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The war looks a little closer than at any time in the past but no one seems particularly alarmed. There is a feeling that with Mr. Wilson as president and Mr. Bryan as secretary, war will be indulged in by this nation only as a last resort, and that's the way it ought to be.

A partial suffrage bill for the women of Indiana has been favorably reported by the house committee and may receive favorable attention before the session is over. The women are some good fighters all right and they are keeping at this movement with a persistence that will get somewhere some of these days.

The primary law in Indiana became a real issue this morning when a message from Senator Kern was read in the state senate. The democratic leader insists that the bill ought to be passed but there are those who disagree with him on this point and it is likely the people will yet have the opportunity to decide the question.

Thomas Taggart has asked the senate to investigate the charges made by the News that he was dictating legislation and a committee has been appointed to inquire into the matter. They will find that the Indianapolis News, which published the story, is only playing politics and that Mr. Taggart has not even attempted to muddy the waters.

A favorable report on the Waltz bill giving the railroads the right to charge a two and a half cent fare in Indiana, will bring the question to an issue in the house. There is much division of opinion though the business men of the state generally favor the increase on the grounds that every concern big or little has the right to an honest profit.

President Wilson's charge that the republicans "have not had a new idea in thirty years" carries this period of mental inactivity back to 1855. Search the records and it will be found that in that long space of time G. O. P. statesmanship has mainly consisted in jacking up the tariff in return for liberal campaign contributions from protected beneficiaries. Previous to 1855 the republicans had carried the civil war to a successful finish and had brought about the resumption of specie payments. Progress had also been made in civil service reform. Since then, however, they have done nothing toward improving the banking laws, which the country had outgrown; toward a fair and equitable re-

vision of the tariff, and toward solving the trust problem. It was left to the democrats to accomplish these three great feats. For the last few years the G. O. P. has been drifting along on forged quotations from Lincoln, who has now been in his grave nearly half a century.—Philadelphia Record.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
German Reformed Aid—Mrs. L. C. Hessert.
Pythian Needle Club—K. of P. Home.
Shakespeare—Mrs. S. D. Beavers.
Thursday.
Euterpean—Mrs. E. D. Engeler.
Baptist Missionary—Mrs. Tom Druley.
Queen Esther's—L. M. Gory.
Helping Hand—Mrs. Fred Schenker.
Friday.
Mite—Mrs. J. W. Tyndall.

Life every man holds dear, but the brave man holds honor far more precious dear than life. —Shakespeare.

The twenty-seventh birth anniversary of Thomas Fisher and the birthday anniversary of his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Syphers, of Fort Wayne were celebrated jointly, as usual, with a dinner party at the Fisher home yesterday. Mrs. Clayton Billings of Fort Wayne, daughter of Mrs. Syphers; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stalter and Mrs. Rebecca Eady and daughters, were guests. The affair was very enjoyable.

Judge D. E. Smith has received invitation to the Sigma Chi banquet of the Indiana Alumni association, to be given Saturday, February 20, at the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis. He will probably not attend.

Mrs. Ross Tyndall opened her new home on Eleventh street last evening to her club friends, the members of the Dixie Embroidery club. The girls took occasion at this time to give a "shower for Mrs. Tyndall, who is one of the season's brides, and presented her with a fine aluminum roaster. Embroidery work and crocheting passed the time and the hostess was assisted by her iters, the Misses Ireta and Gladys Butler, in serving a delicious lunch. Mrs. Tyndall was formerly Miss Marie Butler. There will be no more meetings until after lent.

The annual opening of the mite boxes of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church was held last evening at the home of Mrs. C. C. Schafer and Mrs. Emma Daniel, the delightful social that accompanied it being enjoyed by the eighty or more guests. Mrs. B. J. Rice, as chairman of the program committee, presided and the program as published, was given. The mite boxes yielded the sum of \$60.19 for mission work. Mrs. D. W. Beery, chairman of the refreshment committee, and her corps of assistants, served tempting refreshments.

