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RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE DEFEATED BY GERMANS

Thousands Of Prisoners Are Taken Near Warsaw--German Encircling Movement Is Reported Checked

JUNCTION FORMED

British and French Troops Are Driving Wedge Between German Armies.

EVACUATE PRZEMYSŁ

Russians Driven from Forts by Austrians and Sustain Heavy Losses.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—German victory against Russians near Schirwindt and Warsaw in which 11,000 prisoners, 51 guns and 12 machine guns were captured was reported to the German embassy here today by the Berlin foreign office. The message also stated that Lille in France was occupied with 4,500 prisoners taken and that the enemy was retreating from Ghent toward the coast.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Removal of the Kaisers headquarters further into France and an explanation that the Belgian-German campaign included a march "partly toward Ostend and partly southwest to the French border" was contained in an official statement today.

London, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The German encircling movement in the channel has failed in its purpose. Unofficial word received here indicated that the Belgian and British forces formed a concentration movement near Ostend and had successfully effected a junction with a strongly reinforced column of French troops which had inflicted a severe check on the Germans. Their line of westward advance across the Franco-Belgian border, it is reported, has been bent back under an assault in which the Germans lost heavily.

London, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An official statement issued today by the Montenegrin council general announced the overwhelming defeat of an army of 15,000 Austrians in Sarajevo by the combined Montenegrin and Servian armies. The battle raged for two days with enormous losses on both sides.

Trieste, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A new Austrian dreadnaught just completed and whose launching was scheduled for this afternoon, mysteriously caught fire in several places early today and was gutted by the flames. Six new torpedo boats were also found afire and several were seriously damaged before the fires could be extinguished.

The Hague, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Belgian governments last action before transferring the capital of the nation to Havre, France, was the issuance of an order directing all males between the ages of 18 and 45 to join the army within two days. The penalty of dislocation is treatment as a traitor to the Belgian government.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An official statement from the war office today declared that the Russian siege of Przemysl has been raised. Przemysl is now entirely freed of the Russian menace, it is declared. The invading army is reported as being in a fortified position along a line through Staly, Sambor and Medyka. The Austrians are directing an attack against the position with the intention of holding the Russian army in check to enable the Austrians to advance from Przemysl toward Lemberg.

Paris, Oct. 15.—(Special to Daily

Democrat)—An offensive movement throughout the French battle line today was indicated in the official war (Continued on Page Four)

THE COURT NEWS

Submission of Gerke Replevin Case Withdrawn--Brought to Close.

COUPLE ARE WEDDED

Aaron Huffman Given a Divorce--Cannot Marry for Two Years.

Aaron Huffman was granted a divorce this morning but a string is attached thereto as the court prohibited him from marrying again for two years.

In the Della Andrews vs. Robert Andrews divorce case, answer to cross-complaint was filed and the case set for trial October 27.

The final report of Henry A. Kintz, guardian of Clement Steigmeyer et al., was approved and the guardian discharged.

James Touhey vs. L. A. Holthouse. Demurrer by defendant to the complaint.

Emma Gerke vs. T. J. Durkin, sheriff, et al., injunction. Second paragraph of complaint filed, upon granting of leave to do so. Rule to answer.

In the replevin suit of Emma Gerke vs. Sheriff T. J. Durkin et al. on trial before a jury and Judge D. E. Smith the motion of the defendant that the court direct the jury to return a verdict in their favor, was overruled, but the trial came to an end when the plaintiff's motion to withdraw the submission of the case was sustained, on condition of payment of all costs. Execution was taken by the defendants

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to William Joseph Dowling, hardware merchant, born November 27, 1888, son of Thomas S. Dowling, to wed Emma Frederica Terveer, born February 28, 1887, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Terveer.

Judge D. E. Smith officiated this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the county clerk's office at the wedding of True Paul Gephart, born Oct. 15, 1896, son of Philip Gephart, and Miss Charlotte Agnes Thatcher, born July 18, 1896, daughter of James Thatcher.

