

Semi-WEEKLY COURIER

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. E. Davis who has been visiting Mrs. R. Duffey, 1001 South Cherry street has returned to her home in Mason City.

Mrs. T. W. Lowe of Glenwood has been visiting friends at 401 North Webster street.

John Wood and Arabella McNulty of east of the city were married by Justice Fred Wilcox at his office this morning at 11 o'clock.

I suffered with stomach and liver trouble and also had severe sick headaches. I tried several doctors and received no benefit. I consulted Dr. Shallenberger, the Chicago specialist, and am very grateful for what he did for me.

Mrs. Lillian Rees, R. 3, Puleask, Iowa.

BRIAND SCOFFS AT GERMAN PROPOSAL

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"It is after having proclaimed it a victory," he said, "while at the same time making new efforts to gain it that Germany sends us certain words which I am not unable to explain. You have read the address delivered by Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor of the German empire. I have not the text and therefore I cannot give an official opinion but it is improbable that in the present circumstances those who are asked to intervene will accept a task which might well disturb confidence here. I will make known officially the precise concerted opinion of the allies, but I must now warn my country against a possible poisoning of opinion. When a country armed to the teeth mobilizes its entire civil population at the risk of ruining its commerce and disorganizing the homes of which it is so proud, when its factories are working over time to increase its war materials and when it takes, in disregard of the law of nations, the people of an invaded country and obliges them to work for it, it at that moment I do not cry out to my country:

"Look out, take care," I would be entirely culpable. What comes from you as a proposition to negotiate peace is made at a time when Belgium is invaded, Serbia is invaded, ten departments of France are invaded."

Deputy Andre LeFevre here interpreted saying: "And crimes unpunished." Premier Briand resumed: "It is a redoubtable moment and I cannot call your attention too much to the facts. What do we see in this address? It is a cry to deceive neutrals by the clairvoyance of the German people—it was not we who desired this horrible war. It was imposed on us. I want to answer for the hundredth time, 'No, you were the aggressors and whatever you say, the facts

are there to prove it. The blood is on your heads and not on ours."

"Now coming to the bottom of things I have the right to denounce this maneuver, this gross trap. We want, it is said by our enemies, to give our people all the means to prosper that they can desire. Others are offered as alms a consent not to annihilate them. After the Marne, after Verdun, France resisting firmly, is offered this. Such a document must be thoroughly meditated upon to see toward what objects it tends."

There was loud applause at these words and Deputy Thierry-Cazes shouted:

"The country thinks as you do."

Premier Briand then concluded: "From this rostrum I must say that there is a maneuver to separate the allies, to disturb the conscience and demoralize the people of the French republic. In circumstances such as these one will not do less than the convention."

ALLIES TO ASK GERMANY'S TERMS

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At least one of the European neutrals here already has sent a dispatch to his home government asking to be authorized to assure President Wilson of the support of his government in sending some expression to the entente allies designed to influence them to give consideration to the offer to discuss peace. There are indications that some of the other neutrals may follow suit.

The German embassy said they had no new advice on the situation and the Turkish and Bulgarian representatives were entirely without any dispatches from home.

Neutrals Are Busy. The Spanish ambassador Mr. Riano was an early caller at the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing. He said he had received from Madrid that his government also had received the German note for transmission to those entente countries where it represents the central powers diplomatically and that the note delivered there was the same as that cabled to the United States.

The Swiss minister Dr. Ritter, also called on Secretary Lansing. His visit, coupled with the fact that one other neutral is moving to support the president in any effort to secure the consideration of peace, led to the belief that some light on the attitude of the United States toward such a general movement by neutrals was at least being sounded out.

TERMS YET UNKNOWN.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 13 (Via London) Dec. 14.—Dr. G. Michapelles, German minister to Norway is quoted today in the Morgenbladet, as branding as untrue reports cabled from Washington as to the German peace terms saying:

"No program or conditions of peace will be issued before the entente allies have shown willingness to begin negotiations."

CANADA REJECTS PEACE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—Canada's attitude toward the German peace proposal is indicated in a message sent by Sir George Foster, acting premier of

the dominion, to Premier Lloyd George, as follows:

"Canada stands with you and the empire for vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

HOLDING HIGDON IN JAIL ON CASE

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Accepts Arrest. Officer Fiedler met Higdon on the street and they began talking about the Munley affair. Higdon asked the policeman if they had caught anyone in connection with it yet. Fiedler then told him that they were suspecting him. Higdon laughed and said that he had heard it was a Higdon they were watching but he did not suppose it was he, and with that walked along with the policeman to the jail.

