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## DANCING ON

## THE BRINK:

The gay city of Vienna is threatened with starvation this winter.

But why won't Austria settle down to work—asks the American:

There are several little reasons.

First, the factories in which men would like to work are not operating.

But why don't they operate?

There are several minor reasons.

First, they can't get sufficient coal for the furnaces.

Second, they can't get raw material from without.

Third, they can't get credit.

This, however, does not interfere with the pleasures of the war profiteers and the wealthy. The cafes and cabarets of Vienna are brilliant with light and melodious with laughter, and the pop-pop of the champagne corks. The ladies are loaded down with diamonds and pearls. Silks and satins on the ring; luxury at the races—nothing like it in the history of Vienna.

But in the workingmen's districts the people are preparing to battle. The safe way is to provide against

against starvation and the cold. They occasionally pass the windows of the cafes and when the pinch comes it is not unthinkable that a radical wave may sweep over Austria.

And that will not be due to Russian propaganda either.

It will be due to the fact that too many countries like the United States are going on the theory that it is none of their business what happens in other countries.

Perhaps it doesn't—and then again perhaps it does—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Republican leaders are now planning how they can dispose of every democrat in the postal service, regardless of civil service laws and this recalls the howl emitted each time a democrat was selected as a rural carrier or postmaster. Though the democrats have been in power eight years only about one-sixth of the employees are of that political faith, showing that the party kept faith with the purpose of the law. The republicans will now argue that "to the victors belong the spoils" and turn them out as rapidly as possible. Evidently they feel the civil service rule should be followed only when they are out of power.

This week should double the number of members of the Red Cross in Decatur. This is not a war drive but just as important for charity begins at home and the money raised by the Red Cross will be used here in maintaining the expenses of the visiting nurse and caring for those who need it. You cannot tell what disaster will occur during the next year or how badly the community will be affected.

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any emergency by maintaining this splendid organization. If you are not a renewed member, see that you are this week. It only costs one dollar to do your part.

Indications are that the coming winter will be a rather mild and open one. Old timers tell us that when we are going to have a "hard" winter, the cold weather usually starts in early November. Rainy and open winter seasons are more unhealthful than the steady cold and it should be the plan of every one to guard against influenza, colds and the various illnesses which go with this kind of weather. Fight it now and take good care of yourself if you would avoid a long and dangerous siege of sickness.

Mr. McCray announces that he will give the legislature full power and will not interfere with them in any way to control their action. It sounds fine but it's the surest way in the world to get into trouble. When the governor lets the legislature run wild, especially when it is as lopsided as the one which will meet in January, you can bet your last red cent, there will be trouble, for every wild idea imaginable will be brought forth and within a few days the law making body will be running around in rings and getting no where.

The proposed "blue law" regulation of Sunday is being vigorously opposed not only by the newspapers of the country but by the clergy and many religious leaders as well. If it is necessary to have a federal agent at the elbow of the man on his way to church, to prevent him slipping up the alley, it is rather doubtful if the moral tone of the community has been improved. If we spend more time in teaching morality and less in control by law, we will get further, is the belief of many good citizens.

It is quite possible that the only way the business firms of Decatur can have decent fire insurance rates is to organize a home company and if this is necessary it may be well to do so. It is certain that the new rates given out a few days ago are beyond all reason and should not be paid. Increases of from fifty to three hundred per cent without notice and on technical causes should be sufficient to tell the business men, owners and tenants of property that it's time to get busy.

Congress convened today and it remains to be seen whether the republican leaders will proceed to take care of the problems of the nation or keep up the play of politics in which they have engaged during the past two years at the expense of the country. They now have the opportunity of proving whether the statements made in the recent campaign were "bunk" or truth. The people are anxiously waiting the verdict.

If each person who can afford it will remember some poor boy or girl for Christmas, he will feel better when enjoying his own Santa Claus. The day should be the happiest for every one but in many instances this can not be true unless we show the spirit of helpfulness. It never pays to be selfish and especially is this true on Christmas day.

Now we believe that "nornomaly" is coming. The price of bread has dropped one cent per loaf in Fort Wayne.

Just when every one was beginning to believe the story that the day of the bandit had passed, a bunch of boys hold up a train and make the greatest haul ever known. The work will have to be all done over.

Are you reading the advertisements in the Daily Democrat? You can make up your Christmas shopping list easily.

PASTRY SALE SATURDAY.

Section No. 2 of the United Brethren Ladies' Aid society will hold a pastry sale Saturday, beginning at 3:30 o'clock, at the Schmitt Bros. meat market on Second street. Get your Sunday's dinner at the sale.

