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## GERMANY SEEKS TO RECOVER COLONIES

### BEAUTIES OF HAWAIIAN ISLES

Told in a Very Interesting Way by Dr. Buxton at the Gym Last Evening

### ILLUSTRATED TALK

Convinced Audience That Islands Were "Uncle Sam's Pacific Paradise"

Dr. A. G. A. Buxton, pastor of the Christian church, clearly proved to his audience at the gym last evening that the Hawaiian Islands were "Uncle Sam's Pacific Paradise."

Starting his illustrated lecture at 8:10 and continuing his interesting talk as every picture was flashed upon the screen, the pastor convinced his audience that the islands in the Pacific ocean 2,000 miles from the harbor at San Francisco were far from what many American people imagined them to be. The Hawaiian Islands and the city of Honolulu are the home of a much better class of people than is generally believed. Every religious denomination in the world is represented there, and the missionaries sent there have accomplished wonders in their teachings to the natives. But there has been a constant stream of foreigners—Americans, British French, Japanese, Chinese, Australians, and others who have taken up their abode there. The doctor stated that fully sixty-five per cent. of the population of the city of Honolulu were Japs, and they had three Japanese newspapers in the city, two American papers and two Chinese.

Views of Honolulu streets, public and private buildings, fruit, flower, and vines, which were most beautiful were thrown on the curtain and Dr. Buxton told an interesting story in connection with each. Scenes of the bathing beach, the surf riders, and many of the customs which could be shown on a curtain were told about and even the hula hula dancers, with their skirts of straw found a place in the lecture.

The volcanoes, with all their destructive power, and also their beauty were shown to the audience, and you were almost walking at times on the very brink of a pit of smoky, fiery lava. A lonely path winding in and around the mountains to an isolated leper village, where many have been forced to travel never to return was mentioned, as was also the determination of a Catholic priest to go and administer to the wants of dying men and women in the village. The sacrifice of this man in going as a missionary which he knew to mean death in the very worst form was praised in the most forcible way by the lecturer.

The beauties and productiveness of the islands, however, far outshine the objectionable features, so much that Dr. Buxton says he expects to return to the islands of some future date.

The lecture was given yesterday afternoon to the school children and thoroughly enjoyed by each one of them, and will again be given this evening. If you were not there last night, you should attend this evening. The illustrated talk is worth many times the price of admission.

### TO DRAW UP PETITION

The city council will meet in special session this evening for the purpose of adopting the petition to make to the public service commission to increase the water rates in Decatur. The suggested increased rates were published in yesterday's paper, together with the figures and totals in the report of the engineers.

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In the last minute rush in getting to press yesterday the line "Continued on page three" was omitted following the two-column story about the report of the engineers on the Decatur Light and power plant. The last line on the article on page one was "Gross profit in electric department \$7,987.03." On page three of yesterday's paper you'll find a half column continuation of the article.

### SUPPER MENU

The Phoebe Bible class of the Zion Reformed church will give a two-cent supper at the K. of P. home Saturday evening, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Creamed chicken, noodles, gravy, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, baked beans, chili con carne, sweet potatoes, cold slaw, pickles, beets, potato salad, perfection salad, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, pie, cake and coffee.

Thirteen years ago, after long waiting, the Englishman came into the right to marry his deceased wife's sister, but an Englishwoman is not yet allowed to marry her deceased husband's brother. A bill to give her this permission has just been introduced.

### SOUND BUSINESS

Was Discussed by Mr. J. C. Simpson of Marshall Field & Company

### A COMMERCIAL NATION

Deep in the Combat for Business, Racing Against Formidable Rivals

(United Press Service) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The reduction in prices has increased competition to such an extent that only the "fittest will survive," the period of readjustment through which the business of the country is now passing. James C. Simpson, vice president of Marshall Field and company, largest drygoods wholesalers and retailers in the world, told the United Press today.

"Every progressive business is stripped for action," said Simpson. "Every ounce of ability, efficiency and resource will be put to the test."

Simpson said that during the war standards of service in business suffered but that now merchants of the country are resuming their course of normalcy.

Simpson attributed the price readjustment to the "immutable law of supply and demand" and expressed the belief that the action of the federal reserve banks, by controlling credits, had very little to do with it.

"Production of merchandise," said Simpson, "was curtailed during the war to make place for the necessities of war and it has required the two intervening years since the armistice to catch up with the demand and in the very nature of things during that time prices of a great many commodities have been on a mad de- bouch. When production increased to a point where it supplied the demand the inevitable happened, a sudden decline in price of nearly every commodity.

"In fact, the world has witnessed during the last 60 days a very disorderly collapse in value of commodities to such an extreme that retail distributors began to unload their stocks at great sacrifices and stopped placing orders for current wants and for spring of 1921."

Simpson said the lack of orders has caused the closing down of many manufacturing plants with the result of throwing many out of employment. According to Simpson, if orders are not placed there will be a scarcity of goods in the spring which will mean enhanced prices.

