

GERMANS PREPARE TO PROTECT THEIR RUSSIAN TOOLS

EXERT WATER WORKS MAN SEES CITY'S PLANT

GEORGE FULLER PAYS VISIT TO PUMPING PLANT

Also Inspected the Filtration System at the Reservoir.

WILL STUDY SITUATION

Was Taken Over Works By Commissioner Ira Smith.

Engineer George Fuller, water system expert from New York City, arrived in Fairmont at six o'clock this morning to make a thorough investigation of Fairmont's water system. He will leave this afternoon at 4 o'clock for Pittsburgh.

Accompanied by City Engineer S. B. Miller and Water Commissioner Ira L. Smith, Engineer Fuller went to the local reservoir, and later to the city pumping station where a careful examination of the present water system was made. At the city reservoir present filtration system was carefully examined. At the pump station the present machinery and the general operation of the plant underwent a careful examination.

The trip to the reservoir and the pump station was begun about ten o'clock, the party returning about 1:30 p. m. This afternoon Engineer Fuller is in consultation with the city authorities regarding all possible data on the local situation.

As yet he has made no statement as to what he will recommend to assure Fairmont an adequate water supply for the future. For the present he will furnish the city with no information, but instead will expect the city to furnish him with the information. Upon returning to New York he will make a study of the local situation, from data received today, and will then submit to the city Board of Affairs his recommendations.

In an interview at the Fairmont this afternoon with a representative of The West Virginian, following his trip to the pump station and reservoir, Engineer Fuller said: "I do not care to make a statement at this time. I have visited the pump station and the reservoir and have made a careful examination of Mr. Miller's surveys. For the present the city is furnishing me with information. I will make my recommendations after I have returned to New York."

BRITISH CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND

French Report Also Contains Statement of Local Successes.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—In Picardy British troops have made additional progress says Field Marshal Haig in his official statement today. The British lines have been pushed eastward north of the Amiens-Roye road and north of the Ancre.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—British troops have gained further ground in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin at the apex of the Lys salient, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—In the region south of oye, French troops have made further progress in the Loges wood and have reached the outskirts of the wood on the east, says the official statement from the war office today.

There was heavy artillery fighting west of Roye during the night.

Northwest of Ribecourt, the French have repulsed two strong German attacks.

ARMY TRUCK IN WRECK.
WHEELING, Aug. 17.—One soldier was killed and one badly hurt when an army truck went over a bank on the National road this morning at Blaine, Ohio, six miles west of this city. Guards were immediately placed about the scene of the accident and the identity of the victims has not been disclosed.

AIR FIGHTING THIS WEEK WAS SEVEREST OF WAR

One Hundred and Eighty-five German Planes Were Destroyed and Eighty-nine Were Driven Down Out of Control.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Measured by the number of machines engaged, the intensity of the fighting and the magnitude of the losses inflicted on the enemy the fighting in the air during the past week was the most formidable of the war.

Some of the most severe conflicts occurred on August 8 in the sector between Albert and the Amiens-Roye road where the German air forces were increased considerably shortly after the opening of the allied offensive.

The air fighting resulted in the destruction of 48 enemy machines while 17 others were driven down out of control. Fifty British machines did not return.

During the six succeeding days 185 enemy aeroplanes were destroyed and 89 driven down out of control, making a total of 239 German machines for the week compared to 123 British aeroplanes missing.

A notable feature of the aerial operations was the viraciously continuous night and day bombing of the enemy's bridges over the Somme. This greatly hampered the supply and reinforcements of German troops.

The week's work also included a number of destructive raids into Germany.

CITY WATER UNSAFE; MORE TYPHOID FEVER

Fourteen New Cases Were Reported to Dr. Criss This Week.

A test just completed at the chemical laboratory of the Consolidation fuel company shows that the city water is unsafe. The specimen of water was taken from a local spigot Thursday.

City Health Physician Criss is urging to boil their water until the water is again made safe. The unsafe condition of the city water is due to improper operation of the chlorine plant.

A total of fourteen cases of typhoid have been reported to City Health Physician Criss this week, ten of which are in the Robinson street vicinity, where three deaths have occurred from typhoid this week.

Additional cases which have just been reported are:

James Deligatti, aged 7 years, 252 Belmont street.

Nellie Bonhardt, aged 9 years, 404 Robinson street.

