

GERMANY BLUFFING ABOUT GREAT OFFENSIVE

U. B. WILLIAMS TO REPRESENT R.R. ADMN. IN REGION

Former B. & O. Executive
to Work With Fuel
Office Men.

APPOINTMENT PLEAS

Other Interesting News of
Activities in the Fair-
mont Region

Selling Price Matter Comes Up Tomorrow

The advance in the selling price
of Fairmont district coal will be
considered by the Federal Fuel Ad-
ministration representatives at 3:15
tomorrow afternoon in Washington.
C. H. Jenkins, of Fairmont, and A.
C. Beeson, of Worthington, are going
to Washington tonight and A.
Brooks, Fleming, Jr., is planning to
get away.

U. B. Williams, until two years ago
general superintendent of the Balti-
more & Ohio railroad, since that time
located at Wheeling and previously
has been named to represent the rail-
roads in the Fairmont district, work-
ing with the District Representative
of the Fuel Administration. The plan
is to have a railroad man working
with the coal men, who will be Dis-
trict Representative, in every coal
field. The selection of Mr. Williams
is very gratifying to coal men of the
Fairmont district. He is well qual-
ified in every way for the work and
is a good, clean, likable man in every
respect.

C. E. Hutchinson was particularly
pleased at this appointment and said
this morning that everybody in this
section liked Mr. Williams and felt
that he was a splendid selection for
the place. Other coal men expressed
the same opinion. F. J. Patton, act-
ing District Representative of the
Fuel Administration, said Williams
had more friends than "anyone else
in the United States" and refused to
tone down this statement when its
extravagance was pointed out.

700 Cars Each Day.
There is assurance from the Balti-
more & Ohio railroad that there will
be at least 700 cars a day for the
Fairmont district this week, which are
to be loaded with coal for the east.
There are 1500 cars in the region to-
day, placed and in transit, and the
loading will run between 1200 and
1300. If the average of 700 a day
promised is perfectly fulfilled it will
be satisfactory to the operators of the
district who get these cars.

There is a ruling for this week
that not more than 700 cars can be
sent east any day in order not to get
the railroad points congested again.
So the number of cars loaded in ex-
cess of 700 today will be shipped
westward and the same course fol-
lowed during the week. The capacity
of the Fairmont district mines is 1-
500 cars and today's work will mea-
sure almost up to capacity.

Coal All Clean.
F. J. Patton, District Representative
of the Federal Fuel Administration,
reports that the inspection of mines
in Clarksburg and vicinity and on the
Short Line by a representative of the
Fuel Administration office at Fair-
mont, was very gratifying. There has
not been a single instance of anything
but clean coal in the inspection up
to this time. There were several
team track mines inspected in the
neighborhood of Clarksburg Saturday
and this report is therefore the more
important as it was thought in some
quarters that the "snow-birds" (as
such mines are dubbed at Clarksburg)
might not be loading clean coal. The
inspector is in the vicinity of Lumber-
port today.

C. A. Chandler, of the Federal Trade
commission, who has been assigned
to work on fuel matters in Virginia
and West Virginia, is in Fairmont and
was gratified at the report of clean
coal which he got at the District Re-
presentative's office. Mr. Chandler is
making his headquarters at the office
of J. Walter Barnes, Federal Fuel
Administrator for West Virginia, and
praises the work being done in Fair-
mont in extravagant terms.

Showmen Invests in Coal.
Howard Thurston, the magician,
thinks he can change coal into gold.
The quick change artist, master il-
lusionist and champion card thrower,
played an engagement at Wheeling,
W. Va., recently and while there in-
vested \$17,500 in a coal proposition
with an old friend O. G. Beeson, of the
Bensins Coal Company. The coal
(Continued on Page Four.)

CUMBERLAND MEN GARFIELD AIDS

Three New District Fuel Ad-
ministrators are Named
Today.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Ap-
pointment of three Cumberland men as
district representatives for work in
Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylv-
ania was announced today by the
Fuel Administration.

