

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The X-ray disclosed contraband rubber concealed in bales of cotton consigned to Europe, at New York.

Both sides are now called allies by the war correspondent. Germany, Austria and Turkey are referred to as "Teutonic Allies."

Germany is feeling her oats to such an extent that the government has appropriated the entire stock, except enough for seed.

A dispatch says the entire population of Belgium needs bread. In this country flour is getting too high for anybody to knead bread.

Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, robbed two Americans of a gold brick worth \$25,000 before they had a chance to get into the United States and sell it.

"Marse Henry" Watterson was 75 years old last Tuesday, his birthday being sadwiched in between the anniversaries of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Sarah Bernhardt expects soon to undergo an operation of the knee, caused by striking it on an iron bolt last summer. It has given her much pain and has not improved.

Manufacturers announce that the prices of eye glasses have increased about 25 per cent., but in these days of advanced styles who does not see twenty five per cent. more than he used to?—Elizabethtown News.

The island of Manua, in the American Samoan group, appeals for aid. Its 2,500 people are said to be on the verge of starvation. If there is anything in a name, the soil of the island ought to produce something to eat.

Col. S. R. Murray, said to be the founder of Guthrie, Ky., has just been killed in New Mexico. The fact that he was responsible for the Fodd county waiting-over-place was not made known until he was already killed.

Each bale of a consignment of 178 bales of cotton from A. B. Newman, New York, to a firm in Genoa, Italy, was found to contain four pounds of rubber concealed in the cotton. This attempt to stretch the contraband laws caused the whole cargo to be refused shipment.

Several problems in relation to the European war and the Mexican revolution are still unsettled, but the Confederate veterans have settled one great question pertaining to the approaching reunion at Richmond, June 1st. The authorities have announced a ruling that no women who take part in the parade will be allowed to ride astride. The veterans still believe in the old-fashioned side-saddle.

The candidates for councilmen in Winchester have agreed to appoint to the various city offices the persons who win nominations in a special primary election to be held March 15. That is one good way to avoid nepotism and political traffic in municipal offices, but the present candidates can have no positive assurances that the deal will leave them without opposition at the polls in November.

Hope of passing the shipping bill in the Senate has been abandoned and an investigation has been ordered to inquire into charges of one side that the shipping trust has been active in the lobby and the other that options by the government on belligerent ships are held. The President will have to decide whether to call an extra session, or go to the country on the issue, holding the Republicans responsible for the defeat of the measure.

Military Tragedy.

Walter Redmond, a Louisville cavalryman, was shot and killed at Brownsville, Tex., Sunday by James Reed, a fellow-trooper, who ended his own life.

FORTY AIRMEN MAKE RAID ON GERMAN BASES

Success Is Reported for British and French Aerial Attacks.

RUSSIANS OUT OF PRUSSIA.

French Capture Nearly Two Miles of Trenches in Champagne.

London, Feb. 17.—The air wing of the British navy yesterday made another massed attack on the German positions along the Belgian coast in an effort to destroy or damage the submarine base at Zeebrugge, the guns at Ostend and Middelkerke and the aerodrome at Ghistelles.

According to the official report, good results were attained. Forty machines were utilized.

While the British airmen were dropping their bombs on the gun positions and the supply trains, barges and trawlers used in mine-laying and mine-sweeping operations, eight French airmen attacked the Ghistelles aerodrome, preventing the German airmen from making an attempt to cut off the British machines.

Great Britain received yesterday, through Ambassador Page, Germany's offer to withdraw her threat of a submarine blockade against Great Britain if the British navy will permit the free movement of foodstuffs to the civil population of Germany.

It is not believed, here the offer will be accepted.

Holland and Italy, like the United States, have protested to Germany against her sea war zone threat, and have asked Great Britain not to make free use of neutral flags. Similar representations are expected to be made to the two countries today in a joint note by Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

For the time being, questions of diplomacy are arousing more interest than the actual fighting, although military movements of the first importance are taking place, especially in the east. The German offensive, strongly supported by fresh troops, is being pushed with great vigor both along the East Prussia front and in Poland north of the lower Vistula. The Russians have evacuated East Prussia except for a small area near Lyck, and also are apparently falling back in North Poland, for the Germans announce the occupation of Plock and Blesk, which the Russians recaptured from them a short time ago.

