

CAPTURE OF ANTWERP MATTER OF FEW DAYS

Large Siege Guns Of Germans Shattering Outer Forts To Powder And Have Begun Attack On The Inner Ring

REALIZE DANGER

British Line of Communication Being Seriously Threatened by Cavalry.

STRENUOUS MEASURE

Being Taken by England to Keep Actual Truth from Reaching Egypt.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The capture of Antwerp is certain within a few days at the most was announced today by the general staff. It was stated that two additional forts had surrendered to the Germans. Bombardment by the great siege guns has proved too much and after the walls of the forts had been shattered almost to powder, the garrison surrendered. The bombardment of the inner ring of forts is being pushed and already noticeable improvements have been made. The general staff is confident that the Belgians' resistance cannot be maintained much longer. It also issued a statement declaring that the Germans are enjoying uninterrupted success on the right and are gradually driving the French back in fighting of the most bitter character. A big battle is expected soon on the eastern frontier where the Germans are everywhere declared to be on the offensive.

London, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Realization that the German right wing in France is seriously threatening the British line of communication with the coast cities, has been followed by energetic efforts to check the movement. It is reported here that the British Indian troops have been sent to the north and will have their baptism of fire against the Uhlan columns of the Germans. The war office has great faith in these troops and it is believed they will check the outflanking movement being tried by the German cavalry.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The official press bureau has issued the following: German newspapers commenting on the possibility of a war with Portugal say the presence of a few thousand Portuguese troops on the battle line is of no material consequence. One local paper said that England was forced to send her Indian Mohammedan troops to the fighting line in France because their loyalty if they remained at home was questionable. Belgium some days ago tried to wreck the German transport trains bringing the siege guns to Antwerp by running wild trains against them. This was frustrated. The morbid fear of England that the actual truth may become known in Egypt has resulted in some strange blunders. All travelers are searched for letters and papers and every Egyptian under-graduate who has criticized England has been slapped with 100 lashes and imprisoned for three months.

Pittsburg, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The French government has ordered in this country for earliest shipment possible, 500,000 reels of barbed wire, according to information given out today.

Paris, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Germans continue their enveloping movement in northwestern France according to the official three o'clock statement. The statement says that the battle continues with the greatest violence on the French left and has now extended to the vicinity of Lens and LaBassée.

LaBassée is in the department of the Nord and the canal of LaBassée and is midway between the Arras and Lille while Lens is six miles further south. The battle here is declared to be prolonged by enormous masses of cavalry who are said to be centering near Lille. In the Woëvre district it is stated that the Germans are trying vainly to check the French advance. Elsewhere it is announced that the situation is not much changed.

Rome, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Advises from Berlin received today place the number of German casualties up to date at 300,000.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—(via The Hague) The war office declares that because of the cooperation between the armies of General Von Boehm and Von Kluck the French have been forced to retire a considerable distance along the German right. They are declared to have withdrawn large forces from the center to reinforce the left wing and to avert the disaster. The official report declares that the German offense on the west end is constantly increasing in intensity and that the French are being driven back and enveloped.

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Dead men and horses are heaped up by the thousands and are left to rot on the battle field of the Aisne. This was the statement today of Colonel Webb C. Hayes, U. S. A., son of the former president. He is just back from an observation of the world war and expects to report to President Wilson.

REGISTRATION RETURNS.

| Precinct | 1914 | 1912 | 1912 |
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| East Union | 107 | 102 | 115 |
| West Union | 90 | 75 | 83 |
| East Root | 128 | 130 | 143 |
| West Root | 179 | 179 | 194 |
| North Preble | 116 | 108 | 126 |
| South Preble | 132 | 135 | 143 |
| North Kirkland | 113 | 96 | 111 |
| South Kirkland | 97 | 82 | 94 |
| North Washington | 172 | 155 | 175 |
| South Washington | 183 | 177 | 196 |
| North St. Marys | 140 | 101 | 139 |
| South St. Marys | 147 | 125 | 140 |
| North Blue Creek | 158 | 128 | 149 |
| South Blue Creek | 108 | 88 | 96 |
| Middle Monroe | 130 | 106 | 124 |
| North Monroe | 208 | 190 | 220 |
| French | 151 | 110 | 148 |
| North Hartford | 165 | 154 | 183 |
| South Hartford | 109 | 77 | 122 |
| North Wabash | 129 | 113 | 139 |
| Ceylon | | 52 | 96 |
| West Jefferson | 126 | 111 | 124 |
| East Jefferson | 123 | 101 | 117 |
| Geneva "A" | 155 | 142 | 171 |
| Geneva "B" | 251 | 221 | 273 |
| Berne "A" | 185 | 175 | 197 |
| Berne "B" | 262 | 198 | 245 |
| Decatur 1st-A | 230 | 204 | 238 |
| Decatur 1st-B | 175 | 141 | 160 |
| Decatur 2nd-A | 257 | 230 | 273 |
| Decatur 2nd-B | 151 | 132 | 160 |
| Decatur 3rd-A | 226 | 204 | 237 |
| Decatur 3rd-B | 261 | 220 | 248 |