They are J. Howard MacGee, for op-
eration in the coal fields of Maryland;
D. M. Carl, in Maryland and in Min-
eral, Grant and Tucker counties, West
Virginia; J. M. Cover, for operations
in Somerset county, Pa., and all that
are tributary to the B. and O. and
Western Maryland railroads in the In-
dian valley districts in Fayette and
Westfordland counties, Pa.

CAMP SERMON AT THE M.P. TEMPLE

Rev. Dr. J. C. Broomfield
Stirred Fairmont Au-
dience Last Night.

Clad in khaki uniform with Ameri-
can flags draped to the left and to the
right and with a house packed to ca-
pacity, the Rev. Dr. John Calvin
Broomfield, preached to an imaginary
contingent group last night at the M.
P. Temple.

Dr. Broomfield imagined his au-
dience was a group of the boys with
whom he had been working at Camp
Sheridan at Montgomery, Ala., and
dressed his remarks to "the boys,"
throughout his discourse and so en-
thusiastic did he become during the
course of his remarks that he almost
seemed to forget altogether that he
was talking to a Fairmont audience.

Dr. Broomfield repeated from mem-
ory his text delineating the story of the
Prodigal Son and in so doing stated
that he had urged the boys at Camp
Sheridan to so store their minds with
gems from the Bible that no matter
where they might find themselves "in
no man's land," in the trenches, or
even in case that they might lose their
eye sight or their hearing, that they
might have a fund of Bible gems from
which to draw.

His talk was a straight forward and
practical presentation of the story of
the Prodigal Son and the audience
could readily see that Dr. Broomfield
is just the man to make clear to these
soldier boys the teachings of the Bible.
He talks straight from his heart and
his message is sure to reach its mark.
In the course of his remarks Dr.
Broomfield referred to the strict hos-
tosity of the boys in the camps and
stated that he had many times been
called upon to advance money, postage
stamps and such things to the boys and
that he never refused for he knew the
money would be refunded when pay
day rolled around.

Many Deeds are Filed for Record

Jane Amos, et vir., to Daniel E.
Shaw, tract of 12 acres along the Big
Binkman creek, Mannington district, \$1;
Sallie E. Hawker et vir., to Sarah
H. Moore, tract of 12 square poles in
Pleasantville, Mannington district, \$1;
Harry R. Hall, et ux., to H. E. Gray,
et ux., tract in the Fifth ward, Fair-
mont, city, \$1; Marie Snyder to Geo.
H. Riggs, et ux.; J. G. Joffin to H. G.
Lorshbaugh and N. A. Lorshbaugh,
parcel of real estate in the second
ward in the city of Fairmont, \$1; Josh
u. E. Hawkins, et ux., to Clyde A.
Carpenter, tract of 33 acres, Winfield
district, \$700; Carl William Busby, et
ux., to Jasper A. Baker, lots 76 and
77 in the Grandview addition, Man-
nington district, \$1500; S. V. Dotson,
et ux., to Jasper A. Baker, lot 158 in
Grandview addition to the city of Man-
nington, \$2500; Beatty Development
Company to Carl William Busby, lots
26, 27, in the Grandview addition, Man-
nington, \$290; Harry Long and Malis-
so Long to Charles A. Vangilder, tract
31 acres and 56 poles, \$775; Beatty
Development Company to W. G. Byrd,
lot 36 of the Grandview addition, Man-
nington, \$140; E. F. Hibbs, et ux., to
Mazella Y. Moore and Taresa E. Hibbs
tract of 994 acres along Warrior's
fork, Mannington district, \$2100; T. A.
Hughes to E. L. Vincent, lots 6 and 7
in the T. A. Hughes extension to Nor-
wood addition to the city of Fairmont
\$1; Frank G. Baker, et ux., to John
D. Wolf, lot 1 block 2, Burt addition,
Mannington, \$500.

BODY SENT TO VANDERGRIFT.

The body of John Bosco, who died
from the effects of typhoid fever at
Cook hospital on last Thursday, was
shipped today to Vandergrift, Pa., by
Undertaker R. L. Cunningham.