He will be held there awaiting further developments in the case.

Goods are Packed. An examination made by the sheriff of the premises on Bardell street, where Higdon has been living, showed that most of the goods in the house had been packed, apparently as a preparation for moving from the city.

Nearly all the chairs and tables were wrapped in cloth and packing materials and there were a number of boxes and trunks filled and standing ready to be moved.

There was no one about the house and neighbors said that Mrs. Higdon had gone away Tuesday night.

Relatives Uninformed. W. N. Brisendine, 305 North Madison avenue, who is an uncle by marriage to Mr. Higdon, called at the jail this afternoon to see the man but was denied this privilege by the sheriff who is allowing no one to see his charge.

Mr. Brisendine said that he did not know until today that Mrs. Higdon had gone away from the city and that he supposed she had gone to Des Moines where her mother lives. He also said that he was not aware of the fact that the Higdon had their goods packed nor that they were planning upon leaving Ottumwa.

Was Steady Worker. With the exception of two or three times when he became intoxicated Mr. Higdon was a steady worker according to Dan Shea, his employer for three years. Mr. Shea talked to the sheriff today about the case and said that three or four days ago he charged Higdon because he decided he could get along without him at this time of the year.

Mr. Munley's attending physicians, when they called upon him this morning at the hospital, were pleased to find him in such a good condition. He is far from being out of danger but he appeared so much brighter than had been expected that they feel hopeful for his recovery.

BOIL WATER AT KEOKUK. Keokuk, Dec. 14.—Samples of drinking water were sent to the state chemist for analysis as a result of a recent report of the United States public health service indicating that the water is contaminated. Citizens were instructed to boil water used for drinking.

On account of the very cold weather Wednesday the men were not able to work on the Farmers and Merchants Savings bank building.

Miss Esther Garrison, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garrison, was united in marriage to Dan Schreckingross in Valley Junction Tuesday, December 12. They expect to make their future home in Valley Junction. Mr. Schreckingross is an employe of the C. & N. P. railway.

Friends of Miss Mae Creasey, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Creasey, have learned of her marriage to Tom Oliver of American Falls, Idaho on Sunday, Dec. 10. Mr. Oliver is a member of the firm of Creasey and Oliver of that city. Mrs. Oliver is well known in Eldon, this having been her home for a number of years.

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CASE INVOLVES ACT OF MICHIGAN COURT. Dubuque, Dec. 13.—A case involving \$75,000 and the right of the probate court of the state of Michigan to adjudicate a resident of the state of Iowa insane, is being tried in the United States district court before Federal Judge Henry T. Reed.

The contest is being waged over the property belonging to Edward T. Runyon of New Hampton, which he turned over to Frank A. O'Connor and William J. Kennedy both of New Hampton as a trust fund to be used for the Catholic hospital at New Hampton.

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The attention of the court was occupied by testimony introduced in an effort to show that the probate court of Michigan had no power or authority to adjudge Mr. Runyon insane and to appoint a guardian for him.

TURN OVER \$5,000. Grinnell, Dec. 14.—Nearly \$5,000 has been turned over to the athletic board of control at Grinnell from the student semester fees according to the apportionment made by the student council and approved by the faculty.

This was an increase of \$500 for athletics. The total semester fee receipts this year reaches \$7,650, an increase of \$900 over last year's figures.

PLAN FOR MINISTERS. Iowa City, Dec. 14.—School for ministers will be the order at the University of Iowa early in next August. University officials have just announced this new kind of undertaking which combines features of extension work with methods of regular instruction.

A special concentrated course of lectures particularly suited to the interests of the pastors of Iowa churches will be given the first week of the second summer session.

DOES ANY ONE KNOW J. ZEHR?

KEOKUK COUNTY MAN PRISONER OF WAR ON ISLE OF MAN WANTS CERTIFICATE.

Fairfield, Dec. 14.—City Clerk Wilson of Fairfield is making an effort to find some one in Jefferson or any of the surrounding counties who knows of one Jacob Zehr, who claims to have been born near Rome in 1860 and who is now according to a letter in Mr. Hedlin's possession, a prisoner of war on the Isle of Man, because he can not successfully prove that he is an American citizen.

Mr. Hedlin received a letter Wednesday from Zehr, and immediately began an investigation by the birth records in the office of the clerk of the district court fall to show any one by that name. However these records are not believed to be complete especially as to the births of the earlier years of the county and it is not doubted here that Zehr was born in this country and that he is an American citizen and entitled to be released, as such.

