

SIMON C. GEIGER, PROMINENT MERCHANT, DIES SUDDENLY

END COMES AT HOSPITAL AFTER HURRIED PLANS FOR OPERATION

SHOCKS COMMUNITY

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD IS CALLED AFTER DAY'S ILLNESS—FUNERAL TO BE HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30.

Simon C. Geiger, prominent Ottawa business man and member of the Board of Education, died suddenly last evening at Ryburn Hospital, following an acute attack of appendicitis. Early in the morning Mr. Geiger was taken sick and during the day his condition, instead of improving, became worse, until finally it became imperative that he be removed to the hospital to undergo a hasty operation.

At 6 o'clock he was taken to the hospital and immediate preparations were made for the incision. At 8:30 o'clock, after his appendix had been removed, he passed away while still under the influence of the anesthetic.

The passing of Mr. Geiger has cast gloom into all quarters of the city. A big, fine natured, hearty fellow, he was always a good friend and a loyal citizen. His friends were numbered by legions and general mourning has resulted from his untimely passing.

Attending him at the hospital were Doctors Roberts, Edgcomb and Pettit, skilled surgeons who decided upon the knife after careful examination and consultation, as the last resort to save Mr. Geiger's life.

The deceased was born November 11, 1876, in Peru, Ill., and was the second son of Supervisor and Mrs. Simon C. Geiger, of that city. In 1907 he came to Ottawa to take a position with the Standard Oil Company. In 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Formhals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Formhals.

About nine years ago Mr. Geiger became a member of the firm of Ross & Geiger, and later became senior partner of the firm of Geiger & Fowler. About five years ago he purchased the interests of Mr. Fowler, after which the establishment became known as the Simon C. Geiger Catering Co.

By hard and conscientious work and staunch integrity the deceased established an excellent trade. His prompt attendance to business matters made him one of Ottawa's most reliable and successful merchants. He was of a jovial disposition and always desired to look upon all things from an optimistic standpoint. His sudden death has cast a pall of sorrow over his host of friends in Ottawa and vicinity, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to his wife and family in their hour of deep sorrow.

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Mr. Geiger was a member of the Shriners, Masons, Odd Fellows, E. K. S. Business Men's Association, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and was a former president of the Illinois Master Bakers Association. Mr. Geiger took a most active part as a member of the School Board and was always working for the betterment of the city institutions of learning.

Surviving he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Geiger, of Peru, his wife and two children, Louise and Joseph, and two brothers, Harry, of Peru, and John, of California, and one sister, Lottie, of Peru.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the late home, with Rev. Lusk officiating. Services will also be held at the church. Interment will be made in Ottawa Avenue Cemetery.

PROMINENT COUPLE WILL BE MARRIED

CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD FOR MISS LURA KINZER AND ARTHUR H. LEVY—REV. CHESSMAN OFFICIATES.

At eight-thirty o'clock this evening will occur the marriage of Miss Lura Kinzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kinzer, of 299 Elm street, and Arthur Harrison Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Levy.

The marriage ceremony will take place in the living room of the Kinzer home before a bank of flowers. Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor of the Baptist church, will officiate. The bride will be gowned in white tulle over white satin. Miss Edna Levy, sister of the groom, will be bridesmaid, and will wear a gown of silved cloth trimmed in lace. Lawrence Kinzer, brother of the bride, will act as best man. Miss Verna Kinzer, sister of the bride, will play Mendelssohn's wedding march.

About fifty guests will be in attendance at the wedding. The Kinzer home has been artistically decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink and white.

The bride is one of Ottawa's most popular young ladies and has a host of friends.

The groom is one of Ottawa's enterprising young business men, association with his father in the wholesale and retail tobacco business as traveling representative for the concern.

Mr. Levy and his bride will leave for a wedding tour in the east and will make their home at 645 Second avenue, where the groom has a nicely furnished home for his bride.

AOSTA, CHOSEN BY ALLIES TO RULE GREECE, COUSIN OF VICTOR EMMANUEL OF ITALY



Photos by American Press Association.

It was reported in Rome that King Constantine of Greece would be deposed by the allies because of his so-called pro-German sympathies, and the Duke of Aosta, a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, would be placed on the Greek throne. This decision is said to have been reached at the recent conference of the entente leaders in Rome.

