

FRANCE URGES ENGLAND TO BLOCKADE ALL GERMAN PORTS

England is Expecting a Note From the United States Protesting Against the Blockade.

IMPORTANT TOWN IS SEIZED

Several Thousand Serbians at Soutari Retreat, Offering No Resistance.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The main Montenegrin army has surrendered to the Austrians and the greater part of Montenegro is held by the invaders.

London, Jan. 25.—German aeroplanes bombed Dover again late yesterday afternoon, but were driven off before any damage was done. At Dunkirk, France, an enemy aeroplane was shot down.

Saloniki, Jan. 25.—One hundred bombs were dropped by allied aviators upon Monastir and other Serbian towns occupied by the Bulgarians.

Athens, Jan. 25.—The Turkish imperial yacht, with Field Marshal Von Der Goltz on board, has been sunk by a French submarine in the Bosphorus. The passengers were saved.

London, Jan. 25.—France urges England to declare an immediate blockade of all German ports. While England is expecting a note from the United States protesting against the blockade which would mean the destruction of much of her foreign commerce.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Turkish troops east of Kut El Amara have been reinforced with artillery and cavalry and the British force near Bagdad which is on the way to the rescue of the surrounded garrison at Kut El Amara is itself nearly surrounded. It is said the garrison is short of ammunition and provisions.

Washington, Jan. 25.—An unsatisfactory turn has occurred to the Lusitania note negotiations between the United States and Germany. The latter government having offered complete concessions as demanded by the United States government has been declared unjust by passengers. The President has delayed his trip to New York to confer with Secretary Lansing over the new turn of affairs.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The armor plate manufacturers have delayed meeting with the senate committee and the bill for a government owned armor plate plant is thereby retarded.

London, Jan. 25.—Austro-Hungarian troops have occupied the important town of Soutaria in northern Albania, according to a Stefani News agency dispatch from Athens.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Serbians have been occupied by Austro-Hungarian troops according to an announcement issued yesterday by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Several thousand Serbians who formed the garrison retreated toward the south without offering any resistance.

The German admiralty issued the following yesterday: "A German naval aeroplane during the night of Jan. 22-23 dropped bombs on the station, barracks and docks of Dover."

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Pleasant Hill Notes.

D. H. Richards shipped a carload of cattle and one of hogs to the Chicago market Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kemmerer visited Wednesday with the Ed Beaver family near Webster City.

Mrs. Wade Craun has been quite sick the past week. Her mother, Mrs. Crosby, is caring for her.

Miss Ada Bell, our teacher, returned to her home in Webster City Wednesday evening to attend the teachers institute Thursday and Friday.

Miss Edna Kester visited Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Ferrell.

been sick with the gripe, is much better at this writing.

North Blairsburg News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Nicholson and children and Mrs. R. T. McDaniel spent Sunday at the Geo. Shafer home near Webster City.

Mrs. Tom Markwardt is visiting this week at the Wm. Markwardt home in Webster City.

Miss Vernea Read spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read.

B. R. Markwardt, who has been husking corn for S. F. Nicholson, returned to his home in Webster City Friday.

Wm. Ashpole is delivering corn to R. T. McDaniel this week.

Tom Markwardt was a business caller in Williams Monday.

Mrs. Alice Harney, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Pearce, returned to her work in Iowa Falls Wednesday.

Miss Jeannette Cammack, who has been teaching in District No. 2, has resigned and Miss Edith Evans of Webster City will complete the term.

Around Breeze Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamison, who reside on the Closs farm, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Jan. 19th.

H. R. Busing and family were visitors Thursday at the E. A. Smith home.

About fifty friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsey gave them a farewell surprise at their farm home three and one half miles east of Webster City last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have sold their farm and will spend a year in travel. They have not decided where they will locate.

Mr. John McPhillips, in behalf of the company present, presented them with a silver berry spoon and jelly knife. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have lived here the past seventeen years and take with them the respect and best wishes of a host of friends.

Miss Mary Seiser returned to her school duties in Fort Dodge after an over Sunday visit at home.

Fred McPhillips of Butte, Montana, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Wm. Dinsdale and children returned home Sunday evening after a few days visit with relatives in Webster City.

The L. Lubbers and John McPhillips families spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsey.

Miss Irene Closs returned home Saturday after a few days stay with her parents in Webster City.

Williams News.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Munger of Peotone, Ill., spent the first of last week at the Edward Sweedler home. Mrs. Munger is a niece of Mrs. Sweedler's and the young couple were on a honeymoon trip.

