

MEMORANDUMS JOURNEY TO ROME

Fear That Germans Will Prevent Return Given By Newspaper As Reason.

ROME, Nov. 25.—Fear that Germany will prevent his return to Belgium if he attends the December consistory is given by the Messagero today as the probable explanation of the abandonment of the trip Cardinal Mercier, of Brussels had expected to make to Rome shortly.

Berlin's insistence on a German itinerary is said by the Messagero to have caused this apprehension. That the Germans would consider it expedient to bar the Belgian cardinal from his own clerical jurisdiction is doubtless an Italian diplomatic quarter, despite the Messagero's view.

Cardinal Mercier's change of plans, in connection with reports that arrangements have been cancelled for the visit to Rome to have been paid by Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne, are taken, however, as a hinting at a hitch in a program the Vatican is thought to have been considering for an attempt to restore peace.

Cardinal Hartmann actually left Cologne for Rome, and is said to be in Switzerland and the Swiss Confederation. Prince von Buelow and the Prussian diplomatic representative at the Vatican. It was announced in Berlin also that Cardinal Mercier's journey would be facilitated in every possible way.

In some quarters, it is believed, he is trying to smooth out difficulties which have arisen, and that a fresh attempt may yet be made to take him to Rome. At present the situation is regarded as so muddled as to be difficult to understand, and a special effort is being made to bring about a decision concerning the outcome.

The marriage of Miss Helen Louise Bryner, daughter of Theodore A. Bryner, of Washington, and William H. Skinner, also of Washington, took place in Baltimore yesterday. Mrs. Skinner is native of Elmira, N. Y., and Mr. Skinner of Sheboygan, Wis.

A brilliant gathering of more than 200 people dined at the Chevy Chase Club last night before the weekly dance.

M. and Madam Gregory Wilkison, who are established in Washington for the winter, have leased Mrs. Defries Critten's residence in Leroy place for the season. Mrs. Critten and Miss Critten have taken apartments at the Grafton.

Mr. J. M. Lenkin, who has been commercial attaché of the Russian embassy at London for several years, was on duty in Washington some ten years ago, and his English wife, an English girl, is pleasantly remembered. They have one daughter, an attractive girl of sixteen, who has been brought up after the conservative English fashion and is still in the school room.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howitt Myers have carous at for a dinner dance December 18 at their handsome home in G Street.

Lieutenant Commander John C. Freeman, U. S. Navy, arrives in Washington from New York, where he has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley at their shooting box, and is to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. John C. Freeman.

Mrs. Freeman and her mother, Mrs. Anderson, returned to Washington only last week and are established at their home in R street for the winter.

COMPLETE NOVEL IN CHRISTMAS MUNSEY

"Rescuing Anne," Interesting Story of a Girl in Business, Feature of Magazine.

"Rescuing Anne," the complete novel by Edgar Franklin, which leads the Christmas number of the Munsey Magazine, now on the newstands, is a story of a distinctly unusual sort. It deals with the adventures of a young woman who takes charge of her father's business upon his death, and immediately finds herself involved in strenuous experiences. The tale is full of humor and action and the characters are of the up-to-date type.

Frederic Austin writes of an article on Holland and its present importance in the European situation; Judson A. Waller writes of America's lead in naval invention, while J. W. McConoughy tells of the ancient names which have been obliterated by the European conflict. A sketch of Burgeon General Gorman, who "cleaned up" the influenza epidemic in Philadelphia, is by the New Haven road, and Matthew White, Jr.'s dramatic department concludes the special articles.

The fiction list in the current Munsey's includes "The Two Guardsmen," by Bannister Merwin; "Cynthia—hit the ceiling," by Temple Bailey; and "The Love Trees," by C. N. and A. M. Williamson.

J. O. Martin Will Tell Story of Telephone

An illustrated lecture telling "The Story of the Telephone" will be delivered at a meeting of the Pleasant Citizens' Association in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will be J. O. Martin, of the local telephone company, who will trace the history of the telephone from its invention by Alexander Graham Bell in 1875 to the present time. The citizens' association has extended a special invitation to the women of the neighborhood of Mt. Pleasant to attend the lecture.

