

## U.S. TROOPS BEHAVE SPLENDIDLY IN FIRST OFFENSIVE EXPECT GERMAN RUSH ON AISNE FRONT TO STOP SOON SENATOR NEW ATTACKS PRES. WILSON'S PARTISANSHIP

### FRENCH TROOPS HAVE FALLEN BACK TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF SOISSONS

British and French are Holding the Heights Between the Oise and Aisne Canal, Southeast of St. Thierry.

### AMERICANS HELD THEIR OWN AGAINST GERMANS

German Artillery Reported to be Showing Greater Activity South of Albert and in Flanders—British Took a Few Prisoners in a Raid.

PARIS, May 29—The French troops have fallen back to the eastern outskirts of Soissons where the battle continues with bitterness. The French war office announces this afternoon.

Franco-British troops the statement adds have fallen back to the heights south and southeast of St. Thierry, where they are holding positions between the Vesle and Aisne canal.

American troops to the west of Montdidier, the French statement says have repulsed two German counter attacks against the village of Campigny. In the center, continues the war office announcement, fighting is going on with varying success. On the heights on the southern banks of the Vesle river the French troops are bravely and admirably defending their positions.

LONDON, May 29—The German artillery is active north of Albert and in the Flanders salient east of Robecq the war office announces. The enemy has increased locally east of Arras and south of Lens.

The statement follows:  
"We carried out a successful raid last night southeast of Arras and captured prisoners and a machine gun. A few prisoners were taken by us also during the night west of Merville. The hostile artillery has been active north of Albert in the neighborhood of Avette, east of Robecq, northwest of Merville and has shown somewhat increased activity locally east of Arras and south of Lens.

PARIS, May 29—General Foch now has the situation well in hand and the French troops are beginning to gain on the German advance forced into a contest of speed. No important line of communication is yet threatened by the advance of the German Crown Prince.

Those on the scene declare it is not too much to say that another 48 hours will see the German drive definitely stopped. High praise is given the French reserves for the perfect order in which they are coming into the firing line.

This was the first important action carried out alone by the Americans. All reports agree that they behaved like veterans. This is pronounced the best augury for the early future when American help will weigh heavily in the balance.

### NO HOLIDAY TO BE OBSERVED IN MINES TOMORROW

Coal Industry Specially Excepted Because Coal is Needed.

Tomorrow is not a holiday in coal-mining. Although a holiday generally the coal business is excepted. President Wilson has made this plain in statements to coal operators, coal miners and railroads. J. Walter Barnes, Federal Fuel Administrator for West Virginia, excepts coal from those making Decoration Day a holiday. The District Representative office at Fairmont is informed that the Baltimore & Ohio will place cars tomorrow as usual. The miners are to work tomorrow just as any other day. The office force of the Consolidation will work all or part of the day. Harry Owen, assistant District Representative plans to be at that office tomorrow.

Heatherman is Here.  
W. J. Heatherman, chief of the West Virginia mine department, arrived in Fairmont at nine o'clock last night and will remain here several days, possibly longer than Thursday when the mine examination at the Masonic Temple will be concluded. Mr. Heatherman assumed his present duties May 1 and this is his first visit to Fairmont in his official capacity.

There are 188 applicants for certificates for mine foremen and fire-bosses four more registering late yesterday afternoon. There are about forty questions which applicants are expected to answer dealing with practical matters in coal mining. Twelve questions were propounded yesterday, twelve this morning and others this afternoon.

### FREIGHT STATION BLOCKS STREET

Traction Station Builds Almost Half Way Across Jackson.

Work of construction on the Monongahela Valley Traction Company temporary freight station on Jackson street was begun this morning and this afternoon was considerably advanced toward completion. The structure which is laid on a foundation of beams, extends entirely over the side walk out into the street to within four feet or less of the street car track which will allow cars to be loaded or unloaded from the station directly on the cars. It extends probably a fourth of the square towards Madison street and entirely covers the side walk on one side while practically closing one side of the street for any use but that of the Traction Company.

