

# WAR CLOUD LOOMS UP ON THIS SIDE

## TWO WEST VIRGINIA SOLDIERS KILLED ON TORPEDOED MALDOVIA

Men Missing From Troop Ship Were all Members of Company B Fifty Eighth United States Infantry.

## BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY TORPEDO

Survivors Got Off the Sinking Ship in Quarter of An Hour—Two Men Who Jumped Among the Dead.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The War department today gave out the names of 53 members of Company B, 58th United States Infantry, Fourth division, missing from the torpedoed British steamer Moldavia.

Among the missing were Edwin L. Clausing, Grafton, W. Va.; Lee Raser, Cedarsville, W. Va.; John Schuh, Portsmouth, Ohio; Ray Swartz, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

made for them but they were not seen after they jumped overboard. Capt. Johnson, an American infantry officer, who was on board the Moldavia gave a Daily Telegraph representative this account of the sinking: "The ship was struck just forward of the engines on the port side. All the troops were in their bunks sleeping in their uniforms. There was a loud explosion and then the ship's whistle was blown. This was a signal for everybody to come on deck. The men assembled in perfect order. Their discipline was splendid. The best I ever saw."

"The Moldavia listed to port but righted herself and ran on for about 15 minutes to avoid being hit again. Then she began to sink steadily. Orders were given to lower the boats and we got off."

"Destroyers had been circling around us all the time and as soon as the Moldavia was struck they dropped several depth charges. No second torpedo was fired and we saw nothing of the submarine."

"As soon as the men got aboard the boats they began laughing and singing and when the ship sank they gave three cheers."

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 25.—Less than a quarter of an hour after the British armed merchant troop ship Moldavia with American troops on board had been torpedoed off the southeast coast of England on Thursday morning virtually every man had gone over the sides of the vessel into the lifeboats. Edwin and Clyde Bosley, of North Troy, Vermont, leaped from the deck and were drowned. Had it not been for this the losses, which are given officially as 56 American soldiers, would have been confined to those killed by the explosion of the torpedo. The Bosley brothers were on guard when the ship was struck and evidently believed she was turned over. Search was

## TEN CENT CUT IN SELLING PRICE IS ANNOUNCED

Means Reduction of About Five Per Cent in Fairmont Region.

A reduction of ten cents a ton in government fixed prices for bituminous coal was announced by the Fuel Administration in Washington last night, taking effective today. Advice to that effect reached C. H. Jenkins, president of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association today by long distance phone from Washington.

Barnes Gets Word. J. Walter Barnes, Fuel Administrator for West Virginia, received information regarding the reduction in the price of coal this afternoon, as follows:

"Ten cent reduction in mine prices, determined upon last night, is effective today. It applies to all bituminous mines, including lignite, in every state. Anthracite coal is unaffected. Consumers who placed orders but have not received coal shall be charged price permissible on day of delivery. President Wilson directed that full mine price be paid for railway fuel hereafter and that railroads observe principle of equal car distribution. This will result in a lowering of the general average of overhead in the bituminous fields and explains reduction. Details later."

There was no change in the policy which was determined recently calling for a discontinuance of assigned cars. The advice from Washington is that the railroads will pay the fixed prices for coal and "abandon the practice of giving preferential car service to mines furnishing railroad fuel."

The new price applies to short tons, the system now in vogue in the Fairmont district. The reduction of ten cents a ton means a reduction of about five percent.

There is already rumors of another review of cost sheets so that it is possible that certain mines are to be given further advances which offset this cut though nothing is known positively at this time.

Today is Pay Day. Today is pay day in the Fairmont district and the pay is quite a heavy one compared to those of the last few months. While the car supply has not been good it has been some (Continued on page four.)

## EDGE MONT WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Bullet Discharged by Boy Bird Hunter Struck Her.

Mrs. Frank Smith, of Edgemont, was painfully though not seriously injured yesterday shortly before noon when she was hit by a bullet fired by Francis Rex, a fourteen year old neighbor boy, who was shooting at birds.

The bullet hit a building near which Mrs. Smith was standing and glanced struck her in the neck inflicting a painful wound.

She was taken to Cook hospital where her injuries were dressed and she was able to be taken to her home today. The boy was shooting a 22 calibre rifle.

The husband of Mrs. Smith, the victim of the shooting, is a mail carrier in the employ of the local postoffice.

## NEW SUBJECT FOR FOUR MINUTE MEN

The next subject to be discussed by the Fairmont Four Minute Men will be the "Danger to America." Chairman Kern is now busy preparing a schedule for the campaign which will begin June 2 and continue for three weeks ending June 24.