Young Hebrew Women Choose Two Delegates

Miss E. Giespach and Miss Anna Horowitz were elected delegates to the convention of the Young Women's Hebrew Association in Richmond, beginning December 26, at a meeting of the local organization last night. Miss Anna Serby and Miss Theresa Shefferman were elected alternate and Mrs. J. E. Wolf was chosen to fill an unexpired term as financial secretary of the association.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR OVER THE SEA



How Great Britain nearly lost its Crown Prince. The photograph shows the Prince of Wales' automobile wrecked on the western front. The prince had just left his car to view an artillery engagement when the machine was wrecked by a shell which burst in front of it and the chauffeur was killed.

SCARCITY OF POTASH ALARMS OFFICIALS

Shortage of Commercial Product Grows Despite Increase in Price.

Although commercial chloride of potash has advanced in price from \$3 to \$40 a ton since the war opened, the shortage of potash compounds has "assumed most serious dimensions," according to a statement by the Department of Commerce today.

The gravity of the situation brought about by the potash shortage is called to the attention of the department in a report from Commercial Agent Thomas H. Norton, who has been making an investigation of dye stuff and chemical sources of supply. Dr. Norton previously had called attention to the possibility of exploiting deposits of seaweed which are present in abundance in the Sargasso Sea of the Central Atlantic, as a source of potash supply.

"The desirability of securing potash at any price whatever is now so marked that it might possibly be well to consider the question of undertaking an exploitation of the Sargasso weed," Dr. Norton today declares in a report to Secretary Redfield. The department will co-operate with private interests in developing the Sargasso field, and is already under way to utilize kelp beds of the California coast for the production of potash.

RESERVE BANKS TO BE AGENTS OF U. S.

Twelve Institutions Will Represent Government in Cities After January 1.

Beginning January 1, the twelve Federal reserve banks will be made Federal and fiscal agents of the Government in the twelve reserve cities. Secretary McAdoo announced today. At the outset, Secretary McAdoo expects to transfer to the reserve banks the funds of the Federal Government now on deposit in national banks in the Federal reserve cities. These deposits total in all about \$7,000,000. Much opposition from the banks affected by the forthcoming order is expected. In no instance is it expected that the banks will be compelled to pay any interest on Government money. No mention is made by the secretary as to whether the reserve banks are to be asked to pay the 2 per cent interest which the Government now receives.

Charles Edward Russell Will Lecture Here

Charles Edward Russell, author and sociologist, will deliver an address at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, 16th street, northwest, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The lecture will be on "The Philosophy of the Negro." The meeting will be held under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

ADMIRAL BEATTY TO RETIRE TOMORROW

Former Washington Officer Leaves Navy With Noted Career.

One of the able and experienced officers of the navy will retire for age tomorrow. Rear Admiral Frank E. Beatty, who has had command of the Norfolk navy yard since last December, will go on the retired list. He has had an interesting career and has seen the evolution of the navy from the days of sail to the conditions of the present, with its wonderful development of fighting craft. Rear Admiral Beatty was born in Wisconsin in 1852. He was former commandant of the naval gun factory here.

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Pitney Is Talked Of for President

Home County Starts Boom for Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 25.—Morris county has started a boom for Justice Pitney, of the United States Supreme Court, for President. That county is the Justice's home.

The first talk started at a dinner given at Morris town Saturday night, and it will go on the retired list. He has had a committee named to ascertain if he would permit his name to be put before the people. This committee consists of Congressman Capstick, State Senator Rathbun, Robert B. Cornish, Norman B. Smalley, and E. A. Wilkinson.

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FREE BREAKFASTS GIVEN THE HUNGRY

Salvation Army Feeds 230, While Missions Distribute Baskets of Food.

Free breakfasts opened Thanksgiving Day charities in Washington when 230 men, women and children were guests of the Salvation Army at its Pennsylvania avenue headquarters.

