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YANKEES RETAKE 2 TOWNS

Drive Germans out of Positions they Seized South Marne
WIPE OUT A SALIENT

American Machine Gunners Literally Mow Down the German Infantry.

American Red Cross Hospital at Jouy Bombed

PARIS, July 16.—German aviators at eleven o'clock last night dropped bombs on the American Red Cross hospital at Jouy. Two enlisted men were killed and among the personnel nine persons were wounded.

LONDON, July 16.—American troops have recaptured Fossey and Crozancy, towns on the south bank taken yesterday by the Germans when they crossed the Marne.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE, 10:45 a. m., July 16.—Word received this morning from the battle front to the east of Rheims shows that the allied defense is not only still holding up the German attempt to advance, but appears to have broken the enemy spirit.

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The 50-mile front between Meaux (Fig. 1) and Chateau Thierry (Fig. 2) is the scene of the greatest battle of the war—the supreme effort of Germany to capture Paris. Meaux (Fig. 4), of the principal strongholds of the allies before Paris, is under bombardment by the German long-range naval guns. The stars show where American troops are taking their part in the great battle.

PRICES HERE HIGHER THAN CLARKSBURG

Trades and Labor Assembled Discusses High Cost of Living.

The Monongahela Valley Labor Assembly discussed the high prices of foodstuffs at this week's meeting and while the sentiment of those present was plainly in favor of the movement started by the civic department of the Fairmont Woman's Club and other organizations of the fair sex there was no official action taken at this meeting. The matter was tabled, not with the idea of "killing" the proposition of endorsement but that further investigation might be made before the body gave the proposition official endorsement.

J. P. West, a farmer, residing two miles from Mannington, was one of the speakers and he made a comparison of prices at Clarksburg, Fairmont and Mannington, also comparing the prices in the stores with those paid to the farmers. He stated that farmers sold apples at from \$1 to \$1.50 a bushel and that some Clarksburg retailers sold them for fifty cents a gallon, which was \$4 a bushel. He figured that the dealers make an enormous profit on beans. He cited peas as being sold by the farmers at twenty-five cents a gallon and retailed at forty cents a gallon, which he thought might possibly be considered a reasonable profit.

Mr. West did not condemn the store keepers but he was of the opinion that the consumer paid too much. If the farmers could sell direct to consumer it would mean a great saving, but he did not think that was practical. It seems that three or four hands must handle goods between producer and consumer, he pointed out. In defense of the merchants he stated that they claimed that they must pay excessive rents and that the conduct of a business was expensive.

Mr. West had just come to Fairmont from a visit to Clarksburg where prices had interested him. The consensus of opinion was that prices were higher at Fairmont than at Clarksburg and in fact higher at Fairmont than at any other point in northern West Virginia.

Vice-President W. E. Herrink, who presided at the meeting in the absence of W. M. Rogers, the president, who is at Wheeling where the draft board of northern West Virginia is holding a meeting, introduced the matter of endorsing the woman's movement to the organization.

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SOLDIERS BUSY ADDRESSING THE MINE WORKERS

United Mine Workers Organizing Also Holding Many Meetings.

Corporals Bowly and Walsh are very busy making addresses to the miners in this section. This afternoon at 4 o'clock Corporal Bowly will address a meeting at Viropa, going to Owings at 7:30 p. m., where he will be addressed.

Corporal Walsh is scheduled for a meeting at Gypsy at 7:30 p. m. Tomorrow at noon the two men will address the Clarksburg Rotary Club at Clarksburg. At 6:30 p. m. tomorrow Corporal Walsh will address a meeting at Middleton, coming back to Mannington where he will make another address at 8 o'clock.

Corporal Bowly is scheduled for Glen Falls tomorrow at 3:30 p. m., and a Pinebluff at 7:30 p. m. Sergeant Beck arrived in Fairmont today and (Continued on page four.)

ADDRESS TO NURSES WEDNESDAY EVENING

Some Changes in the Program for the Home Service Conference.

