

# War in the East! Peace in the West! "Thank God for Wilson"

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## WARNING IS ISSUED TO WARRING NATIONS

### Incidents Similar To Those Causing War Of 1812 Are Being Performed By French Cruiser, Conbe

## HOLDING LINES

But Very Slight Change in  
Situation on Either Side  
Today.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS

From Russia Say That Ger-  
mans Are Now in Full Re-  
treat in Russian Poland.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, issued a solemn warning to the European warring nations this afternoon that they would be held responsible if they interfered with the rights of any American citizens and if this country was driven to action. His statement followed the reading of a letter by Senator Thomas in which it was charged that the French cruiser Conbe stopped the United Fruit steamer Metatan, an American steamer, on the high sea and examined American citizens, temporarily detaining five German-American youths. The Metatan was bound from one neutral point to another. This incident, if true, parallels those that caused the war of 1812. "The United States will maintain its position of neutrality," said Senator Stone "but it will be well for other nations to remember that we will not look with indifference on an invasion of the rights of our citizens by any belligerent nation." R. W. Patterson, who wrote the letter to Senator Stone said he was a passenger on the Metatan and that on October 4, while near Colon, she was boarded by the Conbe. All passengers, he said, were forced to undergo an inspection in the dining hall. In a few minutes all persons were permitted to leave except five young Germans. He said that they were not reservists going to Germany, but were American citizens. These young men were forced to sign

a parole in which they promised not to fight against the allies before they were permitted to remain on the ship and proceed. The Metatan is now aground in Ambrose channel, New York. It was held up for two hours by the cruiser. Patterson pointed out that this was an American ship and that her captain, because he made no protest against the action of the French ship, should not be permitted to command an American boat. Senator Thomas read the letter and said it called for action from the state department.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The war office today issued a statement declaring that a British Bristol biplane had been shot down by the German troops near Peronne and that one of the two officers captured was Colonel Grey, brother of Sir Edward Grey, British minister of foreign affairs.

London, Oct. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An unconfirmed rumor was circulated throughout the city today and which declared that the big cruisers, Invincible and Terrible had been torpedoed and sunk by German submarines in the North sea. So persistent was the report that the official press bureau at the request of the admiralty issued an official statement discrediting it. It was positively stated that no report of further operations of the German submarines had been received since yesterday's report that the cruiser Hawke had been sunk. The admiralty insisted that the rumor was without foundation.

Paris, Oct. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Ground has been gained in the vicinity of Arras and St. Mihiel and the allies have occupied the district eight miles northeast of Lillie according to the official statement this afternoon. It stated that the situation generally on the front is unmodified. There has been no change whatever in the Ypres district and as a general thing the lines remain as reported yesterday.

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fierce fighting between the Mexican followers of Villa (Continued on Page 3)

## TO BE OBSERVED

Local United Brethren C. E.  
Will Observe Good Citi-  
zenship Day

## WITH A PROGRAM

Sunday Evening—John B.  
Kiracofe is Leader—Ex-  
cellent Features.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor has set apart October 18th, as Good Citizenship Day. The Christian Endeavorers of the continent will unite with all other religious and patriotic organizations to make the day an occasion of uplift and practical inspiration.

Slogan: "A Saloonless Nation 1920."

The local society of the U. B. church will observe this day with the following Good Citizen's Day Program at 6:15:

Instrumental Selection—Josephine Pennington.  
Song—Audience, "America."  
Prayer—Rev. T. H. Harman.  
Scripture Lesson—Harry Fisher.  
Song, "Wine is a Mockery"—Choir.  
Opening Remarks, "Purpose and Spirit of Good Citizenship Day"—B. C. Hoagland.

Responsive Reading—Good Citizenship Catechism.  
Five Sentence Prayers—Theme, "Peace and Brotherhood."

Address, "The Liquor Problem and Solution"—R. B. Mumma.  
Instrumental Duet—Mr. Gage and Miss Magner.

Address, "Some of the Opportunities and Responsibilities of a Christian Citizen"—Prof. C. E. Spaulding.  
Song, "When Prohibition Wins"—Choir.  
Benediction.

We shall be glad to have you spend the evening with us and hear this program. The effect of the liquor traffic on the police force of a city will be illustrated with cartoons.

J. B. KIRACOFE, Leader.

## ADD NEW SPORTS

Have Been Added to West  
Ward School Playground  
for Recess Play.

## BASKET BALL COURT

As Well as Volley Ball  
Court Have Been Built  
—A New Flag.

The west ward school believes in making things attractive for its children on their own grounds. The excellent playground has had special equipment added thereto and a number of new games inaugurated to add to the enjoyment of the children during the recess period.