Adjutant Louise M. Hixson was in charge of the work, and was assisted by Ensign and Mrs. Lewis Coleman. The services began with singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and a prayer and song service continued throughout most of the morning.

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RECOVERS HORSES FROM GEN. HUERTA

"Becky" and "Col. Jim" Connected With Tragedy of Orderly At Vera Cruz.

PORT SAN HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 25.—"Becky" and "Col. Jim" are the names of two beautiful black horses that were the principals in a remarkable experience on the occasion of the capture of Mexico by United States troops during the regime of Provisional President Victoriano Huerta. The animals are the pride and joy of the army in Vera Cruz.

"Becky" and "Col. Jim" belong to Col. E. P. Taggart of the Twenty-eighth Infantry. He took them with him to Vera Cruz, where they were looked after by Orderly Parks. The tragic fate of Parks is well remembered by the soldiers who were in touch with the events following the landing of the troops at Vera Cruz.

Man Never Returns. At the time Parks left the camp of the American soldiers, never to return, he was leading "Becky" and "Col. Jim." It was by tracing the movements of the two horses that the American military authorities in Mexico were able to find out where the horses had been hidden, and that he was captured along with the horses and that he was shot and his body burned by Mexicans.

It happened that the missing horses were obtained a few weeks later by an American resident of the City of Mexico. They had been sent to Huerta as a present, and were being driven to the Presidential carriage. They served in this position until Huerta abandoned the palace and fled to Spain. Before leaving he turned the two horses over to General Maas.

Asks For Them Back. Colonel Taggart was keeping track of the animals as best he could in the hope that he might be able to recover them some time. When he learned that they were in possession of General Maas he decided to make a personal appeal to him for their restoration. He had been told that General Maas was a "pretty good sort of fellow," so he wrote him a pleasant letter, explaining that "Becky" and "Col. Jim" were his pets, and telling how much he missed them.

It happened that just then General Maas was preparing to flee the country, and as he would have no further use for the horses he sent them back to Colonel Taggart.

The animals were brought to Vera Cruz from the isthmus of Tehuantepec by special messenger, and were equipped with beautiful silver-ornamented harness.

When Colonel Taggart returned to Texas he brought the horses back with him. He purchased them a few years ago from two wealthy New York men. Both had good racing records before being turned into the hands of General Taggart. They are splendidly trained at military maneuvering.

PASTOR SEES END OF TURKEY AS A NATION

Rev. E. T. Kirkley, At Joint Services in Alexandria, Pictures Reconstructed Europe.

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 25.—The end of the world-wide war will come with the annihilation of Turkey as a nation, the doing away with Mohammedanism as a religion, the restoration of the Hebrews to their native land, and the setting up of a religious power which will be the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, said the Rev. E. T. Kirkley, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, in a sermon this morning before a large congregation, composed of members of the First Baptist, Second Baptist, the Trinity Methodist, the Second Presbyterian, the Washington Street Southern Methodist, and the Methodist Protestant churches, which held joint Thanksgiving services at the Second Presbyterian church.

The preacher's subject was "A Nation in Christ." He said that world-wide peace would come through Jesus Christ. The collection was for the benefit of the Children's Home.

The three Episcopal churches this morning, and there were special masses at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Pittsford Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, gave a Thanksgiving service in Joseph J. Kelly, lecturer, presided, and on the program were Rev. L. F. Foster, Leo P. Harlow, the Rev. L. F. Kelly, the Rev. Louis Street, Thomas Cantwell, and Mr. Sanderson, the last two of Washington.

The annual inspection of Canton Alexandria, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, will be held at the Blue Hill Hotel, Old Fellows Hall on Monday evening. The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve an oyster supper from 5 to 9 p. m.

Hon. Charles C. Carlin will make the annual memorial address to the Elks of New York State on Sunday, December 5. Robert S. Barrett has accepted an invitation to make the address at the services of the Blue Hill Hotel, Va., lodge on the same date. Mr. Barrett will be accompanied by James W. Bates, of Alexandria.

Mrs. Octavia A. Walker, widow of James W. Walker, died yesterday at her home, 822 E. Washington street.

