

ALLIES STRIKE BACK IN FLANDERS

148 MEN TAKING DEPT. TEST FOR MINE FOREMAN

Examinations Began This Morning in the Masonic Temple.

WILL LAST THREE DAYS

W. J. Heatherman, New Chief Inspector, Will be Here Today.

The examination for mine foremen now being held at the Masonic Temple in Fairmont is the largest ever held in the northern part of the state. There are 148 registered in an examination of mine foremen and pit bosses. The examination is being held under W. J. Heatherman, chief of the West Virginia Mine Department. W. B. Riggleman, of Fairmont, W. H. Sandridge, of Grafton, Zach Evans, of Hays, S. E. Hays, of Thomas, and E. L. Griffith, of Clarksburg, Tony Betzer, chief clerk in the department of mines, is in active charge of the work. Heatherman had not arrived at noon but is expected some time today.

The examinations are being held in various parts of the state. Mr. Betzer came here from Charleston where there were 100 at an examination held last week. He was shocked on the receipt of a letter upon arrival here telling of the death of Miss Blanche Pittman, a clerk in the department of mines who has been engaged in various kinds of state work for some years.

The examination here continues until Thursday, occupying three days. There are sessions morning and afternoon of the three days 10:30. The results of the examination will not be known for about six weeks as the graders do not start their work until all the examinations are completed. The next examination will be held at Thomas, opening next Tuesday. There will be three examinations in points in the southern part of the state and then one at Wheeling July 29, 30, 31 in order to take care of men in the Upper Panhandle and miners who attend the summer mining school at the West Virginia University which opens June 17 and continues until July 27. There will be no examinations at either Clarksburg or Grafton.

Those taking the examination here are:

- Fairmont—Frank Davis, R. E. Wilcox, James Fleming, E. D. Haskinbar, Henry Mulligan, Otto Hyre, C. L. Russell and T. A. Welty.
- Monongah—A. A. Blocker, James McGraw, James Boydb, A. Shandaburger, Will McDonnell, E. N. Gattain, A. J. Johnston, H. H. Layne, J. W. Jones, Otis Bennett, E. C. Morse, J. D. M. Hall and C. Sprags.
- Farmington—Adam Rokwich, J. F. Devine, J. Papp, C. E. Phillips, W. A. Owen and Fred Herron.
- Grant Town—M. E. Horawalt, John Kinkad, John J. Mavichek, Walter Smedley, and Frank Brundage.
- Worthington—S. A. Rowand, Fred Pittman, and Joe Volue.
- Carolina—J. W. Muller and R. G. Brooks.
- Morgantown—J. H. Armantrout, M. T. Well, C. W. McDonnell, Claude Loughrey, J. B. McGee, M. Davis, H. L. Carr, Charles Reese, John McGee, and William Penherthy.
- Buckhannon—J. J. Lelaney, James McKeenan and H. B. Kooser.
- Beallton—G. L. Stalnaker, C. G. Westfall and W. B. Ream.
- Moundsville—Chester Denall, Frank Halstofs, Frank Clegg, John Shepherd and William Hall.
- Meriden—C. L. Kelley, Walter Striets, C. L. Stemple and O. I. Bennett.
- Wellsburg—Thomas Mitchell, Geo. Anderson and August Bohy.
- Mc. Clare—A. W. Simpson, Bruce B. Stone, C. S. Holden, Arthur Sutphin, Sanford Henderson, Henry W. Null, C. H. McIntyre, Joe Romono, George H. Sgehl, M. C. McNeamer and Arch L. Wolford.
- Lumberport—J. A. Drummond, Joseph Madill, and L. C. McDaniell.
- Shinnston—Ed Markey, Charles Connor, M. E. Gordon, Frank A. Burnett, John Null and Arthur French.
- Clarksburg—A. W. Riddle and O. C. Fisher.
- Gypsy—W. E. Doolittle and U. S. Doolittle.
- Lost Creek—C. J. Seabolt, Henry Thobias, and J. H. Black.
- Enterprise—Richard Hawkinsberry, W. H. Hawkins, John Weaver and J. L. Vanmetre.
- Hepzibah—E. H. Reppert and M. Qua Haller.
- Phillippi—A. C. Jones, William Watkins, Joe Bradley and Bern C. Shaffer.

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N.C.A. MEETING VERY IMPORTANT TO THE INDUSTRY

Fairmont Field Representatives are Important Factors

COAL CLUB TOMORROW

New Mine Chief Will be the Guest at the Weekly Luncheon.

Soft Coal Mines Must Make Great Tonnage Gains

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—The production of coal in the United States for the year beginning April 1 must reach 735,000,000 net tons, J. D. A. Morrow, general director of distribution of the United States Fuel Administration today told the National Coal Association in convention here.

This means an increase of 85,000,000 tons over the production for the year 1917.

If the war demands of the country are to be met it is doubtful, Mr. Morrow said, if the production of anthracite coal can be increased over last year's total of 89,000,000 gross tons. Therefore the entire 85,000,000 tons must come from the bituminous mines.

The National Coal Association is holding its annual meeting at the Bellevue Stratford hotel at Philadelphia today and long distance telephone communication from that point this afternoon indicates that the gathering is going to prove one of the most important in the history of the coal industry. W. K. Field of the Pittsburgh Coal company and Jera Wheelwright of the Consolidation are prominent in the meeting. Mr. Wheelwright is looked upon as a local man being president of the Consolidation and having got into the coal business at Fairmont, coming here and locating at Monongah more than a quarter of a century ago. C. H. Jenkins, president of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association are prominent in the northern West Virginia delegation.