The Baptist Missionary society, recently organized, with Mrs. John Everett, president, will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Tom Druley on North Fifth street.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church was entertained most royally at the regular business meeting last evening by the Misses Mary and Ireta Erwin. Several interesting business matters were discussed and a good social time followed. During the evening a delightful luncheon was served. Among the

members, several guests were present, being the Misses Irene Smith, Florence Cowan and Messrs. Kenyon Walters, Charles Borton, Harold Graham.

The fine program for the Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society was given yesterday afternoon at the annual mite box opening meeting with Mrs. Will Kremers. While the society is small, with only twenty enrolled, the entire collection was \$24, which is considered very good. A fine time was enjoyed and refreshments served. There will be no more meetings until April.

Mrs. Margaret Meibers was seventy-seven years old yesterday and in honor of the anniversary, she entertained fifty or more relatives and neighbors at a six o'clock dinner and five hundred party last evening. The centerpiece of the big table was a fine birthday cake with the figures "seventy-seven" outlined with lighted candles. Prizes at cards were won by Mrs. Charles Niblick and Lawrence Voglewede. Mrs. Meibers was presented with a fine birds-eye maple card table as a gift. Mrs. Meibers is one of the fine elderly ladies of the city who have wonderfully preserved their youthful spirits and the party was enjoyed by no one, more than herself.

Henry Bleeker of Union township left last night for Fort Wayne, where he will visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Walde. Today Mr. Bleeker's sixtieth birthday anniversary will be celebrated with a big dinner at the Walde home. Guests will be the children and a number of friends including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurbach, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Young and babe; Henry Bleeker, Jr., a student at Concordia college; Miss Lydia Bleeker and Rev. Schmidt of Buffalo, former pastor of the Bleeker church.

The Euterpean club will meet tomorrow evening with Mrs. E. D. Engeler.

As fine a paper as was ever read before the Historical club was that of Miss Nellie Blackburn last evening, when the club met with Mrs. W. E. Smith. Her subject was "Picturesque Spots in Indiana," and the members are unanimous in their expression of its excellence. As much business came up, there was no sub-topical discussion. Much regret was expressed over the resignation of Mrs. Fred Schafer, as a member. There will be no meetings during the tabernacle service.

The Tri-Kappas had an interesting study at the home of Mrs. J. J. Helm last evening, Miss Madge Hite having the paper on "The Pan-American Exposition." There will be no meeting during the tabernacle services except on March 8, preparatory for the convention which some will attend. Miss Edna Hoffman, who was elected president, resigned, and Mrs. Avon Burk was elected to serve in her stead.

REV. HANNA ACCEPTS CALL.

E. S. Moses received a telegram from Rev. Jay C. Hanna of Chicago, to whom a call to the pastorate of the local Presbyterian church had been extended Monday evening, stating that he would accept. He will be here Friday to arrange to enter upon duty the coming Sunday.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A gas explosion in the Oakwood shaft, Prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company this afternoon may result in the loss of a score of lives. Fifty men are entombed. Nine injured have been rescued and one dead.

BRANCH OFFICE

Will be Opened in Lincoln Life Building at Fort Wayne This Week.

THE WEMHOFF WORKS

Will Establish Branch Plant at Fort Wayne—Business Growing.

The Wemhoff Monumental Works is preparing to open a branch office this week in Fort Wayne and has secured rooms in the Lincoln Life building. Otto Wemhoff, who has been with Green, the jeweler, in Fort Wayne, will be in charge of the Fort Wayne office for a while.

The office is opened with the view of at some time establishing a plant in Fort Wayne. This will not mean that the works will not be retained here, but the Fort Wayne plant will be a branch.

The Wemhoff Monumental Works is well known over several states and especially in Allen county and the northern part of the state, where they have placed many of their fine pieces of art in the monumental line. The extension of their business demands a branch office and further outgrowth.