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## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

## Club Calendar

Woman's Club—Masonic Hall.  
Tuesday

Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society at home of Mrs. Fred Patterson.

C. L. of C.—K of C. hall.

Woman's Auxiliary American Legion—G. A. R. Hall.

C. E. Society of U. B. Church—Parsonage.

Wednesday

Delta Theta Tau Sorority—Miss Agnes Kohne.

Shakespeare Club—Mrs. F. E. France.

Historical Club—Mrs. James Fristoe.

Thursday

Mt. Pleasant Mite Society—Mrs. Sam Spangler.

U. B. Aid Society—Mrs. Carl Noble.

Thursday and Friday

Baptist Ladies' Bazaar and Pastry Sale—Art Store Building.

Friday

Christian Ladies' Aid—Mrs. G. T. Burk.

Saturday

U. B. Ladies' Pastry Sale—Schmitt Bros. Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Miller of east the with entertained Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Miss Rowena, it being her sixteenth birthday anniversary. The following guests were present: Misses Marcelle Hower, Elizabeth Aurand, Esther Archbold, Lillian Snyder, Naomi Helm, Ruth Martin and Ruth Johnson; Kermit Bowen, Eddie Johnson, Everett Johnson and Kenneth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Helm and Mrs. O. T. Johnson. Many nice gifts were presented to Miss Miller and all enjoyed the many games and contests engaged in. Delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake, ice cream, cracker jack, marshmallows and apples were served. The guests left for home late in the evening and all wished Miss Miller many more happy birthdays.

The Woman's club will meet this evening at the Masonic hall, the civic section being in charge of the entertainment. Mrs. Suttles, Mrs. Niblick and Mrs. Schug will be in charge of the program.

The Mt. Pleasant Mite society will meet in regular session Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Mrs. Sam Spangler. All members please be present.

The Historical club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James Fristoe. All members are requested to be present.

The Christian Endeavor society of the United Brethren church will meet at the parsonage on Tuesday evening. Every member is urged to be present at this meeting, also those that are not members are invited.

The Ladies Aid Society of the U. B. church will meet with Mrs. Carl Noble on Thursday afternoon.

The Christian Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. G. T. Burk on First street. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Needham, of Wollcottville, were guests over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Horton and Mrs. C. S. Carey of South Third street.

The dance given by the employees of the General Electric company at the Masonic hall was quite well attended, in spite of the very bad weather, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. The Apprentice orchestra, of the Ft. Wayne works, furnished the music, and as at former dances of the G. E. employees, was of the highest class.

Harry Helm of Huntington was here Saturday on business.

## Neglect Keeps Doctors Busy

An eminent physician once said: "Were it not for people who neglect the early symptoms of disease, many doctors would have to find a new way to make a living."

Every winter doctors are busy calling

on gripe and pneumonia patients because the first symptoms of colds were

neglected.

Watch out for a cold this year. At the first sneeze and sniffle take Lightning Laxative Quinine Tablets. You'll stop the cold and feel like a new person in 24 hours. Never gripe or sicken. Drugists guarantee them—25¢ a box.

Lightning LAXATIVE QUININE TABLETS

## Closing Out

We will close out all our portable reading lamps at one-half price

Gas irons at one-half price

One floor lamp, at a big reduction.

Any of these articles would make an excellent Christmas present.

The Gas Company

Third Street

NOTE—If your house is not fitted for gas lights some of these lamps can be converted to electric at a small cost. Ask us about it.

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of C. hall. Members are requested to be present as the election of officers will take place at this time.

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Mrs. Veronica Smith and daughters, Anna, Maggie and Celia, had as their guests all day Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and children, Pasceline, "Jimmie" and Virgine, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Herman Bauer of Fort Wayne.

Miss Mary Ruth Logan of Fort Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lang of this

city. At noon a delicious dinner was served and the party also invited to remain for supper. In the afternoon, Pasceline and "Jimmie" Smith entertained the crowd with music and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

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The Fullenkamp family had a most pleasant reunion Sunday at the family home on Adams street, the gathering being in honor of Mrs. Fullenkamp's birth anniversary. An excellent dinner was served, and a good social time enjoyed. Those present besides Mrs. Fullenkamp were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gass and family, Mrs. Clara Meyers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Weisling and son, James, of Indianapolis Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fullenkamp and daughters, Patsy and Rosemary; Herbert Fullenkamp of Cincinnati, Rose Fullenkamp, Vincent Borman, Tony Hackman and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Kennedy. Mrs. Fullenkamp was presented with a purse by the children.

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