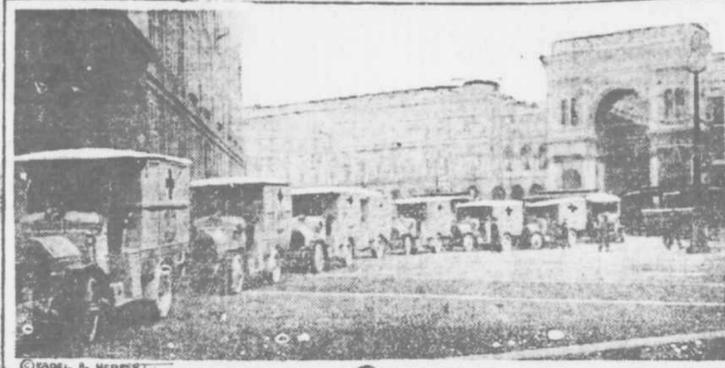
The campaign in the interest of the Red Cross will be brought to a close this evening when speakers are scheduled for all of the local theatres. The following are scheduled: Dixie, J. Walter Barnes; Nelson, Harry Shaw; Princess, James A. Meredith; Hippodrome, E. M. Showalter.

For the Red Cross campaign speakers were scheduled for six nights per week. It is the plan to have Four Minute Men in the theatres four nights each week during the coming campaign.

## Moose Say All Aboard for Point

Twenty members of Fairmont Lodge 9, Loyal Order of Moose, will leave tomorrow morning at 7:15 o'clock over The Monongahela railroad for Point Marion, Pa., where they will institute a lodge of Moose. O. M. Doolittle, of this city, will organize the lodge.

## THE CARS SAVE SOLDIERS' LIVES



stations quickly, after they are wounded. Ten dollars, given the Red Cross to buy more of them for our boys in France. This photograph was taken at Milan, Italy, just as a consignment of new ambulances started for the battlefield.

## RED CROSS DRIVE WILL WIND UP MONDAY NOON

Actual Solicitation Will be Abandoned in Fairmont This Evening.

## Red Cross Fete Will Take Place in the Armory

Announcement was made at today's luncheon that the lawn fete schedule due take place at the residence of Judge William S. Haymond would be held in the Armory tonight, rain or shine. Because of the rains today it was necessary to arrange for the affair within doors.

Work in the Red Cross drive will be wound up this evening and final reports will be submitted at the luncheon to be held at the drive headquarters on Monday at noon. To date the total amount of money subscribed in the Fairmont district is \$30,049.99.

During today's report Mrs. George DeBolt stated that Col. C. W. Watson had sent a check for \$456.24 his first month's salary as a Colonel in the reserve corps. Mrs. George Fleming gave \$100. Sanderson & Porter donated \$100 and the employees of the Cook hospital gave \$150. Prof. Otis G. Wilson reported \$500 from the Fairmont State Normal school.

Hon. William S. Haymond, judge of the Circuit court, was presented by Henry S. Lively as the "best known and most loved man in Fairmont." The judge in starting said he did not know whether his wife would object to that last portion of the introduction or not. He commented on the good feeling that existed among the boards and then swung into an address of a highly patriotic type. "What are you here for? What are you engaged in? You are engaged in one of the greatest enterprises—that of upbuilding and merciful pursuits, and extending the hand of mercy. You are not actuated by any gain. Here the judge drew a word picture of the sun of American democracy, which he said would not go down until a lasting peace had been attained. He referred to the great work of mercy which the Red Cross society is doing in the foreign countries. In closing he referred to President Wilson's remarks: "Give, and give more, and give more, and when it hurts give more, for then it is from the heart and success will crown every movement."

W. J. Wiegell, campaign manager, stated that these towns have gone "over the top" today; Thoburn, Worthington, Winfield, Runner's Ridge, Barrackville and Downs. At Barrackville a twelve year old boy worked a day—the first in his life—and gave \$1 of the \$1.65 he made toward the Red Cross fund.

## Officer's Shot Stops Auto Booze Cargo

Because they refused to give their names after their machine had collided with a trolley car Policeman Digman, who happened to be a passenger on it, became suspicious and after the two men endeavored to escape he fired a shot at them, whereupon they stopped and 144 pints of whiskey were seized. The men have their names as Sam Rigalbuta, owner of the car, and his companion, Pete Coops, both of Four States. Arrangements have been made by which Rigalbuta will give bond in the sum of \$500 for a hearing before Justice Conway later in the day.

