

# PURSUIT OF THE GERMANS IS SLOWING DOWN

## SOME MAY GET WATER TONIGHT

But All Can't Have it Until some Time Wednesday

## IF CITY IS IN LUCK

There will be water tonight for the lower residents of the city, tomorrow morning for people residing at medium altitude and not before Wednesday evening for the residents of the higher points—providing there is no more unexpected trouble at the pump station.

The above was given out for publication by Water Commissioner Smith this afternoon in face of reports to the effect that Fairmont would be without a drop of water for weeks and probably months.

The report that the water famine will continue for eight or nine months was stoutly denied by Commissioner Smith this morning. He stated that both pumps will be in operation within the next few days and the water famine would end. It is his opinion that for the next eight or nine months there will be minor troubles which may affect the water supply temporarily, but that there will be no such a period experienced in the future as Fairmont has had during the last two weeks.

Saturday evening one pump was working finely and the reservoir was filled to the six foot mark. It was not until midnight that additional trouble was experienced when made it necessary to shut off this one pump for about two hours. It was later started again and worked until about four o'clock Sunday morning when it was shut down, trouble with the condenser, boiler feed pump and vacuum pump being the cause. Since that time there has not been a drop of water pumped into the reservoir.

The supply of water already in the pressure at forty-five pounds. At noon a gradual decrease in the pressure began and at an early hour yesterday evening the pressure became zero. All last night and all day today the water pressure has continued to be zero.

Reports from the pump station late this afternoon indicate that there is a probability of getting both the Epping-Carpenter pump and the other pump in operation.

At the session of the Board of Affairs this morning the water situation was discussed thoroughly, the entire morning session being taken up with the discussion. No resolutions or other action was taken except Commissioner Smith was given absolute authority to go ahead with his plans and take any steps necessary to improve conditions. The Board of Affairs authorized Arlie Hawkins to go to Youngstown, O., to inspect a second hand boiler which is for sale there. He will make the trip to Youngstown, O., immediately and will make recommendations to the Board of Affairs. The trouble at the pump station for the past week has been entirely with the pumps, the boilers both holding up well. The additional boiler will be used as a reserve. It will take about one month to install it in case it is purchased.

The water pressure over the city yesterday was sufficient to give the lower residents of the city a supply of water, and some of the residents of medium altitude with water. The people residing on the higher points such as on Tank Hill have not had water for at least four days.

After the water started to decrease in pressure yesterday it did not take long for the reservoir to be emptied for people in every section of the city where there was any water at all proceeded to fill every water utensil available.

City Engineer E. B. Miller is now in New York City for the purpose of having a conference with George W. Falls, the water expert, whose services will be engaged to assist in the local situation. An effort will be made to have him come to Fairmont just as soon as he can possibly do so. In the meantime Commissioner Smith is in communication with the Dravo-Doyle Pump company of Pittsburgh, the makers of the new electric pump which the city has just ordered. An effort is being made to have the company promise to deliver the pump in less than eight months.

## Yankee Valor Proved in Fismes Street Fighting

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Aug. 5.—The Americans covered themselves with glory in hand to hand fighting in the streets of Fismes yesterday when they captured that German base. The fighting is said to have been the bitterest of the whole war. The Prussian Guards asking no quarter, being bayoneted or clubbed to death as they stood by their machine guns.

## TOLD HOW ROOKIE BECOMES SOLDIER

Rev. C. E. Goodwin Back in Pulpit After Period In Camp.

The transformation from a "rookie" to a real soldier was vividly and realistically described yesterday morning by the Rev. C. E. Goodwin, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, who had just returned from Camp Lee at Petersburg, Va., where he had spent several weeks in war Y. M. C. A. work.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin also drew pictures of the lights and shadows which confront the soldier in the training camps and gave some interesting facts concerning the great work that is being done by the Y. M. C. A. and how greatly the boys appreciate the work of this organization.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin told of the arrival at the training camps of groups of young men who are immediately dubbed "rookies" by their comrades who have been there for some time and they remain "rookies" until they are transformed into soldiers by means of soldiers' uniforms and by training.

