

FOCH BEGINS OFFENSIVE ON 25 MILE FRONT

ALJOE FALLS TO HIS DEATH AFTER SAVING WORKMAN

First Fatality to Occur on the South Side Bridge Job.

VICTIM WELL KNOWN

Skull Was Crushed By Impact After Drop of 25 Feet.

Losing his balance after having saved a fellow workman from being struck by a steel beam that was being swung near him, William Aljoe, a structural iron worker on the Casey Construction company's South Side bridge contract, was dashed to death this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Aljoe dropped twenty-five feet from a steel beam to a pit below and landed his last shortly after being placed in an ambulance to be hurried to the Fairmont State hospital. The front portion of the skull was crushed in and Drs. D. P. Fitch and H. S. Keister, who attended the dying man, said that the man had few moments to live.

S. A. Lyle, of West Milford, W. Va., who happened to be in Fairmont today on a visit to relatives, was standing on the wooden foot bridge nearby and was an eye witness to the accident. He said Aljoe was standing on a cross steel beam of the old iron bridge when a steel beam in front of him was being removed. Aljoe was standing to the left and another employee to the right. The latter was in danger of being struck. Aljoe came over and grabbed his co-worker about the shoulder and warned him of his perilous position. Soon Aljoe lost his balance and fell spread out. As he passed several cross wire cables he made a grab for them, but could not reach them. His body rebounded from the one-inch V wires after it was turned about and he appeared to land on his back, later dropping into the pit.

Some other people who witnessed the accident have different versions one party saying Aljoe fell head first into the pit after falling backwards.

Frank A. Lloyd, coroner, made an investigation and decided that death was due to accidental circumstances. No inquest will be held because the coroner investigated the matter, interviewing a number of eye witnesses.

Aljoe is a married man and has a daughter, age 6 years. They are on a visit to relatives near Sutton, W. Va., right now. The family residence is at 613 Oliver avenue. Aljoe was formerly foreman of the line gang for the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, and was well and favorably known in the community.

Aljoe is the first man to be killed on the Casey contract on the South Side bridge. There have been a number of mishaps, but this was really the first serious accident that has occurred since the work has been started.

Musgrave & Son, undertakers, will take charge of the body.

AUTO FALLS FROM BRIDGE; 1 KILLED

Wife of Well Known Superintendent of McClan-dish Mine the Victim.

Mrs. E. K. Harrison was killed, her husband and three children were seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred about 9:30 o'clock last night when an automobile fell from the high trestle which spans Lambert run near Meadowbrook. The dead and injured are:

The Dead.
MRS. E. K. HARRISON, Meadowbrook.

The Injured.
E. K. HARRISON, may be internally injured. Condition serious.
MISS EVELYN HARRISON, a daughter, hip crushed, will recover.
A two-year-old child, badly bruised, but will recover.
A four-month-old child, seriously injured and will probably die.

The accident occurred as Mr. Harrison, superintendent of the McClan-dish mine of the Hutchinson Coal Company, who was driving the car, attempted to pass another car on the trestle. Evidently the car got too close to the bridge and fell a distance of forty feet below.

Following the accident, the victims were rushed to the St. Marys Hospital at Charleston. Mrs. Harrison died about 11:30 o'clock.

COAL INSPECTORS GET IDEAS FOR BETTER SHIPMENTS

Chief Ice and Four Assistants Are at Work Now.

1135 CARS IN REGION

President Jenkins Back from Meeting of the Production Committee.

The inspection of coal by Charles F. Ice, chief mine inspector of the Fairmont district and the four deputy inspectors who began their work this week is certain to prove of great advantage in regulating the work of mines and speeding up the production of clean coal. The inspectors are men who know coal mining thoroughly and know what the mines should do and the class of coal that should be turned out.

The inspections made so far show a disposition to get out clean coal but already several suggestions have been made which are certain to result in improvements. In some of the mines where the thin veins are operated there are, say 48 inches of coal and 22 inches of bone being mined and it requires some attention and care to insure that the output is always clean fuel, which is worth shipment and both in these times when effort counts quite as much as value itself.

