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THE PRINCES

TONIGHT

Wm. Fox Presents
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The Serpent

5 and 10c

Dr. Rudolph Holmes Addressed
Jasper-Newton Medical Society.

The Jasper-Newton Medical Society met Friday night at the home of Dr. Hemphill. Dr. Rudolph Holmes, of Chicago, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on obstetrics and the surgery pertaining to that subject. Unfortunately the attendance was not as good as it should have been. Those present from Rensselaer were Drs. Hemphill, Kresler, English, Gwin and Washburn, and Drs. Rainier and Besser from Remington. Newton county was not represented at the meeting.

Andrew Taylor, of Baum's
Bridge, Killed in Runaway.

The dead body of a man, killed in a runaway southeast of Valparaiso Thursday, has been identified as that of Andrew Taylor, of Baum's Bridge. Mrs. Taylor, who was injured at the same time, is in the hospital in a critical condition.

The couple had started to Hobart with a team with some of the personal effects of Mrs. Taylor's father, Mr. Asher, who resides there. Other horses playing in a pasture near the road is said to be the reason for the runaway.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Owing to the great advances in price of live stock in the past year, which has increased 25 to 50 per cent, we are forced to make the following advances in prices for fresh meat, which is from two to ten cents per pound lower than other cities:

Beef	was	now
Sirloin and Porterhouse	25	30
Round steak	25	30
Choice roast	25	30
Flank steak	20	25
Plate boil	17	18
Rump roast	20	22
Chuck steak	22	25
Hamburg	20	22
Mutton		
Leg and chops	28	30
Stew	18	22
Roast	27	28
Pork		
Chops	25	30
Side	22	25
Fresh ham	25	30
Shoulder pork	22	25
Sausage	23	25
Veal		
Round steak	28	30
Loin chops	25	30
Rib chops	23	28
Veal roasts	20	25
Veal shoulder	22	27
Veal boil	18	20

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WAR STATE TO BE THE VERDICT

President and Party Hold Final Parley On Message to Congress and Decide On Course.

Washington, March 30.—The administration branch of the American government has determined definitely upon a course of action to meet the hostility of Germany. While official announcement is withheld pending the appearance of President Wilson before congress, formal recognition of the existence of a state of war is expected to follow soon after the extra session begins.

The president, having decided on the principal features of the address to be delivered to a joint session of the house and senate, is putting the document in writing and today he had a final discussion with his cabinet.

There is said to have been no difference of opinion in the cabinet on the great question. The president's advisers as well as official Washington have generally long since expressed it as a fact that war is actually being waged against the U. S.

Officials believe that Germany is making war on this country because she has taken more than 240 American lives on the high seas, because she has destroyed American ships by the wholesale, because millions of dollars worth of damage has been done as a result of German plots in the United States; because she has attempted to set on foot a conspiracy with Mexico and Japan to dismember the republic, and finally because of the belief that Germany, triumphant, will constitute a future menace to the peace of the world in general and of the United States in particular.

The United States, it is emphasized in official quarters, has not in the past and does not now desire war with the German people; but on the German government responsibility is placed for terrorism on land and sea, which now that it has been directed against American citizens and American interests, must be actively combated.

Just what part the United States will play is a question the government has yet to determine. This subject has been discussed generally within the administration, but the broad policy to be pursued will be developed only after the nation's status has been defined by congress and urgent defense steps completed.

U. S. Boys In Foreign Trenches Would Rather Fight Here.

Americans now fighting the Germans under the British or the French flag would rather be doing it under the Stars and Stripes. At least, that is the case of a large percentage of them, judging from the number that have so expressed themselves at the American embassy in London. Never a day passes now but one or several Americans in British khaki appear to ask how he can transfer his service direct to the United States army in case the United States goes to war. Thus far they have not received a great deal of comfort. They face the fact that they have lost their American citizenship.

To become a member of the British army an American is required to swear allegiance to the king and forego his allegiance to all other countries.

