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Incredible, that Germany, after three years of isolation, has brought the world to its knees; incredible that France and England are on their last legs, appealing to the United States as the only possible source of salvation; doubly incredible that Germany knowing all this, should have deliberately driven into the fight against her this, the only nation that has the power to destroy her!—Indianapolis Times.

The French soldiers seem to have faced danger even while passing through peaceful Egypt in dear old Illinois. From some undiscovered cause their train was wrecked and four cars derailed. Fortunately no one was even injured but the thousands who had gathered at Terre Haute and Indianapolis for a glance at the great foreigners, were disappointed. It is likely that more care as to publishing the exact route of such trains will be taken hereafter.

Senator Fleming, formerly the gentleman from Adams and Allen, is now urging that the constitutional convention, be held as planned and he has every one guessing just why. Whether he feels that a constitution written now would not have the careful study that such an important article should have and thus give the opportunity to secure a basic document more to his liking or one so palpably weak that it would not be approved by the people of the state, we cannot say, but the fact that Steve is for it, will probably change the position of several others for it.

Credit is due the T. P. A. lodge of this city for showing the way in their annual celebration. Instead of spending a large sum in banqueting this year when there are so many needs for money, they very wisely held the annual reunion without the "eats" and according to the verdict expressed, had just as good a time. From the money thus saved they appropriated sums for the Civic Improvement and Red Cross societies and for the purchase of a flag that is to be raised next Sunday, with appropriate ceremony. The boys are certainly "True patriotic Americans" and they deserve much credit for this action.

After all the farmers of this country are the ones who must raise the great crop necessary to keep away the wolves of hunger next winter.



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While the city campaigns are great and will help, every one knows that the old and experienced farmer is the man who must become the general in such movements. To him we will all look for an increase that will be worth while. There is no greater waste than waste of energy. Let everybody, farmer and townsman do all he can in a careful, ever-going head manner, that when totaled up after harvest will show the greatest production of food stuffs ever known in any land. Then have we done our "bit" and done it well.

Indiana men of military age, those who have no dependents and who are physically fit, should enlist now and decline to wait for the big draft. The volunteer not only has a certain high and creditable standing, but he will get that early training which means early promotion. The volunteer of today is to be the commissioned officer and the noncommissioned officer in that later period when the raw conscripts are mobilized for training. The conscripts will come, after the regular army, the navy, the guard, and the marine corps, are filled to war strength. The volunteer who gets in now will have many weeks' training to the good before the conscripts are put through their first "course of sprouts."—Indiana Daily Times.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday
Phoebe Bible Class—Mrs. Ed Miller.
Ever Ready Class—Mrs. Ed. Ahr.
W. C. T. U.—Mrs. John Vail.
W. R. C. Business Meeting—G. A. R. hall.
Wednesday.
Civic Improvement Society's Tea—Mrs. C. A. Dugan Home.
Thursday
Eastern Star—Masonic Hall.
U. B. Aid—Mrs. William Pennington.
Friday.
Mite Society—Postponed.
Junior Reception—Masonic Hall.

I have never advocated war except as a means for peace.—U. S. Grant.
Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Emma Flechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flechter, became the bride of Mr. Samuel H. Baumgartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel J. Baumgartner, living east of Vera Cruz. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel of the Six Mile parsonage. The couple was attended by Miss Lucinda Baumgartner and Mr. Joel Flechter, brother and sister of the bride and groom.—Bluffton News.

The picnic supper given last evening at the home of their teacher, Mrs. A. D. Artman, by the Ruth Circle of the Christian church, preceded the regular business and social meeting of this band. The supper was a most delicious one, including sandwiches of several varieties, baked beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, pickles, olives, cheese, cookies, cakes, wafers, fruit salad, coffee and other good things. The president, Miss Florence Lichter, presided during the business meeting and plans were made for a parcels post sale and supper, Monday evening, May 28. A committee on soliciting and arrangements includes Mrs. Ruby Baker, Misses Fanchon Magley and Ada Stevens. Three members of the circle, Grace Lichtensteiger, Vera Eady and Vivian Burk, are high school graduates this year and invitation from these to the commencement exercises was read. Mrs. W. P. Marsh was received as a new member. The collection for the evening amounted to ten dollars. Mrs. Marsh has invited the circle to her home in two weeks.

