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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. M. A. Marquette, president of the Mansfield Ladies' club of Mansfield, Ohio, is visiting her brother, J. L. Naabore.

The case entitled State vs. Harry Leonard, heard Saturday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Fred H. Wilcox, resulted in a motion for the dismissal of the charges being sustained.

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Brockman, Torbin Hill, have returned home after spending six weeks in Florida.

WORD ILLEGAL NOT TO BRING DEADLOCK

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CRISIS IS PASSED. Inasmuch as the proposal now before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing is described in German quarters as substituting for the word "illegal" a phrase which Germany hopes will be acceptable to the United States as covering the same point without humiliating Germany, and having regard for public opinion in that country, this announcement was taken as strengthening the optimistic atmosphere which surrounds the negotiations, and possibly leaving open the way to continued negotiation.

The principal consideration of the United States now is that there shall be an acknowledgment by Germany that the sinking of an unresisting merchantman without warning is in contravention of international law and that such naval warfare shall be permanently discontinued. The German contention is that such assurances already have been given in the Arabic case and that all that remains in the Lusitania case is reparation for the lives of neutrals and an acknowledgment that it was wrong to destroy them.

This letter is contained in the German proposal as at present framed without the specific use of the word "illegal."

The full text of Count von Bernstorff's note, delivered to Secretary Lansing on September 1, 1915 was as follows:

"My Dear Secretary: With reference to our conversation of this morning, I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contain the following passage: 'Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of noncombatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance.'

"Although I know you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before Arabic incident occurred.

"I have no objections to your making any use you may please of the above information.

"I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, 'Sincerely yours, 'J. Bernstorff."

DEATH ENTERS MEREDITH HOME. Bonaparte, Feb. 7.—Jesse Meredith, who has been in failing health for the past several years, died Saturday at his home here. He was past 73 years of age, and a veteran of the civil war. He leaves one son and two daughters, Geo. B. Meredith, Mrs. J. C. Perkins and Miss Bertha Meredith, all of Bonaparte.

STOLEN FROM CRADLE, MAN FINDS HE IS HEIR

Webster City, Feb. 7.—Stolen from the cradle by his own father, thirty years ago and placed in the Children's home at Des Moines and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brundage at Lehigh, David Brundage learned he was heir to an estate.

Brundage is nearly 32 years old and makes his home in Lehigh. For thirty years Mrs. C. Thompson of Randle, Washington, has searched for her son and located him a short time ago. She informed his foster parents that he is heir to a large estate. The Brundages adopted the child in 1887. He grew up with the Brundage children and many people in Lehigh did not know he was an adopted child.

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CHARLES F. BATTY KILLED IN FRANCE

FORMER OTTUMWAN GIVES LIFE IN COUNTRY'S SERVICES; FAMILY WELL KNOWN.

Ottumwa has contributed one of her former residents to the European war in the death of Charles F. Battay, who was killed in action in France, Jan. 20. News of the death of Mr. Battay was received this morning by John Morrill & Co., with whom the decedent's father is prominently connected in England.

Charles F. Battay was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Battay of Darlington, Ark., and was born in Ottumwa in 1896, his father being at that time employed in the local plant of the Morrill firm. The decedent was a brilliant young man with a promising future, having gained many honors in the English university which he attended. The sympathy of the numerous friends of the family here will go out to them in the loss of their son. The young man entered his country's service at the outbreak of the war.

MAKES STATEMENT CONCERNING CASE

Concerning the case entitled, "The United States for the use and benefit of the American Radiator Co. vs. Bartlett and Kling, et al.," upon which a partial hearing of details was held in the federal court Saturday by Judge Martin J. Wade, C. L. Bartlett, one of the defendants makes the following statement:

"The suit referred to in Saturday's issue of The Courier, was not brought by any subcontractor of Bartlett & Kling, but by a creditor of J. S. Gunder & Co., a subcontractor of Bartlett & Kling.

"No matters were continued until court is in regular session, which were to be considered at this special hearing. Same are to be disposed of by written arguments. The court adjourned without completing the hearing because of the judge being unexpectedly called away from the city by telegram.

"I am not an attorney. I am a respectable married man and the worst crime I am accused of in this trial is exercise of my constitutional rights to defend myself in court without contributing to the support of the Ottumwa legal fraternity, and no judge of the court has objected to such doings, though some other persons have shown objections.

