

# GERMANS BEGINNING TO RUN FROM SOMME FIELD

## PLEA FOR BETTER GRADING MADE AT THE INSTITUTE

Dr. Robertson Believes There is Too Much Laxness There.

## MORE ABOUT WRITING

Also Some Pertinent Remarks About Teaching Arithmetic.

Attendance at the annual teachers' institute at the Miller school this morning reached the 229 mark for women and thirty-three mark for men. Even some of this small number of men will probably disappear from the ranks soon, was said today; many of them coming within draft age. Still more stories of glorious work on the part of many teachers to keep up homes on teachers' salaries were heard this morning. Two sisters said they had bought property as the years went by and were taking care of it very nicely. "No other profession so brings out the woman teachers' love for home as the teacher's profession," said several this morning. When asked why this was and why so many owned homes bought with carefully saved salaries, the reply came: "I think it is because we in a manner keep house at school with a large family of children—going home at night to one's very own home comes almost as a matter of course. I know many teachers who have paid for them—with perhaps parents or brothers to help a little."

J. C. Hupp was on hand this morning with a full assembly of educational books for teachers. Mr. Hupp has charge of the Y. M. C. A. department in more anxious than ever this year for all teachers, especially new ones, to have these books. Most of them come in magazine form and are very attractive. Mr. Hupp has just come from Grafton. A number of these magazines are edited by Waitman Barbe, State Superintendent of Schools and Armstrong, head of the English department at Morgantown. Mr. Hupp also says that anyone desiring to get into touch with the soldiers at the University may write or see him and he will gladly give any information they might like to have. About 240 men are there at present including six commissioned officers. Soon 1,400 men will be in uniform at the University, cadets, soldiers and home guards.

Singing this morning was a usual matter of much comment. Prof. Taylor directed "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used to Be" to an immense amount of almost shouting. Prof. Taylor: "Barbe has prepared a parody on this. What is it Barbe?" From the back of the room came in quick reply "I don't know!" Just the same the parody began: "The dear old flag is just what it used to be—many long years ago!" first rather gently and to Prof. Taylor's "When the boys are going to give everything they have in this world is that the way to sing it all—stand!" their voices such a depth and world of powerful singing that as one of the teachers expressed it: "The like of it has never been heard here before!" "That's elegant," complimented Prof. Taylor.

The program began this morning with a continued talk by Dr. Robertson on his subject of yesterday afternoon—standards and measurements. He said it was impossible for any of us to tell how we reached our present standards of development or education. Just as it was almost impossible to know whether we were progressing or not.