### FAIRMONT DISTRICT

First Ward	\$ 374.61
Second Ward	425.00
Third Ward	120.00
Fourth Ward	435.31
Seventh Ward	1,004.00
Eighth Ward	434.50
Colored People	222.00
Schools	728.00
Total for day	\$ 3,743.42

### REPORT BY DAYS

First Day	\$ 8,397.25
Second Day	7,261.01
Third Day	4,501.22
Fourth Day	6,147.07
Fifth Day	3,743.42
Grand Total	\$30,049.99

### MANNINGTON REPORT.

Flat Run	\$ 100.00
Grangeville	298.25
Logansport	125.00
Peanut	55.00
Oil & Gas Co.	50.00
Fraternal Organization	100.00
Misc.	25.00
Total for day	753.25
Previously reported	16,683.39
Grand Total	\$17,436.64

## Red Cross Drive Headquarters Says:

Tonight.

Davies Run—A. L. Lehman.  
Sunday at 3 p. m.  
Glad Run—H. H. Rose.  
Hopewell—M. L. Brown.  
Springer—J. M. Jacobs. (Wainut Grove Church.)

Benton's Ferry—W. R. Haggerty.  
Hickman Run—E. H. Carskadon.  
Colfax—James A. Meredith.  
Forksburg—Harry Shaw.  
Moran—Rev. H. G. Stotzler.  
Mt. Nebo—E. C. Frame.  
Shaw—Hon. E. A. Pollock.  
Mt. Clare—J. Walter Barnes.  
Winfield—Henry S. Lively.

An excellent Red Cross meeting was held last evening at Springer and the sum of \$105 was secured. There were sixty people present. M. C. Lough made the address of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Minor Dunham furnished the music.

C. W. Evans and A. J. Kern addressed a meeting at the B. & O. shops yesterday at noon. There was a large turnout of the employees.

By the recent dance and card party St. Annie Guild, an auxiliary at St. Peter's Catholic church, raised \$322.50. This is halved between the local Red Cross fund and the war camp fund of the Knights of Columbus.

At Norwood last evening a patriotic rally and box social was held. L. W. Bunner presided. One hundred and thirty dollars were collected and \$70 was raised by selling lunch boxes, which aggregated \$200 for the night. J. A. Landis acted as auctioneer. Addresses were made by Albert J. Kern and Harry Shaw. Mrs. Anthony Bowen was in charge of the ladies' committee and Attorney James A. Meredith of the men's committee. An auxiliary of the Red Cross was formed and the first meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Meredith, next week.

The Gas department of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company has

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## ARRESTS TO BE MADE HERE SOON FOR IRISH TREASON

## British Government Issues Statement on Sinn Fein Plots.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 25.—Germany's untiring efforts to foment revolution in Ireland with the aid of the Sinn Fein are laid bare in a statement from the official press bureau reviewing this phase of the Irish political situation since the beginning of the war.

After the abortive rebellion of Easter week 1916, plans were made for a revolt in 1917, but this miscarried because of America's entry into the war and Germany's inability to send troops to Ireland.

An uprising in Ireland was planned for this year after the German offensive in the west had been successful and when Great Britain presumably would be stripped of troops.

One phase of every plan called for the establishment of submarine bases in Ireland. In the present circumstances, it is added, no other course was opened to the Government if useless bloodshed was to be avoided and its duties to its allies fulfilled, but to intern the authors and abettors of this criminal intrigue.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—More evidence than that disclosed in the British statement of the close connection between the Irish Sinn Fein and German influence is in the hands of the British and American governments, it was stated officially here today. Arrests are to be made soon in this country and possibly additional arrests in Ireland.

A number of prominent Irish Americans, including several heretofore known as Irish patriots are under surveillance. In most cases, it was said, arrests will be made on technical charges of seditious utterances with most of the facts concealed until the trial.

## Annual Sermon at Fairview Tomorrow

The annual commencement of Fairview High school will be preached in the Methodist Episcopal church, Fairview, tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock by the Rev. C. E. Goodwin, pastor of First M. E. church.

The program will be as follows tomorrow: God of Our Fathers, Known of Old, chorus and audience; Invocation, Rev. T. B. Lawler; Holy, Holy, Holy, chorus and audience; reading of the Scripture, Rev. C. N. Coffman; Work for the Night is Coming, chorus and audience; America, audience; benediction, Rev. C. N. Coffman.

## Departing Soldiers Are Given Send Off

A rousing meeting was held at Watson last night under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias as a farewell to fourteen young men from Watson and Kingmont who are leaving Sunday afternoon for Camp Lee, Va. Addresses were made by Hon. O. S. McKinney, Rev. C. C. Lawson, Rev. Milton Steele, and C. W. Evans.