A new basket ball court has been made, as well as a new volley ball court. A new flag, six by ten feet, has been purchased and this will be hung so that its folds will wave over the school building.

These new things have been purchased by the children and teachers, who contributed to the fund, and with the able supervision and planning of the principal, Clark Spahr, the courts have been made.

## IS TAKEN HOME.

Mrs. John Herman and son, Adrian, returned to St. Henry's, Ohio this morning. Adrian underwent an operation but has recovered and is able to walk around again. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Herman's mother, Mrs. John Meyers.

## WASHINGTON TEACHERS MEET

The teachers of Washington township held their regular institute here today in the office of Trustee Samuel Butler.

## HOME TALENT PLAY.

The Ruth Circle and aid society of the Christian church will give a home talent play, "Higbee of Harvard," on Thursday, October 22, at the Bosse opera house. The fund will be used for paying on the piano which they presented to the church some time ago. The play is a comedy-drama in three acts and the characters for each part have been chosen from among the leading talent of the city, and given the part best fitted for each character. The play is being staged by Mabel Edith Weldy, who has shown good ability at this work. The cast's names will be presented the first of the week. The ladies are already out with the tickets and the patronage of the public is kindly asked for.

## THE COURT NEWS

Naomi Love Brings Suit  
for Divorce from Ed-  
ward H. Love.

## HER MAIDEN NAME

Is Asked to be Restored—  
Wedding in Clerk's Of-  
fice Today.

A marriage license was issued to Willard Ketchum, driller, of Jefferson township, born December 10, 1881, son of Zach Ketchum to wed Georgia Coffee, born May 19, 1889, daughter of John Coffee. They were married at ten o'clock by Judge D. E. Smith in the county clerk's office.

Harriet C. Ribble vs. Della Fetzer and others. Separate and several demurrer overruled, and exceptions by the defendant.

James Touhey vs. L. A. Holthouse. Demurrer overruled, and exceptions by the defendant.

Isabella Hedington vs. G. A. Gage and others. Defendant ruled to answer absolute in five days.

In the Henry Worthman estate, report of sale of personal property was filed and approved.

Through her attorneys, Hooper & Lehart, Naomi Love has filed a suit for divorce from Edward H. Love. She asks for \$250, for the support of herself and unborn child, for whose custody she asks. She also wants her maiden name, Naomi Van Camp restored. She recites in her complaint that they were married May 2, the defendant doing so to settle paternity proceedings brought against him. She states that immediately after marriage he ran away and left the state, his whereabouts are unknown to herself and officers. She charges him with cruel and inhuman treatment and failure to provide. She is seventeen years old, an orphan, and states that she is dependent upon relatives for support and care, all of which the defendant knew, and his failure to provide a home for her, is a part of the cruelty mentioned. The complaint sets out that she brought a suit for fraudulent marriage June 26, but that the summons was not served because the officers did not know of his whereabouts. Through attorneys however, the defendant agreed to compromise for \$250 and this is the alimony which she asks. She is under guardianship.

Real estate transfers: Charles F. Aleshire to John J. Hofstetter, 132.49 acres, Wabash township, \$15,000; Minerva A. Woods to Sabra Woods, 40 acres, Monroe township, \$6500.

## LIVED BUT SHORT TIME.

A girl baby born this morning to the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Gleiser, lived but a short time. A private funeral was held this afternoon at four o'clock at the home, and the little body was laid to rest in the Decatur cemetery. Rev. Gleiser is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The annual Washington township Sunday school convention will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The program was announced yesterday.

## BEHIND THE BARS

Prison Doors Close Behind  
LeVan Baker for Life—  
Request Was Granted.

## TO EAT DINNER

With His Family Once More  
Mother's Health is De-  
clining Rapidly.

LeVan Baker, who was sentenced Monday by Judge H. T. Mathers to life imprisonment for the murder of Wilbur E. Phillips, on a Lake Erie freight train November 29, 1913, was taken to the state penitentiary at Columbus, Thursday morning, to begin his sentence.

His last request made to Sheriff Fisher, in whose custody the prisoner has been since his incarceration in March, was that he be permitted to spend an hour with his parents Wednesday afternoon. Realizing that he was to be taken away Thursday to spend the rest of his natural life behind the bars of the penitentiary and that he would probably never see his invalid mother whose decline in health has been rapid since the arrest and trial of her eldest son, Baker asked Sheriff Fisher if he would be permitted to spend one hour with his family and be allowed to sit around the family table and eat a meal with them once more.