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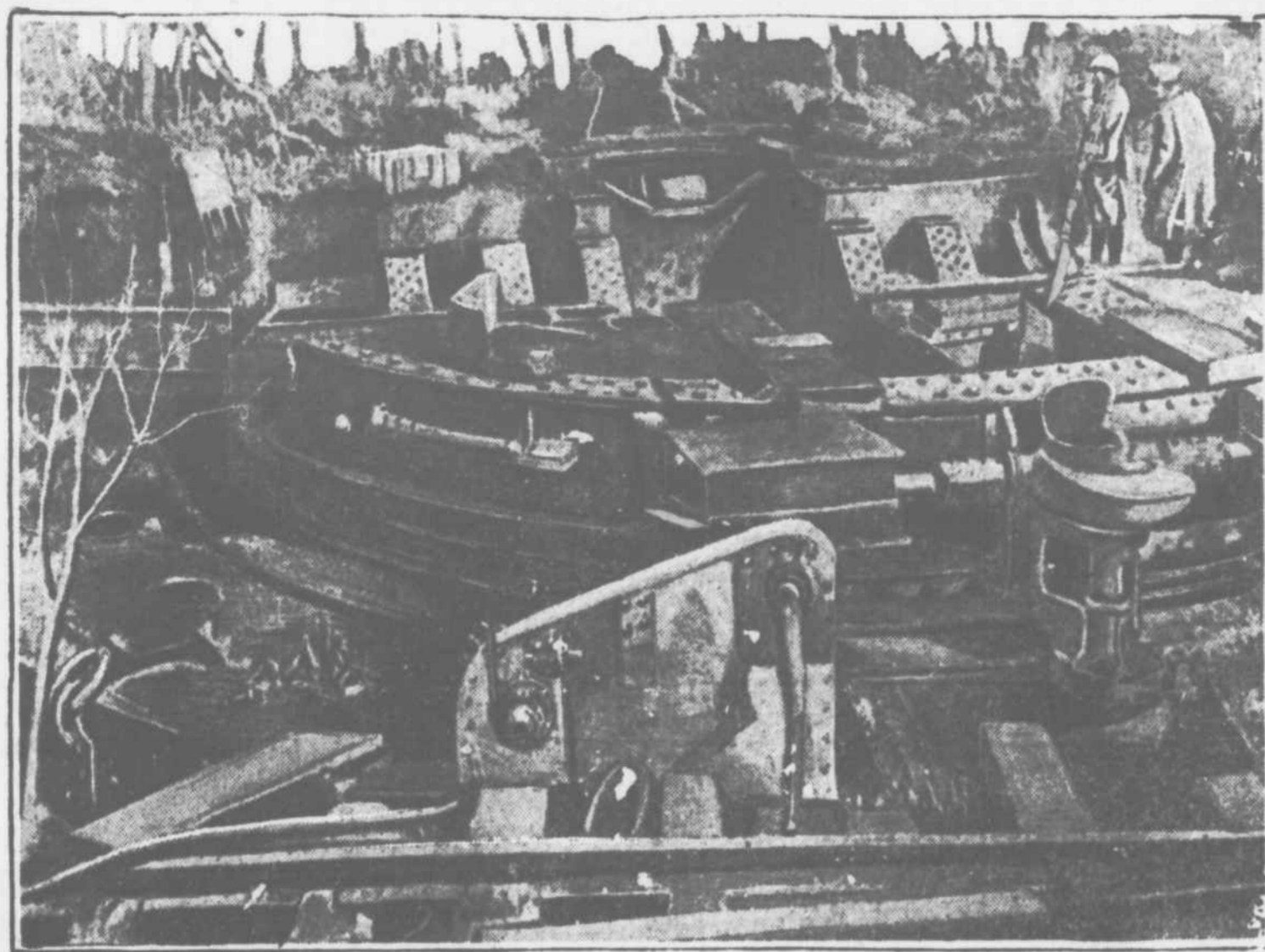
### WANTED.

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### Knights of Malta, Attention!

Malta Hall, Cunningham Building, Thursday evening, August 29th. Important.

JOHN C. PATTERSON, Recorder.



This photograph, just received from H. E. Bechtel, correspondent in London, is the first to arrive in America showing the emplacement of the great German super-gun which bombarded Paris. It was discovered by American troops in the Chatlet wood, near Bray, in the old Meuse salient. The great gun base, dwarfing the biggest dreadnaught gun turret, consisted of a steel cylinder 21 feet across and 20 feet high, atop which was a great rotary gun carriage moved by massive machinery on ball bearings ten inches in diameter. The drum was made of armor plate steel an inch and a half thick. The Germans had removed the gun barrel. The photograph shows the massive size of the completed machinery.

## QUIET AGAIN ON MEXICAN BORDER

Three Americans Were Killed and Twenty-eight Wounded.

(By Associated Press) NOGALES, Arizona, Aug. 28.—An agreement by which further trouble would be avoided was expected to result today from conferences between American and Mexican officials who were summoned here following fighting at the international line late yesterday between American soldiers and Mexicans, in which three Americans were killed and 28 wounded.

The Mexican casualties in the fighting are variously estimated at from 150 to 200.

## ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 100,000 PRISONERS

Also Thirteen Hundred Cannon Since the First of July.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The number of prisoners taken by the Allies since July 1 has passed the 100,000 mark. General March said today.

In the same time the Allies have taken from the Germans 1300 cannon of the field gun calibre. The French advance noted in this morning's official statement from Paris, the chief of staff pointed out, marks the creation of another big salient in the enemy's lines, which is now being put forth between the pincers.