The bride wore a pretty and becoming gown of white. Miss Thatcher was a ward of the Adams county board of guardians, which gave its consent to the marriage. Members of the board present at the wedding were Mrs. D. D. Heller and Messrs. Simeon Fordyce and D. K. Shackley.

The county commissioners met this morning and received bids for the building and furnishing of ballot boxes. The bid of Simon Gilligan was considered the best and contract was entered into with him. His bid was \$100 for 35 boxes, 16 inches long by 10 by 10; and 25 boxes, 14 inches long, 12 by 12. Jacob Miller was also a bidder.

FORT WAYNE TO WED.

James O. Cress and Miss Audrey C. Amos, both of Fort Wayne, were married yesterday at the court house by Justice C. M. Weaver.—Hillsdale Daily.

NEW POOL ROOM

Tony Hackman and Ralph Miller Open Pool Room in Spangler Block

ON MADISON STREET

Will Have Five Pool Tables and a Billiard Table--To be Up-to-date.

Tony Hackman and Ralph Miller, two of Decatur's well known and highly respected young men, have just leased the Spangler building on Madison street, formerly occupied by the Everett & Hite wholesale fruit store and will as soon as possible open a new and up-to-date pool and billiard hall in it. The business deal has been under way for a few days, but the lease for the building was just closed this morning. Mr. Hackman and Mr. Miller will make a very up-to-date room for their new business and will install five pool tables and a billiard table. A full line of tobacco, cigars and the like will also be installed. Mr. Hackman was formerly connected with C. H. Elzey in the shoe store and Mr. Miller is proprietor of the West End cafe. He will dispose of his interest to his brother, Ed. Both men are business men and it is without doubt that they will make a success in their new undertaking.

HELD A MEETING

Democrats Held Convention to Nominate Township and County Officers.

MR. LUTZ PRESIDED

Speeches Made by Hon. Fred Feick and Judge Duncan of Indianapolis.

The democrats held a successful and interesting meeting at the court house last evening. The crowd was one that comfortably filled the court room notwithstanding the fact that it was a rainy and stormy evening. The speakers for the occasion were the Hon. Fred Feick, a labor leader of state and national prominence and a candidate for representative from DeKalb county, and Judge Thomas Duncan of the public service commission. Hon. C. J. Lutz presided, introducing the speakers after a few remarks. Mr. Feick is a wonderful young orator and he held his audience for a half hour with his flights of oratory and his splendid argument for the democratic ticket, county, state and national. Judge Duncan is one of the big, broad, earnest, sincere, honest and capable men of the state and his speech was filled with argument that was convincing for those who really wanted to know the truth. He spoke for an hour and his speech was one of the fairest and most logical ever delivered in this city.

Prior to speaking a Washington township convention was held at which three members of the advisory board and a supervisor for district number one, were nominated. There were four candidates for the advisory board and the result of the first ballot was as follows: Charles S. Niblick 1; Conrad Gillig 58; B. F. Kizer 35 and Fred Sellemyer 55. C. L. Estelle was named as supervisor of district number one by acclamation. Following this a county convention was held for the purpose of naming candidates for councilmen at large and one from the second district. Peter Forbign was nominated from the second district, John D. Hale and Amos Gillig who were placed in nomination resigning. At large Andrew J. Briggs of Geneva, William Baumgartner of Berne and Mathias Kirsch of this city were named by acclamation. Henry B. Heller, county chairman and J. C. Sellemyer, secretary of the county committee served as chairman and secretary of the convention by consent.

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ARE IN NEW OFFICE.

The moving of the Ward Manufacturing company's office from the old location in the Weber building, corner Third and Monroe streets, to the new building erected on the factory site, was completed yesterday and the office work is now running as smoothly as ever in new quarters. The new building is arranged in the most approved form for offices. The front is divided off into four rooms for the president, secretary, sales manager and bookkeeper, while the rear is one large room for the stenographers and records. A partition also sets off the stock room and vault from the main part of the building. All modern improvements, including a furnace, toilet and electric lights, with excellent ventilation facilities are placed in the building. The public is most cordially invited to give the office a visit and also to inspect the factory.