C. H. Jenkins returned this morning from Washington, where he had attended a meeting of the Production committee. C. W. Evans was also in Washington. State Fuel Administrator J. Walter Barnes, who accompanied them, went on to Philadelphia and George T. Watson also a member of the party, went to Pittsburgh.

There are 1,135 coal cars, 50 coke cars and 45 nex. cars in the Fairmont region today making a total of 1,230 cars.

U. M. W. Activities.

A meeting was held at Westchester yesterday evening by United Mine Workers who are in this section, the meeting being called principally to assist the Westchester local in their new organization. James Dianna and W. F. Ray attended the meeting.

F. Fowler was in Morgantown last night where another meeting of miners was held similar to the meetings held at Morgantown on Tuesday evening.

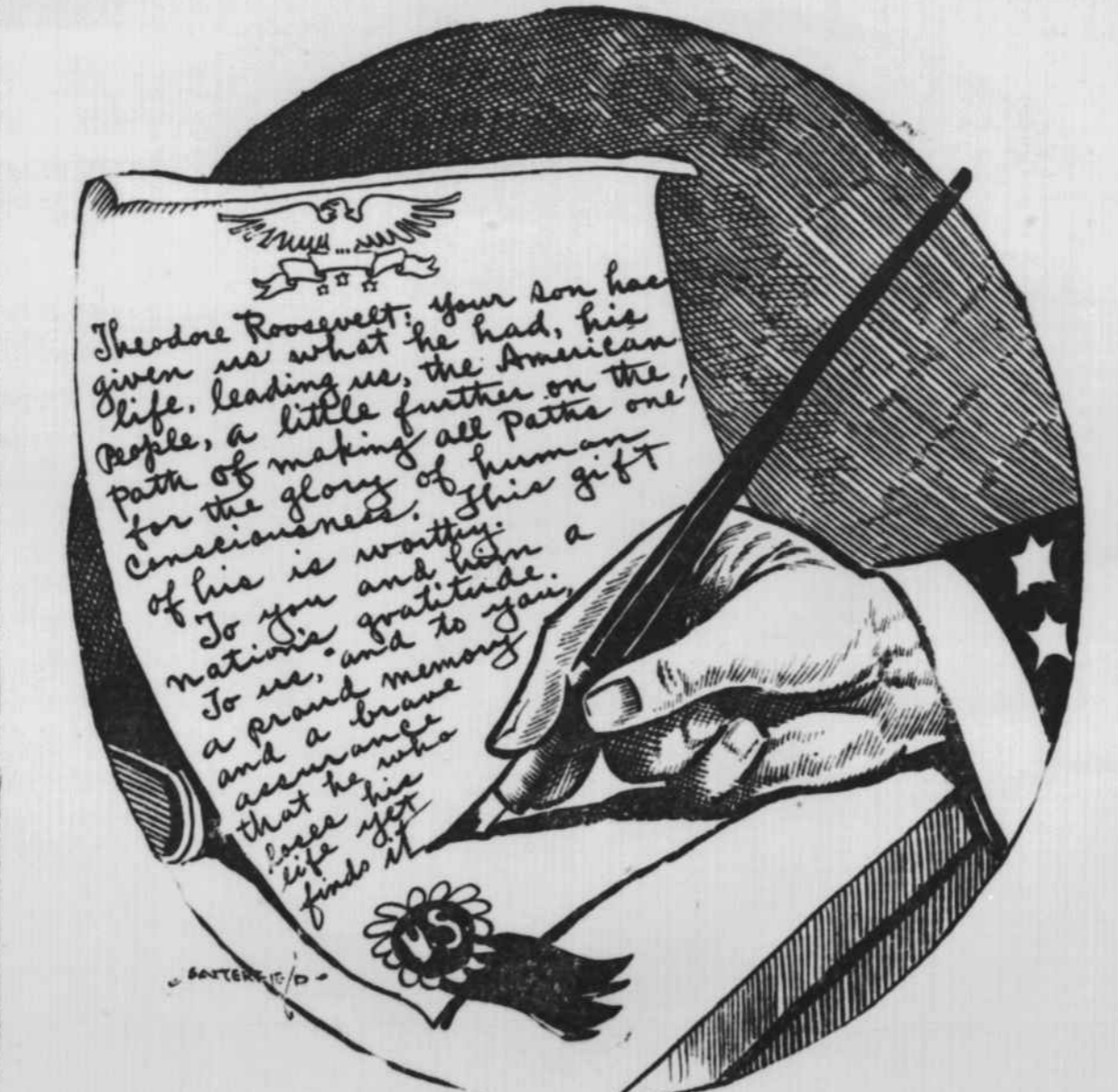
President Keeney, of the Seventeenth district of United Mine Workers, who has an office in this city, but who has been in Charleston for the past several days, is expected to return to Fairmont the latter part of the week.