The French have reached Neale, and are within two miles of the Somme at this point. Since last Saturday the British as a result of their advance have overrun the Hindenburg line for a distance of one mile on a front of three miles. Latest dispatches to the department, General March said, do not indicate any cessation in the Allied pressure. The British apparently are continuing their progress on the Flanders front.

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## WHERE A GERMAN SUPER CANNON STOOD.

## SOME DARK DOINGS OVER THIS BALL GAME

Rotary Club and Coal Club Are Keeping Batting Order Secret.

The battery order of the team, who will oppose one another on the Country club diamond tomorrow evening when the picked teams from the Fairmont Rotary club and the Fairmont Coal club will clash, is being kept a strict secret and all efforts to secure even a list of the players. It has leaked out, however, that Bill Bailey will be the crack first baseman for the Coal club and this information has put the Rotary club on its "disorder" to find a first baseman of equal genius to occupy the first rack for that organization.

The ball game will be pulled off promptly at five o'clock. Automobiles will be in place in front of the Marion county seat of justice at 4:30 sharp to convey the members of the two organizations to the club.

## GERMAN SAYS HE IS VICTIM OF SPITE

Tells Straightforward Story at U. S. Marshal's Office.

Claiming that he is the victim of spite work Fred Walter, alias Fred Maynard, of Austin, Preston county, told a straightforward story to the attaches of United States Marshal Smith's office in the court house today and if the facts are borne out he will no doubt be liberated. The accused was arrested at Austin, near Kingwood, on Monday by United States Deputy John D. Moore, on a charge of being a dangerous alien enemy, he having had 27 sticks of dynamite in his possession.

Walter is a German and says that at times his mental faculties are affected because of injuries he received in a mine accident that occurred at Connellsville, Pa., when he had seventeen bones broken and presumably a metallic plate inserted in his head. The officers are inclined to believe Walter, but will have his story investigated by agents of the Department of Justice before releasing him.

## GERMAN EMPRESS IS SERIOUSLY ILL

News to That Effect Comes Out by Way of Amsterdam.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 28.—The German empress, who has been ill for several days, has taken a turn for the worse, according to a message received in Amsterdam from Dusseldorf and forwarded to the Exchange Telegraph company.

## NAME COMMITTEES FOR MANY MINES

Production Manager Fleming Has Announced Some Selections.

The "production committees" for some of the mines in the Fairmont district, which includes twelve-and-a-half counties of West Virginia, have been named by the coal operators and were announced late Tuesday evening by Brooks Fleming, Jr., manager of production for the Fuel Administration. The coal operators are suggesting to Mr. Fleming the personnell of the representatives of both employer and employee and in instructions sent to coal operators by Mr. Fleming it was urged to make these selections in "the best judgment of the operators."

The circular letter addressed to operators and calling for action in cooperation with the production committee asks for the names, occupation and nationality of employees within the ages of 18 and 45 and whether married or single, asks that coal operators discourage picnics, county fairs and "other means of entertainment" that will "take the men from their work," promises posters with the President's Proclamation relative to coal miners and the draft, and emphasizes that coal mines should work on Labor Day to fullest capacity.

Mr. Fleming rules that where two mines are close together it is alright for one production committee to act for both mines. The arrangements of the Production department of the Fuel Administration give Mr. Fleming the deciding vote in the event that there should be a tie vote on any questions, which is pointed out as unlikely.

The following production committees have been appointed at the mines named: Bethlehem Coal Co. Mine No. 1—John M. McDonnell, Riley Collins and John Yasero (to represent company) Pete Zip, Steve Toth and Frank Mile (to represent employees). Bethlehem Coal Co. Mine No. 2— (Continued on page eight.)

## WANT DETENTION HOME FOR GIRLS

Petitions Will Be Presented to County Court at Later Date.

Petitions are being circulated in Fairmont and Marion county asking the County court to provide a detention home in this county for juveniles, especially for girls. Within the past two weeks 20 girls have been sent to the industrial home at Salem. Just yesterday Probation Officer Robert Q. Musgrove took two girls to that institution.