"I was not rebuked by the judge. I made no objections to any court rulings and I was not directed to 'never appear in the court again without an attorney.'

"I was not told that I would have to secure the services of counsel in this district, if I wanted to try the case before the presiding jurist—or anything resembling such a statement and I shall continue to try my own case with the full approval of the judge even if not with the approval of all others who would be interested. I'll be here and on deck when the performance starts again.

Respectfully, C. L. Bartlett."

ELDON

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cunningham have moved from Drakesville and will go to housekeeping in the new modern residence home Mr. Cunningham has furnished for his bride, Mr. Goodlander, the father of Mrs. Cunningham, came to live with them.

Irvin Forrest went to Galveston, Texas on an extended trip. Mesdames C. W. and E. H. Finney went to Ottumwa on business today. Chas. Doran, deputy sheriff, was in the city on business recently. Mrs. Tom Scance and son Earl have returned from a month's vacation in Oklahoma. Mrs. Ed Yoder returned home from a few weeks' visit in Valley Junction. J. D. Havens went to Bloomfield for a few days' visit.

The Tom Thumb wedding was quite a success. There was a good attendance and the players did well considering the training they had had.

Mrs. Holmes, mother of Mrs. C. S. Miller from Ottumwa arrived in the city for an extended visit.

HAS FEET FROZEN; SENT TO COUNTY HOME

William Blount, was taken to the police station Sunday morning, with his feet badly frozen. Mr. Blount who drifted into Ottumwa Saturday, had his feet frozen sometime ago but suffered to have them nipped again with the cold weather here. He was allowed to stay at the station Sunday and was sent to the county farm this morning by Miss Sara A. Brown of the Associated Charities.

Bears the Signature of

CRISWELL GETS MAN AFTER WAIT

OFFICER STATIONS HIMSELF NEAR JUNK STORE AND GRABS ACCUSED MAN.

After waiting for several hours Officer Criswell grabbed Frank Lewis this morning at a junk store on East Main street, on suspicion of having stolen a large amount of copper. He was booked on a vagrancy charge before Judge W. H. Hammett in police court and was given thirty days in jail.

Lewis is said to have been seen walking down the alley in the rear of the junk store in company with two other men carrying three large bags. The officers became suspicious and going to the store found that the bags contained several hundred pounds of new copper. This morning Officer Criswell stationed himself a short distance from the store and after waiting for quite a while Lewis put in an appearance.

In police court Lewis claimed that he found the copper wire in bags in an empty box car standing in the railroad yards. He denied that any other men were with him when he went to the junk store. He will be held until the officers have had ample time to investigate the matter.

LIBERTYVILLE.

Mrs. Charles Hagans and little son left Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carl Riggs left Thursday for Udell where she will spend several days.

C. Shores was a business caller in Moonmouth, Ill. last week.

Mrs. Ray Fisher is visiting her parents in South Dakota.

Dwight Warren and two daughters Nell and Maude are in Missouri on business.

W. A. Robertson will have charge of the Rock Island elevator which will be run by Yost and Workman in connection with the Q elevator.

Ed Armstrong is critically ill at his home here.

Mrs. Charles Riggs has returned home after a few days' visit in Udell.

Floyd Harshman of Albia spent last week with his parents.

Mr. Kuhns of Fairfield had charge of the meeting at the M. E. church on Thursday afternoon at a ladies meeting and Thursday evening.

Rev. Luther Anderson, pastor of the Lutheran church at Glassford and Peoria, Ill., where she had been for several days.

Obituary

Dorothy Maxine Eaton. Dorothy M. Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eaton, 118 South Davis street, passed away Sunday evening at the family residence. Private funeral services were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock and interment took place in Ottumwa cemetery.

Infant Prosser. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Prosser, 429 Minnesota avenue, passed away at 7:30 this morning. Private funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence and interment will take place in the Shaul cemetery.

Francis Facer. The funeral services of Francis Facer who passed away Friday morning at 6:15 o'clock, were held Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from the Sullivan chapel and were conducted by Rev. W. C. Hengen. Interment took place in the Ottumwa cemetery.

James I. McCormick. The funeral services of James I. McCormick, who passed away Thursday evening at 10:50 at his residence north-east of the city in Highland township, was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his residence and was conducted by Rev. Cox. Interment took place in Round Point cemetery.