Fairmont Region in Coal Age.
The current issue of "The Coal Age," a New York coal trade journal, has a half page picture of "Miners picking up and loading coal after shot has been fired at face of chamber, Consolidation Coal company, Fairmont, West Virginia," using a photograph which was recently printed in "The Mutual Magazine," the publication financed by that company for its employees. The July 13 issue of that paper has an advertisement of the Fairmont Mining Machine company on the first page, boosting the "Fairmont Runabout Pump" which is urged as making dry working places for mine workers and thereby increasing the output as well as making for contented men. The leading article is entitled "Motor-Driven Shaft-Hoist Installation" and is by R. P. Hines, of Fairmont, who describes the large electrically operated shaft-hoist installation in the bituminous fields in this vicinity.

Move to Round Up Strikers.
Constituted as an agency for the state in helping to win the war, there is a strong possibility that the State Council of Defense may formulate plans for increasing the efficiency among the coal miners of the state, in one way and another, more especially by requiring a stricter observance of the state's compulsory work law and by the classification of certain occupations. This movement has already received attention from coal operators in the Fairmont region but there is likely to be concerted movement having the force of law. A. C. Beeson, of Worthington, chairman of the operating committee of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association (as the four associations in this part of the state are apt to hereinafter be known) submitted a rather comprehensive plan for securing greater efficiency in the mines and there has been action at various points taken independently to force work in the mines by enforcing the vagrancy law. It only took a few arrests in Monongah to show to the few miners inclined to

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TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT



MORE YOUNG MEN INTO CLASS ONE

Local Draft Board Receives Reclassification From District Board

The local draft board this morning received several reclassifications from the district draft board, adding several more registrants to Fairmont's Class I list.

Everett Clay Willey, order number 1591 was reclassified from Class IV to Class I-D, which reclassification was sustained by the district board.

Lovell Chilton Grey, order number 155 was originally placed in Class IV-A but has been reclassified and placed in Class I-D.

Virgil B. Pitzhugh was placed in Class I-B by the local draft board and appealed to the district board, the decision of the local board being sustained.

Lucian Parker Lee claimed Class 4-A but was placed in Class I-B by the local board, which classification was sustained by the district draft board. He also made an agricultural claim, which was also denied by the district board.

Charles W. Moore, a railroad employee, was placed in Class I-B from Class 4-A. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad made an industrial appeal for Moore, which was also denied by the district draft board. Moore has passed the necessary physical examination and will leave with the contingent of Fairmont draftees Monday.

Pershing Reports Enemy Driven Off

WASHINGTON, July 18.—General Pershing's communique of yesterday reports that in the American sector on the Marne the enemy has been entirely driven from the south bank. The dispatch follows:
Section A—In the Marne sector our troops have entirely regained possession of the south bank of the river northwest of Chateau-Thierry. The enemy yesterday repeated his attempts of the preceding day to penetrate our lines near Vaux. His attack was completely broken up by our infantry and artillery fire before reaching our lines.

Yesterday in the region of Thiaucourt a hostile aeroplane was shot down by one of our aviators.

One West Virginian in the Army List

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—The army casualty list today shows, killed in action, 14; died of wounds, 10; died of disease, 6; died of accident and other causes, 2; wounded severely, 30; wounded slightly, 1; missing, 4; total, 57.
The list included: Killed in action—Okey Vaughn, Newford, W. Va.; wounded severely—David H. Dunkle, Spring Run, Pa.; Edwin E. Miller, Portage, Pa.