## Twenty-Oners Have Kick on Some Lawyers

Some of the twenty-ones who were registered last Saturday complain that they have been received rather inhospitably by a number of members of the Marion county bar when they appear before them to have their questionnaires filled out. According to some of the young men they call at the attorney's offices during the day and are told to return out of office hours. At night some of them have been unable to secure professional legal service although they say some of the lawyers are standing outside the court house, while their time away.

The draftees feel that they are not treated exactly right in the matter because when they lose a day as they did last Saturday to register that it is equivalent to from \$10 to \$15 a day and they should not be expected to lose several days but that they should be accommodated at night time.

Some lawyers are courteous, however, and last night one attorney took care of two draftees while other lawyers stood aside offering no assistance.

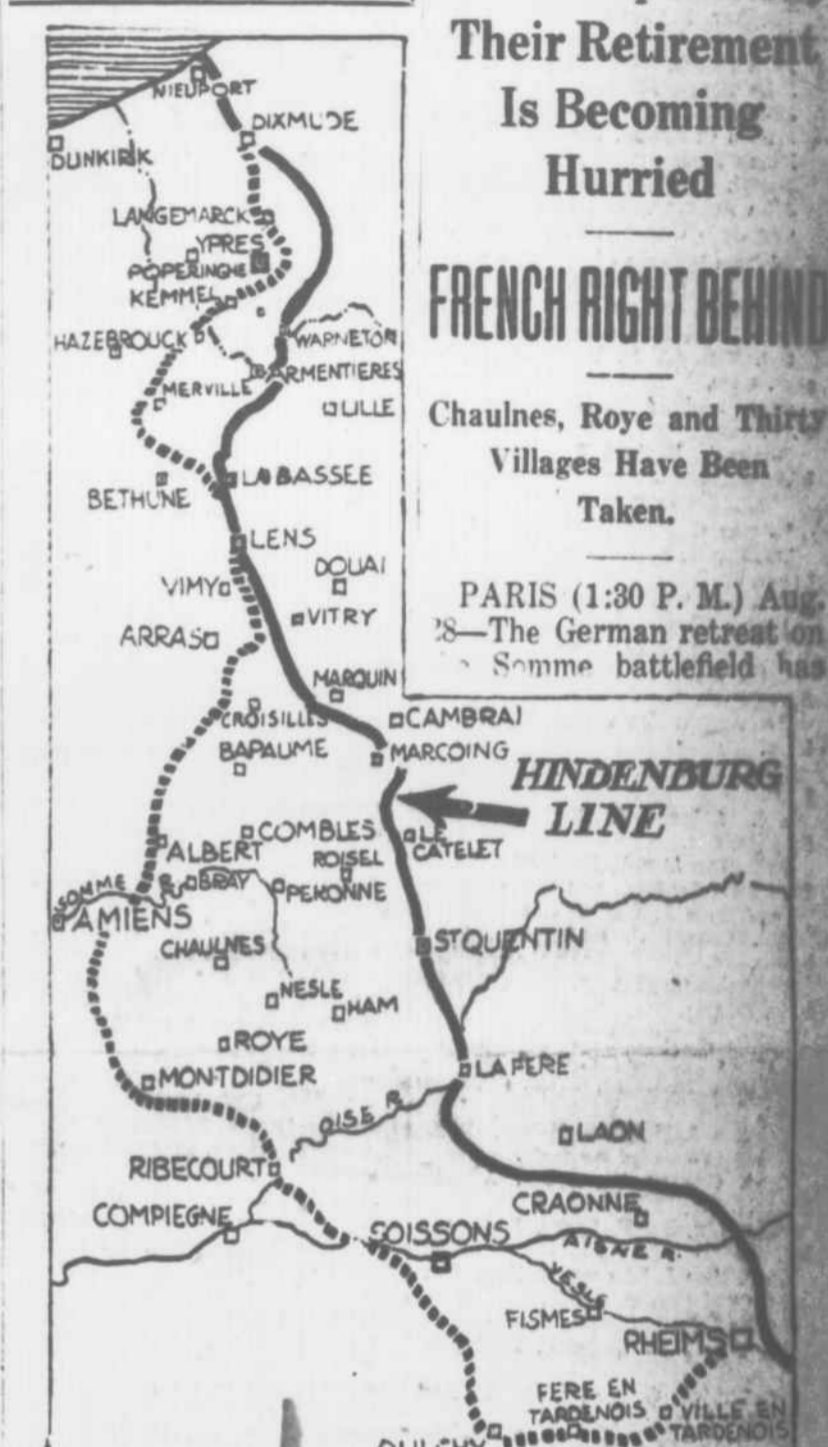
## Whiskey Cases Were Tried Before Justice

