

Social and Personal

ALINE THOMPSON

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home on Marion street Wednesday afternoon.

A delightful informal Wednesday was spent with needle work after which the hostess assisted by Miss Eva Wells served a dainty lunch.

The rooms were effectively decorated in fluffy chrysanthemums and mistletoe.

The guests were: Mrs. E. J. Swafford, Mrs. W. L. Cummings, Mrs. C. C. Kuey, Mrs. R. C. Haller, Mrs. Ben Kumber, Mrs. Lebold and Mrs. Halverson.

Miss Laura Grant will entertain the P. O. E. club members at a charming Christmas party on Monday evening.

A short business meeting will be followed by a social evening and dainty refreshments.

Miss Grant will be assisted in the serving by her mother, Mrs. Matilda Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graham, will leave Friday for Portland where they will spend the Christmas holidays. While in Portland Mr. and Mrs. Graham will visit Mrs. Graham's mother, Mrs. E. H. Moorhouse.

The five hundred club has been postponed until Christmas when the members will be charmingly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Merin Harding the following Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard P. Tischer entertained the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Unitarian church yesterday afternoon.

A short business meeting was followed by tea.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Spring, who are en route from San Francisco to their home in Belgrade, Montana, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cooksey on Court street.

Miss Pearl George, the popular violinist has been greatly in demand the past few weeks. Miss George, who is a pupil of Miss Joy Turner, has appeared recently at the M. E. church bazaar, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. vesper service Sunday at the university and at the United

America's Final Note to Austria to End Quibbling

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even if this presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conceptions were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the Imperial and Royal government.

"The government of the United States has also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the Imperial and Royal fleet.

"The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names and more precise fate of the American citizens who were on board of the said steamer at the critical moment.

"However, in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the Imperial and Royal government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views in the affair with the government of the United States. It must, however, in the first place, raise the question why that government failed to give judicial reasons for the demands set forth in its note with reference to the special circumstances of the incriminating evidence upon which it itself lays stress and why, in lieu thereof, it referred to an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in other cases.

"The Imperial and Royal government is less able to follow the Washington cabinet on this unusual path, since it by no means possesses authentic knowledge of all of the pertinent correspondence of the government of the United States, nor is it of the opinion that such knowledge might be sufficient for it in the present case, which insofar as it is informed, is an essential point of another nature than the case or cases to which the government of the United States seems to allude. The Imperial and Royal government may therefore leave it to the Washington cabinet to formulate the particular points of law which the commanding officer of the submarine is alleged to have offended on the occasion of the sinking of the steamer.

"The government of the United States has also seen fit to refer to the attitude which the Berlin cabinet assumed in the above mentioned correspondence. The Imperial and Royal government finds in the much esteemed note no indication whatever of the intent with which the reference was made. Should, however, the government of the United States thereby have intended to express an opinion to the effect that a prejudice of whatever nature existed for the Imperial and Royal government with respect to the judicial consideration of the affair in question, this government must in order to preclude possible misunderstandings declare that as a matter of course it reserves to itself full freedom of discussion of the case of the Ancona. In having the honor to have recourse to the kindness of His Excellency, the ambassador of the United States of America with the most respectful request to be good enough to communicate the foregoing to the American government on this occasion to state that the Imperial and Royal government is in no less degree than the American government and under all circumstances, most sincerely deploring the fate of the innocent victims of the incident in question, the undersigned at the same time avails himself of this

Evangelical church benefit Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Donaldson entertained the Oaks Lodge club at their home Wednesday evening.

Five hundred formed the evening's diversion with high score honors being awarded to Mrs. Roy Campbell and John Shipp.

The rooms were effectively decorated in vases and jardiniere of beautiful cream rose buds, mistletoe and holly which formed an attractive foil for the players.

Three tables of the game were arranged for the following club members: Mr. and Mrs. John Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. Printz, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, Miss Davis, Miss Eva Printz and Wilbur Campbell and the hosts.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis on Chemeketa street, when they entertained the Silver Ball circle drill team of the Women of Woolcraft.

The rooms were prettily decorated in red and white.

During the evening a club was formed by the sixteen members and will be called the calico club, number sixteen.