NEW PLAN FOR SECOND DRAFT IS PROPOSED

Congressmen to Lay It Be-
fore President Wilson
Tonight.

CRITICIZE CROWDER IDEA

Friends of New Plan Say
Old One Would Tempt
Local Boards.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—A plan
to base the draft quota on registration
and liability to service instead of on
the number of men in class 1 as pro-
posed by Provost Marshal General
Crowder will be laid before President
Wilson tonight by Representatives
Dent of Alabama, chairman of House
military affairs committee and Rep-
resentative Shallenberger of Nebras-
ka who declined to concur in the sub-
committee's favorable report on a bill
sponsored by the administration by
General Crowder.

Representative Shallenberger said
he would point out to the President
that the administration plan would
work in equalities in the number of
lighting men given different states
and would lead to temptation to local
boards to class too many men as ne-
cessary for work at home.

RED CROSS DRIVE TO GO OVER TO MAY

Local Chapter Will be Tided
Over Until Big Cam-
paign Comes.

The campaign to raise the sum of
\$36,000 to finance the local Red Cross
chapter for a period of one year
which was to have been waged on
March 26 and 27 will not be under-
taken at that time but will be taken up
jointly with the National Red Cross
campaign on May 20. This matter was
decided at a meeting held late Satur-
day afternoon in the offices of Chair-
man of the Marion County Council of
National Defense J. Walter Barnes in
the city building. The meeting was
called by A. Brooks Fleming, Jr., who
was chosen to lead the proposed cam-
paign and was attended by representa-
tives of business and professional men
of the city.

Matters pertaining to the campaign
were freely discussed and it was de-
cided that to launch a campaign for
the local chapter at this time would
damage the National campaign when
Fairmont must raise its quota of a
million dollar fund.

In the near time financial arrange-
ments will be made which will allow
the local chapter to continue its work
of making garments and bandages
which it has so faithfully done since
the entry of America into the world
conflict.

Homer Grimes, High School Boy, Missing

Homer Grimes, aged 14 years, the
son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grimes of
Maple avenue has been missing from
his home since last Friday evening
and nothing whatever has been heard
of his whereabouts.

The cause of his leaving home is
not known. He graduated last year
from the Miller school and has been a
Freshman in the high school this
year.

Fairmont Entitled To \$15,890 in Taxes

Fifteen thousand eight hundred
and ninety dollars and eight cents is
the amount of taxes that is due this
city from the various public service
companies of Fairmont according to a
report which has just been received
from the office of the state auditor at
Charleston.

In all there are just seventeen pub-
lic service companies which will help
pay Fairmont taxes. By paying \$17-
880.08 the corporations average tax is
\$934.71.

Wife of Serbian Diplomatist Who Spent Childhood in West Virginia



Madam Grouitch, the West Virginia
girl who married the Serbian diplo-
matist who is now the representative
of that stricken country in Switzer-
land, and who is now in this country
in the interest of Serbian relief ar-
rived in Fairmont this afternoon at
2 o'clock from Clarksburg.

At 4 o'clock Madam Grouitch will
give an informal talk at the meeting
of the Art and Literature department
of the Woman's club and this evening
at 8 o'clock her lecture on Serbia will
begin at the First Presbyterian

JONES BOYS ARE UP FOR THEIR TRIALS

Witness for Defense Fails
to Show Up and Court
Issues Rule.

After the morning session of Circuit
court was tied up until shortly before
12 o'clock Judge Raymond recessed
until this afternoon, the delay having
been caused by a witness failing to
show up. The man whom the court
wanted was James Stewart, of Rive-
ville, a witness, and after considera-
ble delay Judge Raymond issued a rule
for his appearance in court this after-
noon and a deputy sheriff was given
the papers to serve forthwith.

The witness is wanted in the case
of the State vs. Harry and Manuel
Jones, indicted for holding up Isidore
Zaslaff and robbing him of \$115 and a
watch and also for having robbed
freight cars of the Baltimore and Ohio
Railroad company at Barrackville.
The rule for Stewart was made by the
L. C. Musgrave and E. R. Bell. The
general impression in the court room
this morning was that Stewart was ill.