There was an unusually large number of women present at the meeting of the Needle club on Friday afternoon, but as usual, Mrs. Hartwig's hospitality was equal to the demand upon it.

celebrated their tin wedding anniversary Sunday and some of the Williams folks were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. McCarley and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. and Geo. Rick.

Frank Hughes of Webster City spent Sunday in Williams.

Miss Anna Pfeiffer of Stratford is visiting at the Charley Adams home. Jan. 22.

There was a meeting of the Yeoman Friday night and seven new members were accepted. It was to have been the night for the installation of officers but as most of them failed to attend, those present enjoyed the oyster supper which was given in their honor and voted that they had missed a good thing.

The supper was given at the Farmers Cafe at the close of the meeting.

Miss Gladys Shields of Alden spent the week end at the Wm. Allinson home.

There were a goodly number of people out Sunday morning at the M. E. church.

Rev. R. L. Offield, who is spending his vacation in the east, has been too ill to return as he had planned, so we are not having preaching services at the Presbyterian church but the Sunday school meets as usual.

Miss Louise Bossenberger is a gripe victim this week.

Mrs. Frank Mason is improving rapidly and was able to do without her nurse last Sunday.

Poplar Grove Gleanings.

There was no school at Poplar Grove Thursday and Friday on account of the teachers meeting in Webster City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Graham left today for Burt, called by the death of the former's brother, Theodore Graham. A. B. Graham went to Burt Saturday.

Miss Mary Johnson returned Monday from a several weeks visit with relatives at Marble Rock.

Several in this vicinity are planning to attend the annual Burns celebration at Fort Dodge tomorrow evening.

Miss Pearl Craig was a guest at the A. H. Nairn home the latter part of last week.

At a recent meeting of the Mt. Zion ladies aid, which was held at the home of Mrs. S. R. Graham, it was decided not to hold their regular meeting this week on account of unfavorable weather.

Miss Ortha Bottorf, of Williams, was a week end guest at the R. E. Jewett home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Wack entertained the members of the Poplar Grove Social club at their home Friday evening. The evening was enjoyably spent with games and visiting and a delicious tray supper, to which all present did ample justice, was served.

Notice of Probating Will.

To all whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the District court of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles F. Hammer, late of said county, deceased, and that 2 o'clock p. m. of the 21st day of February, 1916, has been fixed for the probate of said will, at which time you can appear before the District court, at the court house in the said county and show cause, if any there be, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

Witness my hand affixed at the court house in Webster City, Iowa, this 25th day of January, 1916.

J. C. Sterling, Clerk District Court.

Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

In the district court of the State of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, in probate.

THE CLUB CALENDAR.

The Thursday Card club will meet to play at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Chamberlin Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The members of the Kensington club will meet Friday evening with Miss Mildred Horsley at the home of her brother, H. C. Horsley.

The ladies of the Thursday Circle will be guests of Mrs. Jess Mescher at her farm home four miles northeast of the city Friday for an all day meeting. The gentlemen are invited for dinner.

Mrs. Geo. W. Chamberlin will entertain the members of the Wednesday club at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Varick C. Crosley will entertain the members of the Royal Auction Bridge club at one o'clock luncheon on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. C. Mason entertained the Travel club this afternoon in regular session. The club will meet on next Monday with Mrs. F. A. Edwards.

The monthly social meeting of the Campfire Girls will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Marian Garth, with the Misses Myrtle Gustafson and Marian Garth hostesses.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

ENJOYED SOCIAL.

About forty young people enjoyed the social given in the Methodist church basement Friday evening by the members of the Epworth League. Games and contests furnished entertainment and refreshments were served.

A STAG PARTY.

Mr. Julius Bermann was host at a stag party given Friday evening at his home on First street. The evening hours were spent socially and at the conclusion a delicious lunch was served.

ENTERTAINS BROTHER CLASS.

The Junior Philothea class of the Baptist Sunday school Friday night entertained their brother class—the Baracas—in the basement of the church. The Baraca room was decorated in streamers of red with red shaded lights and the evening was spent with games of various kinds and with music. Delicious light refreshments were served and the evening proved an enjoyable one.

HONOR CLASSMATE.

A joint business and social meeting of the Baptist Philothea Sunday school class was held last evening at the home of Mrs. S. C. Bowen on Stockdale street. The forepart of the evening was given over to business, after which the company of about thirty young ladies enjoyed crocheting, tating, etc. One of the class members, Mrs. Kathryn Zitterell-Bringolf, who was married recently, was presented a half set of dishes by her classmates. Delicious refreshments were also served.

A "BIRTHDAY" CLUB.