Games formed the evening's diversion, followed by dainty refreshments. The officers and members of the club, were: Mrs. Mary Moore, president; Mrs. Norma P. Leffingwell, secretary; Mrs. Effie Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Irene St. Helen, captain; Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Reader, Mrs. Edson, Mrs. Sheller, Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. Hopp, Mrs. Bernhardt, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Vanderhoff, Mrs. White, Mrs. Matlock, Miss Ethel Hall and Mrs. Davis, honorary member.

The members of the reading class which met at the library on Saturday were greeted with an especially interesting programme.

Included on the programme were: Mrs. Frost, who gave an interesting talk on the Lewis and Clark expedition, Mrs. Wells who has traveled extensively to the Aspee Indians in Mexico and of their mode of living. She also interestingly told of the rubber plantations in South America. Mrs. Mary Burdick, who has taught in the south for a number of years, gave a talk on the southern plantations.

The next meeting of the reading club will be held on January the seventh.

opportunity to renew the expression of his most distinguished consideration to His Excellency the ambassador.

Note Brief and Short.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A brief, sharp note, permitting of no quibbling will go forward to Austria tonight in the Ancona case.

The Secretary of State Lansing has prepared it in vigorous language; upon it President Wilson has placed his initials, and it will be cabled tonight, according to announced plans today. Already it is in President Wilson's hands.

The Austro-American situation is "very grave," according to officialdom.

The promptness with which America makes its rejoinder—less than 48 hours from the time Austria replied to the first American demands—leaves no doubt that Austria rejected these demands.

Whether Austria is given a time limit within which to comply with American insistence on a disclaimer could not be learned. Such a limit would mean the rejoinder is an ultimatum and the rejection thereof would result in a severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Secretary Lansing drew the reply last night, following a lengthy cabinet session.

Situation Is Clearing.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A rift in diplomatic clouds shadowing Austrian-American affairs, as a result of the Ancona torpedoing was apparent today.

Both sides to the controversy show signs of granting concessions. Officials here were more optimistic.

A new note to Austria, in amicable terms, is in preparation, and is slated to go forward at an early moment. In it, the administration will give some details of its Ancona evidence—Austria asked this—and will outline the principles of the Lusitania settlement with Austria's ally, Germany. These concessions, however, will not permit of further temporizing on Austria's part, and they will be accompanied by an ultimatum demanding immediate compliance with America's original demands.

The American rejoinder will be finally determined at a conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

Inasmuch as the president is leaving tonight on his honeymoon, the situation will be in the secretary's hands, though in event of necessity, Lansing naturally will confer with the president.

Austria Would Avoid Break.

From Teutonic sources came indications today that Austria does not want a break if it can be avoided. Moreover, the fact that the administration intends giving some concessions in the way of information alleviated the tension materially.

Examination of an immense amount of documents is necessary in order that the rejoinder may partly meet Austria's request for further information. To get this, Secretary Lansing, Counselor Polk and Assistant Solicitor Woolsey worked later.

To prevent further procrastination and to meet the Austrian contention that she has not been "officially" informed of settlement of the German submarine controversy, the rejoinder will include a summary of that.

Secretary Lansing is understood to believe that Austria knew of the German-American submarine controversy, though in her reply she pleaded she did not have official knowledge thereof. Copies of the German-American correspondence, nevertheless, were given to Austria's representatives here. The secretary was slated to confer with Charge Zwiendiek of the Austrian embassy at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and it was possible he would make Austria's reply thereafter.

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A new shipment of Library Tables just received, you will need one of these to lay out all the Xmas presents on. See this new line, it contains a lot of beauties and all medium priced. No. 651, as illustrated, built entirely of quartered oak, 26x42 top, one roomy drawer, lower shelf for books and magazines, finish golden oak wax, a good table at a medium price, sells regularly at \$14.00, Xmas Special **\$11.85**

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SPRING VALLEY NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Spring Valley, Or., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford were Christmas shoppers in Salem Monday.

Miss Elsie Taylor went to Independence Saturday to attend the local teachers institute held there.

Miss Melissa Vail and Robert Russell, of McMinnville, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crawford. Sunday morning Mr. Russell gave a good sermon at the church, and Miss Vail sang a beautiful solo, "The Land of Peace." Miss Nita Wright was the organist. Miss Wright attended college at McMinnville for several years. Miss Vail and Mr. Russell being among her friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton are in Portland this week, being called there Monday by the death of her brother, John Withycombe.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Hodson of Yonkers, New York, spent a few days this week at their country place here, while on their way home from the exposition. Mrs. Hodson was formerly Miss Balm Mann, and spent the early part of her life here. Mr. Hodson is connected with the "American Book Company."