His request was granted, and the prisoner, with the sheriff, went to the Baker home and spent the hour from 4:30 to 5:30, with his mother. Thursday morning Sheriff Fisher took his prisoner to St. Marys in an automobile and the journey to Columbus was continued on the T. and O. C. Baker throughout his stay in the county jail has been a model prisoner, never making any trouble and doing the tasks assigned him in a cheerful manner. His companion in the crime, Dennis Baker, who on September 29th pleaded guilty to manslaughter, was taken to Columbus two weeks ago to begin his term of an indeterminate sentence for being an accessory in the crime which resulted in the death of Wilbur Phillips.—Celine Standard.

## FUNERAL TODAY

Services for Samuel J. Vin-  
ing Held at Home at  
Celina, Ohio.

## WAS A RELATIVE

Of Dr. J. M. Miller of This  
City—Death Came from  
Appendicitis.

Hon. Samuel J. Vining, former speaker of the Ohio legislature, and a widely known man in commercial and political circles, died Thursday at his home in Celina, a result of appendicitis for which he recently underwent an operation. Mr. Vining, who was a native of Randolph county, was fifty years of age, but had resided in Mercer county since 1880, first as a farmer, a school teacher, later as a real estate agent and public officer. Socially, he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, the Woodmen and the Eagles. He was married to Addie Elsworth, in 1887, and she, together with their three children, Vernon E. Vining, Mrs. Arthur Berringer and Heath, survive him. The funeral services were held at the home today. Mr. Vining was a relative of Dr. J. M. Miller of this city.

## PORTLAND WOMANS' REST ROOM

The Woman's Franchise League of Portland is behind the movement for a public rest room for the women there. The Portland Commercial-Review says: "The room in the basement of the public library was decided upon as the location for the public rest room for women, and the members of the Franchise League will solicit aid from the various women's organizations of the city to furnish the room comfortably."

## W. R. C. CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The Decatur W. R. C. ladies who attended the quarterly eighth district convention at Bluffton Thursday, report a splendid time. The convention will next be held at Hartford City. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sallie Shroyer, Bluffton; senior vice Mrs. DeVilbiss, Fort Wayne; treasurer, Mrs. Cora Brown, Geneva; delegate, Mrs. Ellingham, Bluffton; alternate, Mrs. Margaret Louthan, Decatur. The attendance was large and dinner was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. Those from here were Mrs. Dan Kitson, Mrs. Joe Hower, Mrs. Ida Chronister, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Winifred Russell, Mrs. Rebecca Phipps, Mrs. Tom Teeple, Mrs. Margaret Louthan.

## ARE NEW PARTIES

Studabaker-Faylor Case is  
Dragged Out so Long  
That Defendants Died.

## NEW ONES NAMED

To Take Their Places, Be-  
ing Heirs of Those Now  
Deceased.

Bluffton, Ind., Oct. 17.—There were further developments today in the celebrated Studabaker-Faylor case which has been fought through the courts here, and the opinion of the supreme court has taken the form of a controversy between the heirs of Katherine Faylor over the probate of a will. The case originally was an action to set aside a deed conveying 200 acres of land to D. D. Studabaker. The motion yesterday was a suggestion of the deaths of Elizabeth Stouth John L. Faylor, Joseph Faylor, Thom as Faylor and Rebecca Houtz, together with a motion to substitute new plaintiffs for these, the new plaintiffs being the heirs of the deceased parties. The court sustained the motion to substitute the new parties to the suit for the original defendants who are dead.

Another phase of the case is to be heard soon at Decatur, where a hearing will be had in the case arising from the contention of the attorney over the distribution of a judgment of \$2,600 paid to the court there by D. D. Studabaker, the original defendant. Mock & Mock of this city claim \$600 of the sum and when it was paid to other attorneys, brought suit against the Adams county clerk to collect that amount.

## ART "FLEW" TO AUBURN.

Auburn, Oct. 17.—Art Smith, the bird-boy, of Fort Wayne, flew into this city at 4:10 yesterday afternoon, having left Fort Wayne about a quarter to four in his air machine to fill his engagement with the L. O. O. M. of this city in a flight at the ball park this afternoon. Smith had just received his new motor and was forced to fly to this city today to be able to fill this engagement. A big crowd of hearing he was on his way gathered at the ball grounds to watch him alight, he making one sweeping circle and came down with ease.

## MADE BIG INCREASE.

The parcels post count from October 1 to October 15 shows a big increase at the local office, over the count for the same time in April. There were two less than 400 parcels more handled at the local office for the October count, than at the April count. The total number of parcels handled here at this time was 3,068; the number received from other offices for delivery here, 2,594; the number received here for mailing, 454. The total number handled during the April count was 2,670.

## DAMAGE CLAIM SETTLED

The claim for damages of Elias Sudduth against Fred Braun, for damages resulting in the automobile collision Sunday, has been amicably settled out of court. Judge J. T. Merryman was the attorney.