Misses Mabel Huddleston, Bess Cunningham, Matred and Ruby Whitham, Ruth Tatham and Irene Sterling met at the home of the latter Friday night and organized a "birthday" club. A shower of fancy work, etc., will be given to each member upon her birthday and a social evening spent at her home. The club will meet aside from this every Friday evening and the time will be spent over fancy work. Last evening passed enjoyably, Miss Sterling serving dainty refreshments at the close.

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WOMAN ELOPED WITH A NEGRO

California Woman Not Forced to Flee, She Admits.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 25.—Raymond Dodds, the mulatto, and Mrs. Viola Hood, who eloped from San Diego last Friday, surrendered themselves to the Salt Lake police yesterday and both declared that their act was voluntary.

Dodds appeared at the police station soon after 10 o'clock and announced his identity. He said he had read in a morning newspaper that the police had been asked to detain them and decided to surrender himself to avoid trouble. He said Mrs. Hood had eloped with him of her own volition and that he had never employed threats to induce her to leave her home. He said she had urged him at intervals for a year to run away with her and that she provided the funds with which they traveled.

A search for Mrs. Hood proved without result until about 12:30 yesterday afternoon when she walked into the police station. She confirmed Dodds' story, according to the police, and says she will return to San Diego if desired on condition that Dodds be set at liberty so he may go to Chicago.

The police also say Mrs. Hood said their plan was to be married here under assumed names and make their home in Chicago. She told them Dodds had her driven to a local rooming house after they arrived here Sunday night, the police say, and later had her taken to a first class hotel, remarking that the rooming house was not a moral place. Dodds passed the night at a rooming house for colored persons.

The two are held by the police for advices from San Diego.

Public Sale Dates.

Jan. 27.—Alden Anderson, near Story City.

Jan. 27.—J. G. Prescott, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Blairsburg.

Jan. 29.—Haugeland, near Story City.

Jan. 31.—Ed Ness, south of Duncombe.

Feb. 1.—John Lachmiller, southeast of Webster City.

Feb. 2.—James Checkle, north of Williams.

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Feb. 3.—G. O. Satter, near Stanhope.

Feb. 3.—Gale Bickford, southeast of Webster City.

Feb. 4.—Henry Taylor, north of Corwith.

Feb. 5.—Tom O. Wicks, near Radcliffe.

Feb. 8.—Frank Packman, 2 miles southeast of Woolstock.

Feb. 9.—Thompson & Herelm, near Roland.

Feb. 10.—Frank Fetrow, southwest of Woolstock.

PERSONAL BRIEFS.

—Dr. Forest F. Hall was a professional caller in Williams last evening.

—Miss Frances Hall returned to her home in Williams yesterday after spending a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kellogg, and other relatives and friends.

—Misses Clara and Martha Rockow, who have been visiting Miss Tillie Breitenkamp on west James street, returned yesterday to their home in Williams.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Waterman of Kamrar were business callers here yesterday.

—Mrs. William Albert, who lives on the north side, went to Des Moines yesterday afternoon on a short business trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Williams visited with W. E. Pettinger at Mercy hospital yesterday.

—Mrs. O. R. Denekas returned to her home in Blairsburg yesterday following a short visit with her sister, Mrs. J. N. Hurst and family, on west James street.

—Henry Hanson left yesterday for his home in Jewell after spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Soren P. Hanson, who live in the 500 block on Bank street.

—Miss Vernea Read of Blairsburg accompanied her cousin, Miss Hope Torrence (both high school students) to her home in Kamrar yesterday afternoon to spend last night.

—Mrs. F. H. Alexander and Mrs. L. E. Alexander of Kamrar were callers here yesterday.

—Miss Delta Bateman returned home last night from a several days visit with relatives and friends in Omaha and Sioux City. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Sidney Butler and little daughter of Omaha, who will remain for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Butler's sister, Mrs. Jas. A. Bateman and family.

—Mrs. G. L. Ahrens went to Kamrar this morning to attend a wedding.

—Mrs. S. B. Bair went to Melvin today on business connected with the Royal Neighbors of America, of which she is a national officer.

—Mrs. G. H. Huff and daughter of Luverne, who have been sojourning at the J. W. Jensen home southwest of this city, returned to their home today.

—Mrs. Chas. Plumley and daughter, Miss Leila, of Marshalltown, former residents of this city, passed through here today en route to Algona, called by the death of Mrs. Plumley's father.

—Mrs. Everett Moore of Bliss, Idaho, a cousin of the G. S. Lane family arrived here today for a few days visit while spending several weeks in Iowa.

—Mrs. Barney Brin left this forenoon for Council Bluffs where she will visit her son, Henry Nathanson and wife, and other relatives.

