando Thorne and dangerously wounding Charles Musgrove, except some of the preliminaries are beginning to be shaped up.

The first of these is the coroner's inquest, which will be held next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the county court room in the court house. The inquest will be conducted by Frank A. Lloyd, the coroner. Mr. Lloyd said today that he did not have the list of the witnesses that he proposed to call completed, but he thought probably a dozen would be summoned to testify.

The grand jury will meet on Monday, November 12, and in all probability the case will be taken up at that time.

FOUR LET OUT BY DISTRICT BOARD

W. D. Hall, Henry J. Kestner, Wilbur H. Shinn, and Edmund Virgroul have been allowed exemptions by the district appeal board that is in session at Clarksburg, according to the official report that was received by the local board from the district board yesterday.

Two more delinquents appeared yesterday and accounted for their absences. They are Roy F. Bobbett and Howe Stinger. Bobbett had already enlisted in the hospital service of the army while Howe was in the Signal Corps. Both came here yesterday, were examined and certified for duty.

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