This action, according to report, has the full approval of the Venetian faction and will be carried out under the leadership of the former premier.

Pictures show the duke (No. 1), the duke and duchess (No. 2), and the duke with Prince Amalio (No. 3).

REPORT EIGHT SHIPS SUNK IN BATTLES OF NORTH SEA

UPPER ILLINOIS VALLEY HISTORY

INTERESTING SURVEY JUST ISSUED BY ILLINOIS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—GIVES SOIL AND MINERAL DATA ABOUT OTTAWA.

"The Geography of the Upper Illinois Valley and History of Development," is the title of a new work just issued by the Illinois State Geological Survey of which Frank De Wolfe is director.

The new publication contains a series of educational bulletins relative to the geological formation of the Illinois Valley and is full of geographical material which will be interesting to student of nature.

The work contains sixty-nine illustrations, among which are shown a panoramic view of the Illinois Valley from Starved Rock, a geological map of the upper Illinois valley and cross sections of the Illinois valley at Ottawa, Peru, Morris and La Salle, also the location and the cross sections of the various coal measures extending from the Kickapoo creek to La Salle.

The bulletin has been written for the purpose of giving a non-technical account of the geography and geology of the upper Illinois valley and is intended primarily for those who make their living from the great natural resources deposited therein.

Relative to the coal deposits the bulletin says coal measures underlie the entire area west of Aux Sable creek, the northern limit of which does not extend beyond La Salle county, but the formation has a great extent west and south. These measures were deposited in an extensive shallow basin, extending southeastward from La Salle to the mouth of the Wabash, the beds dip towards the south except where they have been deformed. At Morris, on the rim of the basin, it is sixty-four feet deep. In La Salle county, near the axis, the maximum thickness of the basin is 570 feet, and in Bureau county, west of the axis, the formation varies from 250 to 400 feet in thickness.

Coal is the least of the formations in quantity, but its economical value is more important than all others combined.

The bed averages about three feet in thickness and furnishes coal of good quality.

The bulletin contains articles on the various mineral products, cement rock, lime rock, gravel, sand and clay.

The bulletin also contains several chapters on the waterpower development of the valley, including the glacial drainage, the Illinois and its tributaries and a history of the Illinois & Michigan canal, and in conclusion is a chapter upon the development of the railroads, the decline of the canal, and the introduction of rural mail and electric railways in the rural districts.

The work is a very valuable one and reflects great credit upon the director of the Geological Survey.

BRITISH AND GERMANS EACH SUFFER LOSSES "U 69" BADLY CRIPPLED

FOUR WERE RAIDERS

FLOTILLA SIGHTED AS IT LEFT ZEEBRUGGE TO PREY UPON COMMERCE—PATROL OPENS FIRE AND GREAT BATTLE IS ON.

GERMANS DON'T ADMIT LOSS OF VESSEL.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Sinking of a British destroyer in a naval engagement off the Dutch coast yesterday was reported in an official statement issued today. One German torpedo boat was forced to take refuge in a Dutch harbor, the statement added.

The rest of the German vessels returned to their bases with only slight losses, the statement said.

The text of the official statement follows:

"In the course of an enterprise undertaken by a portion of our destroyer forces, an engagement occurred early in the morning of January 23rd, with British naval forces. The enemy destroyer was sunk during the fight. After the engagement a second was observed by our aeroplanes to be in a sinking condition.

"One of the torpedo boats which was in distress owing to damage sustained, according to news received, has arrived at Ymuiden. All the other boats returned with slight damage."

ADMIRALTY SAYS TWO WERE DESTROYED.

London, Jan. 24.—Official reports were received here today that eight torpedo boats (seven German and one British) were sunk in the two engagements in the North Sea on Monday night.

Fourteen German torpedo boats that put out from Zeebrugge with the evident intention of raiding British traffic in the English channel, encountered a strong British patrol and a sharp engagement ensued in the darkness. At the same time British and German patrols of torpedo boats clashed off Schouwen Bank.

The battle off Zeebrugge was fought at close range. The German flagship "V-69" was badly damaged and was towed into Ymuiden in sinking condition. She lost 21 men in killed, including her captain and many wounded.

According to an official announcement by the British Admiralty only two torpedo boats, one British and one German, were known to have been sunk in the two battles.

Second Cripple Puts to Port.

