

GERMANY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Special to The Times.

The Hague, Dec. 27 (1:45 p.m.)—German agents have arrived here to make preliminary arrangements for the German delegates to the peace conference.

DOUBTS GERMANY'S SINCERITY

Special to The Times.

London, Dec. 27 (1:45 p.m.)—It is reported that the allies will not accept Germany's proposal for an immediate peace conference. British believe that the Germans are not sincere.

BREAK WITH GERMANY FEARED

Special to The Times.

Washington, Dec. 27 (2:10 p.m.)—A break with Germany is feared if proposals for peace fail.

ST. LOUIS GETS FARM LOAN BANK

Special to The Times.

St. Louis, Dec. 27 (2:10 p.m.)—Word has just been received that the government has awarded one of the farm loan banks to this city.

VILLA REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN SAN LUIS POTOSI

El Paso, Dec. 26.—A report was received late today by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa and by government agents saying that Villa's forces captured San Luis Potosi yesterday. Many foreigners who left Terreon before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi.

GERMANY ANSWERS PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

Special to The Times.

Berlin, Dec. 26 (2:40 p.m.)—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note has been handed to Ambassador Gerard to be transmitted to the United States.

The note proposes a peace meeting at once. The peace suggestion of the President has been considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit expressed in the president's communication.

NEW CAPITAL OF MISSOURI TO BE DEDICATED JULY 4

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 25.—E. W. Stephens, chairman of the State Capitol Commission, announced today that the new \$3,500,000 state capitol would be dedicated on July 4, 1917.

The first floor is almost ready for occupancy. The second floor, where all of the executive offices have offices, will be ready by January 1, the legislative chambers and other offices by March 1, and the state stairs, legislative library and the dome by April 1.

The contractor will turn over to Gov. Major on January 1 a suite of vice Commission for his uses and the offices designed for the Public Service of the governor elect until the executive offices on the second floor are ready. The Legislature must use the temporary quarters, as its halls can not be completed.

The inauguration of the governor and his address before the joint assembly on January 8 will be held in the west museum of the ground and first floor. This will easily accommodate 3000 people. Not half this number could be admitted into the legislative chamber of the temporary capitol.

GOOD HOLIDAY TRADE

The Monett merchants are well pleased with their holiday trade this year. Though there was much talk of hard times before the holidays the business men did a much larger business this year than they did last year and money seemed as plentiful as usual. Business was good up to late Saturday night.

HARRIS-HENSON

Omer Harris and Miss Lydia Henson, of east of Monett were married at Aurora, Sunday.

Mrs. Harris is the daughter of John Henson. They will make their home with Mrs. John Harris, the widowed mother of the bridegroom, on her farm east of Monett.

NEW PRODUCE FIRM HERE

A new produce firm will begin business on Broadway between Second and Third streets, next week. Alex Reed, a Springfield produce man and J. L. King, of Ash Grove, will have charge of the business under the firm name of Reed & King. They will wholesale poultry, eggs and hides.

ARMSTRONG-PENNELL

Miss Oval Pennell, of Pleasant Ridge and Gene Armstrong, of Texas, were married, Sunday by Justice of the Peace Tom Calton at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have gone to Texas to make their home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pennell.

OZARK FRUIT GROWS ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Sessions Will Be Open to the Public and a Good Attendance is Anticipated.

The following is the program of the Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association which will be held in the Deer Auditorium, January 2 and 3, 1917.

9:00 a. m. Invocation.

9:10 a. m. Reading minutes previous meeting, miscellaneous business, and reports of officers.

9:30 a. m. Appointment of committees.

9:40 a. m. Address, "The Economic Value of the Strawberry," by T. F. Starcher, Neosho, Mo.

10:20 a. m. Report of Credential Committee.

10:30 a. m. Election of Directors and Strawberry Committee.

12:30 a. m. Address by W. H. Olin, Supt. of Farm Marketing of the Frisco Ry., subject, Market Standardization.

2:00 p. m. Address by J. A. Eastridge, Neosho, Mo., "Advertising."

3:00 p. m. Address by E. N. Plank, Decatur, Ark.

4:00 p. m. Meeting of Board of Directors, parlors of Martin Hotel.

7:30 p. m. Music and Readings.

8 p. m. Address by Elder J. E. Heins, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Wednesday, January 3.

