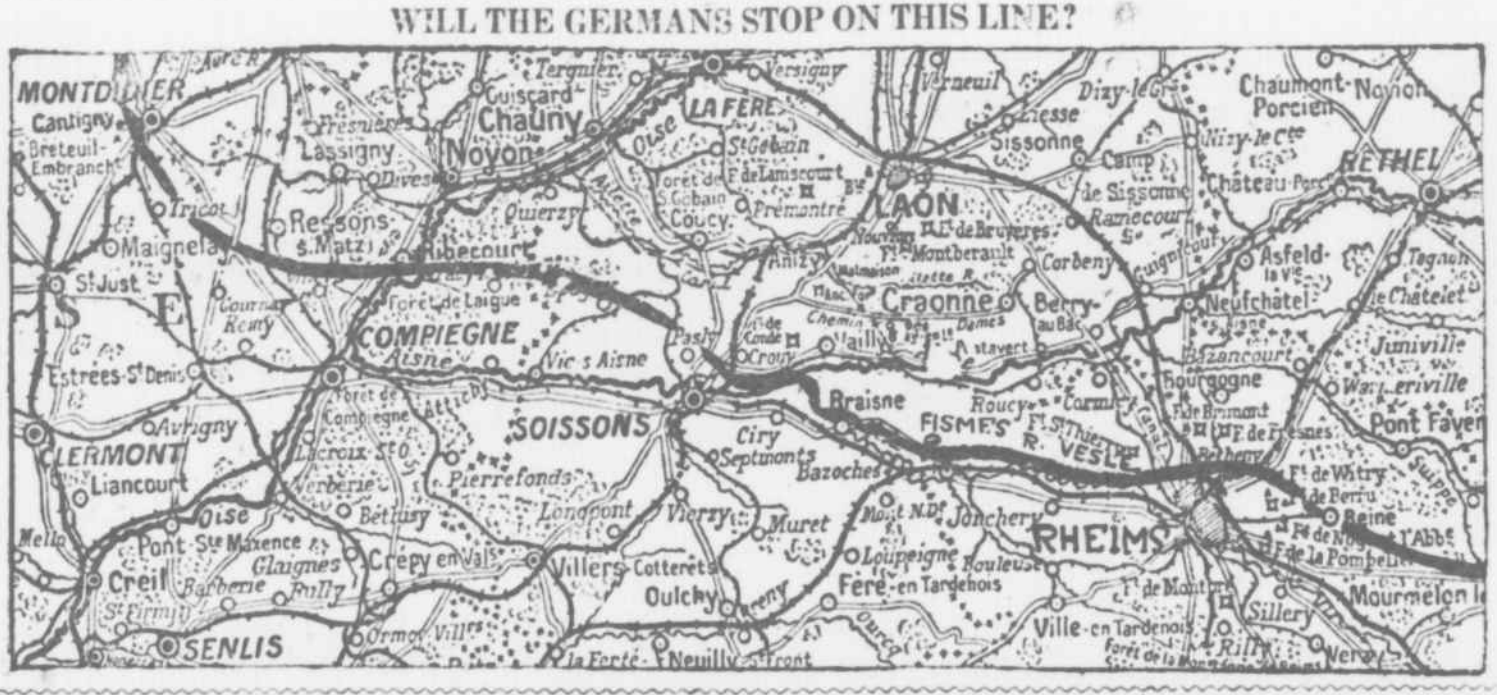


FOCH STRIKES AT FOE'S HEART

FRANCO-BRITISH OFFENSIVE ON THE AMIENS FRONT

BUY BOILER FOR PUMP STATION Effort will be Made to Get Engines From B.&O. COMMITTEE MEETS This Afternoon the Members Are Making an Inspection.



BRITISH FOURTH AND FRENCH FIRST ARMIES ACTING UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL HAIG

Attack Began at Five O'clock This Morning on a Wide Front South-east of Amiens Where Gains Have Been Made Recently

OPERATION PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY

Aim Probably is Either to Weaken the German Line or Actually Wipe Out the German Position At and Around Montdidier.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 8 (11 A. M.) (By Associated Press)—A combined attack by the French and British has begun at dawn today along the front between Albert and Montdidier. Satisfactory progress was made despite strong enemy resistance.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8—In their offensive on the front east of Amiens today, the British have taken Hahner woods, Dodo woods and probably have possession of the towns of Marcelare and Lamotte-en-Santerre.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8 (By Associated Press)—The line attacked this morning extends roughly from the neighborhood of Morlancourt, about three and one-half miles southwest of Albert to the Aves valley, south of Moreuil.

Details of the fighting are coming to the rear slowly. "Going fine" constitutes the best available information. The British launched their attack in a mist after only three minutes of artillery preparation.

11:30 A. M.—The British attacked over a 12 mile front on both sides of the Somme. They gained all their objectives within four hours, and have captured a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE (11 A. M.)—The assault began exactly at dawn along a front of between 40 and 50 kilometers and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Cerisy-Gailly, on the south side of the Somme, east of Sully-Laurette and Marcelvabe. The French advanced at the same time in the direction of the Meunin and Aubercourt.