Following is the exact copy of a letter received by Mr. Hedlin and the envelope in which it was enclosed, bore a label, "Opened by November 20, 1916. Knockahoe Allens Camp, No. 23687, No. 2 Compound 4, Peel, Isle of Man. To the township clerk of Fairfield, kind sir:

I am an American citizen I was made a prisoner in this camp it was about the 10th of May I was made prisoner at Chester England in this year 1916 and brought here about the first of June. I am born in Jefferson county Iowa about four miles from Rome of my father Christian Zehr and my mother Barbara Rocky on the 7th day of January 1860. My offense is I have no papers from home for which I beg of you to be so kind and send me my birth certificate if you please sir I left home in or about 1880 in Keokuk county Iowa and never have been back there since, yours truly Jacob Zehr.

MEADAMES VAN V. BALDWIN AND H. E. RITZ were hostesses to the Fortnightly club at the former's home at a dinner today.

Mrs. Reed, mother of Mrs. Harve Stevens passed away at her home in Pittsburg, Iowa Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. Funeral services to be held this afternoon. Mrs. Stevens has been with her mother for a month. Mr. Stevens and two sons, left this morning to attend the funeral.

The boys' club will give a dance at the Moose hall Thursday night, December 14.

Carl Steves has a position at the Trot clothing store.

The fire alarm was sounded Wednesday afternoon. Fire had been discovered in one of Tom Mulvaney's buildings, but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Wm. Bray was an Ottumwa visitor Wednesday.

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Gifts that Men Want and Appreciate. He will take special note of the unusual goodness of quality in the gift that comes from this store. Hundreds of beautiful new ties, holiday boxes for all, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50. Men's silk hose, all colors, at 50c, and \$1 silk lisle in all colors at 25c. Shirts — our immense stocks contain great values at 50c to \$2. Silks at \$3 to \$5. Belts, 50c to \$1. We are showing a large line of silver buckle belts, designed for monograms, at \$1.50 and \$2. Smoking jackets and bath robes, \$5 to \$10. Handkerchiefs, boxed, 10c and 15c. Pure linens at 25c and 50c. Silks, 50c — initials and plain. Pajamas and pajunions, outing flannels, percale and crepes, at \$1.50 to \$2. Night shirts 50c to \$1.50. House slippers for men and women, leather and felt, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2. Traveling bags, full leather lined, in blacks and tans, at \$5 to \$16.50. Others at \$2 to \$4. Suit cases, all sizes, in fiber and leather, tan and blacks, at \$1 to \$8.50. Whatever you have in mind, come here and see it displayed in styles and prices to suit your plans. Ladies' hose — pure silk, guaranteed hose in black, fancy colors and stripes, at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Lisle at 50c. WE PAY RAILROAD FARE ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

MRS. CARL SENSE IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

Fairfield, Dec. 14.—Fairfield people were greatly shocked to learn that Mrs. Carl Sense, formerly of this city, was killed Saturday in an automobile accident near her home in Chenoweth, N. D. No details of the sad happening were conveyed in the message to relatives here.

Mrs. Sense was the daughter of Ex-sheriff John Wright, formerly of Fairfield and was the only surviving member of his family. Mr. Wright had made his home with his daughter since the death of his wife a few months ago and idolized his grandchildren.

Mrs. Sense leaves beside her husband and father, six children ranging in age from 16 to 2 years and the youngest of whom is a girl. Mrs. Sense was about 30 years of age and was born and reared here. Her untimely death is a great shock to many friends.

It is probable that the funeral services will be held in Chenoweth and interment take place there today, as the family has made its home there for the past few years.

NEEDHAMS GOLDING WEDDING DAY DEC. 20

Sigourney, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Needham have issued invitations for their golden wedding anniversary, to be celebrated at their home on East Washington street on Wednesday, December 20, 1916. A large number of invitations have been issued to their numerous friends in Sigourney and vicinity.

THE STOERMER FUNERAL.

Sigourney, Dec. 14.—On Tuesday afternoon from the home of his nephew, Peter Isabaker, took place the funeral of Frederick G. Stoermer, who died at the Isabaker home on December 10. Mr. Stoermer was seventy-eight years, nine months and five days old and leaves surviving two brothers, Louis of Spencer and August of Sigourney and three sisters, Louise Isabaker, Mary Plannebecker of Sigourney and Emma Heinbeck of Chicago. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. F. Vanderlippe assisted by the Presbyterian choir, after which the body was laid to rest in Pleasant Grove cemetery, to which place the body was followed by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

TO OBSERVE WEEK.