"I am an optimist in business, but I realize that the developments of the last few weeks have been a considerable shock to a large number of business men," he said. "It is necessary to set our thoughts to the realization that we are a commercial nation deep in the combat for business, racing against formidable rivals."

### NOTICE

The W. M. S. of the Magley Reformed church will have their annual thank-offering box services next Sunday evening, November 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The Rev. Kinerem of Indianapolis, Indiana, will be the speaker. Several songs will be rendered by the Magley quartet; also a song, "The Lost Thank-Offering Box," by the Misses Amanda and Ella Worthman.

The ladies are requested to bring their thank-offering boxes.

### MANY EMPLOYES TO TAKE STOCK

Ninety Per Cent of Men and Women in Decatur General Electric Plant

### SUBSCRIBE FOR STOCK

Wonderful Opportunity is Given Employees and is Being Accepted by Many

Ninety per cent. of the more than two hundred employees in the Decatur plant of the General Electric company have subscribed for stock in the company, a splendid record made since last Monday when the proposition was first made locally.

The plan was authorized at a meeting of the company held October 14th and after all details were worked out, was taken up here last Monday. Practically every employee will be a stockholder, within a short time, it is believed as the plan is a very worthy one, designed to create sincere interest in every part of the big organization.

Any employee who on November 1st had been on the pay roll since September 1st last is given the privilege of subscribing for from one to ten shares of the stock at the price of \$136 per share, with a credit of \$29, making the net cost \$116, which may be paid if desired one dollar per week per share, stock to be issued when paid for. The subscription payment is deducted from the salaries or wages of employees, beginning with December, the plan providing that payments cannot be made in advance.

A subscriber may withdraw from his subscription at any time prior to his decision to make final payment and take his stock certificate. In case of withdrawal the total amount paid by him by deductions from wages, plus interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, will be refunded. The stock cannot be assigned or transferred. Employees are under no obligation to take the stock but are simply given the opportunity and the easiness to take part in the idea shown a splendid spirit locally. Provisions to take care of payments in case of sickness are made and every protection for the good of the purchaser seems to have been carefully taken care of. The local factory is becoming a model one in every respect and many improvements for the convenience of the men and women working there are being added as rapidly as possible.

### FOR YEAR'S WORK

Convention of District Officers of M. E. Church Will be Held in

### THIS CITY SUNDAY

Mr. Jay Olinger and Party Will be Here—To Discuss Plans for Work

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:00, will be the occasion of a convention of the district officers of the Fort Wayne district, to be held at the Methodist church in this city. Mr. Jay Olinger of Garrett, the district president, whose pep and efficiency put Fort Wayne district at the head of all Methodism at the time of the big drive, will be present with his cabinet.

The purpose of the meeting is a presentation and discussion of plans for the year's work. Mrs. Dan Tynan will give a solo. Donald Groves will sing and Miss Celia Andrews will play a piano solo. Miss Serene Hornado will give a reading.

All churches in the sub-district are urged to send good delegations of young people whether they have an active league or not.

Decatur league will serve lunch to the visitors after the meeting. It is hoped that all will arrange to stay for the evening league service which will be rendered by the Magley quartet; also a song, "The Lost Thank-Offering Box," by the Misses Amanda and Ella Worthman.

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### AT RE-ADJUSTMENT PRICES

The Niblick dry goods store of this city is giving a big readjustment sale and have made noticeable reductions in their line of suits, coats, muslins, silks and other dry goods. Dan Niblick, manager of the store, stated they were following the new market and were disposing of their stock of high grade dry goods suits and coats at prices less than they paid for them. Watch their ads in the Democrat and do your trading in Decatur.

### CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wheat: Dec. \$1.72 1/4; March \$1.63 1/2; Corn: Dec. 66 1/2, May, 72c. Oats: Dec. 44 1/4; May, 48 1/4c.

### GREETINGS TO LEAGUE ARE READ

President Wilson's Letter is Read at Opening of Session This Morning

### WITH LOUD APPLAUSE

Preparations for Sending Troops to Vilna Under Discussion Today

(By Henry Wood, United Press staff correspondent)

Geneva, Nov. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson's greetings to the league of nations assembly were read at the opening of today's session.

The president's assurance of his belief that the league will accomplish great good for the world was greeted with loud applause.

Debate continued today on various reports to the assembly. G. N. Barnes, Great Britain, declared Dr. Nansen has shown the league was far from dead when he reported on the repatriation of prisoners of war. Barnes made an appeal for Armenia declaring the council failed to save that country only because of lack of means.

Preparations for the dispatch of troops to Vilna to supervise Polish-Lithuanian plebiscite in that city soon on today. British, French, Spanish and Belgian soldiers were put at the disposal of the league.

The assembly hoped to begin soon the real work of considering agenda all right.

omfwoa, submitted by various nations. This will be done in committee and today there was agitation for still further sub-division. With each committee consisting of 41 members, it was believed they would prove unwieldy.