GENEROUS GIFT

From School Children of the City for Clothing for War Orphans

REPORT IS MADE

Of Money Received By Tri Kappas--Will Purchase Supplies Here

The public of Decatur and Adams county is responding nicely to the call for contributions to the "Christmas Ship" which will be sent stocked with clothing and necessities for the European war orphans and needy ones.

The boxes are waiting at the banks, the library, postoffice and several business houses, to receive the contributions. The school children were also asked to contribute a penny or more and the Tri Kappas, who are acting as agents for the movement here, report the following received from the schools:

Public Schools.
South Ward \$2.36
West Ward \$2.17
North Ward \$3.43
Central and library \$8.80

Catholic School \$6.00
The Tri Kappas will also add the sum of \$5 from their treasury and with the amount from contribution boxes here and in the small towns of the county, the fund from Adams county will be a large one.

The Tri Kappas expect to buy the clothing and things here and send them to the Chicago Herald, the originator of the movement, and by them it will be sent on a U. S. battleship to Europe to gladden the poor children. Report of the articles bought will be made next week.

TESTING NEW CAR

New Gasoline Passenger Coach Passes Through City on Clover Leaf

AT NOON TODAY

Several High Officials Were Passengers--From Frankfort to Toledo.

Quite a large crowd of people were attracted to the Clover Leaf depot at 12:15 this afternoon to inspect the new gasoline passenger car which is making a test run from Frankfort, Ind., to Toledo, Ohio, and which, if proven satisfactory, will soon be installed for regular service on the road. Although the test car is not one of the newly designed cars which will be put on for regular service, it being simply an old private car, remodeled to meet the demands for the engine and tanks, it made a very neat appearance, similar to the present-day interurban cars. The coaches which will be placed in regular service will have their entrances and exits in the center. These cars may be made to run at as high a speed as eighty miles an hour. Besides the

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ON THE SAME SHIP

With Miss Dugan Came Christabel Pankhurst, Militant Suffragette.

IDENTITY UNKNOWN

Until Finland Came Within Sight of Shore--Well Known English Lady.

WORTH TRYING

A young lady took down the receiver and discovered that the telephone was in use. "I just put on a pay of beans for dinner," she heard one woman complacently informing another. She hung up the receiver and waited. Three times she waited, and then, exasperated, she broke into the conversation. "Madam, I smell your beans burning," she announced crisply. A horrified scream greeted the remark, and the young lady was able to put in her call—Farmers' Guide.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

My sun, Bud, what works on a newspaper hed' run down th' report uv th' comin' weddin' uv Miss Bings an' Mr. Bangs. He found out a false report that grew out uv th' fact that Miss Bings hez a hired girl that hez a cousin that once spoke to an looked at a cousin uv Mr. Bangs' hired hand.

WEDDING TODAY

Nuptials of William J. Dowling and Miss Emma Terveer

SOLEMNIZED TODAY

At the St. Mary's Catholic Church--Go to Toledo on Wedding Trip.

TO BE AIRED HERE

Divorce Case of "Tango" Steve Thimlar and Nell Grove Thimlar

IS VENUED HERE

Will be Heard in Adams Circuit Court--Lived Together Only Two Months.

The married troubles of "Tango" Steve Thimlar and his wife, Robert Nell Grove Thimlar, formerly of Bluffton, will be aired in the Adams circuit court. The divorce case in which Steve is plaintiff was venued here from Fort Wayne, the papers being received this morning. His wife filed a cross-complaint in which she asks for the divorce, \$30 a month, \$200 for attorneys' fees and \$2,000 alimony, and her maiden name. They were married very suddenly last May 2, 1914 when they eloped to Michigan, but lived together only until July 31.