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—A second German warship, damaged in the sea fighting off the Dutch coast on Monday night, has arrived at Ymuiden in a battered condition, according to a dispatch from there today.

This was the first naval activity on a big scale in the North sea since last October and many believe that it is the prelude to even bigger sea battles in these waters.

The number and weight of the ships engaged is not definitely known, but all indications are that the Germans were greatly outnumbered. It is possible that part of the British high seas fleet took part.

Two different groups of sea forces were engaged and altogether it is believed that more than fifty war ships took part.

Some of the wounded upon the damaged torpedo boat "V-69" at Ymuiden say they saw about one hundred ships, but this statement is received with little credence as the fighting took place at night and in a thick fog.

The "V-69" is a complete wreck was in sinking condition when she reached Ymuiden. One funnel is almost horizontal with the deck. Her steering gear was smashed and her "V-69" had a chance to fire only one torpedo before she was put out of commission.

Captain Schultze of the German flotilla lost both legs and died shortly after reaching port.

Sixteen badly wounded Germans, taken from the "V-69" have been landed at Ymuiden by a Dutch trawler.

CITY BIRD HOUSE CAMPAIGN OPENED

The work on Ottawa's second bird-house campaign begins this week. The exhibit will be held March 29, 30, and 31. Just where the exhibit will be has not been decided by the committee in charge. Reddick's library offers no place for a display such as is promised.

Under the direction of Mr. Selby many attractive houses will be made by seventh and eighth grade pupils in the manual training department. Children of any grade may enter the contest. There will be one or more classes for the boys who do not take manual training. There will be a class for girls. There will be a separate class for high school students. They will probably contribute some of the large pieces of the exhibit, such as bird baths, feeding houses, and martin houses.

Feoria is conducting a bird-house campaign under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. Their exhibit will be held in the Coliseum the first week in March. They have already 1,000 houses guaranteed.

St. Paul has conducted a similar campaign for several years. At their first exhibit, sixty-nine houses were on display. In comparison, Ottawa's first exhibit of seventy-six houses does not make a bad showing.

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SENTIMENT SPLIT ON BRYAN VISIT

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 24.—State leaders of the Democratic party from both the "wet" and "dry" sides were speculating today after the departure of William Jennings Bryan shortly after midnight, for Indianapolis on just how close the Comconer came to accomplishing the object of his visit here.

Bryan came to Springfield at the express intention of converting the party in Illinois and especially the legislators to prohibition. Both factions are confident that he did or did not, they say, just as their sympathy run.

But both factions pointed out that, with the state-wide prohibition amendment presented of both houses of the General Assembly on the very day of Bryan's visit, his influence over Illinois leaders in the party would be given a test.

Bryan in the two speeches delivered here insisted mainly on the necessity for a "dry" plank in the party platform but also urged the endorsement of suffrage and universal peace.

POLICE ACTIVE; THREE ARRESTED

Three arrests were made last evening. John "Doc," a plain drunk, was taken in custody by Officer Stevenson. Max Bloomfield, local junk dealer, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge, preferred by Tony Tezah, Columbus street saloonman. Bloomfield was released when he furnished a \$10 cash bond and will be given a hearing this evening.

John Anderson, of North Ottawa, was arrested by Officer Sheehan on a disorderly conduct charge preferred by Anderson's father. Anderson came home intoxicated and his parent ordered him arrested. This morning Anderson, Sr., failed to appear in police court and the charge was dismissed.

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FIRE DESTROYS ED. BAILEY HOME

NEW FEDERAL PLATE COTTAGE IS RAZED THIS MORNING—LOSS WILL APPROXIMATE \$2,000.

The recently erected home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bailey, west of the Federal Plate Glass Company, one mile from the city, was completely destroyed by fire this morning at 11 o'clock. The destruction was caused by a fire, which started in a dog kennel located at the rear of the home. How the flames started there is a mystery.

The entire south end of the house was a mass of flames before the fire was discovered. Mr. Bailey is employed nights at the Federal Plate and was asleep in the house when the blaze broke out.

Very little household furniture was rescued from the flames, and owing to the fact that no protection could be reached little was saved from the doomed building. The local firemen responded, using the large chemical tank and then spent their efforts trying to save adjoining houses and to protect the large supply tanks of the Independent Oil company, which were endangered by the conflagration.