Milburn H. Longcor. The funeral services of Milburn H. Longcor, who passed away at the Ottumwa hospital, Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sullivan chapel. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Hengen and interment took place in the McIntire cemetery.

Hannah Louise Allen. Hannah Louise Allen, wife of Marcus Allen, passed away at her home, 125 Highland avenue, this morning at 8:45 o'clock, at the age of 68. She was born March 26, 1847, and is survived by her husband, one son, A. W., of Omaha, and one daughter, Mrs. E. Ahern of Chicago.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence and will be conducted by Rev. Isaac Bussing. Interment will take place in the Ottumwa cemetery.

Mrs. Harriett Paul. The private funeral services of Mrs. Harriett Paul, who passed away Friday February 4 at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. D. Pringle, 210 East Woodland avenue, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of her daughter. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Malcolm Dana, and interment took place in the Sorden cemetery, in Webster.

The remains were accompanied to Webster by Mr. and Mrs. Van Slyke and Paul Slyke of Des Moines, H. S. Paul of Milwaukee, G. and Harold Paul of Carlisle, Paul Ackley and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Pringle of this city.

Gustaf Hallberg. Word has been received by Victor Hallberg of this city, of the death of his brother, Gustaf Hallberg. Mr. Hallberg has been engaged as a tailor in Des Moines for some time. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Hallberg of Sweden; wife and one child; four brothers, C. E., and Victor, of Ottumwa; Otto, of Chicago; and Axel of Sweden; also three sisters, Mrs. Hilda Skoog and Mrs. Anna Gustavson of Chicago, and Miss Alma Hallberg of Sweden.

No funeral arrangements have as yet been made.

CANTRIL MAN IS KILLED BY MULE

LEWIS STEWART LIVES NINETEEN HOURS AFTER INJURY.

Cantril, Feb. 7.—This community was greatly shocked late Saturday afternoon when it was learned that Lewis Stewart had been kicked and trampled by a mule. The wounds were on the head, body and limbs. Death occurred at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Stewart was a member of the Cantril school board and was respected by all who knew him. He was 59 years of age. He was married to Miss Lizzie Reid in 1880. To this union five children were born, all now living in Cantril: Roy, Maude Roberts, Stanley, Rena and Reid. Funeral services will be held in the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DR. COLLINS, AGED 90, DIES AT CHARITON

Chariton, Feb. 7.—The venerable Dr. D. Y. Collins passed away at the home of his son, J. H. Collins on Friday evening, at the age of nearly 90 years. A few weeks ago he fell and broke his hip and since that time has gradually declined. He is survived by two sons, Charles Collins, of Minneapolis, Minn., and J. H., of this city.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. E. Igenfritz, were held at the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by interment in the Chariton cemetery. Dr. Collins was one of the early pioneer residents of Chariton, but of later years has made his home in Colorado. He came here in the early winter to spend some time with his son and family.

BOOTLEGGERS JUMPS INTO ICY WATERS

Keokuk, Feb. 7.—Albert Boyd made a daring getaway from three officers at Keithsburg, Ill., a few days ago, when he rushed from his home, sans hat and coat, plunged into the icy waters of the Mississippi, gained the solid ice and crossed to the Iowa side amid a storm of bullets from the police.

Boyd was wanted on the charge of bootlegging. The officers went to his home to arrest him, one going in to serve the warrant, the other two remaining outside. Boyd saw the officer as he came in the door, and realizing his object in making the visit knocked him down and escaped as described.

DELIRIOUS FROM PAIN, PATIENT RUNS AWAY

Centerville, Feb. 7.—Delirious from pain in his poisoned knee, Joe Bonk, of near Sunshine, escaped from the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital and ran without his shoes to the home of Joe Milani. Mr. Milani took him back to the hospital, where he is now recovering slowly from his experience. He remembers nothing of the affair.

Mr. Bonk is a well known Italian miner at the Sunshine mine. On Christmas day he ran a nail into his knee and had to be taken to the hospital a short time later, as blood poisoning had set in almost immediately. Dr. Miller has been treating the sufferer and he was slowly getting better. Occasionally, however, the pain would become intense.

BARNEY SHIFTS INSPECTORS.

Des Moines, Feb. 7.—W. B. Barney, dairy and food commissioner, has shifted the force of inspectors of his department back to their original posts. M. E. Flynn returns to the river cities and S. O. Van DeBogart returns to the Des Moines territory. The shift has developed the weak spots in the system so they may be properly handled and the men are working together better than they did before, the commissioner said.