## K. OF C. NOTICE.

Monday, October 19th, regular meeting. The presence of all members is desired. G. K.

## WILL HOLD BIG MEETING

Governor Ralston, Thomas  
Taggart, W. H. O'Brien  
Coming Here

## ON NEXT FRIDAY

These Three of Indiana's  
Greatest Men Will Speak  
in This City.

The big political event of the year will occur in this city next Friday afternoon at which time the democrats will hold a meeting that should attract the attention of every voter of Adams county. At that time this city will have as guests a number of the state's most distinguished men and there will be speeches by:

Hon. Samuel M. Ralston, governor of Indiana.

Hon. Thomas Taggart, national committeeman from Indiana, and best known man in politics in the middle west.

Hon. William H. O'Brien, auditor of state.

It is unnecessary to tell you who these men are for they are all well known. Governor Ralston is admitted to be the greatest executive the state has had in half a century. He is a fighter for democracy and has been all his life. Thomas Taggart, national chairman of Indiana for many years, and the most talked of man and most abused of any in the state, will make his first visit to Adams county. He is not a great orator, but he will talk in a plain every-day style that you will understand. This is the first trip he has ever made over the state during a political campaign and he was urged by the state committee to accompany the governor that the people might have an opportunity to meet this man who has done more for the success of the party in Indiana than any other man. He is a clean and fearless fighter, true to his party and his friends under any and all circumstances, notwithstanding the opposition to him by the newspapers and republican politicians of the state. William H. O'Brien is the auditor of state and one of Indiana's greatest men. His name is being mentioned for other honors and he will impress you as a man whom you can trust.

If you are interested in the great public questions of the hour you should hear these great men discuss them. No doubt they will be accompanied by others and it will be one of the biggest political meetings ever held here.

## KILLED MILLER DOG.

A shooting affray occurred at the corner of Third and Monroe streets this morning in which the big coach dog belonging to Roy Miller received a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Dick Burdick, and died an hour later. According to Dick's story he was riding on his motorcycle last evening when the dog jumped at him and lacerated his right leg. This morning, when the dog passed the barber shop where Dick was working, Dick picked up a revolver and chased the dog to the feed barn at the corner of Third and Monroe streets, where he fired four shots at the dog. Three of the shots failed to strike the mark but the fourth shot was better timed and struck the dog near the heart. Dick was criticized by several spectators for selecting one of the main streets for the affair, as the bullets might have glanced and seriously injured some person, also because Mr. Miller's young son was with the dog at the time and it was necessary to shoot past the boy to hit the dog. The dog was valued at \$50.

## TO ATTEND DEDICATION.

Paul Reinking, auditor of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway, went to Fort Wayne this morning to make arrangements for securing a special car from Fort Wayne to Logansport tomorrow. A large delegation from the Decatur Walthier League of the Zion's Lutheran church will go to attend the dedication of a new home in Logansport by the Walthier League of that place.

## Attendance at Church of Representative Men More Powerful Than Sermons

**MEN should GO TO CHURCH.**  
What is the matter with our men? They are quick to proclaim their faith in God. They will strongly resent the intimation that they are nonbelievers. Yet when they are asked why they don't attend church they are ever ready with an excuse. If the leading men in this community, one and all, would start right now to attend church regularly their example would be all powerful. Their continued attendance would be more effective than a dozen sermons.

IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT 75 PER CENT OF THE REGULAR CHURCHGOERS TODAY ARE WOMEN. A HUSBAND WILL TAKE PRIDE IN HIS WIFE GOING TO CHURCH. IN FACT, HE WILL ENCOURAGE ALL HER CHURCH ACTIVITIES. IT IS RIGHT THAT HE SHOULD. IT IS ALSO RIGHT, AND ONLY JUST, TOO, THAT HE SHOULD BE SEEN IN CHURCH. SURELY THERE IS NOTHING THAT HE NEED FEAR IN THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP. SOME ARE QUICK TO CRITICISE THE PREACHER. IT WILL BE SAID THAT HIS SERMONS ARE DRY. AGAIN IT WILL BE SAID THAT HE IS SENSATIONAL IN HIS METHODS. THE READING OF THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY, THE WORD OF GOD, IS NEVER DRY. NEITHER IS IT SENSATIONAL.

It is true that we live in a rapid fire age. It is true that minutes count. It is true that the calls of business and social activities are pressing. But no man is too busy, none so much in demand but that he can arrange to spend a small part of Sunday in church. There isn't a man who attends church but feels better after the service. CHURCHGOING IS UPLIFTING. It takes our mind off the fleeting things of this world. CHURCHGOING is not far removed from the sublime.

GO TO CHURCH next Sunday!  
GO TO CHURCH the following Sunday!  
GO TO CHURCH every Sunday!