Clinton, Dec. 14.—Observance of national health week or tuberculosis week beginning Monday, gives promise of becoming very general in Clinton. Physicians are in favor of doing everything possible to bring before the people literature and speakers called to instill some knowledge of existing conditions all over the country and more especially in this city and in every household.

LUCK ON TROPHIES.

North Macgregor, Dec. 14.—Forest McCoy, only 19 years old, living on Riverview farm near town, brought in this week two beautiful trophies of his hunting expedition, a full grown red fox and a young fox. He expects to get \$6 or \$7 for the young one's fur and \$10 or more for the old one, as they are such perfect blends in coloring and all furs are high this year.

BOOSTING CORN SHOW.

Shenandoah, Dec. 14.—The corn best show will be held in Shenandoah January 5, according to the date set by the corn show committee of the Commercial club, Frank Keenan, a farmer, was elected president. The secretary is Leonard Saunders, of Whitesville, Mo., a corn expert who has conducted a show for a number of years.

CONFEDERATE CAPTAIN KILLED FOR INDISCREET REMARKS ABOUT LINCOLN

An incident during the civil war that showed the temper of the men and the strong prejudices of the soldiers of each side is related by James King. It occurred at Duwall's Bluff, Ark., upon the day the news of Lincoln's assassination was made known and feeling ran high. A confederate captain sipping wine indiscreetly gave his opinion of the killing of the president, paid for his folly by instant death. An Illinois cavalry lieutenant did the killing. Mr. King relates the incident as follows:

In April, 1865, my regiment was stationed at Duwall's Bluff, Ark., and it was my day on provost duty. I had just stepped into a bakery which was a small frame building set upon posts, the sidewalk outside being mother earth. It was about 8 a. m. and I had been inside but a moment when a cavalry man rode up and announced that Lincoln had been assassinated. At that time there were several thousand confederate prisoners of war confined in the stockade, prison, which was guarded by our troops. There was one of the confederate prisoners who ranked as a captain and had a garrison parole in the daytime but had to return inside the stockade at night.

Among those inside the bakery was this confederate captain and a second lieutenant of an Illinois cavalry regiment, one battalion of which was in camp nearby, and three others, beside myself, composed the occupants of the bakery. As the rider shouted the news the confederate captain jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "Thank God, the damned black abolitionist is dead!" They were his last words on earth. The lieutenant's No. 4 spoke and he fell against the door. The gun spoke twice more before he struck the floor a corpse, his death being brought about by his own indiscretion. The lieutenant stepped across the dead body and out into the street. The rest of us picked up the corpse and laid it out on the dirt road where a great throng, mostly soldiers, assembled. Among them was Captain Meford of my regiment who was officer of the day and had with others but recently returned as an exchanged prisoner from Tyler of Camp Ford, Texas. Captain Meford ascertained how the trouble started and justified the lieutenant who went to his company.

The pall that fell on the troops was indescribable. Everyone that could leave camp was on the street where they gathered in groups, discussing the assassination of Lincoln and the shooting of the prisoner. General Schayler, who was in command of the post, sent for the officer of the day and ordered him to place the lieutenant in the guard house. Meford, knowing the temper of the troops better than Schayler (who was heartily despised by every man in the camp) tried to advise with the commander but to no avail, so Capt. Meford sent me as an orderly with a note to the lieutenant to report at the commanding officer's headquarters at once. I returned with the answer that the lieutenant would do as commanded and soon the entire battalion of the Illinois cavalry galloped up in a body with the lieutenant at the head of his company.

They came to a halt at right front into line in front of Schayler's headquarters. With drawn swords shining in the April sunlight, they came to a present arms. The major commanding the battalion, Captain Meford, the lieutenant and some others went inside. The inertia which had seized the troops at the breaking of the news of Lincoln's assassination, almost instantly disappeared and the fate of the lieutenant was the all absorbing topic. The commanders of the twelfth Michigan light infantry and of a Minnesota

regiment and of the sixth, ninth and twelfth Kansas regiments flocked about the headquarters and it became necessary for the Illinois cavalry to act as additional provost guards. The ninth Kansas howitzers lay slumbering in the sunlight on the greensward just west of the general hospital while a quarter of a mile further west, Hopkins' battery of six 12-pound rifled guns known as Hopkins' Kansas Bull-dogs lay waiting for some one to start something.

Soon a horse bearing a uniformed officer came swiftly around the bend, and disregarding the wagon road, raced straight down the track of the Duwall's Bluff and Little Rock river until he came to a small bridge, then jumping his horse down a steep embankment and climbing up another one, he came face to face with a fence which his horse hurled with ease.