Speakers at the Red Cross Home Service conference will arrive at 10:10 tomorrow morning; other engagements making an earlier arrival impossible. As the conference is scheduled to open at 9:30, Sergeant Walsh, one of the Canadian soldiers here for the fuel administration, will address the audience during the interval before the arrival of T. J. Edmonds and party.

A telegram received by Mrs. Rosier this morning also announced the arrival of Miss MacMurry, representing the public nursing bureau, at 6:02 p. m. tomorrow evening, and requesting that Miss MacMurry be permitted to make her address to the nurses and physicians that same evening as her presence in Washington was imperative.

This will be arranged, and the Thursday evening session probably abandoned, this session being an addition to the regular conference sessions, and planned specially to emphasize the call for nurses and doctors.

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ALWAYS READY TO TALK PEACE BURIAN DECLARES

Hardly Any Difference Between Foes on General Principles.

AMSTERDAM, July 16.—Baron von Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in a note addressed to the Austrian and Hungarian premiers is quoted in a dispatch from Vienna as saying:

"There is hardly any difference between the general principles enunciated by the statesmen of both belligerents. President Wilson's four new points of July 4 shall, not apart from certain exaggerations, arouse our opposition."

Continuing the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister said:

"The enemy obstinacy regarding historical demands concerning Alsace Lorraine, Trieste, Trentino and the German colonies appears to be insurmountable."

In his reference to President Wilson's four new points in his July 4 speech Baron Burian said he was able to approve of them heartily and that to a great extent "nobody would refuse homage to this genius and nobody would refuse his corroboration."

Baron Burian said none of the belligerent states need ever come into the position reached by Russia, and Rumania as "we ever are ready to enter into peace negotiations with all our opponents."

Continuing the Foreign Minister of Austro-Hungary said: "If our enemies continuously demand atonement for wrong done and restitution, then this is a claim which we could urge with no justification against them because we have been attacked and the wrong done to us must be redressed."

Farmington to Have Old Fashioned Social

The Farmington Red Cross auxiliary will hold an "Old Fashioned Social" on Thursday evening of this week at which time a free will offering will be taken which will be devoted to the Comfort Kit fund of the Red Cross. Elaborate plans are in the making for the event which promises to be interesting and to be largely attended. Attorney Carl E. Frame and Mrs. J. A. Meredith, of this city, will be present and give brief addresses. The general public is invited to attend the entertainment. Refreshment booths will be maintained during the evening.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED WITH GREAT LOSS TO THEM PRACTICALLY EVERYWHERE

American and French Troops Counter Attacking Magnificently and Taking Many Prisoners on the Marne Front

EAST OF RHEIMS LINE WAS NOT BUDGED

Advices Received at London Say That There Has Been No Change in the Situation—Germans Have Thrown Six Bridges Across the Marne.

PARIS, July 16.—The battle continues violently, especially south of the Marne and in the region of Chaulon. Except for one sector south of the Marne there is no change in the situation.

American and French troops are counter attacking magnificently and are taking many prisoners according to the statement issued by the War office today.

South of the Marne the Germans have not been able to advance their lines beyond St. Agnan, La Chapelle, Monthodon, Lisieres and south of the Forest of Bouigny. The French in this region have taken a thousand prisoners.

On the front east of Rheims in spite of terrific fighting during the past day and night the enemy has not been able to penetrate the French zone of defense.

The German loss in prisoners during the first day of the battle was extremely heavy.

LONDON, July 16.—Advices received in London up to noon today said that little change in the situation had been created by the German offensive. The attacks which continued throughout yesterday were conducted by the forces of Gen. von Below and Gen. von Bohm, who are directing the operations of the two armies on the left

wing of the German Crown Prince's group.

Great numbers of German corpses are hanging on the tangle of barbed wire in front of the French positions and are all the reports state that the losses of the Germans must have been exceedingly heavy.

The main attack to the east of Rheims continued up to 7 o'clock last night. The fighting was extremely severe in the vicinity of Soissons and at Prunay, where the Germans captured a wood south of the village. This, however, was an exception. The German attack elsewhere being repulsed with heavy losses.

The French lines of resistance remained practically intact everywhere.

LONDON, July 16.—The Germans this morning continued their attack against the French line in pursuance of their offensive, according to information that has reached here.

