

NOTHING WORSE IN THE WAR THAN THE AUSTRIAN DISASTER

ALL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN PRICE FIGHT

Women are Waiting for County Food Controller Rosier to Return. They Want His Help

Women who are behind the movement for fairer prices for food stuffs in this city, which began yesterday, spent today making plans for the campaign. The most important developments of the day are:

That an effort will be made to enlist the support of all the important women's organizations in the movement, including the D. A. R., the U. D. C., the Pythian Sisters, whose district convention at Terra Alta on Saturday adopted resolutions calling for stricter control over retail prices, and other lodges and organizations maintained by women.

That just as soon as Prof. Joseph Rosier, Marion county Food administrator, returns home from Charleston, where he went to attend a meeting of the State Board of Regents, a conference will be sought with him by a committee representing the Women's club at which the women will seek to find out how much control he has over the situation and what he can do to aid their movement.

In the meantime the women who are interested in the movement have been making notes about prices and marketing conditions and whipping the information into such shape that it will be instantly available for any purpose. Along that line, it was announced this morning, a check has been made recently upon the amount of food that has been permitted to go to waste in the hands of local merchants who, it is alleged, preferred to permit that to occur rather than sell the merchandise under the price originally set.

Another thing that is receiving attention is the wide variation of prices for food articles in the Fairmont stores. Everything is high enough, explained one woman this morning, but some merchants are higher than others on some things. The women do not know what they can do about such a situation, but they are going to try to find out why it occurs.

Considerable interest has been displayed in the "Fair Price" lists which are published each week in cities all over the country. The "Fair Price" list at Morgantown for this week is as follows:

Wheat Flour—Retailer pays \$11.30 to \$11.50 a barrel of eight 24 1-2 pound sacks; consumer should pay \$1.51 to \$1.54 for 24 1-2 pound sack.

RAILROAD FUEL DETAILS ARE BEING WORKED OUT NOW

Operators' Committee Will Have Conference With Fuel Administration

National Coal Association Issues Interesting Book of Newspaper Heads

Details of the new system of supplying railroad fuel are engaging a lot of the attention of coal operators in this region just now, and it is felt that it will be some time before everything is arranged and running smoothly. Tonight a committee of operators will go east for a conference with the Fuel administration and officers of the Baltimore and Ohio regarding the preparation of fuel for that road and the coast.

At present the general plan seems to be to let the railroads contract for all the coal they can. It is not believed that they will be able to tie up anything near the amount they need now that they cannot assign cars to the mines supplying fuel, so the next step probably will be for the roads to figure out how much more they need and ask the Fuel administration to see that they get it.

In the Fairmont region the operators are pledged to see that the fuel requisitions that are sent here are promptly honored, and D. R. Lawson, the district representative of the Fuel administration, has the situation so well in hand that there will not be the slightest trouble in this region when the amount that is needed is worked out. Lawson knows exactly what the mines are producing from day to day and what their contracts call for. This makes it possible for him to keep track of the "free coal," and not only the requisitions for railroad fuel but for coal for all other purposes will be promptly attended to here.

Production Improving. Production is improving in the Fairmont field quite noticeably. Assured that the car supply will be better and much steadier, men who have been working at other things for some time are coming back to the mines and those already there are turning out more coal.

It is expected that even better results will be attained along this line as soon as the plans which the Fuel administration, the United Mine Workers chiefs, the National Coal association and the Central West Virginia Operators' association are now jointly working on are perfected. C. H. Jenkins, president of the Central West Virginia association, who is a member of the Production committee of the National Coal association, is in Washington today at a meeting of that committee and it is possible that there will be some announcement of what it is intended to do before the end of the week.

Over a thousand cars were loaded at the Monongah division mines yesterday and the railroad is making good progress in hauling the loads. From 150 to 175 cars of Fairmont coal are (Continued on page three.)

YANKEES CAPTURE 216 GERMANS ON THE MARNE

Found Some Hostile Troops Lurking in Belleau Wood and Quickly Cleared Them Out—No Important Action on West.

AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. June 25.—In an attack on the German lines on the Marne front last night, the American troops extended their lines northwest of Belleau woods. Up to 10 o'clock this morning 216 prisoners had been captured together with a number of machine guns and other booty. Additional prisoners are coming in.

The Americans are now in possession of virtually all the valuable tactical positions in the Belleau woods sector. Most of the prisoners taken belong to the 247th German division. On Sunday the Germans placed the crack 201st division opposite a portion of the American line. Despite this the Americans went through in steam roller fashion.

The American artillery again brilliantly carried out its part in throwing the entire German line into confusion. Prisoners said that the positions from which they had been taken was like an inferno under the American fire. They were happy to get out alive. The new sector held by American troops in Alsace is in the region north-

west of Gebweiler. The sector is not far from the famous Hartmannswieker-Kops, the scene of so much hard fighting in the past. The Americans are now holding a considerable front in three different sectors in Alsace.