Business discussion occupied much of the time of the Delta Theta Tau sorority last evening at the home of Miss Margaret Smith, several plans being furthered.

The members of the Woman's Civic Improvement society would like to meet all the ladies of the city at their tea, Wednesday afternoon, from three to five at the home of Mrs. C. A. Dugan. This is a get-acquainted tea and the regular business meeting of the society will be held preceding the social.

The Freshmen boys of the high school were picnicked and toasted and feted last evening at the high school building by the high school Senior girls. The picnic supper was spread from five to seven and dancing and a good time followed. It is said that the girls took this way of settling scores with the Senior boys who have

been partial in their attentions showered upon the Junior girls.

The senior girls entertained the freshmen boys at a picnic supper in the manual training room. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pickles, olives, deviled eggs, potato salad, nabiscos, cookies, bananas and oranges. Games were enjoyed throughout the evening. Chaperons were Miss Cravens and Mr. Rittenhouse.

The meeting of the Mite Society of the M. E. church scheduled for Friday of this week at the H. E. Butler home, has been postponed until Friday of next week, on account of illness in the family.

TO ASK BILLION TO BUILD BOATS

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ber of places, particularly between Frey and Loos," the statement said. "Ours replied. In the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Faissart we made successful raids.

"Northeast of Armentieres a small enemy party raided our lines yesterday evening and after a hand to hand fight, were driven out, leaving a few dead. A few of our men are missing. South of Armentieres another enemy raid was repulsed."

BULLETIN.

Rome, May 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Kaiser William had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet while motoring in Berlin, a Zurich dispatch to the Corriere d'Italia asserted today. An unidentified man fired three shots at the kaiser's car, two of them striking the tonneau, the third going wild. He was arrested. The dispatch said the police were silent on the incident.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—That an actual solution of the submarine menace is close at hand was the view expressed officially by a competent navy department authority today. His opinion was given while W. L. Saunders and other members of the naval consulting board were at the department to confer with Secretary of Navy Daniels on anti-submarine inventions recently considered by the board.

HOME FROM CONVENTION.

Mrs. A. D. Artman and Mrs. Ruby Baker have returned from Hartford City where they attended the sixteenth annual session of the Northern Indiana Ben Hur Congress.

Mrs. Baker was a delegate from the local court and also gave a reading during a social evening. Mrs. Artman also read, taking the place of Miss Martha Tucker who could not attend. Mrs. Artman was chairman of the credential committee and both she and Mrs. Baker took part in the spectacular initiation. This includes the production of the play, "Ben Hur," in seven scenes. Mrs. Artman was Mother Hur, and appeared in three scenes, also giving the lecture, Mrs. Baker took the part of Esther, in scene five. It was given in the opera house at Hartford City.

The time of the annual meeting has been changed to the first week in September, and next year it will be a state affair.

MR. HAMMELL VERY LOW

Mrs. Kate Koontz, of Yellow Springs, O., will arrive this afternoon being called here by the serious illness of her father, C. B. Hammell, who is at the point of death and whom it is believed will not survive the week. He has been ill for many months of cancer of the stomach.

JAMES W. SALE ELECTED.

(United Press Service)
Fort Wayne, Ind., May 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—James W. Sale of Bluffton was elected president of the Indiana School for Feeble Minded at the annual meeting of the trustees today.

NOTICE, ADAMS COUNTY.

The Adams County Game and Fish Protective association will meet at the city hall Wednesday, May 9th, at 8 o'clock. All those interested in game and fish are requested to be present and a special appeal is made to the farmers to be present. By order of COMMITTEE.

Sugar From Wood.

Now they're making sugar out of wood. Chemists have found that they can take a ton of sawdust and get a quarter of a ton of sugar out of it. The process consists of putting the sawdust into a closed retort and subjecting it to digestion with a weak solution of sulphuric acid under a pressure of from ninety to one hundred pounds to the square inch. Eighty per cent of the sugar thus obtained is fermentable. The product is called "sacchulose."