D. R. Lawson, District Representative of the Fuel Administration whose office is located at Fairmont, left Sunday night for Washington where he participated in a conference regarding lake coal. Charles F. Ice, inspector for the Fairmont district, left Monday night for an interview with Charles F. Means, manager of inspection department. Mr. Lawson is expected to return to his office here Thursday morning.

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TO THE COLORS



CITY CHURCHES OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY

People Are Urged to Go to Them and Pray for Success.

All the churches of Fairmont will hold a special prayer service on Memorial day in accordance with the proclamation recently issued by President Wilson asking that prayer services for the success of the allied cause in the great war.

The Fairmont Ministerial association yesterday met and took action on the matter and announce today that all the churches will co-operate and that Thursday morning at 10:45 o'clock such services will be conducted in each of the city churches and it is desired that the people generally turn out in large numbers to attend these services. The churches will be kept open all during the day and groups of persons or individuals will be permitted to visit the churches at any hour in the day to pray for the success of the war and its rapid and permanent end.

At the morning service the President's proclamation, the Governor's proclamation and Lincoln's Gettysburg speech will be read and a few remarks will be made by the pastors relative to the purpose of the service. The larger portion of the hour will be devoted however to prayer and supplication to the Almighty in behalf of the war.

Church going people as well as the general public, whether church going people or not, are urged to lay aside other duties and make it a point to attend this service Thursday morning. The pastors urge that the people let nothing interfere with their attendance at these services as there will be no better way of showing true patriotism than by being present and taking part.

JEWELERS SAY THEIR BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL

Declare Non Essential Lists Are Results of Hysteria.

Speakers at the opening of the thirtieth annual convention of the West Virginia Retail Jewelers' Association yesterday afternoon at the parlors of the Fairmont expressed their views against the government declaring the jewelry business as non essential during these war times. Col. J. L. Shepherd of New York city in his remarks spoke along this line especially. He told how business conditions were shattered in England because of the non essential list. He termed it "hysterical." Col. Shepherd in his remarks also took a fling at the fake jewelry salesmen, who have a harvest at the expense of the innocent public. People have been defrauded out of millions of dollars annually declared the speaker.

He nailed the cheap magazine which carries these advertisements and vigorously advocated the passage of national legislation to place a ban on this nefarious business of cheap jewelry and "near diamond" traffic.

Training women for the jewelry business has been advocated by some of the speakers.

TRIP TO SHIPYARDS ENTHUSES BOWERS

West Virginia Congressman Says What He Saw Thrilled Him.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—After an absence of a week inspecting ship building in eastern yards, Congressman George M. Bowers is again in place in the House. He was one of a party of members of the lower branch of Congress who, at their own expense, made this trip seeking firsthand facts about conditions over which reports have been far from being in agreement.

A more enthusiastic man than this returned investigator might be difficult to find. "What I saw on my visit to the various great eastern ship yards have made me prouder and gladder that I am an American citizen than ever before. The sights I saw, scenes I was a witness to and the unheard-of before record of activity, have thrilled me. On this trip I saw the certain doom of Germany. The Kaiser and his crowd are gone. Military Germany is as certain to be crushed out as the sun is sure to set today. That's what I saw and felt, as never before, upon my trip to the ship yards.

"There are hundreds of ships on the ways in all these yards and hundreds of ways building. As soon as a ways is completed, the keel is laid for a ship. I have never seen, heard of nor imagined man working like the thousands upon thousands of men in these great eastern ship building plants. It must be seen to have the faintest conception of it. We read about expert riveters breaking records, but we

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COUNTER OFFENSIVE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WAS STARTED IN PROMISING WAY

If the Attack is a Success Teutons Will Pay Terrible Price for Their Operation of Monday

GERMANS HAVE GROSSED AISNE RIVER

Drive French and British Back by Sheer Weight of Numbers in That Sector—Battle Going Satisfactorily to the Allies.

(By Associated Press)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 24.—British and French troops this morning launched a counter attack in Flanders, east of Dickebusche lake.

The attack began well. Success will make the enemy assault of yesterday a complete and costly failure.

In yesterday's attack in Flanders between Loere and Voormevelde the Germans are believed to have employed four divisions on one part of the front measuring 6,000 yards.

The enemy troops were punished so severely that the French on the right flank did not even get to close quarters with them.

Furious Fighting On the Aisne Front

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 28.—The Germans yesterday forced a passage of the Aisne river west of the British sector compelling the left of the British line to fall back the War office announces.

The enemy maintained the pressure all day yesterday against the British on the Aisne front. Severe fighting continues today.

In Flanders on the Lys front local fighting was resumed this morning.

The Germans are developing attacks of great strength along the entire Aisne front.

GERMANS GET INTO AMERICAN LINES

They Suffered Heavily in the Hand to Hand Fighting.

(By Associated Press)
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS ON FRENCH FRONT, May 28.—(By Associated Press.)—In the simultaneous attack of three German raiding parties against the American positions in Picardy today, the enemy penetrated the American-French line to a depth of 200 yards.

The Germans suffered heavily in the fighting which was of a hand to hand nature at times.

Several prisoners were taken by the Americans.

After a lull of several days the artillery bombardment in Picardy has become more intense on both sides. The Germans are throwing many gas shells into the American lines. The American gunners however are returning the enemy fire two fold.

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Report from Mannington.	
Today Mannington headquarters sent in the following additional reports:	
Oil and Gas	100.00
Manufacturing concerns	400.00
Banking institutions	100.00
Churches	6.65
Second ward, Mannington	45.00
Mannington schools	258.28
Glover Gap	350.00
Bea Gum	20.00
Logansport	70.10
Metz	810.50
Seven Pines	123.00
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Peanut	71.15
Grand total	\$ 2,728.22
Previously reported	23,158.69
Total	\$25,887.31

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