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INVADE SERVIA

Austro-German Troops Invade Servian Territory from Several Points.

BULGARIA EXPECTS

Declaration of War by Russia and Will Declare War on Servia Today.

London, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The long expected drive through the Balkans to Constantinople has begun. Austro-German troops in large force have crossed the Danube, Save and Drina, the three rivers that form Servia's northwestern frontier. This morning's Berlin official statement claimed that the crossings were effected at several points and that the Austro-Germans have obtained a firm footing on the Serbian soil. No word has come from Sofia this afternoon but it is believed possible that Bulgarian troops have already crossed the eastern frontier of Serbia, striking for the Nish-Salonika railway. The Greek minister to Sofia reported only two days ago that Bulgaria would invade Serbia when the Austro-German drive began. No formal declaration of war has come from Sofia but dispatches from there this afternoon declare that Bulgaria expects to be at war within a few hours.

Coincident with the beginning of the great Austro-German offensive in the Balkans, the allies have renewed their onslaught in the west with great fury. The German war office this afternoon admitted that the French of French infantry drove the Germans from the entrenched Tahure heights in the Champaign region but denies other successes were only temporary. Paris reports the repulse of heavy German counter attacks against the newly won ground with the Germans suffering enormous losses.

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DRUGGISTS AGREE

The agreement between the four local druggists, in which they conve- nant to close their respective stores at eight o'clock each evening, excepting Saturday evening, during the winter months, has been signed, and will go into effect on next Monday. The agreement will continue in effect until warm spring weather brings the opening of the fountains.

OCTOBER SESSION OVER

The board of commissioners concluded their work last evening and adjourned. The John T. Lose macadam road was accepted. The petitions for the refunding of taxes of Orlando Myers and Schaub & Dowling were dismissed.

WAS RILEY DAY

Shakespeare Club Honors Hoosier Poet With Riley Program

AT DUGAN HOME

Afternoon Tea Given on Celebration of the Poet's Birth Anniversary.

"Riley Day" in honor of our Hoosier poet, whose birthday anniversary falls today, was fittingly observed yesterday by the Shakespeare club with an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. C. A. Dugan. Each member invited two guests and the assembly numbered a hundred.

The October woods yielded a supply of beautiful flowers—the golden rod, which embodies the club color, yellow—beautiful oak leaves and daisies, and these with ferns and with roses and hydrangeas, banked the rooms of the Dugan home, making it unusually pretty. The open fires added that cheeriness which is so grateful in these cool October days, although the weather was at its best yesterday.

The Riley program was an excellent one. Mrs. Dugan, chairman of the entertainment committee, opened with a talk and read a clever bit of verse, "And Yet," which pertained to the opening of the club activities after the summer vacation. Miss Gertrude Moses gave a piano number and Mrs. Emma Daniel gave a talk on Riley. She told of his early life, his characteristics and many other things of interest. Miss Marie Patterson sang and Mrs. Charles Knapp gave two readings from Riley. A group of Riley songs, being several of his tuneful poems set to music, were sung by Mrs. Will Schrock.

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MY PHILOSOPHY.

(James Whitcomb Riley)

I ain't, nor don't p'tend to be,
Must posde on philosophy;
But there is times, when all alone
I work out ideas of my own
And of these same there is a few
I'd like to jest refer to you
Pervidin' that you don't object
To listen clos't and rickollect.

I allus argy that a man
Who does about the best he can
Is plenty good enough to suit
This lower mundane institute—
No matter of his daily walk
Is subject fer his neighbor's talk,
And critic-minds of ev'ry whim
Jest all git up and go fer him!

My docters is to lay aside
Contentions, and be satisfied;
Jest do your best, and praise er blame
That follers that, counts jest the same.

DANCE CRAZE

Modern Dances Exit from Scheme of Milwaukee's Amusement Program.

WILL SKATE NOW

Completion of Costly Sea Walls Makes Smooth Ice Possible.

(United Press Service)

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Exit the modern dance craze from the scheme of things in Milwaukee. By the time the ice has frozen early this winter, the Pignon Walk and all other forms of dance floor acrobats will be lost and forgotten in a craze for ice skating.

Milwaukee is going to have the biggest open air ice skating rink in the middle west.

When the long protecting seawall that makes Milwaukee harbor one of the finest in the world was completed, it was thought that the water within the protected area would freeze very smoothly but the first winter proved that such was not the case. The ice was too rough for skating.