FOR SALE—Slightly used A. B. Chase piano, taken in on player-piano. A bargain—Jas. B. Stogdill, Willshire, Ohio. 10813

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

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ed by the plaintiff. The defendant was ordered cited to appear May 21 to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court in failing to comply with the order thereof.

Real estate transfers: Theodore D. Zerkle, et al to David Gerber, realty in Hartford township, \$6200.

A marriage license was issued last evening to Jerome J. Coffee, machinist, born October 4, 1894, son of David D. Coffee, to wed Gladys Mary Eady, born September 27, 1898, daughter of Enoch Eady.

WEST WARD CLUB

County Agricultural Agent Overton and Will Kremers, of the Sugar Company, met with the West Ward Parents-Teachers' club last evening and gave talks along the line of gardening. The ward has leased an acre and a half of land for the boys and girls and they will cultivate finely white navy beans. Tomatoes also will be grown.

A social will be given next Tuesday night at the west ward school. From seven to eight there will be a program of three changes, given by the pupils of the several rooms. Following this there will be a fair, when various things will be sold. A good time is anticipated.

PARENT-TEACHER CLUBS.

The West Ward Parent-Teachers' club met last night, with a good attendance and much interest. The children of that school will take care of an acre and a half garden this year, the money thus derived to be used for play ground equipment. They will plant beans and tomatoes and the girls will can the tomatoes and sell them.

The North Ward Parent-Teachers' club will meet tonight to plan for raising funds for securing play ground equipment. O. L. Vance is the president and the association is making good progress.

PLAY IS POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that the final examinations will be held in the public schools the first of next week the students who took part in the home talent play "The Man From Home" feel that it will be impossible for them to give the time that would be necessary for practice and the giving of the show for the benefit of company "A" at this time and the same has been postponed. They may give the performance later.

WHAT "THE CRISIS" MEANS TO THOSE WHO THINK

The sort of material doled out in many of the picture theaters has long been a subject of interest to this paper.

We have visited the movies for the

purpose of finding out what sort of entertainment is making the public sad and glad; for entertainment seems to be achieved so easily in hardening the emotions as in cheering the mind of the pleasure-seeker.

There is a question as to whether the theater provides what the public demands or whether the public takes what it can get.

However that may be, the movies might become a great educational force, and lose nothing on the score of entertainment, if handled in the right way, for impressions are much deeper when taken through the senses than when acquired after much painstaking study through the intellect, and the movie is the medium of all others which meets this special requirement.

For those managers who are working along these lines we have the heartiest respect and would do what we could to co-operate.

There is a film running at the country's leading theaters called "The Crisis."

It is an adaptation of the story by Winston Churchill, a faithful reproduction of ante-bellum days, which is worth a whole term's course on the institution of slavery, the incidents leading up to the civil war and the war itself, to every child in America.

This film is so true, so deeply human, so real in its portrayal of courage, patriotism, love, honor, self-sacrifice and "Americanism" that the cheap exhibitions supposed to arouse these dormant sentiments when the band plays "America," and the "hero" runs up the flag, are tawdry in comparison.

This is history, alive—with men and women who choose to suffer and die for the great cause and do not count the cost.

This shows Lincoln, the man, in the character of the sad but indomitable patriot, whose heart was wrung by the suffering of the south.

In other words, this film brings home to the last two generations the actual situation in this country at the time of the civil war as no amount of textbook study or record of battles can do.

For we are not yet creatures of the intellect, but rather reached through our feelings and our educational pathfinders must recognize this fact in order to attain best results.

We cannot too highly recommend this film which leaves the beholder in an exalted mood; proud of his country and willing, even glad, to give himself to any noble cause.

Why not supply our young people with this sort of heroic, yet beautifully simple sort of picture, and stimulate what is best that is in them, rather than prostitute their minds with the stupid antics of cheap clowns on the precarious adventures of pirates and highwaymen.—Editorial in the Detroit Times, Dec. 2, 1916. At the Crystal tonight.