TALK BY WOMEN FEATURED TODAY'S H. S. CONFERENCE

Tributes Paid to Work of Local Social Service Aids.

Word was received this morning by Sheriff A. M. Glover from William Copeland, chief of police, of Cincinnati, O., that he had detained in jail there C. L. Richardson, of Mannington, who is wanted by the Marion county authorities. Sheriff Glover will send a man to Cincinnati for Richardson tomorrow.

YOST SCORES DOCTORS

Says Those Who Do Not Report Cases Are Criminals.

The women folks are doing more than their share in war work in Marion county and the leading men of the community are not slow to grant this. The women of Fairmont are taking an active part in war activities that much of the morning program at the regional conference of the Home Service department of the Red Cross was taken up with talks by women who represent various clubs and organizations. Mrs. Joseph Rosier, chairman of the Civilian Relief department of the Fairmont chapter, who presided at the sessions of the conference, paid a deserved tribute to the good women of Fairmont in introducing Mrs. George DeBolt, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. J. Walter Barnes, president of the Woman's Club of Fairmont. Mrs. DeBolt made a plea for the proper "spirit" in doing the work which falls to the Home Service department of the Red Cross and made a very strong talk. Mrs. J. Walter Barnes also made a splendid address in which she emphasized the field which was opened up by this new section of the Red Cross.

Mrs. W. T. Hartman spoke for four minutes on the Public Health Nursing Service of which she is president, being designated for that duty when it was found that Miss Volk, the chief nurse, was too modest to talk herself.

Mrs. Rosier paid a high tribute to Misses Nola and Margaret McKinney for their effective work along the line of social welfare and regretted that both were too busy farming and charity to be present and represent their work by an address. Joseph Rosier, chairman of the Associated Charities, was therefore called upon and assured the hearty co-operation of the Associated Charities in the work of the department of the Red Cross.

Dr. L. N. Yost, county health officer, spoke for the doctors but his talk was more against them for he censured them most severely for not reporting cases of tuberculosis, suggested perhaps by an address on that subject by Dr. Charles Wingeter, chairman of the Civilian Relief department of the Wheeling chapter of the Red Cross. Dr. Yost said bluntly that

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MANNINGTON MAN ARRESTED IN OHIO

C. L. Richardson Charged With False Pretense By His Uncle.

Richardson is charged by his uncle, who lives in Mannington, with false pretense, which involves a business transaction amounting to \$3,500. It appears that Richardson sold his store in Mannington to his uncle and after he had paid the accused, he found that the wholesaler had liens against the effects of the store and he was obliged to meet these obligations also.

False pretense charges have been brought against Richardson at the instance of Walter R. Haggerty, prosecuting attorney, before Justice Conaway. The complaining witness is E. A. Richardson, of Mannington, the uncle of the accused. The prisoner is 35 years old.

Wage Contract to Be Signed Tonight

This evening the contract between the Monongahela Valley traction company and the members of the Fairmont and Clarksburg locals of Electrical Railroad and Street Car Employees of America will be signed. President Guy Smith, of the Fairmont local, and the president of the Clarksburg locals will sign the contract for the street car employees.

The contract is for one year and includes the recent increase in wages.

HERSCHEL HILL IN FRANCE

C. A. Hill is in receipt of a card announcing the safe arrival in France of his nephew Herschel M. Hill, who left Camp Meade, Md., some time ago for over seas service. Mr. Hill was employed as bookkeeper in the National Bank of Fairmont previous to his enlistment in the army.

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600 to 1,000 feet of 1/2 inch or 1 inch water pipe in good shape. Will pay cash.
A. E. Jackson.
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Laborers Wanted
in Shipping Department,
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GERMAN DRIVE CRISIS PASSED

It Was Checked Before It Managed to Acquire Momentum.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—With official statements from both the French and German War offices indicating a slowing down of the latest German drive on the Marne and a narrowing of the offensive operations from a front of more than 60 miles to a single sector official opinion appears today to be that the crisis has passed and the enemy war machine has been blocked before it could gather momentum.