Legally such Americans cannot become American citizens again without the process of naturalization, but some nevertheless have devised ways of evading this fact, and it isn't treason to conceal the nature of these plans, under the circumstances. Any soldier, the soldiers feel certain congress will enact special legislation in their behalf, permitting restoration of their citizenship, in consideration of the purpose for which they desire it. A further complication is the fact that all such Americans have enlisted in the armies of England or of France for the period of the war. To obtain the privilege of serving in American commands they must obtain some concession from their adopted countries. They all seem confident of receiving such a favor.

Local Grain Market.

March 31.—Corn \$1.13, oats 62c, wheat \$1.85 and rye \$1.40.

A good price for your old battery when buying a new Vesta "double life" storage battery. Rensselaer Garage.

Murder and Suicide Follow Fight in Resort

Henry Bruns, Proprietor of Resort Near Kankakee River and "Babe" Harker, Daughter of Underworld, Found Dead Friday Evening Near Conrad. Terrific Battle Waged in Resort Prior to Death of Pair. Probable that Bruns Killed Girl and then Suicided.

No Witnesses To Crime.

Crime One of the Worst In the History of the Kankakee Country—Head of Man Is Almost Blown Off and Body Fearfully Lacerated By Knife—Girl Is Shot Through Abdomen—Motive for Crime Unknown

The climax of crimes in the history of the Kankakee river country was reached this week when the lifeless bodies of Henry Bruns, a noted resort owner in that section, and Gertrude Harker, better known in the underworld as "Babe," were found in the resort owned by Bruns, about four miles west of Conrad, Indiana, and fifteen miles north of Morocco. The house in which the pair lived was known as a blind tiger and was situated about four miles from the river.

The body of Miss Harker is now in the Wright undertaking morgue in this city, where it was placed Friday night. Bruns was taken to Muncie, Ind. Undertaker Wright received a call early Friday evening telling him of the crime and asking him to come at once to prepare the bodies for burial.

For a number of years Bruns and the girl have been familiar characters in the Kankakee district and have given the authorities unlimited trouble. They were only recently forced to leave the state of Illinois. Following this they took up their abode in this state at the place named above, where they had continued to operate a blind tiger and a house of ill fame. The resort has been the scene of many wild orgies and has proven to be of considerable menace to the law abiding people of that section and the crime of this week is the last chapter in the lives of the pair.

Whether it was a suicide pact between the pair or a double murder, or a murder and a suicide is not known for certain, but it is probable that the latter supposition is the correct one and the one that will probably be returned by the coroner, as indications prove almost conclusively that the latter belief is the correct one.

The scene of the crime was one of wild disorder and following the announcement of the gruesome crime scores of people for miles around visited the place during the night and little sleep was indulged in by anyone. The coroner was on the scene early and the bodies were soon able to be removed. A decision has not been rendered as yet by the official, who will be here today, but it is probable he will render a decision shortly.

The interior of the building where the bodies were found was one of wild disorder and showed that a terrific struggle had been waged prior to the death of the two. Practically every piece of furniture in the home was turned over and beer bottles were strewn over the place. A packed suitcase was lying near the bodies of the pair, who were clasped in each other's arms. A shoe and stocking belonging to Bruns was also on the floor near him. A revolver wrapped in a bloody handkerchief and a knife in the hands of the girl indicated that her death was caused by Bruns. The battle ended in a clothes closet, where

the body of Bruns was found lying on that of the girl.

The body of the man was fearfully lacerated with knife wounds, which evidently had been inflicted by the girl in her last desperate effort to save her life and make her getaway. The girl was shot through the abdomen and evidently the muzzle of the gun was placed against her when fired. Her hair was streaming down her back and face and her clothes were torn.

Presenting a terrible, gruesome aspect was the lifeless form of Bruns. His head was almost entirely blown off his body and his clothes were saturated with blood.

A shotgun had been used in his death. His brains were splattered about the walls and ceiling. A shoe and stocking missing from the dead man's left foot led to the belief that the trigger of the shotgun had been pulled by Bruns with his toe while in a sitting position.

The motive for the crime has not been learned for certain, but the indications prove without a doubt that the girl was attempting to leave Bruns and it was probably due to a quarrel which ensued over this matter, which caused the tragedy. The girl was clothed in a traveling suit and the packed suitcase substantiates the belief that she was preparing to leave.