Around Morrisel and Moreuil the German resistance is terrific. Along the French front the artillery preparations lasted for 40 minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash.

Before 8 o'clock considerable progress had been recorded, and all the first objectives had been obtained.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—Franco-British troops at five o'clock this morning began an offensive in the region southeast of Amiens, the War Office announced.

The attack is developing under favorable conditions. The statement reads: "At five o'clock this morning French troops in company with British forces attacked in the region southeast of Amiens. The attack is developing under favorable conditions.

"An attack southeast of Amiens probably is aimed at weakening if not to wipe out the German position in and around Montdidier where the battle line swings to the north.

"The British troops hold a sector south of the Somme which joins up with the French lines south of Villers-Bretonneux. Late last week the Germans withdrew to the east of the Aves, in the region west and northwest of Montdidier. Since then the French have been gaining ground on the same front.

"A line from the Somme to the Aves and then south along the river faces fairly open country and the region of Picardy in front is part of the region devastated by the Germans in their retreat from the Somme in March.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—So far as known here early today no American divisions were involved in the Franco-British thrust south and southeast of Amiens. American troops formerly in the Campigny sector where first American attacks resulted in the capture of the town of Campigny are understood to have been withdrawn many weeks ago. The troops who captured Campigny were captured.

PUMP STATION BOILERS AGAIN IN LINE LIGHT They Were Responsible For Failure of Water Supply Last Night.

Again last night the one pump which was in operation all day yesterday was shut down because of boiler trouble. This morning the boiler trouble had been controlled and at 10 o'clock the one pump at the station resumed operation.

The trouble at the pump station yesterday evening took place about 7 o'clock and in a few hours later the water pressure began to decrease and about 10 o'clock the zero mark on the water gauge was reached. All night long the boiler was out of commission and neither of the two city pumps were working, not a drop of water being pumped into the reservoir.

At noon today the latest report indicated that the one pump which was working was going well. If the pump continues to work well and there is no more boiler trouble there will be water for most sections of the city some time this afternoon. This, however, is not to be depended upon as additional trouble may come up at any time and it would be necessary to again discontinue pumping.

The Epping-Carpenter pump which has been out of commission for the past several days because of a broken piston head, cannot possibly be in working condition in less than twenty-four hours. Workmen at the Fairmont Mining Machinery company have had the parts at its machine shop making the necessary repairs and it is un-

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ALL HEAT RECORD BROKE YESTERDAY Temperature Here Went Up to 108 Degrees—Hot Today.

All weather records were broken yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when the mercury rose to 108. This was by the government records, which are kept here by E. P. Hall. Weather records have been noted in West Virginia by the United States government since 1891 and yesterday's mark exceeds anything for hot weather records. The closest to it was 107 in 1895. Some thermometers even were as high in their records as 110 yesterday.

This is the fourth sweltering day in which the mercury has been over the 100 mark. The hot wave really began on Saturday and continued over Sunday.

Last night at 8 o'clock a series of thunder storms broke over this city and the refreshing breezes made sleeping pleasant last night. During the night .65 of an inch of rain fell. This morning it was as hot as ever. The rain had a tendency to help some of the "war gardens," which are hard hit by the drought.

Few West Virginians In Casualty List

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The army casualty list today shows: killed in action, 131; died of wounds, 16; died from airplane accidents, 1; died of accidents other causes, 5; wounded severely, 52; wounded degree undetermined, 22; total, 237.

List included the following: Killed in action, Lieut. Roy E. Parrish, Clarksburg, W. Va.

The marine corps casualty list today shows: killed in action, 2; died of wounds, 1; wounded severely, 20; wounded degree undetermined, 74; wounded slightly, 1; missing, 10; total, 108. The list included:

Wounded in action, Private Arch Jenkins, Normantown, W. Va.; Dorsey Kelley, Ravers, W. Va.; Bearl Lenon, New Martinsville, W. Va.; Ralph Pol, Chester, W. Va.

Wounded severely—Private David B. Pollock, Vannetta, W. Va.

LOST Thursday morning between residence on Pennsylvania avenue and Brecken car stop, or on street car carrying Fairmont at 5 o'clock, a Ten Dollar Bill. Finder will receive reward if returned to Miss Tehnick, care The West Virginian office.

Do You Want a Permanent Tenant? I have lived in one house for three and one-half years, but it has been sold, and I am forced to move before September 1. If you want to rent your house to stay rented, to a man who will treat you and your property right, address me, give full particulars about what you have. All communications strictly confidential. All letters answered. Lock Box 387, Fairmont, W. Va.

RAILROAD JAM IS CLOSING MINES IN FAIRMONT REGION Directors of New Coal Association to Meet in Clarksburg.