Now, however, a second protection wall has been erected within the outer sea wall and the strip of water between the shore of Lake Michigan and the second wall will freeze to a glassy surface. Plans are already under way to utilize this great strip of water from McKinley beach to the head of Mason street as a municipal skating rink. It will be more than a mile and a half long and a quarter of a mile wide.

The demise of the dance has already been noted in cafes and halls where the nightly throngs were wont to swirl in close embrace. One big cafe that maintained a dance floor has done away with dancing for lack of patronage. Like New York city, the people here intend to go in strong for ice skating to take the place of the trot and canter.

CORN SELECTION

For Seed—County Agent A. J. Hutchins Meets Farmers at School House

ON LAST EVENING

At District 6, in Kirkland Township—Talked on Seed Corn Selection.

The farmers of the vicinity of the school district number six, Kirkland township, are right up to snuff. Thirty two of them attended an enthusiastic meeting last evening at the schoolhouse of that district, when County Agent A. J. Hutchins gave a demonstration of the selection of seed corn.

A shock of corn fodder was brought bodily into the schoolhouse, and Mr. Hutchins gave a talk, bearing upon the scientific selection of the corn to be used for seed.

The demonstration was such an excellent one that the farmers invited him to meet with them more informally in a corn field, and he accepted the invitation. He will go out next Monday and the talk and demonstration will be carried further.

Trustee G. M. T. Houck was one of the interested ones in securing the meeting for last evening.

SECURES \$300 HAUL

Huntington, Oct. 6.—A short, neatly-dressed man sauntered into the Fort Wayne and Northern Indiana Traction station here tonight, and with a revolver, forced J. C. Colches- ter, the agent, to give up about \$300. Fifteen feet away were the employees of the interurban, restaurant, separated from the waiting room by a screen only. The police have been unable to find trace of the robber after he left the station.

Sheriff Ed Green was notified early this morning to watch for the thief. An excellent description was furnished ed.

FIRST CASES IN STRIKE.

(United Press Service)

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Three machinists of the Bowser plant who went on trial today charged with assaulting Roy Thompson, a strike breaker, of Indianapolis, was the first local court case growing out of the Fort Wayne street car strike. Joseph Hafner, John Waldo and Leslie Libley were the three defendants. They are charged with having stopped Thompson's street car and kicked Thompson insensible. They have been out on \$500 bond. This was the day named by the city attorney when the new ordinance directed against the street car company should go into effect. The new ordinance, passed since the strike started, provides that the company shall not employ men to run its cars who have had less than fourteen days' local experience. The ordinance is directed at the strike breakers, many of whom have been imported from various Indiana cities.

WILSON ENGAGED

President Wilson is Engaged to Mrs. Norman R. Galt, Widow of

A CAPITAL JEWELER

Date of Wedding not Fixed, But Will Probably be in December.

(United Press Service)

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—President Wilson will leave tomorrow morning for New York, accompanied by his finance, Mrs. Norman R. Galt, Mrs. Helen Woodrow Bones, Doctor Cary T. Grayson and secretary Tumulty, to attend a house party at the home of Colonel House. Official statements at the white house today said the wedding will be celebrated very quietly at the home of Mrs. Galt.

President Wilson will marry within a short time, Mrs. Norman R. Galt, widow of a former prominent jeweler of Washington.

"The announcement was made today of the engagement of Mrs. Norman Galt of this city and President Woodrow Wilson."

No announcement of the date of the wedding was made, although it was stated at the white house that it would take place within a few months and would be private.

She came into the White House circle last fall as the close friend of Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, and was then met by the President. Mrs. Galt was Miss Wilson's guest at Cornish during the present summer. She is a woman of charming personality and the friendship, which early grew between her and the President, quickly ripened into something warmer and deeper.

The President's attention to Mrs. Galt has been marked for some weeks, but his opportunities to be with her have been curtailed by the press.

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RILEY SERENADE

Indianapolis Orchestra and Musik Verin Serenade the Hoosier Poet

AT 12:01 O'CLOCK

Poet, Admits Having the Time of His Life—Baskets of Flowers.