Just when the tragedy occurred is not known and it is probable that they have been dead since some time last Thursday. The last seen of the pair was when they were entering the resort together about 11 o'clock on Thursday. The bodies were found by a fellow, whose name we have not learned, who worked about the place and had gone inside to get some water.

The crime related above is one of the most terrible in the history of the Kankakee section, a section which has had many of them from the time of the earliest settlers in the state. This county is famed throughout the land as one of the really bad spots left and the unsavory reputation has been gained through operations of some of the greatest crooks in the middle west. Much of the country about the river remains in the same state as it did before the coming of the white man. Of late, however, there has been more progress and the section is gradually being cleaned up, some of the most famous characters are passing out, and with the passing of the saloons within the next year and the work of the temperance people, it is to be hoped that crime and corruption may be stamped out forever, and the bad men forced to hunt another rendezvous. "Babe" Harker and Henry Bruns have passed to the beyond, but the memory of this terrible tragedy will linger and should serve as a warning to the young men and women of today that the straight and narrow path is the only one to follow.

It is not known as yet what disposition will be made of the bodies. As the deaths of the two happened in Newton county, it will be up to the authorities of that county to say what disposition will be made of them unless relatives of the two should put in an appearance.

High School Notes.

The student council met Tuesday in the annex.

The program which was to be given this week by the Lincoln Society will be given Thursday, April 12. The following is the program:

"Germany."
German Folk Song.
Vocal Solo—Ruth Wood.
German Reading—Paul Arnott.
German Band—Robert Loy, Paul Beam, Harry McColl, Delos York.
German Comedy—"Ein Knopf," by Alice Witham, Faustine West, Robert Loy and Harry McColl.

Visitors are always invited to these programs.
The schools will be dismissed Tuesday evening for the spring vacation.

ONION SET SALE.

30 bushels sprouted sets, red and yellow, 75c per bushel, or 20c for a peck. No less than one peck sold. 2 p. m. Friday, March 30th, north and of storage.—B. Forsythe.

BIG SHAKEUP IN INDIANA GUARD

Seven Officers Asked to Resign In Interest of Higher Efficiency—Kuhlman and Nafziger Hit.

In the interest of higher efficiency in the Indiana National Guard, Adj. Gen. Harry B. Smith Friday asked for the resignation of seven of the higher guard officers in the state. Several of the officers are well known to many people of Rensselaer and the asking of their resignations came as a surprise. The removal of these men and the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Freyermuth, of South Bend, and other officers to higher positions means that in all probability some of the local officers are due for a boost in rank. That things were not going as they in command desired has been known for some time and the removal of some of the officers who have been in the service for a long time is without a doubt better for all concerned.

Lieutenant Colonel Freyermuth was formerly major of the Third regiment and when he was advanced to the position of Lieutenant Colonel, Geo. H. Healey, then captain of the local militia company, was advanced to the rank of major. Now that Mr. Freyermuth will advance to the rank of Colonel, Major Healey should naturally step into his shoes and rank as Lieutenant Colonel. We certainly think that Major Healey deserves this promotion and are sure he would fill the office splendidly, as he is considered very efficient in all guard matters by those who know in Indiana.

Those asked to tender their resignations to the governor are Col. Aubrey L. Kuhlman, of Auburn, commander of the Third Infantry regiment; Col. Leslie R. Nafziger, of Indianapolis, commander of the First Infantry regiment; Maj. Gustav C. Groll, Elkhart, commander of the third battalion, Third Infantry regiment; Capt. Charles G. Davis, of Winchester, commander of Company F, Second Infantry; Capt. Harvey E. Daines, of Vincennes, commander of Company A, Second Infantry.

According to advices from Auburn, Col. Kuhlman, who was senior colonel of the Indiana brigade, forwarded his resignation to the governor today. He first entered the national guard twenty-four years ago and was a major in the Spanish-American war. Col. Nafziger and Major Groll have not yet responded to the demand of the adjutant general. They are entitled to a hearing before an efficiency board composed of army officers, should they refuse to resign.

