

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The state-wide prohibition bill was defeated in the House yesterday, 54 to 40. Representative R. A. Cook spoke against it.

The Cologne Gazette publishes a report that on the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England the destroyers Eden and Nich were sunk.

A bill declaring it a common nuisance for a saloon to keep open on Sunday passed in the House Wednesday 74 to 14. The surprising thing is that 14 members had the nerve to go on record against the bill.

Whoever originated that "Excise Commission" idea, was a very poor adviser to the Governor, who had sense enough to drop it like a hot potato. The state already has an excess of commissions, most of which should be abolished.

John C. Sheehan, one time leader of Tammany Hall, and former police commissioner of New York, died Wednesday at the age of 67. When Richard Croker retired as the leader of Tammany Hall he named Sheehan as his successor, but Sheehan was subsequently deposed.

A delegation of negroes called upon Mayor Buschemeyer, of Louisville, and formally protested against the production in the city of "The Birth of a Nation." The Mayor said he had no objections to the play, which was a recital of events during and following the Civil War and a true and faithful portrayal of history.

Senate bill 283, introduced Tuesday, requires all conveyances to state the true consideration therein. This is intended to break up the custom of concealing the extent of large real estate deals by making the consideration "\$1 and other valuable considerations." This will make the deed books more interesting to county assessors than the latest novels.

Representative Neely, of West Virginia, has caused a telephone girl to lose her job on a charge that she "leaked" his private conversations to his political opponents. Neely must be a new Congressman and a very foolish one to talk politics over any sort of a telephone. The real politician never talks business over a phone and seldom writes a letter. He goes to or sends for his man.

Charging that Louis D. Brandeis, as counsel for the interstate commerce commission in the 5 per cent advance rate case, conceded in the cause of the railroads to the fatal injury of the public interest, Clifford Thorne, railroad commissioner of Iowa, and an associate counsel in the rate case, appealed to the judiciary subcommittee not to recommend confirmation of Mr. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme court of the United States.

On the second page of this issue, we publish the first summary of turnpike mileage in Christian county ever published. Dividing the county on a line drawn due east and west through Hopkinsville, the southern half has 122 and the northern half 94 miles. The figures are approximately correct, but subject to minor corrections. They do not include numerous short stretches of pike put in to repair "bad places" in roads not metaled. It will be seen that 57 per cent of the present pikes are south and 43 per cent north of Hopkinsville.

The two vital points upon which Secretary Garrison and President Wilson differed were these: The Secretary favored compulsory enlistment of regular army soldiers to increase the army, while the President prefers to incorporate the national guards and increase by voluntary enlistments.

On the Philippine question the Secretary differed from the President, in that he was opposed to granting the islands independence in the near future. He wanted to take the stump to advocate his own views, which would have been inconsistent with the administration's plans. Secretary Garrison should have profited by the fate of Secretary Bryan and followed rather than to try to lead.

SECRETARY GARRISON TENDERS RESIGNATION

Accepted By President. No Successor Is Named—Pres. May Take Charge.

SECOND OFFICER TO QUIT Reason Is Failure of Wilson to 'Irrevocably' Support Continental Army Plan.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison resigned yesterday because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan, and because he opposes the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson accepted the resignation and has not yet selected a successor. The President himself probably will take personal charge of the administration's national defense plans in congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge also resigned as a mark of loyalty to his chief, whose view he shares. The President accepted his resignation. Both take effect immediately. Major-General Scott, chief-of-staff of the army, automatically becomes secretary of war ad interim.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal reasons for his conviction that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorganized national guard, could be the main military dependence of the nation was his belief that some day the United States may be called upon to defend the Monroe doctrine, and in that event he foresaw that the national guard might not be available for use outside of the United States before a declaration of war.

Upon that contention, on the one hand, that the continental army or ultimately universal service was the nation's only reliance, and the position on the other, that no one plan could be enforced upon congress, President Wilson and his secretary of war parted official company.