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Oct. 7.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Locherbie street was the first spot in the wide world today to know that James Whitcomb Riley's birthday had arrived. At 12:01 a. m. the little street echoed from end to end with the strains of "Love's old sweet song," played by the brass quartet of the Indianapolis orchestra. Riley's dreams must have enveloped the melody at first, for the Hoosier poet was not at once awakened. When the fact that he was being serenaded dawned on him he appeared at a window and wanted the party to wait until he passed the cigars. "No you go back to sleep," and they let the little lane in quiet once more, but before they left members of the

Musik Verin, sang several german folk songs and Riley admitted he was having the time of his life. The party left a big basket of flowers at his door and twined about the basket were ribbons that bore inscribed in letters of gold "From the Indianapolis orchestra and the Music Verin, Brothers in Song, to James Whitcomb Riley, who has made song glorious, October 7th, 1915. Twelve-one a. m."

BLIND TIGER CAUGHT

(United Press Service)

Bluffton, Oct. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Elzey Starr, forty years old—a cripple who came here from Blackford county last February was arrested on a blind tiger charge and pleaded guilty in circuit this morning, getting a fifty dollar fine and costs with ninety days in jail suspended.

The blind tiger was found at his home in the south part of town, his boy and another were found drunk and they admitted they got it there. The case was heard before special judge McGriff of Portland.

DAVID GESSINGER FUNERAL

The funeral of David Gessinger of

Tenth street was held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Methodist church. The Rev. D. T. Stephenson officiated.

IS RECOVERING

W. L. Gundersen who was seriously hurt Saturday evening when kicked by a horse, is recovering gradually.

He is still bedfast, however, being able to sit up in bed only when supported.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular business meeting and initiation of the Eastern Star will be held Friday evening at the hall. It is requested that every member be present.

A DIGNIFIED FAMILY

Having engaged in a prize fight the son of a family, who are strong on dignity, has to leave home. He falls in love with a mountain girl. Later his brother meets the girl while on a vacation, and after proposing throws her over at his father's command because she is illiterate.

The girl at once goes to school, and after acquiring a social polish takes care to meet the faithless city youth. She accepts his renewed proposal, but gets revenge by announcing her engagement to his brother at the dinner he had arranged for the purpose of announcing his. Improbable but interesting. In the case are Ruth Stonehouse, Grant Foreman and Eugene Acker.

There will also be the usual Charlie Chaplin reel in addition to the three reels of "A dignified Family."

HELPING OTHERS

How Edward Lee McLain Returned to Community Part of His Wealth.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Donated With Complete Equipment—Dedicated by Great Men.

Men work and strive and labor to gain riches and power and influence and then what—they die and the heirs quarrel and scrap and go to court to divide the wealth thus accumulated by the years of toil and the genius of the man who had the fat bank account. It is said that there are but three generations from shirt sleeves back to shirt sleeves and it is about the truth. But every now and again we find men who feel differently about these matters and for them we have always the greatest respect. Van Wert has had two or three men who dispersed their wealth that the people of that community might enjoy the benefits thereof during future generations. Mr. Eckhart of Auburn who died recently did much for Auburn, leaving a Y. M. C. A. and a beautiful park and a well equipped library as monuments—and he left more—he left sons and daughters who feel that what he did was right and will follow in his footsteps. One of the most interesting donations of this kind that has been called to our attention is that of Edward Lee McLain of Greenfield, Ohio. It is a city even smaller than this. Mr. McLain has accumulated a fortune with his manufacturing plant and he is one of the few who realized that the wise thing is to invest the money or at least a part of it now.

The President's attention to Mrs. Galt has been marked for some weeks, but his opportunities to be with her have been curtailed by the press.

He did and he did it wisely. He has built and equipped a modern high school building at cost of \$300,000. It contains laboratories, gas plant, museum, shops for the boys, library, gymnasium, auditorium, club rooms, study apartments and commercial room. The building was dedicated recently and among those who paid tribute to the splendid deed were Governor Willis, Hon. P. C. Claxton commissioner of the bureau of education at Washington, Dr. Herbert Welch, Prof. J. T. Quarles of Cornell university and W. B. Ittner, architect of St. Louis. It was a most remarkable event. Here in Decatur we would be delighted to have the gymnasium. We wonder if Mr. McLain is appreciated in his home town. We believe he is and we know he ought to be.

He never drank in his life. He never whipped any of his five children.

He never spoke a cross word to his wife.

He never called on any woman but his wife.

He always went to bed at or before 6 o'clock.

He never had a fight.

He attended church regularly.

He always ate simplest of foods.

He reads without glasses and is a familiar figure at the ball games.