THIRD READING

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by the platform of their party."

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The house committee today unanimously reported favoring the partial woman's suffrage measure. A divided report was returned with the majority for the Waltz measure allowing railroad fare of two and one-half cents per mile.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson today wrote Mayor Mitchell of New York that the country would feel less fearful of a food shortage when facts now in possession of the agricultural department are made public in a few days.

NOTABLE EVENT

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The vocal numbers by Maggie Lynch and Marie Danner of Kinsey and Mabel Tague of Dellinger school showed much natural talent. The violin music by Frank Meyer and the Dellinger representatives was very much appreciated by all. The piano solo by Miss Hazel Davis and the gymnastic drill by the smaller pupils of Kinsey school were excellent. After this came the debate, "Resolved, That Blue Creek Township Schools Should be Centralized." Affirmative, Lloyd Campbell, H. M. Cronover; negative, William Miller and Lester Davis. The judges were Trustee Charley Jones, W. P. Merriman and G. C. Lehman. The speakers did excellently well and the debate was most interesting and entertaining from beginning to end. It is said that when Blue Creek attempts something, it is done well. This is surely true.—Contributed.

For Wayne & Springfield Ry. Company.

TIME TABLE.

Northbound.

Cars leave Decatur at 5:50, 8:30, 11:30, 2:30, 5:45, 9:30; arrive at Fort Wayne at 6:53, 9:40, 12:40, 3:40, 6:55 and 10:40.

Southbound.

Leave Ft. Wayne at 7:00, 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00; arrived in Decatur at 8:10, 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:40, 12:10. Connections are made at Fort Wayne with the Ft. Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co., The Toledo & Chicago Interurban Railway Company, The Ohio Electric, and Indiana Union Traction Company; also with the Pennsylvania, Wabash, Nickel Plate, L. S. & M. S., C. H. & D., and G. R. & I. railroads.

Freight Service.

Freight service consists of one train each way daily; Leaving Decatur at 8:00 a. m. and returning, leaving Fort Wayne at 12:00 a. m. This enables shippers to telephone orders and receive shipments promptly.

W. H. FLEDDERJOHANN,
General Manager, Decatur, Ind.

MR. WEMHOFF ASKS SOME QUESTIONS

Decatur, Ind., Feb. 16, 1915.
The self-appointed committee, composed of grocers, bankers, etc., have made their report, and I move that the same be spread of record, and the matter of approval be taken up later.

The report would be more valuable and carry more weight with our citizens, whose interests the committee has so much at heart, if prior to assuming the self imposed task they had qualified as to their ability to make an authoritative decision in a case where Mortuary Architecture plays such an important part.

However, I will grant for the moment that the Honorable Committee does know more about the building of everlasting buildings than they do about making loans, weighing sugar, candling eggs and such fleeting affairs, and will avail myself of the invitation and ask a few questions.

When you say the buildings were better than you expected, do you mean to say they were not as bad as expected?

In your inspections did you ascertain the depths of the foundations? Did you make inquiry whether the ceiling in one of the buildings had ever been replaced?

Did you find out if part of the roof tile on one of the buildings had been blown off about a year ago?

Did you knock at the Great Entrance doors and examine if they were solid bronze or simply skeleton doors, veneered with thin sheet copper or bronze?

Did you examine the wires imbedded in the concrete crypts and which will be used to fasten the marble? Tell our citizens if it was common wire and in your opinion, if it was, can you assert it will not rust out in centuries?

Can you vouch for it that the iron pipes will never rust out; the automa-

tic valves never clog; that when Gabriel blows his trumpet everything will be in "Apple Pie" order?

And, when you stood before that box-like structure of CONCRETE, did you then and there decide that Concrete would last forever?

Standing there in the solitude of the Dead-House did you forget the dismal CONCRETE FAILURES so apparent in the outside world, in bridges, buildings, horse troughs and sidewalks?