Capt. Daines and Capt. Davis have tendered their resignations and it is understood they will be accepted. Lieut. Col. George W. Freyermuth, of the Third Infantry, whose home is at South Bend, will be promoted to colonel, it is understood, although his commission has not yet been prepared and will fill the command surrendered by Col. Kuhlman.

Schools of County Asked to Display U. S. Flag.

County Superintendent Ernest L. Lamson has sent out a circular letter to the teachers of the schools in which the following suggestions were made:

"These are trying days in American history. They are days that call for the best there is in every citizen. As teachers we should take a firm stand for all that is truly American. Not only should we live truly American, but we should let the remainder of the world know exactly where we stand. Those in whose hands the destiny of the country rests should know that they have our firm support. Above every school house, be it large or small, Old Glory should wave. If a flag is not provided for your school, get one in some way, and let it be so placed as to be before the children and the patrons of your district. If possible have the flag ransed each morning and lowered in the evening. Such is giving it due respect, and it is considered an act of disrespect to the flag to let it fly over night. Making some child responsible for this work only helps to increase his patriotism. If your children or the district provides a flag pole, it only makes them more loyal. Teach something of the history of the flag and its true significance. Give flag drills, salutes, patriotic songs, etc., so that each and every child may become thoroughly filled with the true American spirit. Truly patriotic deeds may be done here at home just as well as in the army or navy, and every child, man or woman should do their part, however small it may be."

Abundance of Money.

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WEATHER

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ROBERT WARWICK IN "The Man Who Forgot"

AT THE STAR THEATRE

MONDAY

Marguerite Clark

IN

"Little Lady Eileen"

As Little Lady Eileen Marguerite Clark scores another triumph in the roll of an imaginative Irish girl, who believes in fairies. A story that is sure to please and amuse all

No Advance in Prices.

MONDAY AT THE STAR MATINEE

John G. Shedd Buys \$125,000 Home In Pasadena, Calif.

Pasadena, Cal., March 30.—John G. Shedd, president of the Marshall Field Co., of Chicago, purchased for \$125,000 the Adolphus Busch property, "The Blossoms," 956 South Orange Avenue, as a winter home. Mr. Shedd is a brother of S. S. Shedd of this city.

Judge Eli Redman Dies In Fort Leavenworth Prison.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 30.—Eli H. Redman, one of the men convicted in connection with the alleged election conspiracy at Terre Haute, Ind., died here early today in the federal penitentiary, where he was serving a 5-year sentence. He formerly was circuit court judge. Mr. Redman had been ill only a few days. Intestinal grip was given as the cause of death.

He was received at the prison on April 20, 1915, with Donn M. Roberts, former mayor of Terre Haute, and others of those convicted.

The widow and son, of Terre Haute, survive him. The son, Hilton H. Redman, was also one of the defendants in the case and served one year in Leavenworth. The body will be taken to Terre Haute for burial.

Newton Court Notes.

N. C. Shafer & Co. vs the C. I. & L. Ry. Co., suit for damages; cause continued for term.

George A. Williams, admn. of the estate of Noble Peacock, vs the C. I. & L. Ry. Co., suit for damages; cause continued for the term.

William L. Wood vs Edward Shindler and James Prohocky, suit on note; judgment entered for \$97.37.

Edward Jessup vs Interstate Public Service Co., suit for \$35,000 for personal injuries, change of venue granted and cause sent to Jasper county for trial.

Notice to Redmen.

On Tuesday evening, April 3rd, in our Wigwam, Reservation of Rensselaer, our great chiefs, Clifford Crawford, of Frankfort, the Great Sachem, Archie Hobbs, of Indianapolis, Great Keeper of Records, and Thomas H. Jeffries, of Atlanta, Ga., Great Inchoonee, will be present and speak on Redmanship. A special request is made to all Redmen and former Redmen to be sure and be present on this date and bring a palfease with you. Refreshments will be served and an enjoyable evening is in store for you. Don't forget the date and come.

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Watch For Fendig's One Cent Sale, April 5th, 6th, 7th.