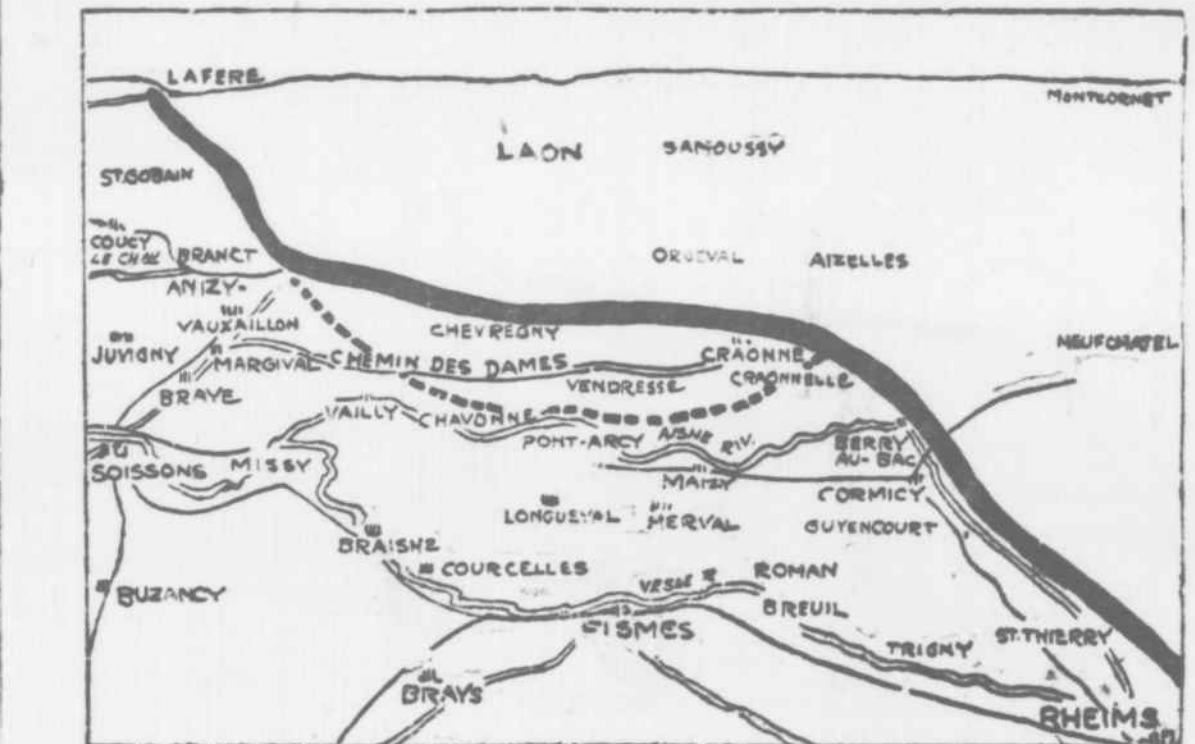
### Insane Hospital Patients Burned

(By Associated Press)  
COLUMBIA, S. C., May 29—Fire early today destroyed a ward at the state hospital for the insane resulting in the burning to death of at least 16 patients. Eleven other patients are missing and five were badly burned, one of whom afterwards died.

### West Virginia Man is Killed in Action

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 29—The army casualty lists today contained 39 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 5; died of wounds, 5; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 10; wounded severely, 7; missing in action, 2.  
Among the killed in action was Private J. Vamekivich, of Pittsburgh, and Private James O. Dolin, of Foster, W. Va. John P. Gearin, of Tippecanoe City, O., died of wounds.

WHERE THE GERMAN BLOW FALLS.



### PRAYER SERVICE IN CITY CHURCHES 10:45 TOMORROW

Interesting Services of Appropriate Character in Most of Them.

Large numbers of people will turn out tomorrow morning to attend the War prayer service which will be held at 10:45 o'clock in the various city churches in observance of the proclamation issued by the president of the United States and the governor of the state that church people all over the country assemble the thirtieth of May to offer up supplication to the Almighty for victory in the great war.

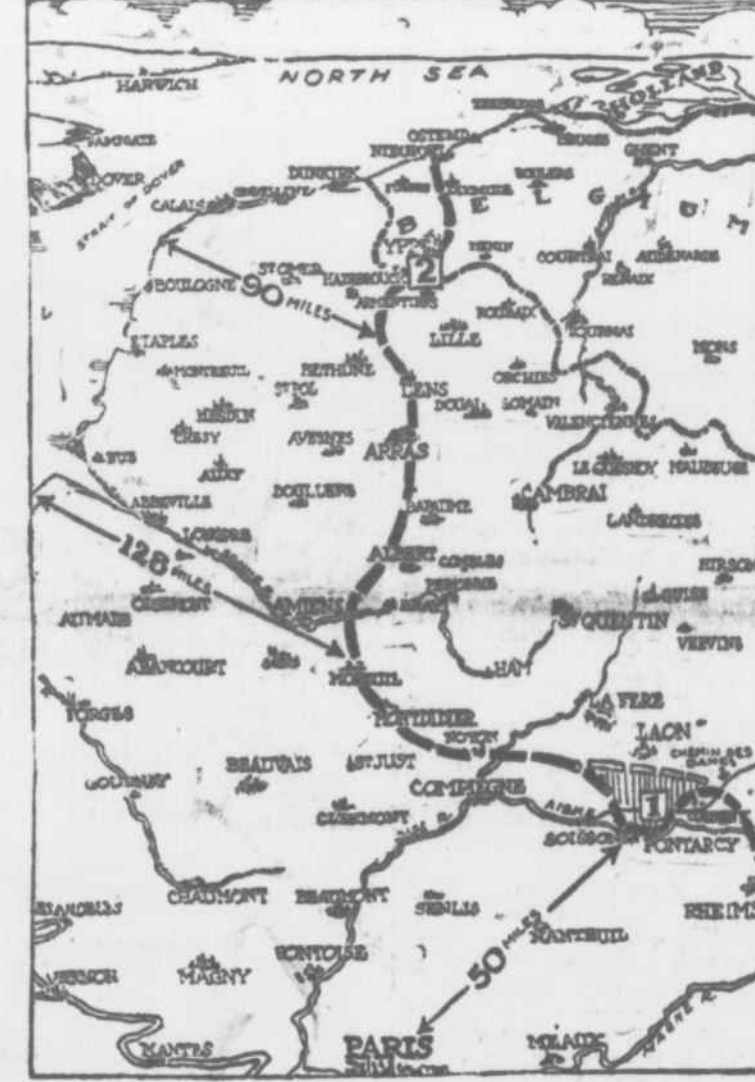
With a few exceptions the services will be held at 10:45 o'clock and the churches will remain open during the entire day that those who find it impossible to attend church at the appointed hour may go at any hour during the day to offer prayer.

