

## THE BANNER COAL LOADING OF THE PRESENT COAL YEAR

### Fairmonters Tie-Up Extension of the Greensburg Group, Bell Learns.

## HEAVY R R FUEL LOADING

### Presumption is That B. & O. is Receiving Loads on New Contracts.

Coal loading on the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad took a big boost yesterday when there were 1,025 cars loaded. This is the heaviest loaded recorded on the division since December 17, when there were 1,063 loaded. Prior to yesterday the heaviest loading days were July 1, when 1,001 cars were loaded and July 2, when 1,006 were loaded.

Of yesterday's loading 1,022 cars were coal and 3 were coke. All of the coke was shipped east yesterday. The eastward coal loading was 853 loads and the westward coal loading was 204. The westward loading yesterday was the heaviest since June 23, when 207 loads were shipped west. The eastward loading was especially heavy also, but on July 2, when 902 cars went east, the biggest total in that direction was noted.

That the coal business is gradually improving is noted all over the region. Lines that were down for some time have again started activities. Export business is coming into the region at a rapid gait and high-grade coal is increasing in demand.

### Extension Held Up.

Information was received in Fairmont yesterday by George T. Bell, executive vice president of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, that the majority of the members of the trunk line coal and coke committee sitting in Philadelphia, have gone on record as opposed to the extension of the Greensburg group. The matter will now go directly to the United States Railroad administration.

The new mines are located on an extension of the Turtle Creek branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. It is proposed to extend this branch so as to connect with the Conemaugh division of the same railroad at Saltsburg. At the present time the mines along the proposed extension are included in the Westmoreland group. Saltsburg is in the Greensburg group, this extending east on the Conemaugh division to Tunnelton. The proposition is to put seven mines on the new extension, east of the summit or high point on the line, in the Greensburg group and leaving the remaining mines on the same branch in the Westmoreland group. This means that the rate from the seven mines will be reduced fifteen cents a ton on all eastward shipments, which the Greensburg group enjoys also over the Fairmont region.

Mr. Bell has issued the following letter on the subject:

"As you are probably aware what is known as the Greensburg district on the Pennsylvania railroad in Central Pennsylvania has a differential of fifteen cents per ton under the Fairmont district to the east. The Greensburg district, which was formerly part of the Westmoreland group, was created in 1901 by the arbitrary action of the railroad named, and has ever since been a thorn in the side of

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## GAS CONVENTION TO BE LARGE THIS YEAR

### Forty Men From Marion County Are Expected To Attend.

Invitations are now going out for the fourth annual convention of the West Virginia Natural Gas association which will be held in Wheeling July 16-17. Arrangements for the convention are being made by Edwin Robinson, of this city, who is secretary of the association.

From 800 to 1,000 men are expected to attend. There will be approximately 40 from Marion county, representing all the producing and pipe line companies in this county. If plans work out as they are expected the convention this year will be the largest of its kind ever held in the state.

The program will be of interest to both oil and gas men. R. L. Welch, general secretary and chief counsel for the American Petroleum Association and C. C. Smith, assistant general secretary and treasurer, will address the convention.

The association dinner will be served by the Kuhn Catering company of Pittsburgh in the Wheeling park. The association has secured the use of the Wheeling park for July 16, with exclusive use of the swimming pool, bowling alleys and baseball grounds.

Exhibits will be held by oil and gas well supply manufacturers. All of the space in exhibition hall has been rented and more could be rented if the exhibit space was available.

Mr. Robinson is now busy preparing the program which he will be ready to announce the latter part of the week.

## Chautauqua Tent at Same Old Place

Again this year the large Chautauqua tent will be pitched at the corner of Third street and Fairmont avenue where the chautauqua was held last year and where the Lyon tabernacle was once erected.

Those in charge of the ticket sale are urging all to purchase their tickets before Thursday noon as each sale now will help to cover the \$1500 guarantee. Tickets are sold for \$2.20 for adults and \$1.10 for children, including war tax. Tickets may be purchased from Hartley's store, Y. M. C. A., Rev. Broomfield, Rev. Yoak, Rev. C. D. Mitchell, C. H. Bloom and Rev. J. E. Wells.

Red Cross workers throughout the country are looking forward to helping The Greatest Mother replenish her purse. The appeal for additional funds will be made during the two weeks ending November 11—Armistice Day.

## ADOPT SCALE FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES

### Lincoln District First in State to Take This Step.

A distinct step toward advancement of the public schools and especially in solving the teacher salary problem was taken by the board of education of Lincoln district when a teacher's scale of salary was adopted at the meeting of the board of education held yesterday afternoon. So far as is known, Lincoln district is the first district in the state to adopt a salary scale for rural teachers.

The salary question was worked out by Homer C. Toothman, county superintendent of schools and David A. Ward, district superintendent.

The scale applies to all elementary teachers who will be rated on the basis of their training and experience at salaries ranging from \$80 to \$100. This does not mean however, that all teachers will start at the minimum of \$80 for some have had considerable training and experience which will give them a higher salary.

