

GERMANS SINK ANOTHER RETURNING TRANSPORT

WEATHER CHANGES ON MARNE

Aircraft Came Out in Doves This Morning

PRESSURE CONTINUES

Germans Are Known to Have Thrown More Reinforcements.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON AISNE-MARNE FRONT, 7.30 A. M., July 24. (By Associated Press)—The French, British and Americans are still hammering the flank of the Crown Prince's army. The Germans are known to have brought up fresh support forces at some points, but the Allies report the situation as favorable.

More favorable weather conditions brought out doves of aircraft this morning. The day is an excellent one for observation, and this is expected to change the character of the fighting somewhat, especially with regard to the artillery.

The change for the better in weather conditions took place during the night, when the clouds disappeared and the wind died down. Scarcely a dust cloud could be seen this morning on any part of the widespread battlefield, with the exception of the spots rising from the thousands of crates made by the guns on both sides.

PARIS, July 24.—The Germans last night delivered a counter attack upon the Allied line in the vicinity of Vigny, five miles southwest of Rheims. The War office announced today that the attack had been repulsed.

There was great activity by the artillery during the night along the front between the Aisne and the Marne, and northeast towards Rheims. The text of the statement follows:

"The night was marked by great artillery activity between the Marne and the Aisne and in the Courton and Reims sectors."

"At 9 o'clock last night the Germans launched a counter attack west of Rheims, in the region of Vigny. French troops broke all assaults and held their positions intact."

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Continued pursuit of the retreating enemy south of the river Orluque is reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the War department. The capture of positions north of the Marne also is reported.

WITH AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, 12:50 P. M., July 24.—(By Associated Press)—Along the line north of Chateau-Thierry the Franco-American forces have driven the Germans out of nearly all of the chateaux forest.

The allied advance was made in considerable jumps in that area. The Germans continuing their rear guard fighting and depending much upon their machine guns.

Further to the west the Americans gained the ascendancy over the German sand drove through and beyond the town of Epiedes.

To the northwest the most intense resistance was offered along the extended German right flank but the reports are that the allies have made gains and that the Germans have been unable to halt the movement toward their lines of supplies. American cavalry was used at one point in the operation north of the Chateau-Thierry line.

LONDON, July 24.—Americans lost heavily in the fighting at Epiedes on July 22, according to the Wolff bureau correspondent at the front. He says that after a desperate struggle during which the village changed hands frequently the Germans were victors. Eight American officers and 130 men were taken prisoners by the Germans, he adds, and 12 American machine guns were also taken.

A German raid on the British lines northwest of Bethune on the Flanders front was repulsed.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES PAY FOR MERBACH

Some Other Equally Cheerful Items Came Out of Russia.

(By Associated Press)
AMSTERDAM, July 24.—Up to July 19 more than 200 Social Revolutionists of the Left had been shot by the Bolsheviks for participation in the assassination of Ambassador von Merbach and in the counter revolution, the German charge at Moscow has been informed by Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, says a dispatch from Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, July 24.—Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent to the Russian throne died from exposure a few days after his father, the former Emperor, was executed, says a dispatch from Moscow to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

AMSTERDAM, July 24.—General mobilization of the Russian army began July 7th, according to Moscow advices received here.

LONDON, July 24.—Dr. KaKri Helfferich, former German imperial war chancellor has been appointed Germany's diplomatic representative at Moscow according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the wireless press says that Dr. Helfferich will take with him two battalions of German troops to guard the German embassy at Moscow.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Wilson has completed his pronouncement as to the plan of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia, and it will be made public as soon as Japan's reply to the American proposals has been received.

NUMBER APPLY AT MARINES OFFICE

Sergeant Mains Will Comb Little Towns for Recruits.

A number of young men have already applied at the Marine recruiting station on the third floor of the Nugum building which has just been opened by Sergeant G. W. Mains. As yet no men have been accepted.

Sergeant Mains has set no date for closing the local office but will be here as long as necessity demands it. An effort will be made to get many recruits from the smaller towns in Marion county and adjoining counties.

When asked this morning as to what hours he would observe he said that he would open at 8 o'clock in the morning and would remain open as long as necessary. Should enlistments be so numerous that he would have to keep open until midnight there will be no objection. Generally the office will be open from about 8 o'clock in the morning until eight or nine o'clock at night.

MANNINGTON CASES.

Charged with carrying a gun, Joe Kern, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and undergo six months imprisonment in the county jail by Justice Barack, of Mannington. Chief of Police Jones, of Mannington, and Deputy Sheriff Beatty made the arrests.

Sam French, charged with carrying whiskey on the streets of Mannington, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and was jailed for sixty days yesterday afternoon by Justice Barack, of Mannington. Chief of Police Jones and Deputy Sheriff Beatty made the arrest.

Jake Schunta in default of bond in the sum of \$500 was held on a felony charge by Justice Barack yesterday afternoon. The officers accuse him of gross immorality. He is committed to await the action of the grand jury.

ONE AS BAD AS ANOTHER.