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

While sitting on his front porch shortly before noon today, Wilbur Oman, aged 49, a resident of Bluffton and secretary of the Enterprise Drug Company, of Bluffton, owners of the Enterprise drug store in this city, was stricken with an attack of heart trouble and died a few minutes later. Mr. Oman had been suffering for two or three weeks from leakage of the heart and nervous trouble, but the suddenness of this fatal attack came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. The deceased is survived by a wife and two daughters. Mr. Oman was well known to many Decatur residents, having been in this city many times since the company opened their drug store here.

RECEIVES CALL

Rev. Wehmeyer Receives a Call to the Lutheran Congregation

AT KILMANAH, MICH.

Matter Will be Placed Before Congregation Sunday for Decision.

Rev. H. Wehmeyer, who for five years has been pastor of the Zion's Lutheran congregation in this city, has received a call to the pastorate of the church at Kilmanah, Mich. There is a large congregation in that city, which is located in Huron county, near Saginaw Bay. The congregation is a large and thriving one, and besides the pastor, has a teacher for the parochial school. Here Rev. Wehmeyer has been both pastor and teacher, this being quite arduous.

The matter of the call will be placed before the Decatur congregation Sunday at which time the matter will be decided as to whether they will release the Rev. Wehmeyer.

He has received several calls prior to this but each time the local congregation has refused to let him go.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

No matter how much uv a fule they may be naturally, pepul's worst fear in life ez thet sumbuddy'll make a fule uv them.

A GOOD REPORT

Made by County Charity Board on Adams County Infirmary

AND THE JAIL

State Bulletin Contains Report—Gives Interesting Statistics.

The Indiana Bulletin of Charities and correction, just issued by the state board of which Governor Ralston is secretary, contains reports of the boards of county charities. Among them is the report from Adams county, as follows, which is of much local interest:

Poor Asylum, Decatur:—Visited June 1, 1914. The farm is located about three and one-half miles south of Decatur. The superintendent, Martin Laughlin, receives a salary of \$1,000 a year. His wife receives no salary, although she is often compelled to do a maid's work. The children at home are two girls and one boy. The superintendent tries to keep about four hired men, but does not always find it possible. There are 260 acres of tillable land and about ten acres of timber. There is also a garden of three acres and five acres of orchard. There is a limited supply of all kinds of small fruits. The estimated annual expenses besides products are about \$6,000. The capacity of the building is 75, with a population of 30. The insane are quartered in cells outside the main building. The buildings are lighted by electricity and heated by a furnace which needs to be replaced by a new one. The buildings are in good shape except for a little paint and some few small repairs. It seems impossible for the superintendent and his wife to keep sufficient help to have the work done as well as they would like. The inmates need some new and more comfortable chairs. We commend the superintendent and his wife for their kindness and thoughtfulness toward the inmates.

County Jail, Decatur:—Visited June 1, 1914. Owing to the absence of the sheriff and deputy we could make only a partial inspection of the buildings. We are satisfied that the place was clean because we have always found it so. The women's department still needs a bathtub and a few other conveniences which we think will soon be installed. Signed, DORA LOWER, Secretary.

WRITES ABOUT MISS LINKER.

Mrs. J. C. Earhart writes us from Markle concerning an article which recently appeared in this paper concerning Miss Martha Linker. The letter states that an arrangement had been made for Mrs. Earhart, who is a sister of Miss Linker, to keep her and the baby until next March and to receive \$100. Only half that amount was paid, however, and she remained there only six months. She went from there to the county farm, but left there in a few days because she said the work was too hard and she got nothing but her board and somebody wore her clothes.

PREVENT FIRES

Say Authorities—So Friday, October 9, is the Day Set Apart

BY THE STATE

For Fire Prevention Day—Advises Making it General Clean-up Day.

Governor Samuel M. Ralston has issued the following fire prevention day proclamation:

"The annual waste in Indiana caused by fires is between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Experts in such matters say that 65 per cent of the damage caused by fires is preventable. How important, then, is fire prevention work!

"Dwelling house fires constitute 52 per cent, it is said, of the total number of fires in Indiana. The family, therefore, has a vital interest in fire prevention.

