

To Our Patrons:

This, the season of good cheer, is an opportunity to thank you for your kind favors and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. M. SOENNICHSEN

Our Next Excursion TO CHASE COUNTY

Monday, December 25

BETTER COME ALONG!

-W. E. ROSENGRANS-

VON HOLLWEG HAS FULL POWER

Chancellor Can Offer Peace Terms Without Confering With Party Leaders

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram agency from Zurich says information has been received there from Berlin that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in a secret conference with the party leaders preceding his announcement of Germany's peace offer in the Reichstag, was given full powers to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation even with the party leaders.

"The chancellor," says the dispatch, "refused point blank to give the lead in any detailed particulars of his peace terms, although he stated bluntly that these terms would not take any consideration of the various expressed wishes of the numerous parties within the empire."

"When the leaders objected to granting the chancellor's demands for full power to negotiate, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg countered with the statement that he would resign forthwith unless his demands were met."

After a long argument the leaders voted the powers the chancellor wished, explaining later to followers that they were compelled to do this owing to the fear that if Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg resigned he would be succeeded by Admiral von Tirpitz."

See the Journal's line of Christmas Stationery, and buy early.

Poultry Wanted



Wanted—A car load of live poultry to be delivered near the Burlington freight depot, Plattsmouth, Neb., on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1st and 2d, 1917, two days only for which we will pay in cash as follows:

- Hens, per pound15c
 - Pullets15c
 - All young roosters15c
 - Ducks15c
 - Geese11c
 - Guineas, per dozen\$3.00
 - Beef hides, per pound18c
 - Horse hides, each\$7.00
- We will be on hand rain or shine to take care of all poultry offered for sale.

W. E. KEENEY

R. L. Propst and little daughter, Roberta, departed this morning for Omaha to spend the day in that city with Mrs. E. E. Goodwin at the hospital.

Crape paper for decorations at the Journal office.

RUSSIA A HAVEN FOR RUMANIANS

Thousands Flee Before Teutonic Invaders, Making Big Problem.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—(Via London, Dec. 20.)—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who have abandoned their houses and property in the face of invading Germans and Bulgarians has cast the shadow of a new refuge problem on the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium.

Russia has only partially succeeded in colonizing and assimilating the millions of homeless Poles, Jews and members of other races who fled to the interior during the first year and a half of the war. This is naturally the worst time of the year in which to care for refugees and the economic readjustment which the present political crisis has emphasized adds to the difficulty of clothing and supporting a new nation.

The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciated when it is considered the country has received already, since the beginning of the war, a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering peoples whose homes have fallen within enemy lines and whose means of livelihood are either temporarily or permanently forfeited.

Condition Improved.

The wretched condition of the refugees has been steadily improved through the systematic efforts of the Russian government, working through the various refugee committees. These committees, looking beyond the immediate necessities, are succeeding in distributing the migratory population throughout the interior, encouraging their colonization in agricultural districts and giving them work in making boots, all sorts of clothing and other immediately marketable articles. A great number of these refugee products are now in use by the military and civil population. Special schools have been organized in many parts of the country for refugee children and every means taken to prevent the war victims becoming a burden to the state.

The American relief fund, headed by Thomas Whitmore, working in conjunction with the Tatiana committee, organized by the empress, has made valuable contributions to the relief work and is now devoting its energies to meeting the Rumanian problem. Temporary barracks and numerous food kitchens have been established at all distributing centers to receive the incoming Rumanians. From these places the Rumanians will be sent to the interior. Despite all efforts, however, the enormity of the task has defeated all efforts to adequately handle the gigantic migration of people brought about by the war. The refugee ranks have been inevitably thinned by disease and many have fallen victims to cold, lack of proper food and clothing and the unsanitary conditions which are bound to accompany the sudden unloading of a vast additional population on a country at war.

PREMIER'S REPLY GIVEN APPROVAL

British Press Praise Statement of Lloyd-George to Commons.

London, Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd-George's reply to Germany's peace proposals meets with a chorus of approval in the British press and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says:

"Premier Lloyd-George has not shut the door on peace with that resounding clang for which some of his less balanced supporters in the press have been listening. It is true he insisted on the impossibility of accepting the German invitation as it stands. In this, he was ably seconded by Mr. Asquith and will be approved by the country. The German chancellor must be both more modest and more explicit before he can expect any favorable answer to his invitation. But the real danger in the situation which his offer created was that the allies, this country in particular, might be led into an abrupt and sweeping refusal, not merely of the actual invitation but of any proposal to discuss peace terms. This snare, Lloyd-George has avoided."

The Guardian says that as the speech invited Germany to be more explicit, "we do not then cast out every idea of settlement and the neutral world cannot take exception to this attitude."

The Guardian notes that the speech contained no hint of the crushing of Germany and says discussion of any matter is conditioned on restitution. In the truest form, it continues, reparation is impossible for the deepest wrongs cannot be undone.

Demand Security.

"Security, we certainly require," the Guardian continues. "The best security is the firm, unbroken front of the alliance, fortified when the war ends by a universal league to enforce peace. In such a league America would play a great part and her presence alone would be no small security."

Expressing the opinion that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will admit no reflection that the proposals on the entente allies as outlined by Mr. Lloyd-George form a basis for discussion, the Guardian says:

"There is in this, as in all countries at war, a great volume of opinion, too little vocal, unfortunately in favor of a serious effort on the part of Europe's statesmen to put an end to the carnage which is destroying the whole generation of the young."

SINCERE CONVICTIONS.

Sufferance brings conviction. He who knows great pains knows also and will never forget the remedy which brought him relief. Mrs. Mary Zahorak, Housatonic avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., writes: "I was very sick for a long time. Nothing could be borne by my stomach, everything was rejected. Then I took Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine and from that time I feel well. This remedy is now always in our home." The same conviction dwells in the minds of all who have suffered from constipation, headache, flatulence, nervousness, loss of appetite and energy, poor blood, change of life, etc., and are today in the best of health, due to Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. Price \$1.00. At drug stores. Triner's Liniment is another blessing for the home. Its help in rheumatism, neuralgia, accidents, sprains, swellings, chilblains, etc., is quick and sure. Price 25c and 50c, at drug stores; by mail, 35c and 60c. Joseph Triner, Manufacturing Chemist, 1333-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. If you wish to adorn your wall with the charming Triner's Golden Calendar, send 10 cents to cover mailing expenses.

A. B. Fornoff came down to this city on the morning train yesterday and spent the day attending to some important business matters. He was a pleasant caller at this office.

1917 Calendar Pads at the Journal office.

FOR SALE.

Improved farm, northwest 1/4 of 13-20-6, Boone county, Nebraska; two and a half miles from Albion; \$16,000.00. Easy terms.

MICHAEL V. RUDDY, Albion, Nebraska.



Gifts for all the Men Folk

You wouldn't think of giving him a powder-puff, would you? Indeed not! You'll choose a gift consistent with his practical nature. Why not be absolutely certain that your gift will appeal to his masculine taste by selecting it here—AT A MAN'S STORE. Whether you wish an inexpensive token or a more substantial remembrance, you'll find our collection of things for him most interesting.

For instance—Why not buy him one of our quality suits or overcoats. That would be a practical present and worth while. We can help you in the choosing. Exchanges gladly made.

Nowadays—underwear, hosiery and shirts are exalted to the plane of Christmas gifts. They'll soon be worth their weight in gold. Our stocks are still yours at the old prices.

—Open evenings until Christmas—

New ties every week!

C. E. Wescott's Sons

"Everybody's Store."

