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REPORT PROGRESS IN MOOSE PLANS

Christmas Tree and Entertainment Will be Big Success Judging From What Has Already Been Done.

MEETING THIS MORNING

All Committees Will Meet to Talk Over Work in Hand—Over Sixty Names Already Handed In.

Plans for the Moose Christmas tree and entertainment to be held on Monday evening, December 28, are progressing nicely. The committees will meet in the Moose hall this morning at nine o'clock for the purpose of discussing matters in their charge in relation to the entertainment.

The call of the Moose Santa Claus has been answered by over sixty children. The names of all the children should be given to the committees or left at the offices of The Gate City and the Constitution-Democrat. This will insure their getting to Santa Claus in the proper manner and in plenty of time.

POLITICAL SIDE OF COAL STRIKE

Report to Congress May be Made by Commission Investigating Colorado Strike.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., Dec. 12.—Believing that the Colorado coal strike and the issues growing out of it are of such national wide moment as to justify a separate report with recommendations to congress, it is reported tonight that the United States commission on industrial relations may prepare such a document shortly after it adjourns its Denver hearings next week.

The commission held an executive session today and it is reported this matter came up. It is reported some commissioners think the whole Colorado situation warrants individual treatment in view of the fact that questions involved are so broad and sweeping. One of the principal matters in such a report would be politics in the state's coal fields. For the last two days, witnesses have been examined who are familiar with political conditions in southern Colorado, and all have been questioned closely regarding the political relations existing between the county officers of Huerfano and Las Animas counties and the officials of the coal companies.

The entire afternoon session today was devoted to an examination of E. L. Doyle, secretary-treasurer of district No. 15 of the United Mine Workers. He read sections of a pamphlet entitled "The Truth About the Struggle for Industrial Freedom in Colorado," circulated by the United Mine Workers. A pamphlet bearing the same title was circulated by the Colorado operators also. Doyle testified that Walter H. Fink prepared the pamphlet.

The commission will conclude its Denver sessions Wednesday. From here the members will go to Washington, where John D. Rockefeller will probably be examined.

THE WEATHER

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Weather forecast: Missouri: Cloudy and much colder Sunday, preceded by snow in east portion. Monday fair and continued cold.

Illinois: Snow and colder Sunday; Monday fair, colder in south portion; fresh shifting winds becoming north-west.

Iowa: Fair Sunday, much colder east and central portions. Monday fair.

Local Observations.
Dec. 12 7 a. m.—30.18 20 E C'dy
12 7 p. m.—30.00 30 SE Lt.Snow
Precipitation in 24 hours, .01.
River stage, 7:00 a. m., 1.8 feet.
Change in past 24 hours, rise .2.
Mean temperature, 27.
Highest temperature, 34.
Lowest temperature, 21.
Lowest temperature Friday night, 20.
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

Church Announcements

TIME OF SUNDAY SERMONS, LOCATION OF CHURCHES, TOPIC OF SERMONS AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO BE GIVEN AT THE VARIOUS SERVICES

St. Mary's Catholic church, corner Fourteenth and Johnson streets, Rev. George Giegler, pastor.—First mass at 7 a. m.; second mass at 9 a. m.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic church, Fourth and High streets, Rev. James Dunning, pastor.—First mass

First Westminster Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Blondeau street, Rev. E. B. Newsom, D. D., pastor.—Services at 10:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Morning sermon on "The Prophet of the Juniper Tree;" evening, "The Conquering Word." A cordial invitation to the public.

Redeemer English Lutheran Church, Fourteenth and Johnson streets, M. Engel, pastor, 1405 Johnson street.—No morning services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Evening services at 7:30. Mid-week advent services on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Ladies' Aid society will be entertained by Mrs. Mary Henke, 1518 Park street, Wednesday afternoon. Cordial invitation to all.

First Congregational Church, corner Sixth and High streets, a pleasant place to worship, with music to warm the heart and the gospel of the Master to uplift the soul. Rev. Frank G. Beardsley, S. T. D., pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45. "The New Congregationalism"—a forefathers' day preachment. Evening worship, 7:30. "The Unanswered Prayers of the Bible." The public is cordially invited.

Swedish M. E. Church, corner Twelfth and Concert streets. Clarence H. Lind, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock a. m. No preaching services. Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, the Bible class will meet.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission church, corner Twelfth and Morgan streets. Wm. L. Hawkins, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30 and evening service at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome to these services.