Ross Roga, aged 2 years, 114 Billings street.

Lacy Ferrello, aged 8 years, 209 Robinson street.

Frank Baco, aged 40 years, 104 Robinson street.

Genevieve Giova, three years, 403 Robinson street.

Clara Scilla, aged 3 years, 490 Robinson street.

Angelina Frenk, aged 18 years, 422 Madison street.

Rosaline McMarc, aged 9 years, 422 Madison street.

B. & O. Veterans Are Picnicking Today

Veterans and employees, their families and friends of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Veterans' Association of Fairmont and Grafton, are holding a basket picnic at the Grafton park today and tomorrow. Music is being furnished by the Grafton band and orchestra and the Cumberland Glee club. The following speakers are scheduled: George W. Sturmer, Baltimore; General Superintendent J. M. Scott, of Wheeling; J. Talbert Keenan, of Andrews Methodist church, Grafton; and Division Superintendent H. Wilson, of Grafton. Dancing, boating and bathing will be a feature. Local people attending left this morning at 8:45 o'clock.

ARMY SCHOOL TO START WITH 25 MEN AT LEAST

That Many Signified Intention in Advance of Enrollment.

ARE ENROLLING TODAY

If Possible Instructions Will Begin Monday Evening.

Lawrence Brown, an expert mechanic in the employ of the Standard Garage will instruct the class in automobile repairing. The instructor for the radio operating classes has not been chosen as yet, but is sure to be a man well qualified.

The Federal Board of Vocational Education, under the direction of which the army schools are being conducted has requested the various state directors to make it clear that the student entering one of the classes makes no obligation whatever and that after he has completed his course he cannot be drafted without his consent. The following instructions are self-explanatory:

"Care should be taken to point out that there is no intention to force men into other service prior to the time they would be called under the selective draft regulations. This method provides an opportunity to enter upon a selective service. If a man prefers to await his draft call, go to a cantonment and there be assigned through the Personnel Officer, no pressure should be exerted upon him to apply for an induction. Induction before call offers a chance for further instruction and increases the probability of promotion. Those who anticipate being drafted within any given thirty days and prefer Corps service to Infantry service, will do well to offer themselves for induction."

If at all possible the classes will be started Monday. The only delay, if any at all, will be in getting a radio instructor and a room in which to hold the automobile repairing classes.

SENATOR GALLINGER DIES.
FRANKLIN, N. H., Aug. 17.—United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire died at a hospital here early today. When Senator Gallinger returned from Washington to his summer home at Salisbury Heights near here in July, he was in poor health. A few days ago his condition became so much worse that upon advice of his physicians he was brought to a hospital here. Death was attributed to arterio-sclerosis.

WILL RECUPERATE AT DEER PARK.
Mrs. J. T. Hyland, who has been sick at her home on Fairmont avenue, is improving and leaves for Deer Park, Md., for her health.

Send in That Design For A City Flag

Some time ago The West Virginian announced that it would give a prize of \$10 for the best design for a city flag for Fairmont, the contest to close September 1. A number of designs have been submitted but the contest is still wide open, and every one who has a design in mind should send it in.

The idea is the big thing, and when the prize winning design is selected a rough sketch will have just as good a chance as the most finished drawing. Get busy right away. Ten dollars will buy two War Savings stamps and a couple of Thrift stamps, and you have to do to get it is a little clever thinking. Remember the contest closes September 1.

POOLER STICKS TO HIS POST.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—American Consul General Poole at Moscow who recently burned his coke books and turned the consulate over to the Swedish consul, notified the State department in a cablegram received Tuesday that he intended to remain in Moscow to assist the British and French consular officers there who are in great personal danger.

HER VISIT ENDS.

Miss Grace Whyte, of Clarksburg, who was visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Hyland, will return Sunday to her home at Clarksburg.

WANTED.

Firemen and ice fillers. Apply MARION ICE CO. 5th St. and Va. Ave.

WANTED

Boy 16 years or over as shipping clerk. Opportunity to learn bookbinding trade. Apply to Mr. Miller, Fairmont Printing & Publishing Co., corner Adams and Quincy streets, Fairmont, W. Va.

NEW EAST FRONT.