—Mrs. W. Wenning left this noon for her home in Chicago. Mrs. Wenning was called here a short time ago by the death of her mother, Mrs. Fred Smith, and has made a short visit with her brother, J. C. Smith, and sisters, Mrs. Chas. W. Buelow and Mrs. E. E. Fort.

—C. H. Swiney, local manager for the Hanson & Tyler auto firm, left last night for Chicago to attend the automobile show.

—Mrs. S. L. Kemmerer, who has been spending several weeks here with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Younce and family, left at noon today for her home in Independence.

—Henry Mahoney left this noon for Oskaloosa on a short business and pleasure trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Paine returned last night from an over Sunday visit with relatives in Cedar Rapids.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—Gerald Bauge of Ellsworth, who is spending some time in South Dakota attending to farming interests, spent the week end at the Henry Roskopf home on Bank street.

visit with the former's sisters, Mrs. A. R. Burleson and family and Miss Zephia Mitchell, while en route to the Pacific coast. The brother and sisters haven't seen one another for seventeen years. Mr. Mitchell lived in this city when a boy.

—Mrs. Ray Badger has returned to her home in Des Moines after several weeks visiting the Carl Stuart family. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Everett Dill, who will make a short visit.

—George Grannaman of Burlington is spending several weeks here with his sister, Mrs. George Birbills and husband.

—Miss Ella Blair of Ellsworth spent Saturday in this city visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Crawford and family.

—Mrs. L. M. Moreley and little son of Blairsburg are spending the day here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Miller.

—Mrs. H. I. Hess returned to her home in Cooper, this state, today after spending several days with her son, Emerson Hess, who is ill with measles at the J. C. Robinson home. Mr. Hess is getting along very well.

—Mrs. W. S. Weston is spending the day in Fort Dodge.

—O. A. Wahl went to Churdan today on a short business trip.

—Mrs. Wm. Fairfield, west of the city, and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Lee and baby of Cass township, returned home today after a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Boyd Little and family, in Hampton.

—Mrs. Louis Olson returned to her home in Livermore today after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Nelson, who live on the east side. Mr. Nelson, who has been very ill with a complication of troubles, is a little better today.

—H. G. Higbee spent Sunday with his family in this city and left this morning, going west on his road duties.

—Miss Eleanor Wiene of Waverly is visiting at the Mrs. P. H. Lynch home.

—Mrs. S. K. Virtue returned home this noon from Des Moines where she was called last week by the accident which recently befell her daughter, Miss Ethel Virtue. Mr. Virtue went down to the capital city for an over Sunday visit and will accompany his daughter to this city tonight if she is able to travel. Miss Virtue will remain here until she has fully recovered the use of her ankle, one bone of which was broken in a fall in a street car.

—Miss Alma Anderson of Eagle Grove spent Sunday with the Ray Mikel family east of this city, returning home this forenoon.

—Mrs. C. H. Rowan, who resides west of this city, spent the week end with friends in Kamrar.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson and two children left this forenoon for Swanville, Minn., for an extended visit.

—Mrs. Jane Lewis of Lewistown, Minn., who has been visiting relatives at the Milton and J. D. Swezey homes, left this noon for her home. She was accompanied as far as Eagle Grove by Mrs. Milton Swezey.

—Mrs. Ole Oleson of Duncombe, who has been visiting at the J. A. Pringle home on the east side, went to Eagle Grove this morning for a short visit.

—W. J. McAninch went to Swea City this morning where he will attend to the work of improving the McAninch farm near there.

—Mrs. Sam R. Sheldon was called to Cedar Rapids this noon by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Johnson, who has visited in this city and has a number of friends here. Mrs. Johnson's illness is caused from a complication of troubles with which she has been suffering for some time.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Topp of Eagle Grove spent the week end at the J. D. Lee farm home north of this city.

—Miss Buelah Wagner returned this afternoon to her home in Williams after a visit with Mrs. Frank Hammit and other friends.

—C. L. Buxton of Des Moines was a Sunday guest at the home of his brother, Dr. O. C. Buxton.

—Miss Dorothy Jones spent Sunday with friends in Iowa Falls.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pence returned to their home in Chicago today after a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. O. S. Winter and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Meade Huges and little son went to Dows today for a visit with relatives.

—Col. E. F. Postgate of Ames arrived here this noon and is this afternoon assisting in crying the big brood sow sale being held on the Leonard N. Mason farm. He is related to the Ed McFarlane family and will visit at the McFarlane home tonight. He will assist in crying the E. E. Cheever sale tomorrow.