

LITTLE CHANGE FOR ANY GERMS

New Disinfectant Used in Court House Bids Fair to Disrupt Some Happy Families.

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This Germ Killer is Most Persistent in its Odor at Least, and Everyone is Well Fumigated.

It takes a brave man these days to go home after he has been in the Lee county court house here for a few minutes. He faces ouster proceedings at the hands of friend wife.

And all because the board of supervisors are taking the necessary steps in sanitation and are using real disinfectant in the building. The odor of this germicide is so strong that it's a cinch none of the little germs will ever survive to carry their poison to unsuspecting Achilles' heels.

The odor is strong enough in the court house to attach itself to every visitor and official in that building. In consequence coats are hung out of doors whenever possible, and for the rest of the time complaint is entered around the family hearthstone concerning that "awful smell John is bringing home these days on his clothes from that awful stuff they're using at the court house."

The young women employees are complaining that the odor is saturating their dresses, and that they have found no way to kill it. Others in the court house complain that it permeates even handkerchiefs. People who have errands at the court house and then enter other offices, become aware that suspicious sniffs are being directed towards them. For the odor is a cross between old fashioned asafetida and carbolic acid.

There's one consolation, it's going to be a regular disease germ that has any chance at all to survive in such a climate.

Received by Pope. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] ROME, Dec. 12.—Pope Benedict yesterday received Prince and Princess Andrea Boncompagni in private audience.

The princess was Miss Marguerite Preston Draper, of Boston. She was recently married to Prince Boncompagni who is a scion of one of the oldest families of the holy Roman nobility with a title dating back to 1133.

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STUDY CENTERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Three More in Series Will be Given for the Lee County Teachers This Season.

AT KEOKUK, JANUARY 27

On December 28 at Argyle, Iowa, Prof. Macy Campbell Will Show Pictures of Iowa School Progress.

Three Lee county study centers are still to be held this season, the first one having been given at Denmark on December 18, and the remaining three to be given at Donnellson, Keokuk and Fort Madison. The one at Donnellson is scheduled for December 16, Saturday of this week. Teachers are required to attend at least one meeting, and two if possible. The morning programs will begin promptly at 10 o'clock and the afternoon sessions at 1:15 o'clock.

At the study center on Saturday at Donnellson, Allison Atchison will conduct the department on geography, and S. A. Lynch on language. At Keokuk on January 27, K. W. Walters will speak on didactics and Eva May Luse on language. At Fort Madison on February 17, the study of arithmetic will be conducted by Floc Correll and R. McKittrick on economics.

On December 28 at Argyle, Prof. Macy Campbell will give an illustrated lecture which will show the progress being made in Iowa for better schools. The pictures used in this lecture were taken on an inspection trip, made last spring.

DRINKING WATER OFF IN SCHOOLS

Superintendent Has Taken Action to Protect Health of Students.

The water in the drinking fountains in the public schools has been turned off pending the report on the city water. Superintendent Aldrich upon the report of the state board of health and of the U. S. board that the water should be boiled before drinking ordered the fountains turned off in the schools.

The city council has taken no definite action in the matter, but is waiting for the result of the analysis of the water from the state laboratories.

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STOCK MARKET IN CONFUSION

Today's News From Germany Had Effect on "War Brides" to Quite an Extent.

MAD SCRAMBLE THERE

Morgan Circles Not Flurried, Which Was Taken to Indicate Peace Plans Not Favorable.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A break in prices on the stock exchange today, following Chancellor Hollweg's announcement regarding peace, had sent United States Steel, the market barometer, down three points to 120 1/2 at 11 o'clock.

The entire market was very weak and in such great confusion that ticker reports of sales and quotations lagged far behind actual transactions. "War brides" felt the force of the peace announcement of the German chancellor to a greater extent than did the standard issues. There was a mad scramble of trading mobs of brokers howling and signalling orders around the steel and munitions

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The first flurry of excitement was followed by quieter trading as traders declared their belief that a peace proposal from Germany at this time does not mean peace. During the first hour, 489,000 shares were sold. This was a big hour's business, but by no means a record. On the curb, losses in several of the more active munition shares during the first few minutes amounted to only one or two points.

The market found support among traders who argued that the Berlin peace proposals do not mean peace is imminent, and although there was a rush of trading in which a half million shares were dumped into the market in the first hour, the break was not panicky.

