

WEATHER—For Kentucky
Thursday Unsettled

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

This is the last day for paying your income tax.

Now is the time to start a campaign to beautify Hopkinsville.

While Germany is shortening her lines, the allies should get busy and shorten the war.

The Germans are shortening their lines on the French front, having retreated to a depth of three miles in the Acre valley.

Harry Thaw's mother has asked for a lunacy committee to determine his sanity at Philadelphia, where he has been confined since his attempt to commit suicide.

Eight out of ten Kentucky Congressmen voted for the "bone dry" bill and Ben Johnson was absent. And the popular vote will be in about the same proportion.

Miss Catherine Lo Lio, of Naples, Italy, step-sister of Frank Maloney, a Lexington man, reached this country safely last week, on a ship chased by three submarines.

Col. W. J. Bryan is said to be hurrying from Florida to Washington to fight the President's armed neutrality program. The Kentuckian is trying its best to be patient with Col. Bryan.

Germany is still procrastinating in the release of the Yarrowdale prisoners taken to Germany. The latest excuse is that they are in quarantine on account of an infectious disease at their place of residence.

Germany has already killed a couple of our women, a preacher and a bunch of negroes, but just wait until she lays a hostile hand on one of our boys in blue, if you want to see Uncle Sam quit being neutral.

The retail coal oil dealer has quit stopping up the spout of a coal oil can with a potato.—Evansville Courier.

And eggs are no longer used to discourage displeasing oratory.

Well, there's one thing about it, Uncle Sam hasn't any more cheeks to turn to Germany, as the Kaiser has slapped both of them.—Elizabethtown News.

He can still back up in reach of William's foot.

Sherman L. Whipple, of Boston, will receive \$15,000 for the work of himself and assistants as counsel to the House Rules Committee in the peace leak inquiry. The total cost of the inquiry, Chairman Henry said, would not exceed \$50,000.

Prof. Wilcox, of Cornell University, gives it as his scientific opinion that married men live longer than single men. In these days of outlandish styles of dress, woman suffrage and other things to make many husbands unhappy, perhaps it just seems longer.

The British are accomplishing most in this month's fighting. In the vicinity of Bapaume, France, they have pushed the Germans back two miles on an eleven-mile front. In Mesopotamia the Turks have been routed and el-Amara captured, with many others.

Ed Fisher, of "Mutt and Jeff" on fame, has been sued for divorce and \$25,000 alimony a year at Brunswick, N. J. A woman can't get along with a \$25,000 and whose business is to make a laugh, oughtn't to be given a divorce.

Hungary is seeking to avoid a treaty with the United States, but any influence is being used to get her ally support her fully. Ambassador Penfield is getting his affairs in shape to leave Vienna on short notice when the break comes and the new Austrian Ambassador has not yet presented his credentials, pending the crisis.

COMMUNITY RECEPTION

A Feature of The Opening of The New Methodist Church.

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

Afternoon Gathering With Speeches By Many Prominent Citizens.

The pews from the old Methodist church were moved into the basement rooms of the new church, corner Main and Thirteenth streets Tuesday and everything will be in readiness for the formal opening next Sunday.

Regular services at the usual hours will be held and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a Community Reception to which everybody is invited. Five minute talks will be made by many well known citizens.

PROGRAM.

Invocation—Rev. A. S. Anderson.

Formal turning over the church by Forbes Mfg. Co.—Geo. E. Cary.

Accepting same for the congregation and welcome to community.—R. E. Cooper.

Recognition of the new plant as an asset to the city.—Dr. Frank Bassett.

Appreciation of city press.—Hon. C. M. Meacham.

Greetings from the various churches of the city.

Baptist Church—T. C. Underwood.

Episcopal Church—Nat Gaither.

Christian Church—A. H. Eckles.

Cumb. Pres.—John Danforth.

First Pres.—James West.

Salvation Army—Envoy Vallier.

Universalist—Polk Canaler.

Westminster—W. T. Fowler.

Greetings from our Hebrew friends—M. L. Elb.

Interspersed with hymns and anthems, accompanied by the grand new organ, presided over on the occasion by Prof. Fount Rion, of Nashville.

Closing prayer—Rev. Geo. C. Abbott.

TO BUILD ON VACANT LOT

J. H. Anderson Co. Will Erect Business House on Main Street.

The J. H. Anderson Co. has decided to build on their lot on South Main street, vacant since the flood of Nov. 1906, when a building on the lot was wrecked. This will fill in the last gap in the Main street district. The lot fronts 40 or more feet on Main street, runs back 150 feet and joins a 30 foot lot fronting on Ninth street, in the rear of J. O. Cook's drug store.

Architect John T. Waller is now working on the plans for the building.