While the Germans claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the retiring Russian armies, military men here and in the newspaper correspondents in Petrograd continue to refer to the Muscovite movement as a strategic retirement to the fortified line along the Niemen river.

Heavy fighting continues in the Carpathians and Bukovina. In Bukovina the Russians also are falling back, but they continue to hold the Carpathian passes father west and are offering stubborn resistance to the Austro-German offensive in that region. Here the armies are fighting in deep snow, and both sides are suffering severely.

The large number of troops the Germans are using in the east, military observers here believe will prevent for some time any attempt by the Germans to break the western deadlock.

The first of the promised bi-weekly reports of the doings of the British army in France also was issued. It claims that progress has been made in the region of Labasse, where the Germans are said to have suffered severe losses and that the British artillery has shown marked superiority over that of the Germans.

There was no further news of the new German offensive in Alsace or the French offensive in the vicinity of St. Mihiel.

The relations between Greece and

IN NIGHT SESSION

Passed By 110 Majority At One-thirty In The Morning.

WAS SENATE BILL'S VOTE

Will Be Known In a Few Days Is The Opinion of The House.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The government ship purchase bill, as an amendment to the Weeks naval auxiliary bill, was passed by the house of representatives at 1:20 o'clock this morning by a vote of 214 to 104.

Democratic leaders in both houses of congress agree that the government ship purchase bill either will be before President Wilson for his signature within a few days or dead, so far as this session is concerned.

EARLY SPRING WORK PLANNED

John J. Metcalfe Will Remodel His Business Block On Ninth Street.

John J. Metcalfe has awarded to the Forbes Mfg. Co. the contract to remodel his block of buildings on Ninth street, corner of Virginia. The stores are occupied by Keach & Fears, the Blades-Cary Co. and Roy Kenner, on the ground floor and by W. R. Bowles in the second story.

The store-fronts are to be replaced with new ones and the brick work will give place to red pressed fronts. The windows will be remodeled and large plate glass will take the place of the present windows, with marble bases under them.

The improvements will be started about March 1 and will be finished in thirty days.

Governor Offers Reward.

At the request of County Judge H. H. Denhardt, of Warren county, Gov. McCreary has offered a reward of \$200 each for the arrest and conviction of the persons who assaulted and robbed a student at the Western State Normal and of the vandals who burned a county bridge over the Barren river.

Hunting Trouble.

Gen. Clarence Edwards' report on the carnival riot at Panama on Saturday shows that unarmed American soldiers were attacked by Panama police and a mob, and twenty-three Americans were wounded, several seriously.

Turkey apparently are becoming more strained. Although Turkey would be the guest of a local lodge in the metropolis during the week. Kinslow indeed! His name is Kincheloe, just like his father, and his grandfather, and his great-grandfather. "Uncle Bob," his honored father, was a member of the Kentucky Legislature during the long session, and he was a good one. He raised a son that will be heard from, too. Dave Kincheloe was a good boy, and he grew up to be a good man. He has a rare gift of eloquence, which has not overshadowed his gift of grasping the questions of state by hard study.

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES.

Replying in the house of commons today to a request for details regarding the total British naval casualties since the outbreak of the war, Winston-Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, gave these figures: Killed, 348 officers and 5,812 men. Wounded, 45 officers and 352 men. Missing, 8 officers and 5 men.

To this list Mr. Churchill said should be added the casualties of the First royal naval division, which participated in the defense of Antwerp, which were:

Killed, 5 officers and 36 men. Wounded, 4 officers and 184 men. Missing, 7 officers and 864 men. Interned, 39 officers and 1,524 men.

COMING TO INVESTIGATE

Col R. A. Burton May Move Military School To Hopkinsville.