Stewart was brought into court this
afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He told
Judge Raymond he was ill and the
rule was discharged.

The jury which was selected before
court recessed in the morning filed
into the jury box and Manuel Jones
was tried first. Isidore Zaslaff, an
Itinerant clothing salesman, of 640
Ogden avenue, Fairmont, swore that
Manuel Jones rifled his pockets while
Harry Jones, Manuel's brother, held
him up at the point of a revolver. Zaslaff
swore one of the highwaymen said
"hands up." Zaslaff had gone to the
Four States Coal Company mines at
Annabelle during the evening and
while returning in the trailer
stop at Annabelle he claims the ac-
cused intercepted him. Zaslaff was
relieved of \$115, and a Waltham
watch, the paper money having been
removed from Zaslaff's vest pocket.
One of the highwaymen had a hand-
kerchief under his eyes.

Attorneys L. C. Musgrave and E.
R. Bell represent the Jones brothers
and Prosecuting Attorney Walter R.
Haggerty the state.

Pictures of Miss Watson.
The Delinquent for April has in il-
lustration of its "Adopt a French
Town" movement several pictures in
which Miss Sue Kearsley Watson is
portrayed. One picture shows Miss
Watson with another young woman
at work in the commissary and an-
other shows her with a group of girls
outside their headquarters. The first
picture of Miss Watson is an excel-
lent likeness and easily recognized by
her friends.

REAL YANKEES ON CHEMIN DES DAMES

News Censor Concealed
Slipped Through in Ar-
my Paper

(By Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, March 18.—The American
troops who have been in action along
the Chemin des Dames are a division
composed exclusively of New England
units. The division contains units
from all New England states, troops
from Massachusetts having been ac-
tive. The identification of these troops
up to this time have been prohibited
by the censor. The restrictions were
removed when it was discovered that
the Stars and Stripes, a paper publish-
ed by, for and of the troops of the
American Expeditionary forces had
contained in its latest edition a story
disclosing their identity.

WILLIAM S. BLACK BURIED SUNDAY

Marion County Bar and
Fairmont Elks Attended
the Services.

Funeral services over the body of
William Stephen Black, clerk of the
Marion County Circuit court, were
held yesterday afternoon from the
residence of his brother-in-law, John
A. Clark, on Gaston avenue. A large
number of friends were present at the
services to pay a tribute of respect to
the memory of the deceased.

The Rev. Charles Baird Mitchell of
Christ Church read the ritualistic ser-
vice for the burial of the dead, which
was followed by the Elks ritualistic
service read by the Exalted Ruler, M.
E. Ashcraft. A select quartette com-
posed of Mrs. C. W. Wadell, Mrs.
Forest Frankhauser, Messrs LaMar
Satterfield and L. H. Randall re-
cited several selections, including "Je-
sus Lover of My Soul," "In the Hour
of Trial" and "Lead Kindly Light,"
the latter an arrangement by Dudley
Luck. Mrs. James Thompson accom-
panied the quartette on the piano.
During the Elks' service Mr. Satter-
field sang "The Vacant Chair."
Masses of beautiful flowers were
brought about the room where the
body lay.

At the conclusion of the services
the body was conveyed to Woodlawn
cemetery, where it was interred.

The active pall bearers were
Judge William S. Raymond, Judge
George A. Vincent, County Clerk
A. G. Martin, Sheriff A. M. Glover,
Commissioner Lee Swisher and Com-
missioners S. L. Shaver and M. V.
Millap, of the County court. Prosecut-
ing Attorney Walter R. Haggerty, As-
sistant Prosecuting Attorney Charles
E. Miller, Deputy County Clerk Ed-
ward Phillips, ex-Sheriff C. D. Cor-
way and Attorney J. P. Kirby. The
active pall bearers were Messrs.
Thomas I. Brett, John H. Rock, Edw.
Slack, Henry Gordon, R. T. Cunning-
ham, Frank Haas, Arch Brownfield
and C. H. Waggoner.