PARIS, June 25.—American troops carried out a brilliant attack near Belleau Wood last night capturing 150 prisoners, one of whom was a captain, according to the statement issued by the War office today.

The French carried out a number of raids during the night, the statement adds, in the region of Mailly-Raineval (in the Somme sector) Melicoq (west of the Oise), Vinly (north of the Clignon river and northwest of Chateau Thierry), and at Mont Carnillet (east of Rhimes), capturing prisoners and machine guns.

LONDON, June 25.—German prisoners and machine guns were taken by the British last night on the Picardy and Flanders battle fields says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. On these two fronts the enemy artillery fire has been active.

NORWOOD FIRST DISTRICT IN FAIRMONT TO GO OVER THE TOP

Barnesville Woolen Mill Employees to Raise Flag Friday.

Norwood on the East side came across today in the W S S campaign and thus broke the ice for the Fairmont districts. Norwood's quota is \$7,500 and the prospects are that before the end of the drive it will be way over the top. Another development of interest in the local effort was the announcement that the employees of the Barnesville Woolen mill will have a flag raising immediately after the meeting at the Barnesville school house Friday afternoon. The employees of the mill will march to the meeting in a body and up the martial strains of "Commissioner Ira Smith's band." At the flag raising the speech will be made by Commissioner J. Walter Barnes.

In the city proper the Second ward is leading. Last night another town secured its quota it being Nebo. It has subscribed to \$4320 while its quota is \$2000.

It was announced today that all speakers and singers not assigned for any particular meeting should attend the gathering in their own ward. They are urged to go there and participate in the exercises. All of the stores will be closed in Fairmont and in fact all over the land on Friday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock. The request is made by the government and will be observed to the letter.

Greater interest must be taken in the war savings stamp campaign by the business men of Fairmont if the movement made by Glenn F. Barnes, county chairman, today, appears to be an indifference on the subject that must be overcome. With only a few days yet to "put across" the drive Fairmont's business people will have to get busy and do their part on the proposition. The campaign spirit of the past is not manifest in this particular drive. Rural sections as a whole are doing very well on the stamp campaign, but there is apathy in Fairmont.

Interest continues in the rural meetings that are now being held. In nearly every instance the attendance has been very gratifying. Robinson's Run has gone "over the top" by subscribing \$3500 although its quota is \$2000.

Kerensky is in London on His Way to the U.S.

LONDON, June 25.—Alexander Kerensky, former provisional premier of Russia, has arrived in London. Kerensky is on his way to America.

R. LEIGH FLEMING DIES THIS MORNING

Well Known Attorney Had Long Been Ill in Hospital.

R. Leigh Fleming, aged 52, a well known attorney and a highly respected man of this city, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at Cook hospital after an illness of several months duration of a complication of diseases. Mr. Fleming had been in failing health for some time and in April of this year was taken to Cook hospital. Since April his health had declined rapidly and it had been known for some time that he could survive but a short time.

He was born near Cassville, Monongalia county and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fleming. His mother survives him and is a resident of this city. Mr. Fleming's wife who was before her marriage Miss Laura Haymond died in August 1917. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Goff Cunningham, formerly Miss Clyde Fleming, and Bernard Lee Fleming, both of this city. Three sisters, Mrs. Kate Brand of Maryland avenue, Mrs. J. C. Brand of Laurel point, and Miss Helen Fleming of this city survive him, as do also two brothers, Herbert Fleming, who resides on the old home place at Cassville and M. V. Fleming of San Diego, Cal.

Mr. Fleming came to this city a number of years ago and had established a lucrative law practice. He served Fairmont district for six years and Justice of the Peace and had been otherwise extensively identified with the business interests of the community. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was also a member of the Knights of Pythias and Woodmen lodges.

FIFTY MEN LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR CAMP LEE VA.

Wendell Holmes Hess Was Placed in Command of Contingent.

ONLY ONE DELINQUENT

Board Establishes New Record for Putting Men in Ranks.

Forty-six more National army men, all of Fairmont, and four others transferred to the local board, entrained at the local Baltimore and Ohio railroad station at 1:45 p. m. this afternoon, representing Fairmont's quota in the June draft. The contingent will go to Camp Lee, Va., where most of the other Fairmont draftees have gone, arriving at that camp at 5:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wendell Holmes Hess was leader of the contingent leaving today with four assistant leaders as follows: Clyde Blair Morgan, first assistant leader; Edward Everett Hale, second assistant leader; Harry Dillow, third assistant leader; and Frank Bernardo, fourth assistant leader.