HOWES REAPPOINTED

Secretary of State Names Incumbent to Serve Until March 15.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—Charles J. Howes, appointed during the term of C. F. Creelius, as Assistant Secretary of State by reappointment of James P. Lewis, on approval of Gov. Stanley. Since the induction of Mr. Lewis, who recommended William Dingus, of Prestonsburg, for the position, Mr. Howes has been acting as assistant and keeping the executive journal, but the Secretary of State would not authorize Mr. Howes to sign his name. The Secretary of State this morning, however, appointed Mr. Howes assistant until March 15, or until his successor is appointed and approved by the Governor.

Gen. Wood in Atlanta.

Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the East, was in Atlanta Wednesday to arouse enthusiasm in the military training camp to be held at Fort Oglethorpe beginning April 3. He spoke at a luncheon given by the chamber of commerce and reiterated what he has said about advantages to be gained from such training. In speaking of the cost, he said it did not amount to much, being about \$8.50 for a uniform and the deposit of \$30 required by the government. At the end of the encampment \$5 would be returned, he said.

Gov. Stanley Signed Bill.

Gov. Stanley on Thursday signed the anti-pass bill, the first law he was ever called upon to sign, using two gold pens that he presented to the authors of the bill, Senator A. E. Stricklett, of Covington, and Representative Geo. L. Pickett, of Shelbyville.

ELKS WILL GAMBOL

On The Green and Have a Good Time Tuesday Night.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

For Once The Speeches Made Are To Be On Serious Subjects.

The fifteenth anniversary of the institution of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 545, B. P. O. E., will be observed Tuesday evening next with a banquet and jubilee.

Prior to this there will be a formal presentation to the lodge of the memorial tablets presented by Mrs. H. M. Dalton, in memory of her deceased husband. The speech of presentation will be made by Past Exalted Ruler L. H. Davis.

The banquet will be spread in the lower rooms and the speaking exercises will be directed by Mr. T. C. Underwood, as toastmaster. There is a popular clamor for the following speakers to discuss the weighty subjects opposite their names and it is believed that most of them can be prevailed upon to talk:

- W. T. Fowler—"As We Grow Older."
 - Claude Clark—"And Younger."
 - C. M. Meacham—"More Serious."
 - S. Y. Trimble—"And Gay."
 - Walter Knight—"Wiser."
 - John Stites—"And More Foolish."
- Preparedness by the Toastmaster.

BIG LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

To Be Held Here By Presbyterians May 3d, 4th and 5th.

Dr. Charles B. Boving, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, returned Wednesday night from Hopkinsville, says the Bowling Green Messenger, where he attended a meeting of the joint committee of the Paducah and Muhlenberg Presbyteries for the purpose of making arrangements for a Laymen's Convention to be held May 3, 4 and 5 in the Convention Hall at Hopkinsville. It is expected that there will be about five hundred delegates from Western Kentucky in attendance, and probably fifty from Bowling Green. This convention is held for the purpose of creating more interest in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

SEEKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Barksdale Hamlett Brings Suit In Hardin County.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Daisy Hamlett has filed suit for divorce from Barksdale Hamlett, former superintendent of public instruction, charging him with cruelty and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Hamlett asks \$10,000 alimony and the custody of her three children. Before her marriage Mrs. Hamlett was Miss Daisy Crume, of this county.

Escaped Lynching.

Tunica, Miss., Feb. 11.—Rather than face the danger of probable lynching, Dave Hagen, negro, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor after he had been placed under arrest. The negro fell from the horse he was riding and died almost instantly. Hagen was captured by a posse after he had shot and slightly wounded Cal Smith, town marshal here.

PASSED THE MILLION MARK

Tobacco Sales Reach The Flood Tide on Loose Floor Market.

1,000,000 POUNDS IN WEEK

Slight Drop in Prices From Last Week's General Average.