Republic Steel yielded. Kennicott sold 2 1/2; Cuba Cane Sugar declined 2 1/2 to 108 1/2. Central Leather, which has been a bull stock, broke three points to 108 1/2. That the peace proposal from Germany created no great flurry in Morgan circles was regarded with considerable significance. It was taken to indicate that the American financial representatives of the allied powers did not regard favorable action on the Berlin proposal as likely.

Admittedly the greatest deterring force from the British standpoint is Lloyd-George. The idea was general that the British would not consent to a cessation of hostilities at this time with their political house just put in order and their organization for a major effort still untried. It is recognized that as yet but half of the full military strength of the British has been tested under fire.

The fact that at the moment of Germany's proposal, France was also in the midst of a complete reorganization calculated to give her new strength, is also counted on to discount probabilities of Benmans Hollweg's proposals finding favor in France.

Bethlehem Steel, the spectacular war bride, closed at \$696 yesterday and today dropped to \$600 on the first sale, which came after the peace news reached the street.

Generally the losses fell from 2 to more points. Bears jumped into the market and sold on flash of the German statement. The leaders among the trading element took a more conservative view and there was evidence that they were supporting the market and refused to accept the snap judgment that peace was at hand.

Steel, munition and copper shares were worst hit by the stampede. Lackawanna Steel dropped 2 points to 100. American Locomotive fell off 4 to 86. American Smelting 3 to 110 1/2; Westinghouse 2 to 57 1/2; Baldwin 3 1/2 to 25 1/2. Utah Copper sold at 116 1/2, down 4 1/2. Rails were not so severely hit.

U. S. Steel common sold to 119 at one time during rush on transactions. The support then became evident when Steel climbed slowly back to 120.

The scene on the curb was one of great activity and barking of orders on a glistening pavement while darkened skies alternately spilled sleet and snow. The curb brokers jostled one another, clad in raincoats and wearing "slicker" hats of various colors, the colors denoting their firms.

Near Panic Caused. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Chancellor Hollweg's announcement that Germany had formally proposed peace caused a near panic in Wall street today and prices on the stock exchange broke two to five points. In spite of the mad rush of bears to sell, the stampede apparently had been halted an hour after the Berlin flash appeared, by the belief of conservative traders that the announcement does not mean peace is near.

Anglo-French bonds which yesterday dropped to new low level advanced 1 1/2 to 93 1/2 as the result of the Hollweg announcement. Great Britain and Ireland 5's sold up 1 1/2 at 93 1/2, and City of Paris 6's bonds sold at 95 1/2.

More than a million shares had been dumped into the market at noon and of this total 200,000 shares was United States steel common which dropped to 119 1/2, then moved

uncertainly between that figure and 120. At one o'clock nearly 1,500,000 shares had been traded. The crash carried Bethlehem down to \$600, but aside from this, war bride leader prices held remarkably steady and fractional recoveries had been made at noon.

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for a slump, following weeks of generally upward movements, had sold short and made big killings today. On the other hand, small speculators who had bought for a rise, saw their margins wiped out and their accounts closed.

Industrial alcohol at 2 p. m. declined 7 points at 128 1/2. Cuba cane sugar was off five at 59 1/2, and Bethlehem Steel preferred had touched 150, off 26. Outside of specialties which had made further declines, the general list grew steadier in spite of continued pounding by the bears.

Canadian Pacific advanced nearly two points to 157 while other stocks tumbled.

LEE DOCTORS AT MEETING

Semi-annual Conference Will be Held at Fort Madison Thursday This Week.

The semi-annual meeting of the Lee County Medical society will be held Thursday, December 14, at Fort Madison, with the program at 2:30 o'clock and the banquet at 6:30 o'clock. The program will be given at the Marquette building, and the dinner will be served in the Florence hotel.

Dr. H. A. Gray of this city will be on the program for a paper and Dr. F. M. Fuller of Keokuk is the vice president of the club. The program includes a paper on the diagnosis of Extra-Uterine Pregnancy by Dr. C. W. Wahrer of Fort Madison; Typhus Fever, by M. L. Bishoff of Fort Madison, and a surgical paper by Dr. H. A. Gray. The president of the society is Dr. J. M. Casey, vice president, Dr. F. duties as justice of the peace.

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Woman Justice of Peace. COLUMBUS, Kansas, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Jennie Gillett, believed to be the first woman socialist elected to any public office, today assumed her duties as justice of the peace.