9:30 a. m. Address by Will D. Sweet of Siloam Springs, Ark., "Cooperation and Advertising."

10:30 a. m. Address by W. F. Batjer, Rogers, Ark., ex-President Arkansas State Horticultural Society.

11:30 a. m. Address by P. A. Rodgers, General Sales Manager.

2:00 p. m. Address by J. Hollister Tull, Agricultural Commissioner of K. C. S. Ry., "Railroad Co-Operation in Horticulture."

3:00 p. m. General Discussion.

4:00 p. m. Adjournment.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

There was a Christmas tree party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eph Davis Sunday night. The Christmas tree was very beautiful and was filled with gifts for the guests. It was very amusing for the children when Santa Claus, dressed in his red, white and blue suit, entered, carrying his pack on his back. Most everyone received a gift.

Piano music by Mrs. Alice Davis and music by the phonograph was much enjoyed.

The games of Rook and Pig were enjoyed by the young people.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lance and sons Emil and Herschel, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Davis and daughter Glorine, Mr. and Mrs. Alice Davis, Mrs. Mary Lee and daughters, Albidena and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Davis and daughter Ruth, Mrs. and Mrs. Asberry Davis and children, Opal and Winford, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and children, Oleta, Lucile and Doyle, Harlon McCoy and Lorraine Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Davis and children, Alta, Howard and Ellen.

ONE PRESENT.

LOCAL OPTION CASE TO BE HEARD JANUARY 4

The Monett local option contest hearing will be held at Nevada, January 4 at the Circuit court. The date was set for December 29 but the judge was unable to get to it by that time and it was again postponed.

The contest proceedings were originally filed in Barry county. The suit went to Lamar on a change of venue and from there to Nevada on another change of venue.

FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mills gave a Christmas dinner to their children and families on Tuesday. Those present were W. A. Mills and family, of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Etta Mitchell and son Dick, of Springfield, C. C. Mills and family, Lawrence, Harold and Howard Lewis, Louis and Ethel Wilhelm. On account of sickness some members of the families could not attend.

WILL DRILL NEW CITY WELL

The contractors have decided that it will be necessary to drill a third well to supply the city plant with water.

The council has been negotiating with different real estate owners for a parcel of ground on which to dig the well but the prices asked were prohibitive and they have decided to put down the hole on the rear of the city hall lot.

The machinery will be moved to the new location in a few days.

TROOP B LEAVES BORDER

Laredo, Dec. 26.—Troop B, First Missouri cavalry, ambulance company and field hospital corps left this afternoon for Fort Riley, Kas., to be mustered out.

TWO SCORE PERSONS KILLED IN SOUTH ARKANSAS TORNADO

Death Toll is Estimated at From 17 To 50, Including Several Reported Dead at State Convict Farm at Tucker.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—From seventeen to fifty persons were killed in a tornado that struck south central Arkansas at 3 o'clock this afternoon, according to reports received here tonight. Four are known to be dead at England, seventeen reported killed at Keo and several are killed at the state convict farm at Tucker.

All wires into the storm-swept district are down and only meager detail are available.

The known dead are Albert L. Swartz, a farmer living near England, and three negroes, one of whom lived two miles north of England, and two lived two miles south. The Swartz home was picked up and carried about 100 yards. Mrs. Swartz was believed fatally injured and an 18-year-old daughter was badly hurt.

The storm is said to have swept a path about four miles wide, and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of England has been called to the country to care for the injured.

Considerable alarm is felt here over the situation at the state convict farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been a heavy death list. There are about 325 prisoners at the farm and it is feared that if the place was struck that some of the convicts might have escaped. Captain J. R. Burkett, warden of the state penitentiary, left here tonight with reinforcements for the guard at Tucker. Communication with the farm was cut off about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The death of three persons and injury to five others is reported from Canby, 28 miles east of Little Rock. The dead are three little girls—Choice Padgett, 10 years old; Allie Padgett, 7 years old, and Frances Snow, 9 years old. The parents of the Padgett children were severely injured when their home was wrecked. A son also was hurt. Mr. W. S. Snow and Mrs. Harold Snow were injured it is reported. Several houses were blown down.

STANTON-HUFFMAN

Miss Gussye Huffman and C. A. Stanton, of Carthage, were married, Sunday morning, December 24. The marriage took place at the home of the Rev. Mr. J. F. King, pastor of the Methodist church, Mr. King performing the ceremony. Miss Essie King was the attendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton left on the morning train for Carthage, where their home was made ready for their reception at 205 Third street.