HUNTER SHOT IN ARM.

Odebolt, Feb. 7.—Henry Swaller, a young man residing with his parents north of town, was brought to the local hospital with a shot gun wound in the arm close to the shoulder. He, in company with a companion, was hunting rabbits. By some means his companion's gun was accidentally discharged, boring a hole in Swaller's arm from which thirty-five shot were extracted.

TREASURE HUNTERS OUT.

Coin, Feb. 7.—Prowlers are frequent on the farm of Alex McNearney, who committed suicide three weeks ago. McNearney was supposed to be rich but little of his money has been found. It is believed by many in this vicinity that he buried his gold. Tom Wells, hired hand, exchanged shots with one of the treasure hunters last week. Local officers have been asked to protect the occupants of the farm.

SOUTH ENGLISH COUPLE WED.

South English, Feb. 7.—The marriage of Miss Lulu Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fry of South English, to Chas. Sprague of this place, occurred Tuesday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hellman at Batavia, Rev. Hellman performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague came home Wednesday, going to housekeeping in their own home which had been prepared.

AUTOIST ON TRIAL.

Montezuma, Feb. 7.—The trial of Frank Richardson, charged with assault with intent to kill by running down Harry Horn with his automobile, has begun here. It is charged Richardson was running his car at a high rate of speed when it struck Horn who is a young farmer residing near Grinnell.

DEATH ENTERS TWO FAIRFIELD HOMES

MRS. ARMSTRONG, AGED 97 YEARS AND ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST PASS AWAY.

Fairfield, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, aged 97 years, passed peacefully away Saturday at 10:45 p. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Dill on West Broadway. Mrs. Armstrong was taken ill only a few days ago, and her condition was serious from the first.

Mrs. Armstrong's maiden name was Margaret Adams. She was born in Waynesburg, Pa., Nov. 25, 1818, being one of a family of four girls. At the age of four years her mother died and seven years later her father also passed away, leaving the four little girls alone. They went to Ohio to live with relatives and here Margaret lived to womanhood and became the bride of Henry Armstrong in February, 1839.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong resided in Belmont county, Ohio, for a number of years and in 1844 came westward settling in Jefferson county, on a farm about five miles northwest of Fairfield. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, two of whom have passed away. Mr. Armstrong died Feb. 2, 1887. The surviving children are Mrs. Stephen Dill of this city, Alfred Armstrong who resides on the home farm, Frank Armstrong of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Johnson Armstrong of Tacoma, Wash. There are also seventeen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Armstrong was a woman of unusual strength of character and for almost a half a century she resided on the farm to which she came first in Jefferson county. Four years ago because of her advanced age she was persuaded to leave her own home and go to her daughter's home to spend her remaining years. The Dill home was then about six miles southeast of Fairfield, but after the death of Mr. Dill a few months ago Mrs. Dill and family and Mrs. Armstrong moved to Fairfield.

Mrs. Armstrong never tired of telling her children and grandchildren and their friends of the early pioneer days and her memory and other faculties remained with her until the last days of her life.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Dill home on West Broadway and interment took place in Evergreen cemetery beside her husband and children. Rev. W. R. Kersey, pastor of the First Methodist church conducted the service.

Archibald Gilchrist, one of the best known of the old men in Fairfield, passed away Saturday at his home on East Adams street. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence in charge of Rev. E. G. McKibben, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of which Mr. Gilchrist was a faithful member.

Archibald Gilchrist was born in West Morland county, Pa., Jan. 1, 1837, and grew to manhood there. In

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENS

GRINNELL ENTERTAINING THE CHURCHMEN FROM ALL OVER STATE.

Grinnell, Feb. 7.—A large number of delegates from Congregational churches all over the state of Iowa have already arrived in Grinnell to attend the fourth annual fellowship conference which is held here from today to Friday of this week.

The features of the conference are a series of lectures by Professor E. A. Ross of Wisconsin university, and E. I. Bosworth, dean of Oberlin Theological seminary. The former is the Gates memorial lecturer and will give six lectures on the general theme, "Undercurrents in American Society." Dean Bosworth will lecture on the subject, "The Central Assertions of the Christian Religion in Terms of Modern Thought." He will also give six lectures. The other speakers of note are Professors Steiner and Evans, of Grinnell.