Charles Gray was heard by Justice Conaway yesterday afternoon on charges of bringing whiskey into the state and selling whiskey. He was found guilty on both charges. A third charge of carrying steel knuckles against Gray will be tried today at which time he will be sentenced. United States Commissioner Kirby held Gray for the action of the next federal grand jury, which will be held at Fairmont. States Deputy Marshal McKinney served the warrant.

Illegal selling charges against Adie Wade were dismissed and Ed Crowe and Nat McDaniels gave bond for trial on September 1. The trial of James Chilton who conducts the Rapid Taxi company, was continued until September 12. Prosecuting Attorney Haggerty represented the state and Attorneys Frank R. Amos and L. C. Musgrave the defendants. The men are implicated in the bringing in and storage of 150 pints of whiskey.

## SOMME BATTLEFIELD MAY BE SCENE OF GERMAN MILITARY DISASTER OF FIRST MAGNITUDE

### GOING BACK!



Latest Reports Say Their Retirement Is Becoming Hurried

## FRENCH RIGHT BEHIND

Chaulnes, Roye and Thirty Villages Have Been Taken.

PARIS (1:30 P. M.) Aug. 28.—The German retreat on the Somme battlefield has

driven the Germans back across the Marne and was beginning to appear in them in the Soissons-Reims salient. The solid black line shows the famous Hindenburg line from which the Germans started their wonderful west front offensive which began March 21. Just east of Arras is the point where the British penetrated the Hindenburg line defenses yesterday and just to the right of the broken line at its point of deepest penetration are Roye, which was taken by the French last night, and Chaulnes which was taken this morning. This great salient is being flattened out just as the one which extended down to Chaute Thierry was, and it will not be long before the Germans will be back in the Hindenburg defenses. The big military question of the hour therefore is, will Foch let them stop there?

## BRITISH FORCES GOING RIGHT AHEAD

Important Roads Come Into Their Hands East of Arras.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 28.—British forces fighting east of Arras have reached the outskirts of Paucourt, Remy and Boiry Notre Dame, north of the Arras-Cambrai road, according to the official statement issued by the War office today.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The British line in the Flanders area has been advanced on a front of four miles astride the Neus Berquin-Estaires road. South of the Somme, the British have taken Foucaucourt while north of the Somme they have attacked and taken the greater part of Trones wood.

PARIS (4:40 P. M.) Aug. 28.—General Mangin's troops began crossing the Ailette river today, it was announced here this afternoon. French troops have recaptured Mont enaud, two miles southwest of Noyon, according to the Temps, which says that the French are approaching Noyon, which probably is in their possession.

Will Hold Social. Ladies of Dent Hive, 735, Macca-bees, will hold a social at the residence of Mrs. Virginia Phillips, at Jaynes, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The members are expected to board the 8 o'clock Clarksburg trolley out of Fairmont.

become precipitate, the French first and third armies are at no point losing contact with the enemy.

The French are inflicting heavy losses on the retreating Germans.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Chaulnes has been occupied by French troops, according to the official statement issued today by the War office. Progress toward the Somme was continued this morning by the French, the statement says.

The French pushed on today and reached the edge of Chaulnes, after taking Chaulnes wood by assault.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Tuesday, Aug. 27 (evening) (By Associated Press)—Activity behind the German lines on the Aisne and the Avre front has increased greatly since the French successes around Roye and on the plateau north of Soissons. In the region east of Roye the Germans seem to be preparing for an eventual retirement.