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### HARDING SHIP ON WAY TO ZONE

With a Big Turkey and One Hundred Ducks on Board the Party is Assured

### OF A REAL FEAST

President-elect Will Print Souvenir Edition of the Marion Star

(By Raymond Clapper, United Press staff correspondent)

Aboard Steamship Parismina, Nov.

19—(Special to Daily Democrat)— Senator Harding, enroute to the canal zone for a vacation trip tried to settle down today to the task of doing nothing—but he found it difficult.

The wireless news reports which came in were scanned for word of what had occurred in the United States and elsewhere since the Parismina left land last night and started ploughing through the blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Harding strolled on the decks until late last night, puffing at his pipe.

A live turkey was one of the centers of attraction. Crowds thronged the deck to view the bird which soon will make a meal for the president-elect and his party. One hundred ducks were put aboard ship just before sailing time for the benefit of the Harding larder.

White at sea, Harding will get out one or two souvenir editions of the Marion Star. There is a typesetting outfit on board and the plan is for the senator to do the whole job himself, typesetting and all.

The United Fruit steamer Parismina was completely overhauled for Senator Harding and its staterooms repainted and new fittings put in. Cut flowers were scattered in profusion through the presidential suite. A number of other passengers were on board in addition to the Harding party which included, besides the president-elect and Mrs. Harding Senator and Mrs. Frelinghuysen, New Jersey; Senator Hale, Maine; Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Sawyer, Marion, Ohio, and George B. Christian, Jr., Harding's secretary.

friendly relations with Mexico during the Harding administration was predicted by those close to the president-elect. Harding, they believe, will extend a helping hand to the Obregon administration in the hope of putting the country on its feet industrially and politically.

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### WOMAN IS NAMED

Mrs. Thurman Gottschalk Elected Member of the Berne School Board

### IN PLACE OF HUSBAND

Who Resigned Following Election as State Representative for County

Mrs. Thurman Gottschalk who will succeed her husband as member of the school board for the town of Berne, is the first woman to serve in that position in Adams county. She was elected by the town council at a meeting Monday night, at which time Mr. Gottschalk's resignation was also accepted and she immediately enters upon her duties.

For some years considerable favor has been given to the idea of women on the school boards and after Mr. Gottschalk was elected representative it became necessary for him to resign from the board of which he was president. The council decided to select a woman and tendered the place to the former member's wife, who accepted. The other members of the board are Dr. Reusser and Dr. Von Gunten.

Mrs. Gottschalk is a capable woman and will, it is confidently believed, make a good record in her official place. Her work will be watched with much interest, especially by the women voters of the county.

### NO LONGER BOUND BY THE TERMS OF PEACE TREATY

DECLARE THEY SIGNED WITH EXPECTATION THAT THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN DISTRIBUTION OF MANDATES OVER HER COLONIES.

(United Press Service)

Geneva, Nov. 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Germany to-day notified the league of nations that she no longer considers herself bound by the clause under which she surrendered her colonies.

Geneva, Nov. 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Germany no longer considers herself bound by the clauses of the peace treaty under which she surrendered her colonies.

This position was taken in an appeal Germany addressed to the league of nations today.

The appeal protested against establishing mandates for former German colonies.

It declared that the allies had not abided by the treaty which provided that mandates for the former German colonies were to be distributed by the league.

Germany states that she signed the peace treaty of the league covenant with the expectation of being admitted and thus being permitted to participate in the distribution of mandates over her colonies.

Since she has not been admitted to membership and had no part in the distribution of mandates the appeal said she therefore considers herself no longer bound by the treaty clause effecting her colonies.

New York, Nov. 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Germany's notification that she does not consider as binding the distribution of her colonies among the allies is a challenge at the solidarity of the entente powers.

Germany wants to break the pact treaty on the first favorable occasion.

By repudiating the methods of appointing mandates for her former colonies at this time Germany wished to create fear and discord among her enemies.

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### THE COURT HOUSE NEWS

Wheat and Bone, ex parte, claim, venomed from the Jay circuit court. Leave asked by defendant to withdraw all answers heretofore filed by defendant. Leave was granted and all answers are withdrawn. Demurrer to complaint filed by defendant. Answer in two paragraphs filed by defendant. Rule to reply to second paragraph of answer. Reply filed by plaintiff. Cause submitted and evidence heard. Finding for plaintiff on complaint that there is due them the sum of \$1,295.82, and judgment is made that they recover the amount together with the costs herein.

The case of Elberson vs. Beery et al., damages and breach of warranty, was set for trial January 4, 1921.

Administratrix of the estate of Harry Gunsett is ordered to make and file report on or before last day of present term of court.

The grand jury continues its grind, and several witnesses are examined each day. It is doubtful whether the work will be completed this week.

A marriage license was issued to Millard Sylvester McKean, laborer, Monroe, born January 3, 1900, son of William F. McKean, to wed Mary Edna Lehman, seamstress, Berne, born August 4, 1898, daughter of Abraham A. Lehman. Written consent was filed by the groom's mother.

Real estate transfers: Gertrude M. Phillips to Tillman H. Garber, pt. lots 225,