SCHOOL NOW IN MISSISSIPPI.

Correspondence Is Being Had With Business Men's Association.

Col. R. A. Burton, superintendent of the Jefferson Military College, of Washington, Adams county, Miss., has written to the Business Men's Association, showing his interest in a proposition to move his school to Hopkinsville.

Following is his letter in part:

"I am very much interested, and it is my intention to come to Hopkinsville in the next thirty days.

"I found that it was impossible to get away from here at the time designated and a little later Mrs. Burton was sick. About the time she recuperated and the way was clear for the trip, one of our buildings was destroyed by fire, and since then I have been overwhelmed with all kinds of work.

Just a little later I can advise you of the exact date I can come to Hopkinsville and you can arrange a meeting for those who are interested in such an enterprise as we have been discussing. Trusting this is satisfactory to you with kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly, R. A. BURTON"

VAN HOOSE TONIGHT

Noted Tenor and His Company At Holland's Opera House.

Elison Van Hoose, the famous singer, and his company, will sing at the Opera House to-night under the auspices of Bethel Female College. This high-class musical attraction will offer a great treat to the people of Hopkinsville. Don't fail to go.

David Kincheloe.

It is said that one of the greatest horrors in a soldier's life is that his name will be spelled wrong in the dispatches that carry an account of his death on the field of honor. If a soldier feels that way about it when the news won't concern him one way or the other, how much more poignant must be the feeling of a real, live one, and a comer, to see his name misspelled in the papers.

We are led to this preamble by a notice in the Courier-Journal that Congressman-elect Dave Kinslow would be the guest of a local lodge in the metropolis during the week.

Kinslow indeed! His name is Kincheloe, just like his father, and his grandfather, and his great-grandfather. "Uncle Bob," his honored father, was a member of the Kentucky Legislature during the long session, and he was a good one. He raised a son that will be heard from, too. Dave Kincheloe was a good boy, and he grew up to be a good man. He has a rare gift of eloquence, which has not overshadowed his gift of grasping the questions of state by hard study.

Kinslow indeed! Brainerd Platt ought to talk some raw Irish to the man that let that slip through.—Bowling Green Messenger.

Officers Resign.

Capt. Claude Harris and Second Lieutenant Fay Ashby, of Co. E., Madisonville, have resigned. Capt. Harris had held his position ten years.

The nitrate of soda product of Chile amounts to 1,800,000 tons a year.

JURIES ARE SUMMONED

Lists From Which Grand and Petit Jurors Will Be Chosen.

COURT WILL BEGIN MONDAY.

Spring Term of The Circuit Court Will Continue For Six Weeks.

Below will be found a list of names drawn for jury service during the spring term of Circuit Court:

GRAND JURY.

Claud Bradshaw, J. L. Sadler, Joe Allen, F. J. Frazier, C. Forest Stewart, C. R. Garland, Horace Henderson, Will R. White, J. E. Cornelius, R. H. NeGaughy, A. J. Price, Crit Anderson, George Pool, Allan Owen, T. Knight, J. H. Adams, H. E. Bronaugh, Geo. E. Gary, W. J. Overby, Archie Crick, J. D. Ware, Ed Curtis, W. G. Hord, W. T. Hopper.

PETIT JURY.

A. H. Eckles, W. L. Hancock, George Lackey, Leslie Smith, Lucian Means, W. J. Ladd, Jas. Orten, T. J. Nuckles, T. H. Shepherd, A. E. Grubbs, H. H. Buckley, Jacob T. Walker, Walter White, C. W. Smithson, Merce Harrison, W. L. Harrison, John M. Miller, Charley Mann, T. A. Hill, J. W. Brown, Quinton Brown, B. F. Wright, Noble Allen, L. R. Cayce, G. H. Petty, T. M. Milton, J. D. Pendleton, W. A. Stroube, A. F. Davis, J. R. Torian, W. L. Harned, John Major, T. A. Carlis, Edgar Harned, Jim Edwards, W. M. Poindexter.