"During the winter months there is an average of one school house fire each day in Indiana. This is conclusive proof of the importance of fire drills, and challenges the attention of school authorities thereto.

"The number of losses in the cities having fire department inspection is much smaller in proportion to population than the losses in cities not having such inspection. This is conclusive proof of the value of a system of thorough inspection and of elimination of preventable hazards.

"Now, therefore, I, Samuel M. Ralston, governor of Indiana, do hereby designate Friday, the 9th day of October, 1914, as fire prevention day, and I recommend that the people of Indiana make this a clean-up day, that fires may be prevented through a proper disposition or safeguard of combustibles and the destroying of rubbish; and that the public schools, civic organizations and officials and (Continued on Page Two)

A MODERN HOME

Was Begun Today by Horace E. Butler on Farm Northwest of City.

WILL OCCUPY IT

By Holidays—Will Sell the Tenth Street Residence in This City.

Work was begun today by W. E. Moon and his force of carpenters on the building of a modern eight-room home on the farm recently purchased by Horace E. Butler of this city. This is the 140-acre tract formerly the Archbold farm, located a mile and a half northwest of the city, having been owned lately by the late Fred Scheimann. The residence now on the farm is being remodeled and will be a story and a half up-to-date home in all particulars when completed.

It is expected that it will be finished and ready for occupancy by the holidays. After selling his farm north of town Mr. Butler and family moved to this city, purchasing the Joe McFarland property on Tenth street, where they have lived several months. This property will now be for sale.

HELD IN BLUFFTON

Eighth District Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps

WILL HOLD MEET

In Bluffton October 15--

Decatur Corps Included in District.

The Bluffton Banner says: "The Eighth district convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet in this city October 15. The ladies of the corps have put forth every effort to land this convention and expect to make it the most enthusiastic and successful one they have yet had. It will be an all day session with the ladies arriving as early as 8 o'clock. They will come in large delegations from Hartford City, Montpelier, Geneva, Portland, Decatur, Jonesboro, Marion, Fort Wayne, Columbia City, Fairmount and South Whitley. "The convention will be held in the Presbyterian church and a camp fire in the evening for the honored guests and the G. A. R. will be the feature of the day. The public is cordially invited. Rev. Claude Travis of Ft. Wayne will deliver the principal address and the program will be made up of the talented members of the local corps. Dinner and supper will be served at the church by the Presbyterian ladies and they are making preparations to serve a large crowd."

STREET ACCEPTED

Engineer Harruff's Report of Completion of Fifth Street is Accepted by

THE CITY COUNCIL

To Hear Objection Against Assessment Oct. 20th--Acker Sewer Accepted.

The greater part of Tuesday evening's session of the city council was taken up with business matters filed by City Engineer Harruff, the ordering of the Cleveland street and Derkes street sidewalks and the allowing of the monthly bills. The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was the first thing on the program, followed by the filing of the proofs of publication, in which notice to property owners along the proposed Cleveland street and Derkes street sidewalks was given, they to appear before the council with any and all objections against the improvement. As there was no one present who seriously objected to the improvements a final resolution in both cases ordering the sidewalks to be built within thirty days was passed and adopted. If the sidewalks are not built within that time the city contractor will be ordered to construct them.

The street and sewer committee reported as having entered into contract with Mike Miller for the improvement of Tenth street.

The city engineer filed his report of the completion of Fifth street. It was approved and spread on record. A resolution was passed and adopted accepting the report and ordering the engineer to file his preliminary assessment roll. The resolution adopting the assessment roll and ordering the clerk to give notice to property owners to appear before the council with objections on the 20th day of October was also passed and adopted. The same proceedings took place in the matter of the Floyd Acker sewer. The sewer was accepted and the clerk ordered to give notice to property owners to appear with objections against the assessments on the 20th of October.

The street and sewer committee, to which was referred the petition of Frank McConnell and others to change the route of the McConnell sewer, reported unfavorably as to the change and asked that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

An agreement was filed by W.J. Myers, the contractor on the Market street sewer, asking the council to grant him the right to change a water main and that he would receive \$3.00 for the work. The agreement was approved and spread on record. The monthly bills were then allowed by the council and the meeting adjourned:

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| Brown & Son | \$22.45 |
| J. W. Coffee | 145.42 |
| Adams Express Co. | .47 |
| Shoal Creek Coal Co. | 12.26 |
| Liberty Mfg. Co. | 16.20 |
| The New Pittsburg Coal Co. | 63.96 |
| Isaac Chronister | 168.50 |

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GETS PROMOTION

Felix Holthouse is Given Adams Express Agency at Lafayette, Ind.