The Thanksgiving sermon of the Alexandria German Club, held last night in the Elks' Auditorium.

The senior class of the Alexandria High School was entertained last night by C. F. Ryan, in honor of Miss Mary Morrison, of Fairmont, Va., Va.

Miss Esther M. Halslip, daughter of Mrs. K. E. Halslip, of Braddock, Alexandria county, and William W. Huntington, of this city, were married here last night by the Rev. W. F. Watson. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Eleanor Halslip, and the bridegroom by his best man, C. Shirley Leachman.

Funeral services for Lewis Johnson are to be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of the widow, Elizabeth Rollins Johnson, survives him.

Miss Mamie C. Jones has been reinstated at the Government Hospital for the Insane.

All stores here closed half a day today.

AMUSEMENTS

MASS MEETING "Can the War Be Stopped?" BELANCO THEATER. FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 26, 2:30 P. M. Special matinee performance of "The Blue Bird" by the Belanco Theater, featuring the Belanco Orchestra, Soloists, and Chorus.

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CHESTNUTS SCARCE IN CAPITAL THIS YEAR

War in France and Italy Combines With Poor Crops in Making Scarcity.

This is a story about nuts—regular nut chestnuts. Italy and France, where many chestnuts come from, are at war. Hence many American Thanksgiving tables suffered today.

Marland and Virginia, the sources of the smaller chestnuts, have been suffering from chestnut blight, and this is an off year, so Washington Thanksgiving turkeys today were stuffed mostly with oysters, or with bread crumbs.

Persons who buy a "nickel bag" of chestnuts along the streets may have noticed that the number they got was small this year. No, there is no chestnut trust, nor any combine in illegal restraint of the chestnut trade. The blight, and the embargo, account for it.

But even those who had noticed the small "nickel bag" phenomenon did not realize the true tragedy of the situation until they went hunting for chestnuts with which to stuff the Thanksgiving turkeys.

The big chestnuts, the castagnas, from Italy and the Marrona, from France, were scarcely to be found at all. Though these are slightly higher in price, and not so sweet as the American chestnuts, the fruit dealers prefer them because they keep better.

Italian fruit and nut dealers explained that Italy is now using her chestnuts largely for food stuffs, and many families there are subsisting almost entirely upon them. In France they are being used that way too, but not to such a great degree. Only two shiploads have come into this country in recent months from France, and few of these reached Washington.

With thousands of chestnut trees suffering from the blight in both Maryland and Virginia, those States could not relieve the situation. Moreover climatic conditions this fall caused a small crop, and an early one so that chestnuts, by yesterday, were at a premium.

Friends' School Gives Shakespearean Program

A Shakespearean program last night marked the closing of the Friends' School for the Thanksgiving holidays. Under the direction of Miss Mary Sibley Evans, Miss Elizabeth R. Marshall and John Packer, several of English department scenes were given from "The Twelfth Night," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "The Merchant of Venice."

The players included Miss Edna Maedel, Miss Norton Barber, Miss Witherington, Miss Mary Hopkins, and Miss Tinsley Dent. Several musical numbers were arranged by Miss Plancha Pickinborn and Thomas Steiner. Miss Esther Wooten was soloist.

Colonel Tucker Is Found Unfit For Active Service

Col. W. F. Tucker, U. S. A., retired, has been found unfit for active service after a test at Vancouver, Washington. He was examined along with other retired officers in pursuance of the law of 1914.

Col. Tucker is known in this city as the divorced husband of Mary Logan Tucker, daughter of General John A. Logan. He was retired in 1909 after he had been invalided home from the Philippines following an attack of tropical fever.

Catholic Knights Hosts To St. Joseph's Orphans

The thirty-second annual ball of the Catholic Knights will be held at the Convention Hall tomorrow in addition to the dancing there will be a calisthenic drill by the orphans and a drill by the Fourth and Tenth teams of the local Knights of Columbus.

Mgr. William T. Russell will open the program with an address of welcome. The daughters of Isabella, an auxiliary organization of the Knights of Columbus will have charge of the refreshment booths.

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