An increase of \$4 will be given each year until the maximum of \$100 is reached. This scale does not apply to the school principals for they are rated on a scale of their own. High school teachers are also to receive a liberal increase.

All the other district boards met yesterday but today none of them had completed their list of teachers.

## B. & O. Excursion to Wheeling Sunday

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad will run a Sunday excursion to Wheeling next Sunday from Fairmont for 1.70. The train will leave here at 7:55 A. M. and returning it will leave Wheeling at 6 P. M. arriving here about 9:30 P. M.

Stanley Ennis, general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio did not leave Baltimore until this morning. He was scheduled to leave yesterday. It is supposed he will reach Fairmont by tonight or Wednesday.

F. P. McGough Grafton, division engineer, is in Fairmont today.

There were 750 loads drawn east of Grafton by the B. & O. railroad yesterday.

W. C. Hanway, Grafton, chief of B. & O. police, is in Fairmont today.

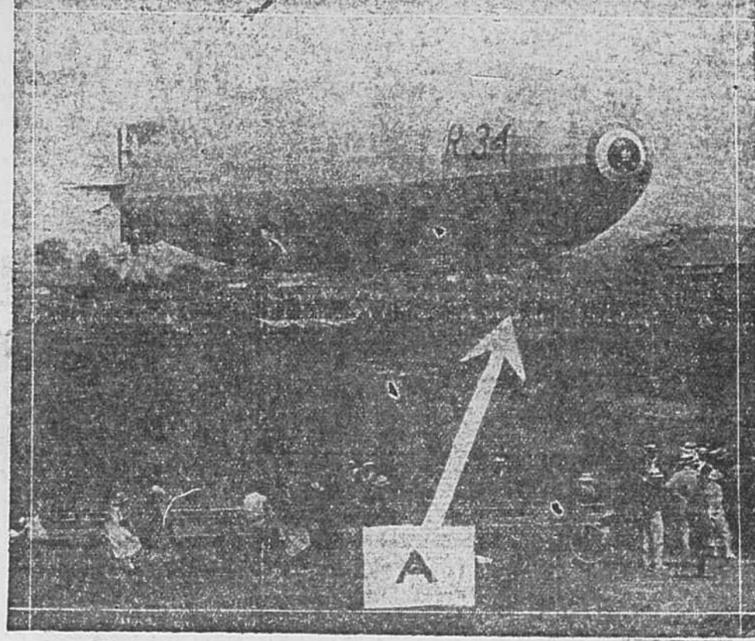
Ernest Bartlett, trainmaster of the Fairmont terminal, is in Clarksburg today.

## Dry Enforcement Up in Congress

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Prohibition enforcement legislation as framed by the Judiciary committee was made a special order of business in the House today by the Rules committee with an agreement that general debate should not exceed twelve hours.

Carrier on Vacation—Fred Wallace, city mail carrier on Route No. 2, in the business part of the city, is on a fifteen day vacation.

Paris headquarters of the Red Cross has just received the first issue of a monthly bulletin to be published by the Central committee of the Red Cross in China. The American Red Cross has fourteen chapters and branches in China.



The great historical picture on top shows the signing of the Treaty of Peace in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles June 28, 1919. Figure 1 and arrow points to President Wilson who was caught by the camera man in the act of affixing his signature. Figure 3 indicates the group of German delegates awaiting their turn to sign the document. Below is the R-34 snapped by N. E. A. staff photographer as she nosed down to Roosevelt Flying Field. Letter A indicates forward nacelle from which Commander Lansdowne handed the picture of the signing of the peace treaty to the representative of the N. E. A. who was present on the field by permission. The pictures printed above are the most remarkable exhibitions of newspaper enterprise ever attempted. The Treaty of Peace was signed in the Hall of Mirrors, at Versailles, Saturday, June 28. The European Manager of The Newspaper Enterprise Association, H. E. Bechtel, covering this great historical event at Paris planned to get this picture to the West Virginian and other members of the N. E. A. First. The photograph was placed aboard a British Royal Air Force Aeroplane and rushed from Paris to London at a speed of 130 miles an hour. A courier met the plane at London and by special train to East Fortune, Edinburgh, Scotland, was able to hand the package to Commander Lansdowne, U. S. Navy, who made the trip by invitation of the British Air Ministry, on board the British Dirigible R-34. The big airship, after flying across the Atlantic, landed at Roosevelt Flying Field, Mineola, Long Island, Sunday morning, July 6. Commander Lansdowne handed the package to the New York manager of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, who had been advised by cable, and the pictures were rushed to New York City by fast automobile, and thence by special delivery mail to Fairmont for the benefit of the readers of The West Virginian. This extraordinary feat best by at least two days and a half the fastest Atlantic liners and the U. S. Destroyer speeding across the water with this great historical picture.