The men who left are: Order No. 456a William M. Welling. 879 William Andrew Bowman (entrained at Knoxville, Tenn.). 894 Frank Patton. 900 Bert R. Heston. 917 Steve Sampson. 922 Perry Frank Sapp. 930 Beverly Brock Garrett. 942 William A. G. Byer. 947 Harold McKinley Gaskins. 959 Alpha A. Turner. 964 Ezra Balchowsky. 972 Ray Hutson. 995 Lawrence Earl Ballengee. 999 John Edward Harker. 1002 Pasquale Cantarelli. 1012 Clyde Blair Morgan. 1015 Cabastino Coato. 1023 Luigi Mainelli. 1031 Joseph Earl Dunham. 1032 Wendell Holmes Hess. 1048 James Otis Reed. 1051 Harry Dillow. 1057 Cosmo Notte. 1058 Frank Delligatti. 1065 Annunziato Cociaro. 1066 Alex Hunter Cooper. 1068 Archie T. Vaughan. 1075 Edward Everett Hale. 1076 Antonio Neri. 1079 Bruce P. Bugard. 1083 James Feltz. 1092 George Edgar Henderson. 1095 Angelo Cappabianca. 1118 Anallo Meale. 1123 Luigi Oliverio. 1128 Dorsey Herbert Love. 1137 Frank Bernardo. 1154 William Henry Lytton. 1156, Giorgio Martuccio. 1162 Charles Fox. 1165 William Branson Sine. 1175 Frank B. Gregory. 1180 Marshall Merle Hamilton. 1181 Roland Belt. 1190 Norval Lewis Parker. 1314 Henry Cecil Miller. 1516 Loren Van Summers.

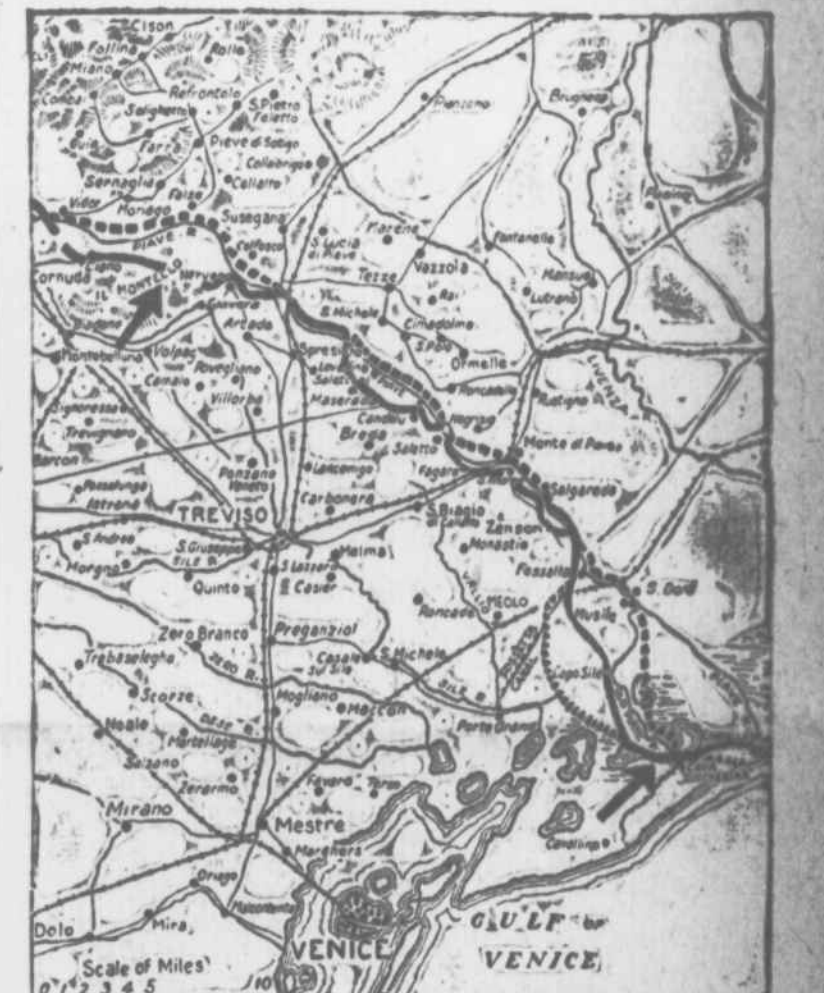
Transferred. H. Glen Lake, captain. John Hadd. Herbert G. J. Boyce. Antonio Geneco. All of the men reported at the office of the local draft board this morning at 10 o'clock to receive their preliminary instructions with the exception of Charles Fox and Nazareno Afficani. Fox had been in Clarksburg and had missed his 10 o'clock car making it impossible for him to be here on time, leaving Afficani as the only delinquent. He will be classified as a deserter unless he has a good excuse for his absence.