Among friends here from out of
the city for the services were Charles
Black and Miss Frances Black, of
the deceased; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dob-
bie, Douglas, W. Va.; Thomas Gul-
land, of Elkkins; John Somerville, of
Cumberland, Md.; Kenna Clark, of
the Naval Reserves, Cape May, N. J.;
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crane, of Clarks-
burg; Mrs. A. E. Shaw, of Pittsburgh;
Ray Reeder, of Clarksburg, secretary
of the State association of the Order
of Elks; W. W. Irwin, Dr. O. W. Bur-
datt, James Dyson, of Wheeling.

Mr. Mary A. Boyles Dies at Bellview

Mrs. Mary Alice Boyles, widow of
John Boyles, formerly residents of
Bunker Ridge, died Sunday morning
at an early hour at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Fred Kerns on Murray
avenue, Bellview. She was aged 48
years and had been ill from heart trou-
ble for some time. The deceased is
survived by nine children, namely, J.
W. Boyles and Mrs. Kerns of this
city; Mrs. H. H. Fitch, Mrs. Thomas
McNary, Perry, Boyles and Mary
Boyles, of Akron, O.; Carson Boyles,
a member of an army signal corps;
Amos Boyles, in school at Laskawanna
N. Y., and John Boyles, of Nebraska.
Funeral arrangements which have
not been completed are in charge of
Undertaker Musgrave and Son.

TEUTONS WILL NOT STRIKE ON THE WEST TIL THEY HAVE TO

Continue to Pack Reserves
Behind Their Lines on
the West.

MOVEMENT IN ITALY

May Mean That an Impor-
tant Objective Will Start
There.

Kaiser Expects a Victory Upon The West Front

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, March 18.—"I
have strong hopes that Field Mar-
shal von Hindenburg will soon win
for us a complete victory on the
western front," reads a message
sent by Emperor William to the
Pomeranian Provisional council as
quoted in the Lokal Anzeiger of
Berlin.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—German
threats of a great spring offensive on
the western front no longer impress
American military men. In its weekly
review today the War department re-
cords the conclusion of the enemy, in
spite of his vast preparations, will not
take the offensive unless forced into it.
"While hostile preparations for an
offensive in the west are not slacken-
ing," the review says, "it is becoming
more evident that the enemy will
launch the offensive only if compelled
to do so by the exigencies of the gen-
eral strategic situation."

The nature of the information upon
which the opinion is based is not dis-
closed. It is noted that fresh German
divisions have arrived on the western
front and the German lines are said to
be approaching the point in density be-
yond which it would be impossible to
go without choking communication
lines and hampering the free movement
of reserves.

Much of the statement is devoted to
the activities of American troops now
engaged on five separate fronts, one of
the sectors lying close to the Swiss
border. The official statement, how-
ever, adds nothing to recently pub-
lished press reports of the raid or trench
fighting in which the Americans have
been involved.

Elsewhere on the western front the
experts find no evidence of impending
major activities by either side. It
notes, however, indications of an An-
stro-German concentration in the Ital-
ian theatre which may forecast assaults
on Verona or Brescia if attacking units
were able to reach their objectives.

Many Get Permits To Erect Garages

With warm weather approaching
many people of Fairmont are prepar-
ing to erect automobile garages to
keep their automobiles in while they
are not in use this summer. Just four
building permits for garages were
granted by the Board of Affairs at its
weekly meeting today.

James A. Knight was granted a
building permit to erect a frame garage
on Ridgeley avenue to cost about
\$150.

Ward M. Downs was granted a per-
mit to erect a frame garage on Pen-
nimore street. B. J. Toothman is the
contractor.

H. H. Lemley was given a permit to
erect a garage on Potomac avenue.
Larney Billingsley was granted a
permit to erect a frame garage on
Bryant street.

Wanted—Laborers

Apply American Valve and Tank
Co., Hickman Run, below Owens
Bottle Plant. Good wages.

WANTED

Laborers in shipping department.
Apply
OWENS BOTTLE MA-
CHINE CO.