The last week in January showed 650,000 pounds, last week 750,000 pounds and this week passes the million mark with 1,025,000 pounds of tobacco sold on the loose floors.

As might have been expected the dumping of this vast volume of tobacco on the market would bring with the deliveries some of the lower types and grades and there was a slight decrease in the general average price for the week, but it is still well above the season's average.

The receipts continue very heavy day and night and the busiest places in town are the various warehouses.

The amount paid for tobacco in the city during the last three weeks was about \$125,000, to say nothing of the contract sales, and this influx of ready money has had a good effect in all branches of business and there is an easier feeling in business circles generally.

The stream of wagons pouring tobacco into the city from every road is coming from a radius of forty to fifty miles, Logan, Todd, Muhlenburg, Christian, Trigg, Caldwell, Hopkins, Lyon, Crittenden, in Kentucky, and Cheatham, Montgomery, Stewart and others in Tennessee. The turnpikes are being appreciated fully and many loads are not made up until they reach the good roads. Light loads are hauled to the nearest pike and then doubled up to come to town. Some is hauled through farms to get to a pike.

The schedule of the prices for the week was as follows:
Trash \$2.50 to \$3.75
Lugs \$4.00 " \$5.75.
Com Leaf \$5.00 to \$8.50.
Med Leaf \$7.00 to \$9.50.
Good Leaf \$9.00 to \$12.50

The following is the report for the week:
Week ending Feb. 10, 1916. Unsold stock Jan. 1, 1916, 237 hogsheds.
Receipts for week..... 0 Hhds.
Receipts for year..... 12 Hhds.
Sales for week..... 0 Hhds.
Sales for year..... 131 Hhds.

LOOSE FLOORS.
Sales week..... 1,025,220 lbs.
Sales for season..... 3,891,180 lbs.
Sales for same date
1915..... 3,290,070 lbs.
Average for this week..... \$5.54
Average for this season..... \$5.33
Market higher on all grades.

H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

JENNIE STUART HOSPITAL

Mr. J. A. Wallace Operated Upon For Appendicitis.

Mr. J. Arthur Wallace was brought home from Springfield, Tenn., Wednesday, suffering from acute appendicitis and underwent an operation that night at the Jennie Stuart Hospital. He is getting along satisfactorily.

Whole Class Joins Church.

An entire class of eight boys in the Sunday School of the First Baptist church, taught by Mrs. T. C. Underwood, presented themselves for membership in the church Sunday and were admitted. They will be baptized by Rev. C. M. Thompson tomorrow night.

Restored to Citizenship.

Gen. McCoy, who with John Quincy Adams, was sent to prison for perjury in a barn burning case. In 1908, he was restored to citizenship Tuesday by Gov. Stanley on recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney Denny P. Smith.

GERMANS TAKE FEW PRISONERS

MR. MARTIN VISITS CITY

Stopped Over Yesterday For Few Hours En route to Nashville.

GUEST OF T. C. UNDERWOOD

Still Loyal to The Home of His Early Childhood Days.

Mr. Hugh Martin, a former Hopkinsville boy, known to the music lovers of two continents as Riccardo Martin, spent five hours in Hopkinsville yesterday as the guest of his cousin Mr. T. C. Underwood. The gentlemen are first cousins, their mothers having been sisters.

Mr. Martin, who was en route to Nashville, arrived on a special passing here at 11 a. m. and stopped over until the 5:32 train in the afternoon.

He went quietly to the home of Mr. Underwood and spent the time he was here with his relatives. This is the second time Mr. Martin has been here since he left Hopkinsville as a boy. About ten years ago he made a short stop-over in the city.

He will sing at two performances in Nashville today. The program for the matinee will be "Madame Butterfly" and a large number of his admiring friends here will go to Nashville to hear the world-famous tenor.

CONFLICT OF MEETINGS

Dairy Cattle Men Will Meet at The Avalon Monday Morning.

