

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 moribund 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 LaBassee.

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 Kilmannah, 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 mattur how much uv a fulle they may be naturally, pepul's wurst fear in life ez that sumbuddy'll make a fulle uv them.

A GOOD REPORT

Made by County Charity Board on Adams County Infirmary

AND THE JAIL

State Bulletin Contains Report—Gives Interesting Statistics.

REGISTRATION RETURNS.

Precinct	1914	1912	1912
Reg	Vote	Reg	Reg
East Union	107	102	115
West Union	90	75	83
East Root	128	130	143
West Root	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	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 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.

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

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STREET ACCEPTED

HELD IN BLUFFTON

Eighth District Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps

WILL HOLD MEET

In Bluffton October 15—Decatur Corps Included in District.

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:

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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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

assumes 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.

Bernard Brake, one of Decatur's well known young men, will have

charge of the local office. Mr. Brake

is a son of Mrs. Mary Brake and for

the past year or so has been the capable and efficient clerk at the Hower

& Hower grocery. It is without

doubt that he will make good in the express business.

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 country Sunday. They were guests at dinner of Trustee John Mosure and

family in Hartford township. They

spoke 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. McCallum, Columbia City, vice-chairman and Ed. T. Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa, director.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

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

James Covard 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.

POLICE COURT.