And the roof that is to shelter the deceased forever, can you conscientiously say to our citizens that being made of that mystic material "Concrete," it will withstand the storms of centuries?

Did you visit all the structures erected by the firm or did you simply go where directed?

I think this enough questions for this time and will reserve a few pointed ones for later consideration. Now to the people of this community I will say that I have a detailed report made by a committee of the Association of Cemetery Superintendents, a thorough report after making personal investigations of Community Mausoleums in various places. This report summarized says that "earth burial is a far more preferable means of disposing of the dead than mausoleum interment."

Men that know, men that stand high in the Architectural world, make reports directly opposite to the Decatur Committee's conclusions, and as a sample will give in full an editorial appearing in one of the leading architectural magazines of the country: (Stone, published in New York City, July, 1914, issue)

"If it were not that it is dealing with the most sacred of all human emotions, there would be something inexpressibly ludicrous in the plans and comments called out by the community mausoleum. These structures

which scarcely rise above the dignity of storage warehouses for the dead, are compared by the promoters to the pyramids or burial temples of Egypt, or even to the great Roman Pantheon. By the use of these high-sounding comparisons the promoters evidently seek to make the investors forget that these mausoleums are purely commercial ventures, planned for no other purpose than to return the greatest possible percentage of interest on the investment. One of the far western newspapers gives a glowing account of one of these structures erected in its territory. A feature of this is an inscription in marble on the face of one of the columbarium niches, reading: "To be opened in 2914."

The newspaper pictures the time 1,000 years hence, when the urn is to be opened by whoever then has the custody of the mausoleum, and will yield up its treasures of papers, documents and relics sealed in it at the time of dedication. The confidence that one of these structures will endure for a thousand years and that it will still be guarded by a vigilant custodian is childlike to say the least. It is not a daring prediction to declare that fifty years will see all of these community structures fallen into ruins and the gathering of the remains they are supposed to shelter into a common grave."

Think of it, citizens, but fifty years to see the bone pile in our fair country! It's coming true in our namesake city of Decatur, Illinois, where bodies are being removed from the building, the building being erected so long ago as six years and constructed of that same wonderful material CONCRETE.

underfur material, CONCRETE. Concrete and Corpses. How synonymous! GEO. E. WEMHOFF, Pres., N. R. M. D. A. of A., Inc. (Advertisement)

A GREAT MEETING

Was Eleventh Annual Conference of Medical Instructors at Chicago.

DR. BOYERS ATTENDS

Reports Interesting Session Attended by Delegates from Nearly All States.

Dr. J. S. Boyers of this city, one of the Indiana delegates to the eleventh annual conference of the American Association on Medical Legislation and Medical Education, called by the council on health and public instruction, returned home this morning. Dr. Boyers and Dr. Hurty were the only members of the Indiana delegation named by Governor Ralston, who attended the meeting. The session, according to the doctor, was the greatest in history. Fully 250 delegates from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas, representing every state in the union, attended the four complete sessions which were held at the Congress hotel on the 15th and 16th. The very best universities sent delegates and many of these were on the program, including Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, University of Michigan; Dr. Frank Billings, Rush Medical College; Dr. John G. Clark, Pennsylvania; Dr. Harvey Cushing, Harvard; Dr. George Deek, Washington University; Dr. John M. T. Finney and Dr. William H. Welch, Johns Hopkins; Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, Columbia; President Pritchett, Carnegie Foundation; Dr. George Vincent, University of Minnesota; President Judson, University of Chicago; Dr. McKernon, president of the faculty New York Post Graduate Medical School, and many other professors and doctors from other institutions as notable as those named. The discussions were of the very best. Great strides have been made in the literary requirements of candidates beginning the study of medicine and the number of medical colleges in the United States has been reduced from 150 to 38. It is believed that within five years this number will be further reduced to from 70 to 75. The purposes of the meeting were well carried out and everybody there felt that a long step has been made in advance of the present status of medical education.

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