Because of the voluntary inductions of Edgar R. Worthington, Charles Watkins, George E. Miller and others it was necessary to call upon six alternates to go to camp this afternoon as follows: William Branson Sine, Frank B. Gregory, Marshall Merle Hamilton, Roland Belt, Norval Lewis Parker. Henry Cecil Miller, Order Number 1314 and Loren V. Summers, Order Number 1516 were not drafted this time but asked that they be taken out of their order, which request was granted.

SWAMPS ON RUSSIAN FRONT NEVER SAW ANYTHING WORSE IN DEATH AND CONFUSION

Details Which Have Just Started to Come in Indicate That the Break Came Just After Noon Sunday

ITALIANS GATHERING UP THE BOOTY



Rome, June 25.—Italian troops on the southern part of the Piave front have not only completely re-occupied the Capo bridge head but have extended it and held the gains against Austrian counter attacks. The extension was effected yesterday.

During the fighting nearly 400 prisoners were taken, the War office made this announcement today.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday 25.—(By Associated Press)—Under the fire of the Italian machine guns and artillery which were brought up rapidly the Austrian withdrawal across the Piave soon became a disorderly rout. It is estimated the Austrian losses total more than 200,000. It was a terrible sight as the madly fleeing Austrians fled under the deluge of Italian bullets and shells. They leaped into the river and grabbed pieces of wood or any thing they thought would aid them. They tied themselves to mules and horses, but their efforts were in vain for as the enemy troops reached the opposite bank they were again caught by the fire of Italian guns which had been trained accurately on the eastern bank for some days.

A single episode shows how and why the retreat started. On Saturday the Austrian command sent the first Scuten brigade composed of remnants Nos. 31 and 32 with orders to widen the Austrian breach at Lampol and do this at all hazards. The brigade attempted to carry out this order and fought like wild men but the Italian pressure was so terrific that they were unable to accomplish their object which was to succor the Austrian division already surrounded in this section.

The others were either prisoners wounded or dead. The commanding officer then committed suicide and the 90 surrendered.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Monday, June 24.—(By Associated Press)—Te Duke of Aosta's third army continued today to advance along the Piave front in the Caporetto region cleaning the position abandoned by Austrians, picking up the abandoned war materials burying the masses of dead and reorganizing the entire defense system which has been badly kept up during the last ten days.

Men who are familiar with the Tyres and other sectors in Flanders and likewise with the swamps on the Russian front state that nothing worse in the way of death, destruction and confusion had ever been witnessed there than in the river regions in northeastern Italy. The Piave river situation now is as it was before the Austrian offensive began on June 15 except that the Italians are making progress in extending their bridgehead at Caporetto.

Boys Wanted. To advertise the Selling Out of THE FASHION. 322 Main Street

Wanted at Once. One First Class Blacksmith. Apply Owens Bottle Machine Co.

Wanted at Once. Waiter and Waitress. Fairmont Restaurant Co. Main Street.

Wanted. First Class lathe hand, opportunity to learn tool making trade. American Valve and Tank Co.

CARRYING GOODS TO REDUCE GROCERIES

This and Cash Business To Be Discussed By Grocers.

By the adoption of a cash system believe they can sell goods cheaper than heretofore. At least that is the impression that developed at a meeting of the grocers bureau at the Fairmont Business Men's Association which held a meeting last evening at the rooms of Attorney Trevey Nutter in the Jacobs building. The question was discussed at some length. A resolution was passed by which the bureau decided to discuss the question at its meeting on Tuesday night of next week. Aside from a labor saving phase the sell cheaper plan may be adopted if the general public carry home their own goods. Effort will be made to have all the grocers and butchers who are also included in the bureau, attend the next meeting.

Disembowled Man Sure He Will Live

Contending that he will recover despite the fact that attending physicians believe it will be a miracle if he should, Jimmie Encarnato, an Italian, who was disembowled yesterday morning at the Riverdale mine of the Consolidation Coal company, is doing splendidly today at Fairmont hospital where he was taken following the accident and is in good spirits despite intense suffering. The man was disembowled when in entering the mine a hook attached to a chain at one end and to his belt at the other penetrated his abdomen when the horse hitched to the pulley ran away.

Junior Chatauqua Meeting Tomorrow

A meeting of the Junior Chatauqua department will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church. Miss Catherine Moore will have charge of the meeting and all boys and girls of the city from 6 to 14 years of age are requested to be present. Miss Moore will outline the Junior work for this year, hold election of officers for the Junior Redpath club and have everything in readiness for the Chatauqua's story girl who will arrive the last of the week.

Make Your Preparations Today For W. S. S. Pledge Day - Which Is From 2 To 4 On Friday