The Allies have driven the Bolsheviki a hundred miles down the railway from Archangel to Pabereshskia (1), and have also landed on Onega Bay (2) to try to cut off the fugitives. British troops have reached Baku (3) by way of Persia, where, in co-operation with the Armenians, they are opposing the Turks. The shaded area (4) is dominated by the Czech-Slovak troops, while the Cossacks on the Don region (5) and Petrograd (7), and armed peasants are marching on the latter place.

AGED HAY STACKER DIES IN HARNESS

Stricken while engaged at stacking hay on the farm of the Rev. Mr. Kink at Davis Ridge, near Farmington, Friday evening, Samuel Davis, aged 73 years, expired within a few minutes.

Mr. Davis, who was regarded as an expert hay stacker, was often employed by his neighbors at this business. His death occurred in the hayfield before he could be moved to the residence.

Mr. Davis is survived by several children, his wife having died several years ago. The children are W. R. Davis, C. G. Davis, Clark Davis and Mrs. Ira Tucker, of this city, and Charles Davis, of Davis Ridge.

Funeral services are announced to be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the M. E. church at Davis Ridge, and the body will be interred in the cemetery there.

APPRaisalMENT BILL FILED.

At the office of the county clerk a bill of appraisalment has been filed in the estate of Joe Lessl. The estate is appraised at \$734.95. The amount of \$714 is invested in a local bank and \$20.95 are invested in war savings stamps. The appraisers are R. R. Hunsacker, and Samuel R. Hite.

BIG GERMAN ESTATE SEIZED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The estate of Gottfried Kruger, of Newark, valued at several million dollars, was taken over today by the alien property custodian and an announcement at the custodian's office here said that although Mr. Kruger is an American citizen he is classed as an enemy because of his residence in Germany.

NOTICE

The date for the last payment of installments for Liberty Bonds of the third issue expired August 15. Subscribers to the loan who have not paid their last installments are urged to do so promptly.

NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRMONT

KRONSTADT IN GERMAN HANDS

FINNS REPORT

Soviet Government Expected to Set Up Business There.

MARCH'S VIEW OF RUSSIA

U. S. Chief of Staff Says There is Not Much Hope.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Aug. 17 (Havas Agency)—Reports are in circulation in Finland that the Germans have seized the Russian naval port of Kronstadt, according to a Stockholm dispatch to La Matin.

Kronstadt is 20 miles west of Petrograd at the eastern extremity of the Gulf of Finland. It was the principal fortress of Russia. Reports received through Germany early in the week were to the effect that Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky had fled to Kronstadt from Moscow. It was added that other departments of the Soviet government also would go there.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12.—Out of 1000 officers arrested at Moscow and Petrograd because of counter revolutionary tendency, 236 have been summarily shot, according to Moscow advices to the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin.

TOKIO, Tuesday, Aug. 15.—The government today issued a statement announcing that under the agreement with China, in view of the danger threatening the border of Manchuria Japan was dispatching troops from Manchuria thence.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—General March at his conference today with the Senate military committee, told the Senators that he American army now under arms numbered slightly more than three million men, with \$1,450,000 in France or on the way and approximately 1,550,000 in cantonments at home.

Sensors also were informed that the Russian situation is very bad, because of the general complexity of affairs there. They were given to understand that there was not much chance of establishing a real offensive on the eastern front because of the great number of men that would be required.

Passengers Ride On the Work Train

Passengers on the Monongahela railroad yesterday morning had the unusual experience of being taken down the line as far as Morgantown on the work train. A late Thursday night an engine jumped the track and it was impossible to have it placed back on the rails in time. The passengers were transferred around the derailed engine.

Soldiering is Not All Hard Work and Danger.

Writing from Aix les Bains, France, Venton Riggs, son of C. S. Riggs, of Fairmont avenue, who went to France with the Fifteenth engineers, which was originally the Fifth Reserve engineers, recruited at Pittsburgh by Colonel, now General Jadwin, tells something of the life of a soldier on the other side. His letter is as follows:

Dear People at Home:—This has been a wonderful day. I went to church this morning for the first time for several weeks. I was going to attend communion this morning but there was no revellie, so I did not get up until ten o'clock.

Aix les Bains is one of the finest summer resorts I have ever seen. It is located in the French Alps in the S— district. After spending a week here I do not know how I am going to live camp life again. The U. S. government has taken over most of this resort and it is now a place for American soldiers on leave. There are hun-