Mrs. Stanton is the daughter of Mrs. B. A. Huffman. She is an attractive young lady and has many friends. Mr. Stanton is linotype operator on the Carthage Democrat. He has worked in Monett on the Daily Star and on the Daily Times, and has won many friends by his geniality.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Jeffries, Sunday. Dinner was served, after which those present enjoyed the hunting of concealed Christmas presents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Reese, Misses Lora and Lotta Reese, of Cassville; Lisle J. Wormington, of Hannibal; Claud Woolsey, of Ames, Ia.; Harvey Ricketts, of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wormington, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones, Fred Jones, Misses Bertha Jeffries, Gladys Jeffries, Mabel Wormington, Fern Jones, Pearl and May Peters.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER

Mrs. W. F. Landrum gave a six o'clock dinner Tuesday for her guests, Misses Ruth Mertel of Clinton, and Helen Carol of Aurora and Herron Westbay of Champaign, Ill., and Boyd Greever.

The dining room was gayly decorated in Christmas novelties which made a pleasing effect in the light of the candle sticks which were placed upon the table. Bouquets of red carnations and narcissus added to the decorations and a four course dinner was served.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Misses Orene and Florence Wagner gave a six o'clock dinner Monday evening in honor of Ben Allen Ames of Oklahoma City, Earl Prates of Springfield, and Neil Johnson of Norman, Okla., and Miss Lucile Wagner.

ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pilkerton entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Powers and children, Alonzo and Geneva, Misses Rosa Dehanas and Helen Woolford.

Peyton Gulick returned to Joplin, Tuesday morning after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gulick.

W. S. Waters of Springfield, agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Co., was in Monett, Wednesday.

GREENHILL

Hauling wood is the order of the day.

Health is pretty good in this community at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Roller and family attended church at Arnhart, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Marbut and daughters Marzelle and Ruth, motored out to Dave Thomas's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Davis and children, Naomi, Earl and Wesley, visited at Asberry Davis' Saturday night.

Mrs. Nice Davis and daughter, Miss Glorine, visited at the home of Asberry Davis and family, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Roller were shopping in Monett, Saturday.

There was a Christmas tree at the Ozark school house Friday afternoon. Everyone present report a nice time.

There was no prayer meeting at Macedonia, Wednesday night on account of the unfavorable weather.

Well, 1916 will soon be gone. I wish everyone happiness and prosperity throughout the year 1917. The old year 1916 has brought sadness to some while to others it has brought peace and happiness.

Violet and Luther Marbut visited Winford and Opal Davis, Monday night of last week.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Mable Dummit. She was a nice young and well respected girl.

Well, we sure had a big snow and some pretty cold weather also, but the snow is melting off pretty fast at present, although it will leave quite a good deal of mud, which will make traveling very difficult.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Davis and daughter, Ruth, visited at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Davis and family, Friday night.

We understand the school was out at Arnhart Friday. A program was given and there was a Christmas tree. Siegel Morlan still remains about the same.

Mr. Jay Reed and Ben Henderson went to Monett, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Marbut and daughters, Marzelle and Ruth, were shopping in Monett, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hadley and son Jimmie, visited relatives at Aurora a part of last week.

Clyde Davis took a load of mineral to Aurora, Tuesday.

Miss Pearl Crowell visited Lois, Velma and Thelma Crowell, Sunday.

Uncle Jeff Smith of Oklahoma is visiting relatives in this part now.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Davis and children, Howard, Alton and Ellen, visited at the home of Asberry Davis and family, Monday.

POLLY.

Ira Hart visited Billie Glossin, Sunday.

J. W. Brown has moved on the Wayne Lacey farm.

Ed Butler moved on the McCall farm south of Exeter, last Monday.

Billie Glossin has moved to the place he bought from Ed Butler.

Arthur Paul moved on J. C. Crain's farm, Monday.

Miss Carol Lacey was brought home from school very sick last Friday. The school house Friday evening by the school children.

There will be prayer meeting at Charlie Noe's Sunday evening. Everybody is invited.

There was an election at the school house on the general stock law. More people wanted them out than wanted them put up so it did not carry. The election was in Liberty 1, 2 and 3.