The information received indicates that the offensive remains held up. The attack up to this morning has been nearly everywhere repulsed with heavy losses.

West of Rheims the enemy attacked in very considerable strength at two places by way of the Marne railway and in the country south of Gormans. In this neighborhood they succeeded in throwing six bridges across the Marne between Reully and Gormans, but at no point on this 25-mile front has the enemy penetrated more than four miles into the French position.

ALL TYPHOID IS NOW REPORTED

City Health Officer Heard of Eleven New Cases Last Week.

Eleven cases of typhoid fever were reported to City Health Physician H. L. Criss last week, making a total of about forty-five cases reported within the last four weeks.

City Health Physician Criss who has been experiencing some little trouble in getting the local physicians to report their typhoid fever cases promptly, stated this morning that he believed every case of typhoid fever now existing within the city limits had been reported to him. Some of the cases reported last week had been contracted more than three weeks ago.

One new case of typhoid fever has been reported this week, this being Virginia Dare Lilly, aged six years, of 813 Ogden avenue.

HERE ON BUTTER WORK. H. W. Cave, of the extension department, West Virginia University, Morgantown, arrived in Fairmont this afternoon en route to Huntington. He conferred with Miss Blanche E. Price, farm home demonstration agent, in regard to butter making. There are a number of girls in the butter club work in this county.

250 Y. M. C. A. HUTS DESTROYED. It is estimated that at least one-fourth of nearly 1,000 Y. M. C. A. huts erected for French and American troops have been destroyed in the recent German offensive.

County Board In Classifying Men

Today the county draft board is in session at Mannington classifying the new registrants who registered at Mannington on June 5, last. Arrangements are being made by the county draft board to call the Class 1 men for physical examination sometime this week. It is the county board's plan to send out the notices of classification and the call for physical examination at the same time.

Chairman Bowers of the county draft board has asked The West Virginian to announce that the county board as well as the local board for the city of Fairmont has received the two calls for skilled workmen to end July 8 and June 30 respectively. Skilled workmen may volunteer by making application at the office of the county draft board in Mannington.

WILL NOT HOLD MEETING. The Barker Medical Society will not meet on Thursday evening because of the community Red Cross gathering.

Painters Wanted

Apply OWENS BOTTLE MACHINE CO.

Laborers Wanted

in Shipping Department, Apply, Owens Bottle Machine Company.

FAIR FOOD PRICES

The following prices were regarded fair and reasonable by the price interpretation committee at the meeting held yesterday, with Food Administrator Rosier presiding.

	Retailer Pays	Consumer Pays
BACON, Breakfast—		
Fancy lb. ....	.48	.55
Medium lb. ....	.44	.45
BEANS—		
Navy lb.	13 1/2-14 1/2	17-17
Lima lb. ....	.16	.20
Green lb.	4-5	7-8
BUTTER—		
Creamery lb. ....	.47	.55
Country lb. ....	.35	.45
CHEESE—		
Full American Cream (N. Y.) lb.	29-30	38-40
Full American Cream (Wis.) lb.	26-28	.35
CORN MEAL—lb.	4 1/2-4 3/4	6
RICE—		
Medium Blue Rose lb.	11 1/2	.15
SUGAR—		
Granulated, bulk \$ 8.10-\$ 8.31		9-9 1/2
APPLES—lb.	3-5	5-6
MELONS—		
Cantaloupes, California, crate \$ 4.50		15 or 2 for 25
EGGS—doz. ....	.42	.50
Watermelons lb.	3	4
FLOUR—		
Wheat, bbl.	\$11.40-\$12.15	sack \$1.60-\$1.70
Corn lb.	6 1/2	8
Rice lb. ....	.15	.15
Barley bbl.	\$11.50-\$12.50	7 1/2-8
HAMS—		
Medium (14-16 average) lb.	20-31	26-38
Fancy, small lb.	33-34	38-40
LARD—		
Pure bulk lb.	27 1/2-29 1/2	.35
ROLLED OATS—		
Regular package lb.	11-11 1/2	.15
POTATOES—lb.	4 1/2	6