After investigating the matter Justice Conway found that three negroes mixed up in a liquor transaction were all tarred with the same stick. Ed Moore and Henry Owens were arrested by the city police earlier in the week, and they claimed they secured the John Barleycorn from Silas Johnson.

Yesterday afternoon Johnson was tried, and it developed that the three had a partnership game on in purchasing the liquor. During the trial a notebook was produced that two of the darkies had paid \$1.67 each and the third \$1.66, which aggregated \$5. The price of a pint of whiskey. In view of the facts, Johnson was discharged from custody by the justice. Attorney L. C. Musgrave represented Johnson.

GERMANY STILL THINKS SHE HAS WON THE WAR

Offers Peace Terms Through Spain Which Would Enable Her to Retain All the Territory She Occupies Get Back Her Colonies.

(Associated Press)
AMSTERDAM, July 24.—Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government, says the Socialist Vorwarts of Berlin.

The suggestions are:
First, Germany wants no annexation or indemnity in the west.
Second, the peace treaty with Russia and Rumania may not be questioned.
Third, the principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled.

Fifth, the freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez canal, and the right for Germany to use coaling stations.
Sixth, the colonial question is to be settled on the basis of the status quo ante.
The Vorwarts considers this a reasonable peace proposal.

FAIRMONT SCHOOL NEEDS OUTLINED BY SUPT. WILSON

Central Building for the Grades is One of Them.

TO TEACH VOCATIONS

Much War Work Done in This City During Last Term.

The third annual report of City Superintendent of Schools Otis G. Wilson has been submitted to the Board of Education of Fairmont Independent school district. The report is a comprehensive one, and outlines in detail the school activities of the year, the expenditures necessary for the maintenance of the schools, war work as accomplished by the pupils enrolled in the various schools, and also has listed a number of big needs necessary for the future growth of the schools of the district.

In outlining the great needs of the schools, Superintendent Wilson lays stress on the fact that in order to make progress commensurate with the steady growth of the town, additional buildings and equipment are necessary and must be provided for the schools of the district.

Among the big needs is a central school building where pupils of a five industrial center, the demand for especially trained and skilled men and women will be great, and the schools cannot do their bit in the direction of training these youths in this line without adequate and ample facilities.

Better facilities should be provided for the Dunbar (colored) school, as owing to the rapid growth of the enrollment of this school the present accommodations are entirely inadequate to the demands of the colored population.

Another matter upon which particular stress is laid is that of the need of maintaining an evening school and of making proper preparations for such a school. The school maintained during the past two years by the High school has proved that there is a large demand for such instruction from the adult wage earners. The school draws its pupils from nearby towns, as well as from local citizens.

The schools need a salaried nurse to work in conjunction with the school medical inspector. Her duties be those of following up cases of sickness, mental deficiency, etc.

The schools need also a better and more adequate system of bookkeeping and business accounting in order that the handling of the more than one hundred thousand dollars of public taxes expended annually may be done expeditiously.

The report shows that during the school year of 1917-18 the schools of Fairmont Independent school district laid special stress upon the matter of instilling into the minds of the school children lessons of thrift which would not only meet the demands of the present world situation, but would be of economic benefit to the children during their entire lifetime.

War conditions suggested to the school officials the need for inculcating lessons of thrift and economy into the school course and steps were at once taken to widen the curriculum.

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SHUTTLESWORTH IS AGAIN WOUNDED

Mother Gets Reassuring Cablegram From Well Know Fairmont Soldier

For the third time since he has been fighting the Hun, Wayne Shuttlesworth, the popular Fairmont lad who has been the thick of the fight for over a year, has been wounded. His wounds are not serious, however, and he is recovering.

Until this morning it has been several weeks since anything has been heard from him. My morning his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Shuttlesworth, of 301 High street, received the following cablegram from her son:

Mrs. Myrtle Shuttlesworth, 301 High St.
Slightly wounded R covering. Love. WAYNE.

After Shuttlesworth had been on the other side only a short time he was struck and knocked unconscious with a piece of shrapnel. A second time he was the victim of German gas, for which he took several weeks' treatment. The nature of his injuries this time are not known.

OPERATORS WILL MEET HERE AGAIN SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Will Perfect Organization of New Coal Operators Association.

This week a call will go out to every coal operator in the twelve and a half counties of the Fairmont district for a meeting to be held at the Fairmont Country club beginning at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of August 3, at which time the organization of the Northern West Virginian Coal Operators' association will be perfected. The call for the meeting is signed by the incorporators of the new association.

At the meeting a charter and by-laws will be adopted and before the meeting the operators will each be mailed a printed copy of these as they have been drawn up by the committee working on the plans for organization. It is expected that the attendance at this meeting will be quite large as the interest that has been displayed in the new organization by the men in coal production has been quite gratifying to the leading spirits.