Steve says his wife failed to show him proper love and affection and let her parents and brother induce her to leave him and return home, where, he says, she underwent a criminal operation. He says she loves another man and that her mother tried to persuade her to get a divorce from him "Steve," to marry the other man. On the other hand, Mrs. Thimlar says Steve represented to her that he was a man of means, but when she married him she found that he obtained his money by borrowing, stealing or some other dishonest way, and what was worse, spent it all on himself and failed to use any of it for her, using it for whiskey and cigarettes for himself. Moreover, she says he wanted her to sell her jewels. She says she went without food for two or three days at a time and that when he did buy any it was a very meager and insufficient supply, and that her health became impaired and he failed to supply medical treatment.

Another case venued here from Ft. Wayne is entitled Robert P. Earner et al. vs. Charles A. Spanley, on account, demand, \$1,000.

NOTICE

All members of the following Sunday school class of the Methodist church are requested to meet at the church at 7 o'clock prompt to practice for choir for Rally Day: Mrs. Dan Sprang, Mrs. J. C. Tritch, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. A. D. Suttles, Mr. Clark Sphar, Mr. W. J. Archbold.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

No matur how many new fangled heatin' contrapshuns there are there ain't nuttin' quite so cozy as the hot kitchen range on a cool autumn mornin' before th' other heatin' contrapshuns air in commission.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES

A matur is wun whut thinks shant rest well unless she gits up six seven times durin' th' nite t' see whethur th' babies hev kicked off th' bankets.

Everybody invited.

ONE MORE MEAL

With Family Circle Before the Prison Doors Close Upon Him for Life.

IS THE DESIRE

Of LeVan Baker, Accomplice of Dennis--Judge Gives Good Advice.

That he would like to sit once more at his mother's table with his father, mother, brothers and sisters around him and enjoy one last meal with them before he is taken to Columbus, Ohio, to begin serving a life sentence, was the wish expressed by LeVan Baker, convicted of the murder of Wilbur Phillips. This last desire Baker made known as he was enroute back to the Mercer county jail after Judge Mathers had denied him a new trial.

"I did not intend killing the man and it was done through his own fault," was the only statement made by Baker to the court when asked if he had anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced. A that stands between Baker and the closing of the penitentiary doors on him for life, is the necessary papers for his admittance there. These will in all probability be forthcoming soon. It is probable, however, that the officers will arrange for him to partake of one meal within the family circle.

Judge Mathers in brief but impressive remarks to Baker failed to change the demeanor of the prisoner who left the court house smiling, but gave him advice as follows:

"I feel sorry for you, I feel sorry for all those who get into trouble. It's easy to do wrong; easier to do wrong than it is to do right. Cain was the first murderer and God branded him as a murderer, to be known as such as long as he lived, although you have committed one of the worst crimes that one can commit, that of taking the life of a fellowman, of depriving him of the right to live and enjoy his life here. Yet God has offered you a full and free pardon for your sins if you will but repent and plead his forgiveness. It is natural for you to try to justify yourself for your crime, but you may be glad the jury did not return a worse verdict, you may be thankful that you were spared your life."

Judge Mathers said he was fearful of the result of the jury, that he feared they would have returned a verdict of first degree murder with mercy and that upon him would have rested the responsibility of saying whether or not mercy should be extended. He said: "I am glad for the prisoner and glad for myself that I was spared the painful duty. I saw our mother in the witness chair and I never saw deeper sorrow or expression that was more devoid of any hope, as was shown on her face. I saw traces of former beauty, but they have been changed and overshadowed with sorrow. I know not that her life has been, whether one of sorrow, or whether it has come through your misdeeds. I saw your father on the chair and he seemed to want to tell only the truth. I saw you at times during recess go to your mother and put your arms around her neck and kiss her and I was deeply touched. It shows that you are not altogether bad, that there is still some good in you. If you have a spark of manhood in you, you will try and remove the shadow from your mother's face."

The judge spoke of LeVan's use of liquor and said it was because of its use that he was in his present condition. Dennis Baker, LeVan's accomplice, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a comparatively short term, has already entered upon his term of service.