Rev. G. A. McKinlay is visiting with a nephew in Washington.

The Baptist Mission circle and their friends spent a pleasant afternoon, Wednesday at the home of the president, Mrs. W. D. Henry. After a short business session, a Christmas program of readings and music was enjoyed. As a surprise, Mrs. Henry had prepared a beautiful Christmas tree, on which, in addition to the usual ornaments, a mass of green and red cards were noticed. The mystery of these cards was now solved, as the hostess handed an end to each guest, with instructions to

to the end, which resulted in each finding a dainty gift. Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon of the hostess.

Those enjoying Mrs. Henry's hospitality were: Mrs. D. W. Matthews, Mrs. Raoul Stafford, Mrs. Virginia Cochran, Mrs. P. F. Clarke, Mrs. G. H. Crawford, Mrs. Thos. Jennings, Mrs. Bertha Walling, Mrs. R. A. Cooney, Miss Phoebe Looney, Mrs. J. E. Purvine, Mrs. W. Crawford, Mrs. Frank Hanna, Mrs. Ray Nash, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. H. W. Cooley.

Mrs. Jesse Walling spent last week in Salem, 112 guest of her mother, Mrs. D. Jernan.

Mrs. Samuel Barker received word Wednesday of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. McCarty, of Echo, Oregon. Mr. McCarty lived in Spring Val-

ley forty years ago on a part of the Phillips donation claim.

W. H. Crawford spent Tuesday in Stavton.

A Christmas program will be given at the church on Christmas evening at Zena. There will also be a Christmas program at the Lincoln school house on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barker and son Roy were entertained, in honor of the latter's birthday, at dinner, Thursday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Peck, in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crawford and Donnel Crawford were Christmas shoppers in Salem, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Stafford were in Salem Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Looney were also Salem visitors Tuesday.

NEW SAWMILL

The fact that the Silver Falls Timber company has secured an extension of time on an option of a tract of land adjoining this city owned by J. W. Wolfard, indicates that there are liable to be some extensive lumber developments in Silverton during the early part of the coming year. Just what the extension of this option means is as yet purely a matter of speculation, but it is generally believed that the Silver Falls

company intends to establish a sawmill in Silverton. If such a plan is consummated it is likely to be a mill of great capacity and will probably double the large pulp mill that Silverton now has.—Silverton Tribune.

FIGHT AT AUMSVILLE

Claire Brock and professor L. D. Cook engaged in a fistie encounter Friday evening on the street near Speer's store which resulted in the professor getting a black eye. We understand the cause of the trouble was some remarks made by Cook about young Brock's sisters which he quite naturally resented. City Marshal Merrifield appeared on the scene before they had finished and put Brock under arrest taking him before the recorder where Brock was fined \$5. The next day, Saturday, Cook filed a complaint of assault and battery against Brock at Salem. Monday Brock appeared before the court at Salem and was bound over to the grand jury under \$100 bonds.—Record.

DEATH OF MISS HAZEL BACHART

Miss Hazel Bachart, of Aurora, operated on at the hospital two weeks ago for appendicitis, died Saturday, 1:30 p. m., age 18 years. The body was taken in charge by R. W. Gable awaiting the arrival of Mr. Miller, of Aurora, who

prepared the body for burial. Funeral services were held Monday. Miss Bachart underwent a delicate operation in Portland two years ago, never regaining her former health, and her death is attributed to a weakened heart condition. Most of her relatives were with her when the end came.—Hubbard Enterprise.

WHEN THEY LEAVE

Washington, Dec. 18.—Attaches Bayed and Von Papeu of the German embassy, recalled by the kaiser upon America's request, notified the embassy today that they are sailing probably December 28 and December 29 respectively on Holland-American steamers for Rotterdam.

DIED

BLUNCK—At the home of his father, O. F. Blunck, one mile south of Salem, Friday, December 17, 1915, Louis Edward Blunck, at the age of 31 years.

With his wife and daughter, he had been visiting his father south of the city for the past week. His death resulted from pneumonia. His body will be shipped to their home at Weatherford, Oklahoma, within a few days by Webb & Clough, accompanied by the wife and daughter.