Charlie Cole went to Wheaton, Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Anderson are the proud parents of a baby boy for a Christmas present.

Grandma Cole visited Mrs. Maggie Lacey Friday.

George Welsh is making quite a change in the looks of his place, cutting sprouts and fixing fence.

We understand that Uncle Bob Davis is coming back to his old place from California, where he has spent the past year.

Look out, hen houses, for a two legged 'possum. Mrs. Stubblefield lost forty-five the other night.

RED ROSE.

Quite a bit of sickness in this community.

Rabbit hunting is the order of the day on Easy Street.

Mr. Allie Horner, of Red Fork, Oklahoma, is visiting Charlie Carlisle. Mr. and Mrs. L. Hughey visited Ike Inman Christmas.

Paul Davis of west of Purdy visited on Easy Street Christmas.

Siegel Morlan is still very ill.

Some of the Easy Street youngsters went to the Christmas tree at Kings Prairie Saturday night.

Mrs. Finis Marbut is ill.

Etta Morlan visited at Finis Marbut's Christmas.

Bill Allen and Columbus Marbut, of Purdy, was in this part, Sunday.

Miss Ruth Chappell, who teaches school in Oilton, Ok., is spending her Christmas vacation with home folks.

YOUNG SET ENJOY DANCE

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Solomon on Frisco avenue was the scene of a merry holiday party Tuesday night.

The large rooms were tastefully decorated in the Christmas colors which made a pretty setting for the gay young folk who were so full of jollity and Christmas cheer.

Dancing was the chief amusement of the evening. Then music on the piano, Victrola and singing, helped to make the entertainment pleasing.

Miss Gladys Price and John Boucher led the grand march to the dining room where the guests were served with a delicious two course luncheon.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Gladys were:

Misses Ruth Cole, Winnie Taylor, Georgia West, Margaret Chapell, Josephine Price, Lois Wright, Margaret Walsh, Ruth Sizer, Jessie Bell Wilson, Mary White, Hortense Dwyer, and Catherine Gurley of Purdy, Hardy Kemp, Fred Dwyer, Erwin Floreth, Leslie Mason, Kenneth Wright, John Wagner, Loren Swartzel, Hiram Bradford, Myron Dunlap, Lee Adams, Farris Davis, Raymond Kingery, Junior Westbay and Max Frommuth of Tulsa, Okla.

LIBERTY

It sure was winter last week and up to this date continues.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday. Dec. 31st will hold election for officers for next year. Those not attending Sunday school elsewhere are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Flora Haggart and children spent Sunday with her parents, J. B. Foster's.

Mr. Will Miller and family who have been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past ten days moved to Monett, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mulkey are spending a few days visiting his parents in town.

Mrs. Mary Chitwood went to Aurora, Monday.

Mr. Sam Fletcher and wife and Mr. Chas. Wilks and wife motored to Springfield, Tuesday.

Miss Vera Fletcher who had pneumonia and then typhoid, is now able to sit up most of the time.

A number of the relatives pleasantly surprised Mr. Dee Winton last Friday by being at his home and the dining table laden with those good things suitable for birthday dinner when he returned home from the store at the noon hour.

From the prospects at this writing, it seems as if Santa will have snow for his sleighing.

Miss Margaret Miller visited Miss Wilma Mulkey last Sunday afternoon.

The meeting continues at Ebenezer. The pastor was called home on account of the illness of his mother, last Saturday.

Norman Mulkey is quite poorly from a siege of the whooping cough.

Joe Mulkey and wife were the guests of Mr. G. W. Beckett last Friday.

Mr. Will Miller and wife attended church Sunday and took dinner with his sister, Mrs. Will Jenkins.

DANCE IN MARKWELL'S HALL

There was a large attendance at the dance at Markwell's hall, Monday night. It was not a mask affair plans had been made along that line.

The music was unusually good, the musicians being Dr. Thiele, Mr. McCauley and Arch McCollum, of Peirce City, Fred Rice, Miss Merrah Kahn and George Rice, of Monett.

The more the two political parties and the prohibition forces analyze the returns of the late state election the easier it will be for some one to start a movement to dig a canal across the neck of land west of St. Louis, turn the Mississippi and Missouri rivers into it, and leave that corrupt city high and dry on the Illinois side. Such a measure would easily pass the state legislature but think what a damage suit the state would have on her hands when Illinois found out what had been done to her.