The men in whose honor the affair was given are: S. A. Martin, G. M. Vincent, William Blackmore, Frank Dieste, John Sheets, Ned Carmichael, Ward Greoyze, Girzo Salvator, John Deglie, Salvatore Zamgriffo, A. P. Valzo, Auraldo Bard, Vetro Tanne, Walker Welling.

## DISPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBANS HAVE BEEN SEVERED BY THE MEXICANS

Actual Reason For Break Not Known Positively Yet But it Has Something to do With the Great War

## CUBAN ACTIONS IRRITATED MEXICANS

American Government Has Been Informed of the Flare Up But Must Await Later Dispatches For the Explanation.

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, May 25.—Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. This was learned officially late today after a report that the Mexican charge d'affaires at Havana and the Cuban minister had been recalled from their respective posts had been confirmed during the day.

The Cuban minister to Mexico, Dr. Ezequiel Garcia Ensenat, has not yet arrived in Mexico City, having been appointed only recently. During the interval Dr. Luis Santamaris Y. Calvo has been acting as charge.

The recall of the Mexican representatives to Cuba and the suspending for an indefinite time of the sending of a new representative is explained officially as due to the fact that because of the war in which Cuba is involved that government has been obliged to dictate measures that effect the interests of the Mexican government in many instances.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The State department has received information from its own sources that the Mexican diplomatic representative at Havana has been withdrawn by Mexico but no explanation was given in the dispatches. Further advices were expected during the day.

## MAY MEAN TROUBLE FOR U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Mexico's sudden and unexpected suspension of diplomatic relations with Cuba is looked on here as an indication of a move against the United States which possibly may foreshadow a breaking of relations with this country. The underlying cause for Mexico's action, it is understood here, was a recent incident in which Senor Fabela, her minister to Argentina, while on his way to Buenos Aires was held up in Havana while his baggage was searched by an official, supposedly a Cuban customs inspector who it is reported found among the minister's effects certain papers.

## M.V.T. CO. MEN TO FORM A UNION HERE

Those Connected with the Railway Department to Organize.

Employees of The Monongahela Valley Traction company assigned to the railway department will meet to form a union on Sunday evening at midnight after the men come off their runs for the day.

The session will be held in Willard hall, according to the notices posted for the meeting this afternoon. There are approximately 100 men in Fairmont who will attend the meeting. The union has been sanctioned by the officials of the company. The organization will be in charge of W. M. Rogers, president of the West Virginia Federation of Labor.

The company will run a special car after the meeting on Sunday at midnight in order to take the men back to their homes.

Last night the employees of the Monongahela Valley Traction company at Clarksburg were organized at a largely attended meeting which was held at Carpenters' hall. The new union starts off with 61 members. The organization was in charge of W. M. Rogers, of Fairmont, state president of the Federation of Labor. He was assisted by C. E. Barlebaugh the fourth vice president of the organization. The officers of the new local are: C. B. Wyckoff, president; J. A. Fishery, secretary; H. W. Bywater, recording secretary; L. E. Gibson, treasurer.

## EXPECT BIG CROWD WILL SEE DRAFTEES LEAVE TOMORROW

Special Regulations Have Been Issued by the Draft Board.

The largest crowd that has ever assembled at the local Baltimore and Ohio railroad station is expected to be there at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when fifty-nine of the select men of Fairmont entrain for Camp Lee, Va. The contingent will be the largest Fairmont has furnished at any one time since the Selective Service regulations went into effect. It being Sunday hundreds who have been unable to see previous contingents depart, will have an opportunity to see the boys off tomorrow.

There is doubtless not a person in Fairmont who does not have either a friend or relative in the list of fifty-nine representative Fairmonters who depart tomorrow. They are:

- 133—David Guy Prunty.
  - 391—Carmine Vetere.
  - 397—Russell E. Vanata.
  - 469—Abe Pilling.
  - 415—Sam Malolo.
  - 419—Albert Arthur Wroes.
  - 423—Gordon Wayne Haller.
  - 426—Edward C. Metts.
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## TRANSFER WORK.

Hauling and delivery of all kinds. Call Bell 698 J.

## STOLEN.

Saturday morning, Ford touring car, black, with initial "D", license No. 17,107, Car No. 2,475,945. Not in good condition. Tire holder on back of car. Anyone furnishing information leading to its return will be paid \$25.00. CARL DeMAY, Enterprise, W. Va.

## WANTED Machine Operators Apply Owens Bottle Machine Co.