Insurance to \$300 was carried on the house and a loss of \$2,000 was sustained. The Bailey home was a one-story structure and was built but a short time ago.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD AT STREATOR

Streator, Ill., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Peppler, former Ottawa woman, and aged Streator resident, died this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Aug. Drago, in this city. Her demise is attributed to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Peppler was born in Germany May 21, 1822. She came to Ottawa in 1856 and resided in that city until 11 years ago, when she moved to Streator to reside with her daughter.

She leaves surviving Mrs. Drago, Mrs. Schendel, of Princeton, and one son, Charles, of Ottawa.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

The annual income in the electrical industries is equal to the total annual expenditures of the United States government.

EXTRA

MEMPHIS MOB TRIES TO LYNCH NEGROES.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 24.—Deputy sheriffs and police early today repelled a mob of 200 determined men, who twice stormed the county jail in an effort to lynch two negroes, who confessed the killing of Walter Hooser, a white butcher. One man, believed to be the ringleader of the mob, was arrested. Word reached police headquarters that another mob would make another attempt and a strong force of deputies is guarding them.

SENATE ADOPTS CONVENTION PLAN.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 24.—This morning the senate passed by a vote of 46 to 1 the constitutional convention resolution. Senator Stephen D. Canaday, of Hillsboro, cast the only vote against it. The resolution provides for the calling of a constitutional convention in 1918 to revise the constitution of Illinois.

CALLS ON SENATE FOR PEACE LEAGUE DISCUSSION.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, called upon his resolution providing a free for all debate of the President's peace speech shortly after the Senate convened today. "This touches probably the most important matter that has ever come before the Senate of the United States," said Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut. He immediately asked a quorum call, insisting that all senators should be in their seats to hear or participate in the debate.

SUIT FOR LABOR IS HEARD TODAY

Judge Stough and a jury in the Circuit Court today are hearing testimony in Henry Strohmeyer's suit to collect money alleged to be due him for services rendered William Jamison. The labor was performed upon the residence on west Main street now occupied by the Dominican Sisters. A dispute arose over the amount that should be paid Mr. Strohmeyer and the question was taken to the courts for settlement.

There are a lot of dark lanes leading from every Great White Way.

GIRL BURGLAR IS GOING TO GENEVA

EMMA ENGELBRECHT TO AVOID JOLIET PRISON THRU KINDLY INFLUENCE OF TRUANT OFFICER MISS LAUNIA AUSSEM.

Emma Engelbrecht, 17 year old Streator girl, now a prisoner at the La Salle county jail, where she is held for trial for robbing D. Heenan's store of about \$100 in finery, is to be given one more chance to "hit" the straight and narrow path. This morning in the County Court action was taken at the instigation of Miss Launia Aussem, Ottawa truant officer, that will nullify the Circuit Court indictments if Judge Mayo rules in favor of delinquency proceedings instituted by Miss Aussem.

In an effort to save the girl, who admits it will be hard for her to go "straight" unless she is put under some sort of restraint, Miss Aussem deemed it necessary to file information against her and thereby keep her out of the penitentiary. As the case now stands she probably will be sent to Geneva, where the state operates a school for unruly young maids who violate the laws.

This will be the second inquisition of this character the Engelbrecht girl has been in. On the former occasion she acquitted herself and most of the blame was placed upon the mother. When she was captured after robbing the Heenan store, she admitted the burglary and announced she was hopelessly incorrigible.

The theft was one of the most daring perpetrated in Streator in many a day. During her thirty-six hour vigil the girl helped herself to canned foods in the grocery department and in this manner managed to prevent hunger from driving her out of doors.

The father is August Engelbrecht, of Cherry and the mother is Christina Engelbrecht of Streator. They are said to be estranged. The girl was arrested by Chief Hopkins at Cherry, where she fled after the burglary and was visiting.

FARMER LEAVES \$86,200 ESTATE

The will of Thomas Pottinger, deceased Dimmick resident, was filed for probate today, and bequeaths to the widow during her life, all the property valued at \$86,200. At the widow's death the farms and personal property go to the seven surviving children. Mr. Pottinger died January 2.

Proper Lighting Important.

In recent years boards of health all over the country have become so much impressed with the importance of proper lighting, even natural sunlight, that laws are enforced strictly as to the placing of windows in public schools.