In the absence of late reports from Generals Pershing and Bliss high War department officials were reluctant to discuss the situation or to venture an opinion as to the future. Two courses of action are possible. Many officers believe the Germans, using fresh troops from their apparently none too plentiful supply may again make a mighty effort to push forward, or the French and American forces may end the comparative lull by a counter attack.

PARIS, July 18.—In the pocket which the Germans had created south of the Marne their losses, according to conservative estimates, reached the figure of 60,000 in the first two days' fighting. The Matin declares today: "Treating of the situation in this sector of the front, the Echo de Paris says: "Because of the counter attack delivered by the army of General DeGoutte and our American allies the Germans were unable appreciably to widen or deepen this pocket."

According to the same newspaper 49 German divisions have been fully engaged in the battle while 20 support divisions were obliged to take more or less part in the fighting.

Pemier Clemenceau returned last evening from a visit to the front expressing himself very well satisfied with the situation.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT MAY NOT BE DEAD

Father Has Received Message from Gen. Pershing.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, July 18.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt just before leaving the city for Saratoga, N. Y., to attend the Republican state convention today received a cablegram from Gen. Pershing in which the American commander expressed the hope that Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, the Colonel's son, reported killed in an air battle in France, may have landed safely.

“Quentin's mother and I are glad that he got to the front and had the chance to render some service to his country and to show the stuff there was in him before his fate befell him.”

This statement was issued by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, after press dispatches had furnished confirmation of near reports that his son, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, had been killed in an aerial battle in France.

German Owned Plant at Charleston Seized

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—Taking over by the government of the German owned Becker Steel Company of America with a plant at Charleston, W. Va., and offices in New York was announced today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

With the company comes to American manufacturers a secret process for the production of "high speed" steel heretofore held exclusively by the Germans.

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FRENCH STRIKE BACK

Counter Attack Extends From Marne to the Aisne

GOOD GAINS MADE

German Drive Made Practically No Progress Today.

(By Associated Press)
ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, July 18, 11 a. m.—The Allied forces today are engaged in an important counter attack between the Aisne and the Marne north of Chateau-Thierry. The attack is progressing favorably.

PARIS, July 18.—The French this morning delivered an attack along the line from the river Aisne as far south as the region of Belleau, a front of about 25 miles, and made progress at certain points of between a mile and a half and two miles, the war office announces today.

The situation on the Marne and Champagne fronts is unchanged.

PARIS, July 18.—The northern point of the front of the Allied attack is the town of Fontenoy, nearly a mile north of the river Aisne.

In the fighting on the west of the German offensive the French last night stopped the Germans in the face of violent attacks which the enemy launched northwest of Nantmbin-rose between the Marne and Rheims.

On the front beyond Rheims, east of the Vesle river an attack by German guard units was completely repulsed.

LONDON, July 18.—News received in London indicates that the attack started by the French this morning on the front between Chateau-Thierry and Soissons is on a considerable scale. The attack was believed to be making good progress.

The French, the report states, have recaptured Mount Voisin, south of the Marne at the point where the Germans had advanced furthest toward Epernay and Chene La Reine to the west, an outlook as well heights west of those villages over looking the Marne.

The Germans are reported to have made slight progress north of St. Arnan in the district to the southwest of Dorman below the Marne but their progress here has been slow.

The penetration of the French lines since July 15 is six miles according to the latest report.

In the fighting north of the Marne the Italians have retaken the village. (Continued on page eight.)

NOTICE TO MACHINISTS AND SHOP METAL WORKERS.

Fairmont Lodge No. 1211 will hold a meeting at Moose Hall on Jefferson St. Friday evening July 19, at 8:00 P. M.
H. R. JONES, Sec.

FOR SALE.

Flat Top Office Desk; Typewriter; Safe; Chairs, and other office fixtures. Oil Practically new. Also one six Cylinder, five passenger, 1917 Model Paige Car in first class condition. Also some vacant lots and two houses and lots. Will sell all at bargain prices as I am going to leave for France at an early date. Do not call unless you mean to buy. Phone 1222.

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First class machinists, blacksmiths, and blacksmiths' helpers, air hammer man, and layer out. Good wages, Steady employment. Fairmont Mining Machine Co.