HAS MADE GOOD

Only Employed Three Months--Bernard Brake Will Take Place Here.

Felix Holthouse, better known as "Happy," who has been in charge of the Adams Express office in this city just three months today, will leave tonight for Lafayette, where he will assume the responsibilities of becoming the exclusive agent for the express company and have the entire control of the office in that city. The change is a great boost for "Happy," but, however, the promotion is one that he is worthy of, and capable of holding.

Mr. Holthouse has only been with the company three months today, merely being the office man, as his brother, L. A. Holthouse, was the commissioned agent. All business, however, was carried on through "Happy." The agency at Lafayette is one of the best in the state, doing a large amount of business and having two drivers and wagons on the "force." "Happy" will be the "boss." The agent at Lafayette is retiring from active service, therefore the change.

TOOK AUTO TRIP.

County School Superintendent and Mrs. E. S. Christen, Root Township Trustee and Mrs. Charles Magley and Gus Christen of Louisville, Ky., made an automobile trip to Geneva and other points in the south part of the county Sunday. They were guests at dinner of Trustee John Mosure and family in Hartford township. They speak most highly of the hospitality of the Mosure home, the dinner being a veritable banquet. Gus Christen went to Bluffton from there and took the train to Fortville to join his wife, before returning to Louisville.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Federal Reserve board today named the Class C directors for the Chicago bank. They are: C. H. Bosworth, chairman, W. L. McLallen, Columbia City, vice-chairman and Ed T. Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa, director.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

Joe Huggins hez lost faith in wummun, fickle wummun. After lettin' Joe court her fer thirteen yeres, Polly Slawson hez taken up 'ith another man. Th' wust ez, every uther girl ez efraide t' start out on anuther thirteen yeres' home run 'ith Joe.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire in this manner to thank the many neighbors and friends who assisted me in saving my buildings and stock from the fire which so nearly destroyed them last Saturday.

GEORGE BERNING.

TO AID THE GIRLS

Various Church And Protective Societies In Cities Seek To Aid

THE YOUNG WOMEN

Who Come To Seek Employment--Following Advice Is Published

The churches and various protective associations of the city are doing their utmost to help young women who seek employment in a large city, or who are contemplating doing so. The following bulletin was received by a Decatur minister the same being issued from the office of church federation, Y. M. C. A., Indianapolis, by M. C. Pearson, executive secretary: The Church Federation and the Y. W. C. A. of Indianapolis have very effective committees on the welfare of young working women. It has been the effort of these committees to protect young women from the dangers of a large city, and to explain certain conditions which must be met by all those who come from the country or small towns.

The object, therefore, of this communication, which we trust may be read carefully by both parents and young women throughout the state, is not to persuade girls from coming to the city for employment, but to partially prepare them for the changed conditions they will find when they reach the city.

It is not an easy matter for a girl from sixteen to twenty years of age to secure desirable employment unaided in a large city, even though she may be trained in some special line, as for example, stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, sewing, millinery; this is particularly true if the applicant has had no experience in her chosen line. A girl at this age can seldom earn enough during her first six or eight months in a city to support herself as well as she has been supported in her own home.

Comfortable living, including board and room, will cost from five to nine dollars per week, depending upon the size and location of room, number occupying the room, and economy exercised for meals. Many girls work for five dollars per week at the beginning so it can readily be seen that the girl coming to the city must either sacrifice comfort or depend upon other resources. At least three weeks should be allowed for securing employment, consequently, no girl should go to the city with less than twenty-five or thirty dollars after she has purchased her ticket.

A girl should not think of buying expensive clothing or cheap gaudy clothing. Buy inexpensive material that will wear well; have your dresses made in good conservative styles; especially have all articles of clothing clean and tidy—so much depends upon one's personal appearance. Never wear cheap jewelry.

On reaching the city go directly to the Y. W. C. A., the Church Federation office, or some similar place, if you do not have acquaintances living in the city. Take a day or two to become accustomed to the city before seeking employment. When you apply for employment tell your story in a straight forward manner as briefly as possible. Do not allow yourself to become discouraged if you are not successful in the first few attempts. After a position is secured, it is well to remember that those who try to do their work best are the first to be promoted.

The secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. and Church Federation are glad to assist at any time any who may call for counsel and advice.

Issued from Office of Church Federation, Y. W. C. A., Indianapolis, Ind., September 22, 1914.

M. C. PEARSON, Executive Secretary.

POLICE COURT.

James Coverdale was arrested yesterday afternoon by Marshal Melchi on the charge of public intoxication and spent the night in the county jail. He was brought before Squire Kintz this morning and after pleading guilty to the charge was assessed a fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$12.80. He secured bond and was released.