There are 721 coal cars in the region today. This is the worst day in a long time, and the trouble seems to be that the Baltimore and Ohio has either on its own volition or at the request of the Fuel Administration overdone the coal movement east with the result that the cars are all tied up on the other side of the mountains.

Mines on the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio can lead between 1,200 and 1,300 cars a day without straining their resources even as the labor situation now stands. It has been done when the car supply made it possible. For instance on the last three days of last month, 1,372 cars were loaded Monday, 1,095 on Tuesday and 1,234 on Wednesday. It is the opinion of local coal men who are familiar with transportation conditions that if this had been divided up by sending about 250 cars west there would have been no blockade in the east which is preventing this region from getting an adequate number of empties.

The belief is pretty generally held here that the effort either should be to supply this region with 1,200 or 1,300 cars a day and take a thousand of them east and the rest west, or go back to the policy which pertained some time ago of issuing shipping orders from day to day diverting coal to the west when there are signs of a congestion in the east.

Some coal has been going west from this region this week—252 cars on Monday, 188 cars on Tuesday and 62 cars yesterday—the diminishing number being due to the fact that the car supply was progressively lighted. In the meantime the nicely worked out program to rush coal to the west when there are signs of a congestion in the east.

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Directors to Meet. The board of directors of the new Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association will hold their first regular meeting at the Walden in Clarksburg Tuesday of next week, and it is the understanding now that the places on the board which remained open at the time the association was organized in this city will be filled.

The Warning to Operators. Yesterday mention was made of a warning which was issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield regarding the paying of bonuses to miners. That letter is as follows:

All Concerned.—Information is reaching me that coal operators are bidding against each other for labor by payment of bonuses. This inevitably causes unrest and shifts, but does not increase the total production of coal. Maximum production is essential to the successful conduct of the war and for the welfare of the boys in the trenches. The democracy here is seeking to establish at home and abroad demands that maximum production be based on an arrangement fair to all concerned to all mine workers, all operators and all the public.

The payment of bonuses in any form is contrary to the spirit of the wage agreements made by (Continued on page four.)

PRIMARY CONTESTS STILL UNDECIDED Watson Still in the Lead, But It is Diminishing.

(By Associated Press) WHEELING, Aug. 8.—With all available returns tabulated the result in both Senatorial nomination contests were still in doubt this morning.

The figures received give Clarence W. Watson a lead of 1263 over Wm. E. Chilton for the Democratic nomination, while Virgil Highland has a lead in available figures of 1147 over Davis Elkins in the Republican race.

Claims were made at Democratic state headquarters that Col. C. W. Watson would be nominated on the Democratic ticket for United States senator by a majority of 1,000. More conservative heads this morning at 10 o'clock placed Watson's majority at as low as 500 or even less. It appeared that Fayette county would probably decide the contest.

At the Elkins headquarters in Morgantown today the claim was made that Davis Elkins is the Republican nominee by between 1,200 and 1,500. The belief of the Elkins men is that the Highland figures through error or intention have been inflated.

Wire conditions throughout the state continue to be bad today. In addition to the glut of business the telephone system in this part of the state were damaged by last night's storm and the Associated Press report did not begin to come into The West Virginian office until after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

MANY TOOK PART IN WATER DISCUSSION Demand For Immediate Relief Was the Outstanding Feature.

Intense interest in the water situation was manifested at the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, resulting in the appointment of the committee which met with the Board of Affairs this morning. The committee was appointed by J. M. Jacobs, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Trevey Nutter, secretary of the Fairmont Business Men's Association and Henry S. Lively, president of the Rotary club.

The committee will not only consider the repairs to the present water plant, to be made temporarily, but is empowered to consider the construction of a new and adequate water plant, if necessary, reporting back to a general meeting of business men, such as was held yesterday.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon the advisability and cost of a new electric water pump was discussed. The opinion seemed to prevail that the pump could not be secured for at least four months with a priority order, and that twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars should not be spent on the spur of the moment when such a purchase would give no immediate relief to the present situation.

During the afternoon addresses were made by Paul W. Lange, J. M. Black, W. J. Wiegell, Thomas I. Brett, Edward F. Holbert, S. B. Miller, O. S. McKinney and others. All emphasized that immediate relief must be given.

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The Prince of Peace Will He Return? This will be the subject at the loggia tent, corner Jefferson and Jackson streets, tonight, 8 o'clock.

Notice to the Public Everything possible is being done to furnish a sufficient supply of water to the city. All the expert help that can be used is being used in making repairs to the city pumps. The public can be assured that nothing will be left undone that may be done to hasten a plentiful supply of water; in the meantime it is the duty of every citizen to be patient. And, above all else, do not in any event or under any circumstances use your hose. We will be able very soon to furnish water for domestic purposes, but no water must be used for lawns or gardens or other purposes through the hose until you are specifically authorized so to do. The officers are instructed to report and arrest any such users of the water during the shortage of the water supply. Be careful, prudent and economical of the water. ANTHONY BOWEN, Mayor.