Second Presbyterian Church, West Keokuk. Pastor, J. C. Hughes, 1718 Park street.—School and Bible class, 9:45 a. m. School at Rock Hall Mission, 2:30 p. m. Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning sermon, "The Son's Glorification of the Father;" evening subject, "The Remission of Sins." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30. The public cordially invited.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, Seventeenth and Exchange streets. W. K. Smith, pastor, 1708 Exchange street.—Sabbath school Sabbath (Saturday), 2 p. m. Preaching 3 p. m. Sunday services 7:45 p. m. Subject, "Matt 22:40; On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Study this wonderful subject in your home and with us tonight. The lecture will be illustrated and open for questions. The annual week of prayer of the Seventh Day Adventists will be observed Dec. 12-19. This evening the special service will be at 7 p. m. and the regular service at 7:45 p. m. People in sixty-eight countries and eighty-four languages will observe this week of prayer. Every nation, kindred, tongue and people will be reached in this generation.

The United Presbyterian Church, corner of Blondeau and Ninth streets. Rev. H. B. McElhree, pastor, 303 Franklin street.—Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. L. A. Hamill, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45. This will be a communion service. Subject of sermon, "The Key to True Happiness." Evening service at 7:30. Subject of sermon, "The Barren Fig Tree." Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Unitarian Church, Fourth and High streets. C. F. Elliott, minister.—Services at 10:30 a. m. Subject of discourse, "Fate." Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. The Woman's Alliance meets with Mrs. C. F. Elliott, 508 Fulton street, Monday at 3 p. m.

St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, Eleventh and Exchange streets, Rev. A. C. Ernst, pastor.—Lively worship, 10:30 a. m. German service sermon, "Increasing Knowledge Concerning the Christ." 7:30. English sermon, "No Room in the Inn." Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Men's meeting at the hall Thursday 8 p. m. Welcome.

First Christian Church, Tenth and Blondeau streets. W. M. Baker, pastor.—9:30 a. m. Sunday school. J. O. Boyd, superintendent. 10:45 a. m. worship. Sermon by R. L. Dudley, Des Moines, state Sunday school worker. Communion, 2:30 p. m., lecture by K. L. Dudley, 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor and Intermediate Christiana endeavor, 7:30 p. m., special sermon. Endeavor, by pastor for C. W. B. M. day. Subject, "She Hath Done What She Could." Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A series of Yuletide sermons is being prepared by Rev. E. LeRoy Steffey, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, corner Twelfth and Exchange streets, the subjects and time of delivery as follows: Sunday morning, Dec. 13—"The Annunciation." Sunday evening, Dec. 13—"The Dawn of the Gospel Age." Sunday morning, Dec. 20—"The Magnificat." Sunday evening, Dec. 20—"The Benedictus." Sunday morning, Dec. 27—"The Annunciation." Sunday evening, Dec. 27—"The Dimittis."

The Sunday school will meet Sunday morning at the usual hour, 9:30. W. C. Thon, superintendent. Class meeting at 3:00 p. m. W. F. Butcher, leader. The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:30 in the evening. Mrs. E. LeRoy Steffey, leader.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 728 Main street, entrance on Eighth street.—Services Sunday morning, 10:45. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday meeting 7:45 p. m. The Christian Science reading room is open from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Union Baptist Church, corner Thirteenth and High streets. Pastor, Rev. G. W. Smith.—Sabbath school, 9:30 a. m. Services 11:30 a. m. Subject, "The Presents are not the Christian Rest." Evening service 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Why Halt Ye Between Two Pioneers?" All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Tenth and Main streets. William H. Neil, pastor, 619 Morgan street.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. If not enrolled in a school, come and join us. Junior league at 2:30 p. m. Miss Anna Ritter, superintendent. The contest between the boys and the girls is still growing in interest. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor at 10:45 a. m. The subject will be "The Message."

Baptist church.—Sunday school at 9:30. Baker mission at 2:30. Junior union at 3:30. B. Y. P. U. is having associational rally at this church. F. B. McAllister will have a holiday series for the next three Sunday evenings. This Sunday the subject will be, "St. Nicholas' Waist Line and Small Chimneys." Next Sunday evening, "St. Nicholas Reduces His Weight." And the following Sunday, "Blowing Resolution Soap Bubbles." This Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "Dry Wells." Bring your friends.

St. John's church, Episcopal, Concert and Fourth streets. Rev. John C. Sage, rector. Rev. R. C. McIlwain, D. D., rector-emeritus.—Third Sunday in Advent. Holy communion and corporate communion brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8:00 a. m. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service, 11:00 o'clock. Advent mission service and question box, 4:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to attend our services is extended to all.

St. Luke's Chapel (Episcopal), Rev. John C. Sage, pastor.—Sunday school, 2:00 p. m. All children of the neighborhood are invited.