On the arrival at the camp the rookies are placed under strict quarantine for several weeks. When they finally emerge from the quarantine the transformation process is begun when a soldier who has heretofore been attired in civilian garb appears with a khaki shirt, shortly his rank is further enhanced by the donning of a pair of army shoes, then possibly a pair of trousers makes its appearance to be followed later by army leggings. By the time this period is reached the rookie straightens up and assumes the bearing of a soldier and by so doing signifies his happiness that he is in the government service. The transformation period from a rookie to a soldier is intensely interesting according to Rev. Goodwin and shows what is in the American youth when something comes to develop the character and to bring out the best that is in him.

The story of life at Camp Lee as told by Rev. Goodwin was intensely interesting and was listened to by a large congregation of people.

## TWO GERMAN SUBS ARE ON THIS SIDE

American Tank Steamer Was Sunk Just Off Virginia Coast.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Sinking of the American tank steamer O. B. Jennings yesterday one hundred miles off the Virginia coast, announced today, reveals the presence of at least two German submarines on this side of the Atlantic. The second raider has been operating off the coast of Nova Scotia and nearby waters for several days.

Radio calls for assistance from the Jennings yesterday apparently brought the first information that a submarine was in the waters where the first raid was carried out in May and June. Patrols rushed to the assistance of the tanker, but when they arrived the ship had been sunk to the bottom. They picked up one boat load of survivors and search is now being made for the second boat containing the captain and 15 men.

First reports to the Navy department today placed the number of survivors landed at 30, but later it appeared that 32 men might have been picked up. Only meagre details of the sinking have yet been received. Presumably the Jennings was cut down by shell fire, but this will not be known definitely until naval officers have had opportunity to question the survivors. All hands on board got away in the small boats, and as the weather was fair it is expected the missing men will be found either by patrols or passing steamers.

## FLOOD IN VESLE IS PROVING BIG HELP TO GERMANS

Swamps on the Banks is Holding Up Advance of the Allies.

## TEUTONS MAKING FIGHT

Their Withdrawal So Far Has Been in Good Order.

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Aug. 5.—There was a lull in the battle along the Soissons-Rheims front last night and the breathing spell extended into the morning. The Germans are being favored by the weather conditions, which have transformed the Vesle river banks into swamps, and they are making a stiffer stand here than was anticipated.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—French detachments which crossed the Vesle are meeting with resistance from the Germans, says the official statement from the War office today. It is declared that there is nothing of importance to report from the battle front.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Telegraphing from French headquarters on Sunday, Reuter's correspondent says:

"The German withdrawal on the Aisne extended to Songaine-Sous-Montdidier and Messin St. Gorges, which is two miles west of Montdidier itself."

The enemy is abandoning the whole western bank of the river south of Aubvillers and along the line of heights captured in the French attack of July 23. Our line has been advanced 500 yards east of Grivesmes including Hill 115 overlooking Grivesmes and the same distance west of LaCappelle and St. Aignan to the south. The Germans are now engaged in three retreats, one involuntary and two voluntary. All are with the view of saving them. As usual they are retreating slowly and in good order, withdrawing in alternate sections flanked by centre of resistance which always are able to pour cross fire on troops advancing overhastily.

On the Tardenois battle field our troops are closing up to the Vesle. East of Fismes they have crossed the river a few miles west of Rheims.

## MISS BRIGGS' MOTHER DIES.

A letter received here today by friends of Miss Lara Briggs announced the death of her mother, which occurred at her home at Big Rapids, Mich., on last Wednesday. Miss Briggs who is a member of the Fairmont State Normal school faculty left here at the close of the school term for her home on account of the illness of her mother, having cancelled her engagement as an instructor in the Normal summer school.