As in former years the visiting ministers and laymen will be entertained in Grinnell homes and plans are being made to extend them the most cordial welcome. On account of regrets which many of the delegates in former years have expressed at not having had an opportunity to visit college classes, special provision has been made for the delegates to attend such classes as they may wish on Wednesday morning.

A reception by the college faculty will be given to the delegates Wednesday afternoon and Miss Gates, the dean of women, and the women of the quadrangle have extended an invitation for dinner in the quadrangle dining room Thursday evening.

TEN SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Ames, Feb. 7.—Ten men, said by police to be a gang of Chicago crooks were arrested here in an empty pest house on the edge of town by Marshal Miller.

Miller was tipped off to the men by Chicago detectives who followed them from Chicago to Des Moines. They are being held for investigation.

1869 the family moved to Jackson county, Mo., and in 1874 came to Fairfield, where Mr. Gilchrist has since made his home. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Clemen at West Newton, Pa., who survives him. He also leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. T. F. McNew who has lavished all the care and love upon him that she could have given her own father. One sister, Mrs. Sarah Bailey of this city, and two brothers, John Gilchrist of Cochran Mills, Pa., and David Gilchrist of New Liberty will also survive.

Mr. Gilchrist was a carpenter by trade and for many years was one of the prominent contractors of Fairfield. He was a civil war veteran and enjoyed a wide acquaintanceship all over Jefferson county.

BROTHER AND SISTER WINNERS

HELEN POWER GETS FIRST IN HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY; EARL POWER IN PARSONS

Fairfield, Feb. 7.—Miss Helen Power won first place in the high school preliminary declamatory contest Friday evening at the high school auditorium at the same time her brother, Earl Power was winning a place in the eastern district oratorical contest at Fayette, Mo. Power was representing Parsons college.

Miss Power will represent Fairfield high school in the district contest to be held soon at Centerville. The subject of her declamation was "Helen Thoreau."

Parsons college will send Mr. Power to Des Moines March 4 and 5 to take part in the final contest. His subject is "The Preservation of American Ideals."

Parsons college is greatly interested in this contest as it is to play host to the interstate oratorical association in May, and the students would deem it a great honor should Mr. Power be able to take part in this event. The three other colleges to be represented in this district in the Des Moines contest are Iowa Wesleyan, Coe and Upper Iowa.

MADERO FAMILY TO HAVE WEALTH AGAIN

Ames, Feb. 7.—The vast estates of the Madero family in Mexico are to be returned to the family, according to a letter written by Carlos Madero, president of Mexico, to a former college mate here. Next to the Terrazas family, the Maderos are said to have been the richest family in the country below the Rio Grande. Madero writes that it will take several years to get the devastated lands back to a producing basis so thoroughly were they pillaged and devastated by the revolutionary troops.

WOOD SAW CUTS ONE ARM ENTIRELY OFF

Noble, Feb. 7.—Otto Stauler, a young man of about 30 years of age, was probably fatally injured by a wood saw. The outfit was on the farm of Chris Zemp, about five miles north of here, sawing wood. The young man fell on the saw, cutting one arm entirely off and cutting a deep gash in his side and another in his head. He was immediately rushed to the hospital at Washington, but it is not thought that he will live.

CONFISCATES SLOT MACHINES

For Madison, Feb. 7.—M. E. Flynn, state dairy and food inspector, confiscated three penny slot weighing machines because of non-payment of the state license. The machines belong to the Peerless Weighing company of Detroit, Mich.

Advertisement for Cramblit & Poling Reduction Sale Now Men's High Grade Clothing. Lists prices for suits and overcoats: \$25.00 and \$27.50 suits and overcoats now \$17.50; \$20.00 and \$22.50 suits and overcoats now \$14.95; \$17.50 and \$18.50 suits and overcoats now \$12.50; \$15.00 and \$16.50 suits and overcoats now \$9.95; \$12.50 and \$13.50 suits and overcoats now \$8.95. Also includes: This Sale Includes Our Finest Suits and Overcoats — Also Our Staple Blue Serges and Blacks. Strictly No. 1 Galloway and Horsehide Fur Coats \$18.95. 10 dozen \$1.50 and \$2.00 Pleated Shirts 98c. Cramblit & Poling CLOTHIERS The Store of Greatest Values.

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