He soon emerged into the open road and, doffing his military hat, he waved it and every throat opened simultaneously with such shouts as "Hopkins, the bulldog!" "Make way for Hopkins!" "Make way for the Kansas bulldog," etc. He kept up a constant salutation and everyone made way for Hopkins, who rode straight through the densely packed crowd and on arriving at the steps leading up to the office, he threw the bridle rein to some one and ascending the steps he brushed the sentry aside, opened the door and walked in unannounced. Without delay he started something and assured Schayler that it would be his policy to place the lieutenant under any kind of restraint at that time as the murder of Lincoln had the troops at fever heat and that his arrest at this juncture might be fraught with dire results. Gen. Schayler paid strict attention to the admonition of Hopkins, as he placed great stress on the probability of the troops taking matters into their own hands, provided the lieutenant was in their opinion unjustly dealt with. Hopkins had seen service in the Mexican war and had won spurs at Palo Alto, Peracdelpama, Monterey and Alta Vista under the redoubtable Taylor. At the latter engagement he was a gunner in the famous O'Brien battery which held the Mexican horde checked until the arrival of the gallant Mississippians under Davis. Hopkins settled I never did know, but Capt. Meford kept the Illinois troopers on provost duty all day and it appeared as if the incident was closed.

The lieutenant had been a pupil and had read law under the tutelage of Lincoln and held his commission as an officer through the great Emancipator and while his act was hasty it called for consideration under the circumstances.

James King.

GRANTS THREE DIVORCES.

Sigourney, Dec. 14.—In the district court on Tuesday three divorce decrees were granted by Judge Willcockson. In case Emma V. Hild vs. Reinert Hild the plaintiff asked for a divorce on the ground of desertion; Fay P. Payton vs. Mace Payton, the plaintiff charged desertion and drunkenness and in Albert H. Dawson vs. Lucy Dawson the plaintiff asked for a divorce on the ground of desertion. In each of the three cases the testimony was plain and convincing and the decrees were granted by the court.

LOSES MONEY IN SALE.

Given, Dec. 14.—Walter Logue while helping to bale hay for J. D. Thomas lost his pocketbook containing about \$100. The probabilities are that it is tied up in one of the bales.

No Unreliable Excuse for Selling Christmas Goods at Cost. Our merchandise is worthy of your careful comparison before departing with your money. "Why?" because here it brings you full value for every cent invested. Our long service here beyond a doubt demonstrates our ability and willingness to please you in every instance. 75c value in China Salad dish at 48c. 20c China Salad dish at 10c. 85c Fancy Plates at 69c. 35c Fancy China cup and saucer at 24c. 20c Fancy Cup and Saucer at 10c. \$1.75 Kid body doll with unbreakable head at \$1.25. \$2.50 Kid body doll, splendid quality at \$1.98. Dressed dolls in large assortment to select from at 98c, 48c, 24c, and 10c. Doll heads from \$1.75 down to 5c. Unbreakable dolls at 98c, 48c, 24c. \$3.50 ladies hand bags, special \$2.89. \$2.00 ladies' hand bags, special \$1.48. \$1.50 ladies' hand bags, special \$1.25. \$1.25 ladies' hand bags, special 98c. \$1.25 ladies' hand bags, special 48c. In cheaper hand bags we have them down to 24c and 10c. Large assortment in purses and pocketbooks 98c, 48c, 39c, 24c, 10c and 5c. \$2.00 ladies' fancy slippers at \$1.48. \$1.50 ladies' fancy slippers at \$1.25. \$1.25 ladies' fancy slippers at .98c. Best \$3.50 fancy toilet case, special \$2.98. \$3.00 fancy toilet case, special \$2.48. \$2.50 fancy toilet case, special \$1.98. \$2.00 fancy toilet case, special \$1.48. \$1.25 toilet case, special .98c. 75c toilet case, special .48c. \$2.00 shaving case, special \$1.48. \$1.50 collar and cuff case, special \$1.25. \$1.25 collar and cuff case, special .98c. \$2.50 shaving case special \$1.98. Manicure cases, sewing cases. 50c men's neckties, special at 24c. 75c muffler, real warm at .48c. 35c muffler, extra value at .24c. 75c scarf, sure to please you at 48c. Men's \$1.25 warm caps, special 98c. 150 men's caps, special .69c. 75c men's or boys caps, special 48c. 35c men's or boys' caps, special 24c. \$2.00 men's fine slippers at \$1.48. \$1.50 men's slippers at \$1.25. \$1.25 men's slippers at .98c. In cheaper slippers we have them for children at .59c and 49c.