Let's all buck up and make this "some town" before another Christmas comes ambling along. No, we don't mean only the other fellow. We mean you, individually, and all the rest of the individuals individually and the whole bunch of you collectively. Will you buck?

Mrs. Paul Ellis, who has been visiting at Springfield, came this week, for a short visit with her brother, R. T. Keithly. She will go from here to Fayetteville, Ark., to visit her sister, Mrs. Will Oakley.

Mrs. J. E. Jones and children who have been visiting Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. G. M. Weygant, returned to their home in Springfield, Wednesday.

It may be true that this world is full of good fellows, but there are times when one is forced to the belief that that is a whale of a world.

B. A. Amos went to St. Joseph Saturday, to visit his father and to attend a family reunion.

Max Frommuth of Tulsa, Okla., is the guest of Erwin Floreth.

Mrs. Dorothy Benbrook is visiting in Fayetteville, Ark.

E. W. Wallen made a business trip to Ava, last week.

Mrs. W. A. Payne has gone to Exeter to visit her father, Mr. Fain.

Miss Mary Hunter of Joplin, is visiting home folks.

Miss Anna Conroy, returned to Miss Aileen Hudson visited in Springfield, Wednesday.

Dr. A. Jones made a business trip to Springfield, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Foust have returned from a visit in Joplin.

Louis and Marie McKenna are visiting relatives at Pioneer.

Miss Grace Whitlatch is assisting in gathering the news for the Times, Springfield, Wednesday, after a few days visit with home folks.

Paul Wilson who has been visiting his grandparents in Mt. Vernon, returned home, Tuesday.

Miss Viola Maffitt, of Springfield, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnston.

Harley Herron, of Kansas City, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herron.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Yates of Harrison, Ark., are visiting Mrs. Yates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Salzer.

W. A. Peel of Ft. Smith, Ark., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Peel.

John Curtin who has been visiting friends in Monett, went to Springfield Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Ball went to Joplin, Wednesday, to visit her sister, Mr. McDonald.

Rex Leckie, of Dallas, Tex., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Leckie. He will leave, Friday, for Dallas.

Little Millicent Lewis, who has been ill so long with typhoid fever, is improving a little.

Frank Kyler who has been visiting relatives in Columbus, Kan., returned home, Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Derrington who lives north of Monett, was shopping in town Wednesday.

Rolla Ingram who attends a Dental college in Kansas City, is visiting home folks.

James Dustman and Miss Gertrude Grier, of Aurora, were married Sunday, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mills went to Peirce City, Wednesday, and will return Thursday.

Mrs. Overton and daughter, of Corsicana, were shopping here, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Foust and baby Mary Evelyn returned Tuesday, from a visit in Joplin.

Mrs. Jim McKenna and three daughters have gone to Sapulpa, Ok., to visit Mrs. McKenna's sister.

Mrs. C. E. Simmons of Sterling, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Weygant.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Peirce City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Maher.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Brunner have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Black on Pleasant Ridge.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown, of Purdy, was buried, Tuesday.

Misses Hazel and Nina Greer, of Mount Vernon, are visiting at Monett and Peirce City.

J. P. Burnley, of Kansas City, special agent for the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., was in Monett, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Heaton and daughter arrived Wednesday from Chanute, Kan., and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhoit.

B. A. Attaway has accepted a position with the J. F. Robinson Grocery Co., of Springfield, as traveling salesman.

Miss Grace McClanahan and Bert Medlin attended the Christmas entertainment at the Waldensian church Tuesday night.

Wm. A. Ellwell, of Cripple Creek, Colo., came home, Tuesday night, to visit relatives and friends north of town.

Eddie Maher returned to Oklahoma City, last night after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maher.

Fred Norton returned to his home in St. Louis, Tuesday night, after a few days visit with his uncle, J. J. Maher and family.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Jordan who have been visiting their sons in Monett, returned to their home in Granby, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Smith, Mrs. Mat Smith of Owensboro, Ky., Miss Viola Maffitt of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walton and daughter Edna visited in Tulsa, Ok., from Saturday until Monday. They went to Springfield Monday evening to visit Jim Steele and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Temple, Tillman Temple and Miss Pauline Temple went to Oklahoma City, Monday, where they met Houston Temple, of New Wilson, Ok., and spent Christmas evening together. From there all but Mr. Temple accompanied Houston to New Wilson for a week's visit.