The stockholders of the Pennyroyal Fair will meet Monday to elect directors for 1916. The meeting will be held in the afternoon at the H. B. M. A.

The Good Roads Association will also hold a meeting at the same place in the forenoon, to discuss some matters that have come up in the bond election.

In order to avoid a conflict with these meetings, the Christian County Dairy Cattle Association, called to meet the same day, will meet at the Avalon at 10 o'clock a. m.

All conditions laid down by Mr. J. E. Crider for the establishment of a creamery have been complied with and the meeting Monday is to complete the arrangements. Mr. R. C. Gary, president of the Association, will preside.

Garland Jones' Twins.

Former Police Sergeant Garland Jones, who is at present house detective for the Anderson-Dulin-Varnell store in Knoxville, Tenn., was advised by wire Thursday that he was the father of twin sons, who arrived that morning at the home of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Giles, near Howell, where she has been visiting since Christmas. The mother and boys are doing well. Garland has not been heard from.

Victim of Tuberculosis.

Mrs. Pearl Oaks died Thursday, at her home on Kentucky avenue, after a long illness of tuberculosis. She was 21 years old. The interment took place near Julien yesterday.

Basket Ball.

The High School played Madisonville last night at the McLean Gym, with a double-header, both boys' and girls' teams.

Mayor Marable, of Clarksville, has appointed a council committee to censor the movie films.

Severe Fighting Continues in Region of Artis But With Little Change.

BREAK IN CABINET INTERESTS

Austro-German Order Treats Armed Merchantmen as Enemy Warships.

Germany and Austria-Hungary purpose to treat as warships after February 29 all armed merchantmen of countries at war with the Teutonic allies.

Berlin already has issued a memorandum to the neutral governments to this effect, and Austria-Hungary will immediately do likewise.

Neutral nations are informed of the new order of things in the German memorandum "that they may warn their citizens against further entrusting their persons or property to armed merchantmen belonging to powers at war with the German empire."

Alleged secret instructions by the British admiralty for merchant ships to fire on submarines is made the basis for Germany putting armed merchantmen in the category of war craft.

The American secretary of war, Lindley M. Garrison has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by President Wilson. Mr. Garrison's action was based largely on the question of "preparedness" and his is the second retirement from the cabinet for causes arising indirectly out of the European war, William J. Bryan being the other.

There has been no diminution in the severe fighting between the French and the Germans in the Artois region of France. Northwest of Vimy, Berlin says, a large section of a French trench has been captured, while near Neuville craters previously lost to the French were retaken. A few prisoners and twenty-two machine guns also were taken.

Paris asserts that near La Folie, southwest of Vimy, the Germans were forced but of communicating trenches they had occupied and also that two strong attacks by the Germans against the French between Neuville and La Folie were repulsed, the Germans being able to hold only one mine crater.

Berlin admits that the French south of the Somme river entered a section of the German first line trenches.

In Volhynia and on the East Galician frontier the Russians are strongly on the offensive Northwest of Tarnopol the Russians succeeded in penetrating Austro-Hungarian trenches, but later were ejected, while on the Bessarabian frontier the Russians were driven from an advanced position to their main position. In Volhynia recent fighting resulted in the Russians' defeat.

The Italians were victorious in small engagements at several points on the Austro-Italian front.

Premier Skouloudis of Greece has informed the Greek parliament that his policy to avoid trouble for Greece has the approval of a majority of the people and that it would be continued notwithstanding pressure.

Harold Butler Dead.

Harold H. Butler, of Elkton, who was for a while connected with the Planters Bank here prior to the failure of his health about ten months ago, died Thursday, aged 28 years. He returned from a tuberculosis sanatorium January 1st. Mr. Butler was a son of Mr. B. B. Butler and was a most exemplary young man.

Schmidt To Die.

Hans Schmidt, the former prisoner, convicted of the murder of Anna Ammiller, in New York, in 1913, will be put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week of