Records Broken.
The fine old railroading spirit has come back to the Monongah division in great shape, and new records hung up at the office of Superintendent H. W. Wilson at Grafton do not last very long. Sunday new records were made when 1,362 loads, 1,248 of which were coal, were handled east from Grafton. On that day 4,000 cars were handled east and west through the Grafton yards, which is the best record ever made there.

Better Car Record.
The slump in the coal car supply which characterized the first two days of this week came to an end today when 1,395 open tops were reported in the region. At some of the mines the cars were placed a little late, but the pessimism which was beginning to become epidemic again was effectually dispelled.

At the office of Dan R. Lawson, district representative of the Fuel administration, it was hoped this morning that on the day enough coal could be consigned to Curtis bay to make up the quota from this district and E. D. Holden who was at Keyser reassigning cars to that point came home this morning.

Coal Notes.
Attaches of the Fuel administration's district office in the Jacobs building were busy today getting ready to move into the offices formerly occupied by the Monongahela Engineering company. The fuel administration occupies almost the entire floor.

Chief Inspector Ice was back at his desk today after a trip among the mines up the Tygart Valley river.

Between 85 and 90 cars of coal were reassigning at Keyser yesterday to Curtis bay.

JORDAN FOUND GUILTY.

William Jordan, colored, was tried yesterday afternoon before Justice Conway and he was fined \$100 and jailed for sixty days. Jordan, the county officers say, had 11 1/2 pints of whiskey on his person several of which were broken. He was captured after a man tackled Jordan about the feet and threw him on earth. The accused was arrested by Constable Michael.

"C. M. HARNIES, Lieutenant."
"British and Canadian Recruiting Mission."

"One of England's largest veterinary hospitals is now run entirely by women."

WHITE STAR LINER JUSTICIA TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST

Ten Torpedoes Fired at Huge Steamer in the American Transport Service And Four of Them Stopped By Gunfire.

LINER WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AFLOAT

Was Being Built at Belfast for Dutch Line When War Broke Out and Was Taken Over by the British Admiralty.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 24.—The White Star liner Justicia, says a Belfast dispatch today, was sunk off the north Irish coast on Saturday morning last.

The Justicia carried a crew of between 600 and 700. Eleven members of the crew are dead.

The news of the sinking of the vessel was announced by the Belfast Evening Telegraph. The liner was torpedoed the newspaper states.

One of the crew of the Justicia is quoted by the newspaper as asserting that ten torpedoes were discharged at the Justicia. Four of the approaching missiles, he added, were exploded by gunfire from the ship.

AN IRISH PORT, Monday, July 22.—The giant White Star liner Justicia has been torpedoed and sunk. It is believed no less of life occurred. The Justicia was formerly the Dutch steamer Statendam which was taken over by the British government on the stocks at Belfast when she was nearing completion. She was a vessel of 32,234 tons gross.

The Justicia is in size and tonnage nearly approached the dimensions of the great steamship Vaterland now in the service of the American government and being used for a carrier of American troops to Europe. She was designed as a modern passenger liner for the trade between New York and Rotterdam but she never entered that service. Where there were intended to be magnificently carved and decorated cabins, saloons and stairways rough woodwork was installed instead.

After being completed at Belfast the Justicia over to the British admiralty and it was used as a transport of troops and supplies.

The Justicia was 740 feet long, 85 feet beam and 43 feet deep.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The Justicia, reported sunk apparently somewhere off the coast of Ireland, was returning to an American port after delivering a large contingent of American troops it was learned here. The vessel had a troop carrying capacity of between 7,000 and 8,000 men. Her crew numbered about 500.

COUNTY BOARD MEN BEFORE PHYSICIANS

MINER MAY LOOSE SIGHT OF BOTH EYES

Delayed Shot Went Off Just As He Was Going to Investigate.

As a result of a shot which failed to go off at the appointed time Nick Barukas, aged 27, a foreigner employed at the Liberty Fuel company's mine at Scott Run, near Morgantown, will probably suffer the loss of the sight of both his eyes.

Barukas had prepared the shot and went into the heading of the mine to await its going off, and when the ten minutes necessary as usual thing for the explosive to go off, had elapsed and no report had been heard the man went back to the spot where the powder had been placed and as he reached the spot the explosion took place and the black coal dust was blown with such force into his face that it is feared the sight of both eyes is gone.

He was brought from Morgantown by ambulance and taken to Fairmont hospital where everything possible is being done to save the eye sight. The man has a wife and four children.

Two other patients have been treated within the last few weeks at the hospital as a result of similar accidents each patient however only losing the sight of one eye.

Prisoners in Jail Small in Number

Fewer prisoners are at the Marion county jail today than there have been for many moons. There are fifty incarcerated right now, after V. Buckley, of the famous "Hotel de Buckley," says the vacation season is on and he expects an influx to the popular hostelry after the warm weather. The normal number of prisoners is between 60 and 65.

My patrons and the public generally are notified that my barber shop is a union shop. I cordially invite your patronage, and assure you the services will please you. W. N. BATTERFIELD, 121 Main Street.

Laborers Wanted in Shipping Department. Apply, Owens Bottle Machine Company.