FOUNDER OF GUTHRIE KILLED

Col. S. R. Murray Murdered In Mexico, Is News Received at Bowling Green.

Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 17.—Mesdames Joe D. Smith and Thomas W. Stone received a message today, stating that their brother-in-law Col. S. R. Murray, who fought in the Southern army and founded Guthrie, Ky., was killed at his home at Rangel Lake, New Mexico, where he had been spending several months for his health. His body was found in a chair with his throat cut and a knife on the floor by his side. The person, or persons, after committing the crime robbed Colonel Murray of a large sum of money. He was a Mason and a Mason's pin was found on his coat. His children were notified of the crime and they came to Midland, New Mexico, by rail and rode over 200 miles in an automobile to Rangel Lake. He was born in Michigan and while attending college ran away and joined the Southern army. He was 78 years old and married Miss Tommy Hines, of this city, who died twenty years ago. He owned what is now Cowson Springs, where he conducted a large saw mill. He is survived by two daughters and one son.

Holds Breath Until Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17.—Holding his breath in a fit of anger because his mother attempted to wash some chocolate candy stains from his face on Wednesday night, Leo Hutton, one year old, defied all attempts to make him breathe, and while a physician struggled with him in vain the boy died. Leo had always objected to being washed and indicated his displeasure by holding his breath.

Prominent Men Arrested.

T. O. Wallace, former postmaster and merchant; J. H. Hinds and Frank Conroy have been arrested at Irvine on warrants charging murder in connection with the death of Houston Underwood. The warrants were sworn out by Green Davidson and Mrs. Houston Underwood.

8 YOUNG ORATORS

Will Contest For The Honor of Representing H. H. S. On The 26th.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preliminary Contest To Be Held Tomorrow Night.

Indications point to the fact that the preliminary contest tomorrow night at the Christian church to select the representative of the Hopkinsville High School in the coming Western Kentucky Oratorical Contest, will be one of the best and most hotly contested preliminaries in the history of the school. There are eight orators in the preliminary and all have excellent subjects and have been working enthusiastically during the last few days in polishing up their orations and perfecting their deliveries.

All of the schools in the Oratorical League have been heard from and prospects for the final contest are also brilliant. Owensboro expects to bring about fifty orators and is contemplating securing a special car for her delegation. Paducah, Princeton and Madisonville, also promise that a large contingent will accompany their contestants. Henderson and Dawson are also expected to be well represented.

In view of the large numbers that are expected to attend the contest the students have decided to change the price of admission from 50 cents to 35 cents for adults. The tickets are in the hands of the pupils for sale and a goodly number have already been disposed of.

Thomas Underwood, president of the class, will preside at the preliminary contest tomorrow night and also at the general contest at the Tabernacle on the 26th.

The contestants tomorrow night are Livingston Leavel, Harold Weaver, Tunly Wadlington, Robert B. Umfield, Joe Randle, H. K. Jarrett, James Skerritt and Edward Dabney.

ONE WIN ONE

Campaign of Church Members To Save Souls.

The One-Win-One campaign to increase the membership of the various churches of the city will begin Sunday at all Protestant churches. Every pastor will act in his own way to incite the entire membership to concerted efforts to win souls. Each member will be urged to make personal appeals to interest at least one person on the subject.

DOUBLE-HEADER.

Guthrie will be here Saturday night to play another double-header basketball game with High School and Bethel.

Morris-Morris.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Owen J. Morris and Miss Laura J. Morris, a runaway couple from near Gracey, Ky., were united in marriage by Esq. J. M. Jarrell at the County Clerk's Office. Both these young people have a host of friends in the Gracey neighborhood, who wish them a married life of continued happiness.—Leaf-Chronicle.

Extra Session Unavoidable.

With only sixteen more days of the present session, which ends March 4, Congress is at present in the worst legislative tangle in its history. The continued filibuster against the Ship Purchase Bill in the Senate has held up not only that measure, but all the big supply bills. An extra session is unavoidable, it is believed.

It is declared here that the autos now sold in America are bought by farmers.