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## CASUALTIES OF THE BIG FIGHT ARE COMING IN

Seven Hundred Names Were Received at the War Department Today—Number of West Virginians Are Among Them.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Casualties among the American troops in the severe fighting in which they have been engaged since July 15th when the German offensive was launched and halted at the Marne are now being reported in the daily lists from Gen. Pershing though no estimate of the total has yet been received.

Today's army lists contained 467 names, the largest number reported in a single day. Of the men named 203 were killed in action, 37 died of wounds and 148 were wounded. Forty-eight seriously and 100 degree undetermined. The missing in action numbered only 3. In addition to the army list the Marine list today contains two names, nine killed in action and one died of wounds.

Men from 46 states were named in the list with no predominating number from any one state. The states not represented were Arizona and Delaware.

An additional list of nearly 300 names bringing total for the day to about 760, was checked at the War department today in preparation for publication in the morning papers of tomorrow. No information concerning the list further than the fact that it was to be issued was to be had at the department.

The army casualty lists today shows,

Killed in action, 203; died of wounds, 37; died of disease, 9; died of accident and other causes, 6; died of aeroplane accident, 1; wounded severely, 48; wounded degree undetermined, 100; missing, 3. Total, 467.

Today's list included:  
Killed in action—Sergeant Earl Conner, Quaker City, O.; Carl B. Davis, Petersburg, Va.; Corporal Beal M. Darby, Northbend, Pa.; N. Davis, Mt. Charmel, Pa.; Willes Sanford, Morrisville, Pa.; Jos. W. Boyce, Keyser, W. Va.; Francis Dietrich, Weatherly, Pa.; Salvatore Fenicchia Wellshoro, Pa.; David Gallager, Girardville, Pa.; John Huston, Wildwood, Pa.; Earl Jones, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Charles Prindle, West Springfield, Pa.; Ralph H. Saunders, Morgantown, W. Va.; Milton M. Springere, Overbrook, Pa.; Grover H. Thorn, Friendly, W. Va.; Jacob B. Triplett, Hutonsville, W. Va.  
Died of wounds—Private Jas. McCoy, Ashley, Pa.; Walter J. Payne, Geneva, W. Va.  
Wounded severely—Sergeant Enoch Ferguson, Ashtabula, Ohio.  
Wounded degree undetermined—Sergeant George Cassell, Pa. Portsmouth, O.; Ross A. Rufford, Denmar, W. Va.; Alfred F. Wedge, Walton W. Va.; Joseph W. Banton, Roncoverte, W. Va.; Private Lindsay F. Javton, Belton, W. Va.; Ervin Shamblin, Charleston, W. Va.

## The Long Range Gun is Again Firing on Paris

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Aug. 5.—The long range bombardment of the Paris region was resumed this morning.

## PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE DEACONESS

Woman Will Be Employed to Help the Pastor, Dr. Stoetzer.

The employment of a deaconess to assist the Rev. Dr. H. G. Stoetzer in his duties as pastor of the First Presbyterian church was authorized at a congregational meeting of the church held yesterday morning immediately following the Sunday morning church service.

The congregation also empowered the Board of Trustees to employ such a person to fill the place.

The Board has had this matter in consideration for some time and the ones with a woman form the state of Illinois and a graduate of a deaconess school of the Presbyterian denomination. She will act in the capacity of a helper to Dr. Stoetzer, whose duties have become too strenuous with the rapid growth of the Presbyterian church.

The congregation also elected S. M. Echols as a representative of the Finance committee on the Board of Trustees to act in the place of Dr. J. W. McDonald, who is in France engaged in war Y. M. C. A. work.

## LISTS OF DELEGATES COMING.

The Christian churches of West Virginia are already sending in to the Fairmont church lists of delegates who will attend the state convention which will be entertained here on September 3 to 5. The program has an array of fine talent from this state and other states. Dr. Abbott, a St. Louis editor, President T. E. Cramblett of Bethany, Dr. Shaffer of Huntington and others will grace the occasion. The local church is busy with plans. Last Sunday morning Dr. Mitchell, pastor of the local church, gave his people a timely appeal on the art of hospitality.