KAISER SAYS GERMANY IS THE INSTRUMENT OF GOD

Amsterdam, (Via London), Dec. 20.—A speech by Emperor William on December 14 to the troops, commanded by General D'Elsa in Lorraine, is quoted by the Neueste Nachrichten of Leipzig as follows, in part:

"The brave endurance and iron tenacity with which you have repulsed all enemies on all fronts for years has made it possible for me to address to my adversaries a proposal for peace negotiations. Whether they will accept I do not know, and the result is uncertain. The act is in God's hands as is the whole struggle. He will decide upon it, and we will leave it to him. We must not argue with what He orders."

"We will be grateful to Him that we have thus far the honor of being His instruments in the divine judgment that has come upon our enemies. Let the decision fall as it will. The hewing will proceed further until our adversaries have had enough."

George Barr was among those going to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours in that city attending to some matters of business.

Miss Jessie Robertson was a passenger this afternoon for Omaha, where she will visit for a few hours with friends and look after some matters of business.

Mrs. J. E. Schultz and Mrs. E. F. Grybsky were among those going to Omaha this afternoon to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

W. R. Young, the auctioneer, was a passenger this morning for Omaha to spend a few hours in that city visiting with friends.

What to do when Backache comes on

"I found immediate relief in the use of Foley Kidney Pills, have recommended them, and do not know of a single instance when they failed to give relief."

C. U. Landrum, a traveling salesman, writes from San Angelo, Texas: "Driving over rough roads and in all kinds of weather gave me acute pains in the back and I suffered greatly. I found relief in the use of Foley Kidney Pills, and before the first bottle was used, the pain in my back had entirely disappeared and I have had no recurrence of those pains which frequently amounted to almost neuralgic proportions."

When backache comes on, and it seems as if you can't stand the pain and pressure in your back, you will find quick and grateful relief comes with the use of Foley Kidney Pills. They stop the cause of the pain, ease the stiff aching joints and muscles, and clear the poisons out of your system by helping your kidneys and bladder to normal healthy action.

U. S. BUYS VICKERS MACHINE GUNS WORTH \$5,500,000

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The war department today let contracts for 4,660 Vickers machine guns and accessories at a cost of \$5,500,000, and announced that additional contracts soon would be let which would bring the sum to be expended on such weapons for the regular army and the National Guard up to about \$9,500,000. The department's decision was construed as finally disposing of the suggestion that the Lewis machine gun should be adopted as the army standard.

Special sale of Dennison's fancy Christmas Boxes at the Journal office. We want to close out this line and they will be sold very cheap for the next few days. They are the handiest Christmas box on the market.

Gas Olson and wife were in Omaha today for a few hours.

DES MOINES SEIZES COAL

Because of Fuel Famine, Iowa City's Mayor Takes Summary Action to Save Lives of the Poor.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 20.—On the grounds of "public necessity" in the face of a fuel famine, Mayor John MacVicar today ordered seized a carload of coal belonging to the Bloomfield Coal company. The company will be paid the market price. The coal will be delivered by city teams at cost to homes without fuel. The mayor had threatened to confiscate coal ready for shipment out of Des Moines "if necessary to save people from freezing here." The city is confronted with the worst coal shortage in its history despite the fact that there are a score of big coal mines in the county. It will be 15 degrees below zero here tonight, is the weather forecast.

Mayor MacVicar charged the local coal operators were deliberately keeping down production to hold up prices.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 3c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Shirt

Is an appropriate gift for any gentleman. Good taste is expressed in such a valuable gift. Our shirt department is showing all the popular patterns and designs of the season, in percales, madras and silks. Find out his size and let us show you what a little money will do.

Prices \$1 and Up

Special Boxes of Xmas Hosiery

If you don't know what else to get for father, brother or friend, you'll always guess right if you buy him a box of Interwoven Sox, in black and colors, in fine cotton, mercerized lisle or silk. Put up two, three and four in box.

\$1 per Box



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Carhart Overalls Hansen Gloves

Greetings

—to Our Friends and Patrons

To all of you we extend the greetings of the season, trusting that the new year may bring you a great measure of happiness and prosperity.

The Bank of Cass County