## TOLD WHERE HE GOT CIDER WITH A KICK

### George Mack's Fine Doubled for Second Arrest in Two Days.

The first strand of the mystery regarding the selling of hard cider in the city was unraveled at police court this morning when George W. Mack came forth with a frank statement that he had purchased his intoxicating cider at the Skinner's Tavern building. He did not know the name of the place, but explained it as being "just around the corner in the Skinner's Tavern building."

In the past few days quite a number of persons have been drinking some sort of cider and grape juice which is said to have all the effects of "red licker," and officers have been unable to find out who has been selling it.

It must be a very delicious drink for those who get one taste of it generally come back for another. Mack was fined for being drunk yesterday morning and during the day went back after more cider, resulting in his second arrest. When the officers

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## PITTSBURGH VOTES ON IMPROVEMENTS

### Bond Issue of \$22,000,000 Before Voters There Today.

(By Associated Press)  
PITTSBURGH, July 8.—Voters of this city are called upon today to cast their ballot for a municipal bond issue of nearly \$22,000,000 for betterments and improvements to meet the demands of the city's growth, among which is the inauguration of a subway system to relieve the transportation congestion of the city. For six weeks a campaign as vigorous as a mayoralty or even a national campaign has been waged led by Mayor Babcock, and meetings have been held nightly in all wards of the city at which the city's leading business and professional men have endeavored to inform the people just what the bond issue means. Some of the improvements covered in the bond issue have been held in abeyance by reason of war work but now that governmental restrictions over Pittsburgh's resources and industries have been removed it is proposed to minister to the comfort and convenience of the city and its residents.

## EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MAY GO BY THE BOARD

### Government Appropriation So Meagre That Private Subscription Needed.

Again the Fairmont office of the United States employment bureau is in danger of being abolished and unless the people of the city come to the rescue it will be abandoned. Many of the industrial leaders of the city are at work planning to try to raise enough money by subscription to keep the examiner-in-charge, George H. Richardson, on the job.

Only last week congress appropriated money for the work all over the country, but the sum was so inadequate that only \$850 a month is allowed the whole state of West Virginia. Unless kept up by private subscription this means that all the offices in the state except Charleston will be closed down permanently.

L. B. Spaun, who was federal director for the state of West Virginia, has resigned that position and returned to Pittsburgh. He recommends Tom Cairns, who was in charge of the

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## KAISER'S TRIAL WILL BE HELD AT LONDON COURT

### Confirmation of Statement of Lloyd George Comes From American Source.

## BILL IS RESTING EASY

### Believes That Allies Will Have Hard Time Persuading Holland.

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, July 8.—The agreement reached by the Allied counsel that the trial of former Emperor William be held in London as announced by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons last week was a tact one, but from American sources it was learned late today that the agreement was regarded as binding.

What purports to be an authentic statement that at a meeting of the council upon which the British premier based his statement has become available from a usually reliable source. It is stated that at a meeting of the council last week, the British premier said to his fellow conferees something about as follows: "I suppose you have no objection to the trial of the kaiser in London?" The premier looked around the circle, the account continues, and no one objected. Indeed, it is said Premier Clemenceau gave his verbal agreement.

## KAISER BILL NOT WORRIED SAY FRIENDS

### Is Making Preparations for a Long Stay in Netherlands.

(By Associated Press)  
AMBRONGEN, July 8.—Former Emperor Wilhelm and his wife are apparently unperturbed by the possibility that proceedings will be brought by the Entente for the extradition of the former monarch. Members of the former monarch's suite have indicated in conversation with the correspondent that it was their opinion that any proceeding from allied quarters would be protracted for many months without any certainty that the Netherlands government would consent to hand the former kaiser over for trial.

They are almost unanimously convinced that they are here for a long sojourn and are making preparations accordingly.

## ALLIES ARE BACKING KOLCHAK'S ADVANCE

### PARIS, Monday, July 7—Approval of a plan for a concerted attack upon Petrograd by Finnish troops with the forces of the Kolchak government at Omsk was threatened today by the council of five.

A joint note has been sent to the military attaché of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, at Helmsford, instructing them to support the Finnish government if it decided to accede to the request of Admiral Kolchak to assist him in the campaign.

There is no indication that the Allies and associated powers propose to go further at this time in helping Kolchak's plan but their action in supporting the Finns as equivalent to assurance that the Kolchak movement carries through.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Definite information that the Bolshevik authorities are planning to evacuate Petrograd has been received in official circles here. Decisions to quit the capital was said to have been violently opposed by some elements of the government.

PARIS, July 8.—Petrograd has been the object of the attack of Finnish, Estonian and Russian volunteer troops for several months. A few weeks by Estonians and Russian volunteers were closing in on Petrograd, but an announcement made in Copenhagen Monday by the Estonian bureau said that the troops which had been advancing on Petrograd had suffered a reverse and were in retreat. Anti-Bolshevik forces were reported to have abandoned several positions along the coast of the Gulf of Finland and the Petrograd-Barta railroad. Finnish troops are within 30 miles of Petrograd on the north, while forces of the North Russian government are operating in the southern part of the district.