Baking's a Joy with CALUMET BAKING POWDER

"Baking day" becomes a day of smiles, when you use Calumet. A day of smiles for you and for the rest of the family, too.

You'll be delighted because Calumet is so unfailing in its results. You'll not have one baking ruined—not one batch of materials wasted—but every baking will come from the oven fluffy and tasty and evenly raised.

Always insist on Calumet. Your grocer has it—or can get it if you'll refuse substitutes.

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GRADUATION GIFTS FOR BOY AND GIRL

Should be serviceable and beautiful, in keeping with the importance of this occasion. Graduation means so much to the boy and girl and an appropriate gift of jewelry will make the occasion all the more lastingly remembered.

Here are some suggestions:—

FOR THE BOY

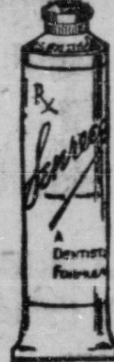
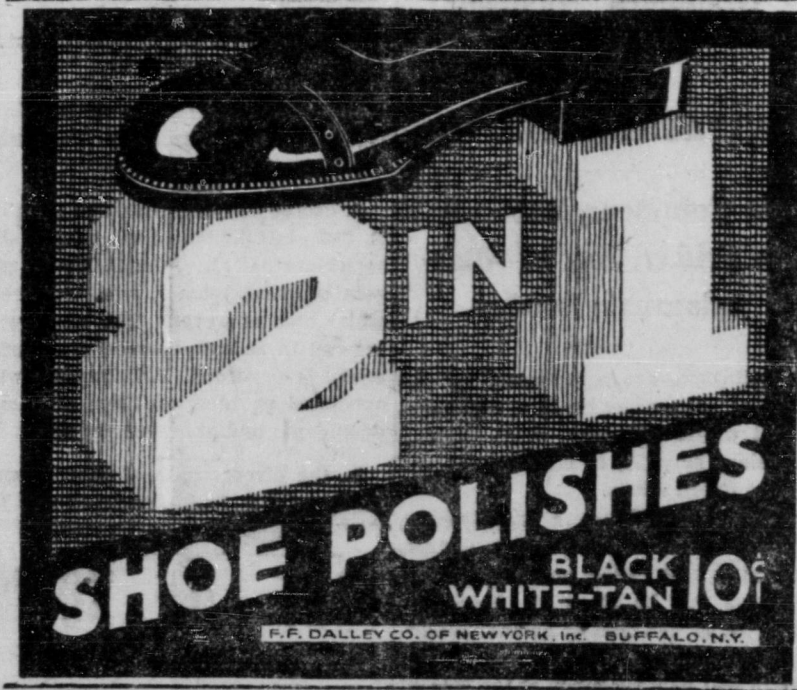
Watches
Rings
Belts
Waldemar Chains
Fountain Pens
Umbrellas

FOR THE GIRL

Diamond Ring & Jewelry
Wrist Watches
LaVallieres, Rings
Brooches, Pearl Beads
Ivory, Bud Vases
Umbrellas

These are only a few suggestions. Many other things have to be seen to be appreciated. Come, we're always glad to show you.

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Appreciations from dentists who have personally proven Senreco. Names on request.

I am using Senreco myself. Gums have improved wonderfully. Birmingham, Alabama, Mar. 20, 1917.

I find Senreco a great help in my work. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1917.

I find by twelve months' personal use and from my observation of results obtained from the use of Senreco that soft, spongy gums which fail to respond to other treatments have at once shown marked improvement. Chicago, Ills., Mar. 10, 1917.

Senreco actually improves the condition of the gums by reducing inflammation. I highly recommend it. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 22, 1917.

I find Senreco very beneficial. Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1916.

I am using your excellent tooth paste in my home and the other members of my family have given up their old-time favorites for Senreco. Chicago, Ills., April 7, 1917.

Am well pleased with Senreco—so are my patients. Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1916.

Senreco is the best tooth paste in use this day. New York City, Mar. 27, 1917.

Try this remarkable dentifrice yourself. Get a tube of Senreco at your druggist's or toilet counter today. Costs only 25c for large 2 oz. tube.