## EXPECT PRIMARY VOTE TOMORROW WILL BE LIGHT

Polls Will Open at 6:30 A. M. and Close at 6:30 P. M.

## DOUBLE BALLOT BOARD

This is Expected to Make Possible a Quick Count.

Indications are that the vote at the primary election will be lighter than usual tomorrow. The vote in the city will be light, but the workers will get the greater portion of this vote and will be on the job from the time the poles open, which will be 6:30 a. m. They will remain open until 6:30 p. m.

The chief interest naturally rests in the fight for United States senator, there being four contestants on the Republican ticket and two in the Democratic party.

The Democrats of Marion county have been urged to roll up a big vote for Watson and much effort will be expended in that direction tomorrow. Farmers are busy now and it is expected that the lightest vote will be polled in the rural districts as the farmers are adverse to taking the time to go to their polling places.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of the double ballot box system in West Virginia. Today there was evidence of many election officers resigning and declining of serve in that capacity. Both parties apparently experienced this. There is no doubt that there will be a number of places unfilled when the poles are opened tomorrow.

An explanation of the new election law may be gleaned from the following:

The Receiving Board is to open the Polls and organize as heretofore. Four hours after the Polls open the Counting Board is to appear at the voting place organize by taking the usual oaths and filling vacancies, if necessary.

## All the 21ers Will Go in September

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Provost Marshal General Crowder in a statement submitted by Senator Chamberlain suggested September 5 as the date for annation registration of men within the proposed new ages.

Weekly registration of youths attaining the age of 21 during the next few weeks was proposed by Gen. Crowder as the only means of obtaining the 200,000 men to be called to the colors in September.

This could be done by presidential proclamation and would add about 80,000 to the number of men available.

## EXPECT 18 TO 45 PLAN TO WIN OUT

## War Department Man Power Bill Was Introduced Today.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The first step in the allied war program of the War department was to be taken today with the introduction of a bill in both houses of Congress extending the draft age limit to 18 and 45 years.

Only the present recess of Congress will operate to delay legislation. Reference of the bill to the Military committee of the two houses is expected following its introduction. Hearings will be held on the bill by the House Military Affairs committee, it has been stated by Chairman Bent.

While opposition to the program will be met administration leaders said today that it was expected the bill would be passed by both houses essentially as introduced.

## IN NEW OFFICES

The Monongahela Valley Engineering Company has moved its office to rooms 507-508 Professional building and can give prompt attention to all engineering work entrusted to it.

## NOTICE

Tomorrow, Tuesday, August 6, being the date of holding the primary election, and being a holiday, all the Banks in the City of Fairmont will be closed.

## Major Davis Elkins on way to France

The friends of Major Davis Elkins in Marion county face the primaries tomorrow with serene confidence. A careful survey of the situation throughout the state by the organization which has been managing the campaign in Major Davis's interest indicates that he will be the Republican nominee for United States Senator.

Telegrams addressed to Major Elkins at Camp Mardon in New Jersey have been returned with the advice that he is no longer there, and information from other sources warrant the assumption that Major Elkins is on the seas en route to the battlefront in France, and his friends in West Virginia hope to be able to greet him upon his arrival with a cablegram announcing that he is the choice of the West Virginia Republicans for United States Senator.

Let's all fight tomorrow for the man who has gone to fight for us.

## AN APPEAL To the Republicans of West Virginia

I have endeavored to make a clean, honest campaign for nomination for United States Senator and have refrained from all criticism.

I make my appeal to you on my service to the party, my qualifications for the office and my ability to organize the state and conduct an aggressive and successful campaign, if nominated.

I have visited nearly every county in the state and made my appeal direct to the voters. I rest my case with the Republicans on August 6 and will abide by the result.

I desire to add to my platform already announced that I am opposed to government control of public opinion, now attempted by the party in power. The voice of the people should always be heard.

If chosen to represent the people of West Virginia in the United States Senate, I will give all that is in me for the highest and greatest good of the nation and state.

Sincerely yours,

VIRGIL L. HIGHLAND