At the Presbyterian church the service will be conducted by the pastor Dr. H. G. Stoetzer, and in addition to a few words by the pastor concerning the purpose of the gathering, J. Walter Barnes will read the President's proclamation. Albert J. Kern will read the Governor's proclamation. Mayor Anthony Bowen will read the proclamation of the mayor of Fairmont and Uhler Dunlap will read Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Rev. W. J. Eddy will conduct the service at the First Baptist church and the usual features such as the readings of the proclamations will be observed.

The prayer service at the First M. E. church will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. E. Goodwin, who will briefly outline the reasons for calling the people out to this prayer service and the most of the hour will be devoted to prayer.

A patriotic program will be observed at the Lutheran church in observance of the day in addition to a session of prayer to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. O. Reynolds and a brief sermon to be preached by him. Music will be furnished under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Wood, chorister.



### MOST PARTISAN PRESIDENT SINCE ANDY JACKSON

Senator New Also Says Will son is Very Wise Politician.

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—Declaring that President Wilson is the most astute leader the Democratic party ever had United States Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana, addressing the Indiana Republican State convention here today as permanent chairman, asserted that he is also the "most uncompromising in his partisanship of any man who has occupied the White House since the days of Andrew Jackson. Senator New continued:

"President Wilson is a partisan in everything he does or thinks, as adroit as he is persistent. It is evident that the slogan of his party in the campaign before us is to be 'Stand by the President,' and the attending argument that if one is a patriot and a true American he must elect the candidate of the President's party for seats in Congress in order that he may have support in that body, or that if one fails to support those candidates he votes to discredit the President and his administration and gives aid and comfort to our enemy in arms."  
"Mr. Cress with his bunch of socialistic, muckraking misfits is employing this sort of propaganda in every form at his unjustified command, the bulletins, movies and the chautauques. The money of the tax paying public foots the bills."

### No Paper to Be Printed Tomorrow

In accordance with the annual custom there will be no issue of The West Virginian tomorrow, Memorial day.

### MERE BOYS AMONG PRISONERS TAKEN

They Were Poorly Clad and Seemed to be Underfed.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, May 29.—German troops who counter attacked last night against the Americans who captured Campigny, west of Montdidier were repulsed with heavy losses, reports Reuters correspondent at British army headquarters in France today.  
"The Germans poured machine gun bullets all around the Americans as they were digging in but no attention was paid to them as jokes were handed back and forth. The demeanor of the men wounded in action was found similarly cheerful when the correspondent visited the field hospitals this afternoon. He saw stretched out on their cots a number of these Americans for the most part only slightly wounded who acted like school boys returned from a great day of sport."  
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### YANKEES CARRIED ON LIKE VETERANS IN THEIR FIRST IMPORTANT ACTION OF WAR

"All We Need is More Americans and We Shall Lick Them," Says Officer Who Went Through it

### THEY DUG IN UNDER MACHINE GUN FIRE

First Offensive Blow of the American Troops Began in a Mist But Ended Under Bright Rays of the Sun.

(By Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 29—The American line now runs 150 to 200 yards east of Campigny as a result of the successful attack yesterday. The nearest German trench is several hundred yards east of where the Americans have dug in. The Germans it has been found have many outposts and machine gun emplacements in Campigny.

America's first offensive blow was struck in a mist. The French tanks apparently did not have much to do as the American artillery already had prepared the way. A bright sun came out and shone on the Americans as they dug in their new positions.

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### Held on to His Prisoners.

(By Associated Press)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 29—Many of the American soldiers who took part in the successful attack against the German lines west of Montdidier today also participated in the repulse of the German raid against the American lines Monday.

One participant in Monday's affair is said to have been found today in a shell hole in No Man's land with two wounded Germans as his prisoners. He was unable to get back to the American line Monday night so he stood guard over them until the attack this morning liberated him and secured the prisoners.

Lieutenant Irving W. Wood of Oakland, Cal., said he did not see one American fall during today's attack. "It was more exciting than a football game," he added. "We have got the Hun on the run. All we need is more Americans and then we shall lick them."

### Attack on Cantigny Tuesday Morning

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 28.—American troops in Picardy attacked this morning on a front of one and a quarter miles, captured the village of Cantigny, took 200 prisoners and inflicted severe losses in killed and wounded on the enemy, says General Pershing's command.

### LOST.

Bunch of keys with M. E. Hutchinson's name on silver tag. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning keys to Hutchinson Coal Company office Fourth Floor, Jacobs Building.

### WANTED Machine Operators Apply Owens Bottle Machine Co.