St. Mary the Virgin, Fourteenth and High streets. Rev. John C. Sage, pastor.—Third Sunday in Advent. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 6:30 o'clock.

THREE FEATURES OF THE WEEK

[Continued from page 1.] tory on November 1. Apparently in command of some of the fastest and most powerful cruisers of the British fleet, Admiral Sturdee crossed the Atlantic on a diagonal course and ran straight into the Germans. The entire affair from the time the admiral left London until he sank the German squadron in the South Atlantic took about a month—a truly remarkable exploit.

Equally worthy of the highest praise is the victory Field Marshal Von Hindenberg has won in Poland. With a largely inferior force he has secured a firm hold well within the enemy's territory and has compelled the Russians to relinquish their offensive against east Prussia in the north and Silesia in the south. There are distinct possibilities that he may be able to inflict the most crushing defeat of the war on the Slavs if he can drive them rapidly against the Vistula river. His success in accomplishing this probably requires that he strengthen his forces with further withdrawals from the west. Large detachments already have been made and it is a matter for very exact decision whether the German lines in France and Belgium will hold if they are weakened any more. Slow gains have been made by the allies during the week, but nothing has been won of a decisive character. To hold the western trenches and at the same time to give Von Hindenberg more men with which to drive the Slavs into the Vis-



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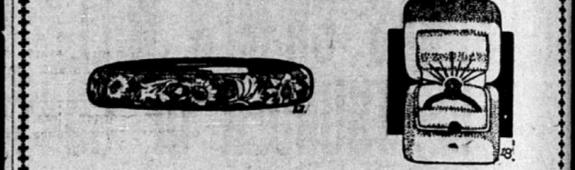
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No. 616 High Street; a very large modern brick, heated by steam, can be easily remodeled and would make an ideal location for a rooming or boarding house or a home for a lodge or club.

No. 1429 Concert street; this brick flat is an investment for someone and has a fine building site on rear of lot.

50 Don't overlook Nos. 1417, 1419 and 1423 Concert street; these eight room houses are exceptionally well built and will make choice homes at a price far below the construction figures.

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Crime of Drunkard.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 12.—After shooting and instantly killing his wife in their home, and shooting her mother, Mrs. Lena Elder, through the arm, when she tried to prevent the tragedy, James M. Fifield, assistant cashier in the city license collector's office, is dead here tonight by his own hand. The shooting occurred last night in the presence of the couple's twelve year old daughter, Helen. According to neighbors, Fifield had been drinking recently and had quarreled repeatedly with his wife. The Fifields formerly lived at Ludington, Mich.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME, IS MOTTO

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CHRISTMAS CHIMES THUNDER OF GUNS

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England left to France the decision as to the acceptance or rejection of the proposal of the pope. It was not the men in the ranks or fathers, mothers or wives at home who could decide whether there should be blood shed on Christmas day. It was the war office. Recognizing General Joffre as commander in chief of the allied forces, England was prepared to leave the final decision to his government. The British government did not express itself officially as to the truce proposal, but it was evident there was no disposition to agree to a truce at a time when General Joffre's military plans might be disrupted or delayed.

GERMANY

[Continued from page 1.] —The condition of the kaiser shows continued improvement, it was stated today. The catarrhal infection of his throat is yielding to treatment and his majesty received reports from the general staff, and met several visitors today.

EXPECTED THIS DEFEAT.

BERLIN, Dec. 12. (Via wireless to Bayville, L. I.)—It is evident in official circles here that the loss of the cruiser squadron off the Falkland Islands, while occasioning general regret, is hardly a surprise. It is evident that the most optimistic officials had not dared to expect the ships could escape pursuit.

VON MOLTKE'S WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Despite reports that General Von Moltke's withdrawal from active participation in the war operations was due to illness, the Amsterdam Handelsblad today declares Von Moltke has been superceded by General Von Falkenhayn, owing to differences between the kaiser and

CRITICAL STAGE IN POLAND

[Continued from page 1.] the head of the general staff. The kaiser, the Handelsblad declares, wanted to reach Calais at all costs. As chief of general staff, Von Moltke favored a concentration of German forces toward Verdun. In the meantime, it is said, General Von Falkenhayn prepared plans for the advance upon Calais and gained the favor of the kaiser.

WELL ENOUGH TO FIGHT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Reports received here tonight from Berlin are to the effect that the condition of the kaiser has shown such marked improvement that he may return to the front next week.

Died of Starvation.

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 12.—The body of an unidentified man, dead from starvation and exposure, was found on the streets of Oakland today. He wore no underclothing and was clad only in a light blue suit. Physicians said the man apparently had had nothing to eat for a week.