WHEAT PROSPECTS.

More hopeful reports are coming in from the wheat crop, which appeared to be almost ruined by the freeze the first week in February. The damage was great but the roots were not as badly killed as appeared at first.

Drew a Gun.

After being chased across the campus by six classmates, bent on hazing him, Lorin G. Ulm, Dayton freshman in Miami university, stopped his pursuers with a shot from a revolver. This was not the first attempt made on Ulm. The six would-be hazers were suspended for a week.

Children's Party.

Katherine Kimmons, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kimmons, gave a party to her playmates Wednesday from two to five o'clock p. m. There were beautiful floral decorations and delicious refreshments.

LEAVES FOR FRANKFORT

Committee to Work For the Southern Route of the Federal Highway.

REVENUE PROTESTANTS

Sent to Object to Certain Provisions of the New Tax Law.

Judge Walter Knight, County Attorney Ira D. Smith, Nat Gaither and Ed L. Weathers went to Frankfort the first of the week and appeared before the Legislature Tuesday to protest against the exemption of farm implements and intangible property from taxes other than for State purposes. Such a provision would deprive counties and municipalities of a large portion of their necessary revenues.

Yesterday morning another committee went to Frankfort to work for the Southern Route for the Federal Aid Highway today. In this committee were R. E. Cooper, C. R. Clark, W. R. Howell, G. H. Stowe, E. H. Reynolds and others. Enroute they were joined by delegates from Todd, Logan and Warren counties. A strong delegation from Trigg came up Tuesday night and left here with them. Graves, Carlisle and Ballard counties on the same route were expected to be represented.

BULLET IN HIS BRAIN

Robert Mitchell, Aged 23, Commits Suicide In Trigg County.

A young man named Robt. Mitchell, a son of Edgar Mitchell, of near Julien, committed suicide at his farm in the Caledonia neighborhood, Trigg county, last Friday. He had recently rented a farm for this year and was making preparations for a crop. His dead body was found in his corn crib, where it had been several hours. He sat down on the pile of corn and placing the muzzle of a pistol in his mouth shot himself through the brain. Parties on the farm remembered after the body was found that they had heard a muffled shot some time before. No explanation was given by the young man for his deed.

MURDERED MISSIONARY.

Rev. Robt. A. Haden, the Presbyterian missionary who lost his life when the French liner was sunk, was a classmate of Joseph R. Wilson, the President's brother, in the S. P. U., at Clarksville, Tenn. Mr. Haden also was known by several Hopkinsville people, including Mrs. Kate Henry and Mrs. Green Henry Russell.

OVERT OUTRAGE.

Mrs. Mary Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Chicago, died from exposure following the sinking of the liner Laconia. Eight negro members of the crew, Americans, were among the 13 who lost their lives. The vessel was torpedoed without warning.

IT RAINED AGAIN.

The balmy springlike weather of Monday received a set-back Tuesday, when a cold rain set in that continued for many hours. The ground is again thoroughly wet and gardening operations are indefinitely postponed.

Born and Died.

An infant son of Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, of , Monday night, died a few hours later, and was buried Tuesday.

"DRY" BILL DIES IN CONFERENCE

Congressmen Deadlocked On Postal Provisions and Reed Bill.

SESSION NEARS THE END

Prohibition Fight May Defeat the Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Hopelessly deadlocked on the Postoffice Appropriation Bill in which the Reed "bone dry" amendment is included, the conferees Tuesday night introduced in the House a resolution for continuing existing appropriations with the Reed amendment included. Prohibition leaders had already set today for the passage of the District of Columbia dry measure and admitted that the necessity of a vote on the District measure and the repassage of the Reed amendment would cause a fight that might last until time of adjournment. Democrats opposed to the District bill threatened to oppose the Administration Revenue Bill in case the former bill is passed. The House Postoffice Committee approved the Rouse amendment to make the "bone dry" provision effective November 1.

Underwent Operation.

Mrs. J. O. Ferrell is at a sanatorium in Nashville, where she was taken for an operation a week ago.

NEW TAX COMMISSION PLAN

Rep. Roach Would Put Three State Officials on Board ---Hearings Ended.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—Real estate men, representative of building and loan associations and bankers presented to the lawmakers their views on revenue and taxation at Tuesday's session of the general assembly. T. Kennedy Helm, Louisville, counsel of the Kentucky Bankers' association, was spokesman for that organization. Other bankers who attended the hearings were John W. Barr, Louisville, and Nathan B. Nahm, Bowling Green.

Mr. Nahm was more optimistic than the others regarding the operation of the proposed tax bills if they are enacted into law. He thinks they will be productive of prosperity.

Representative Roach introduced a substitute for the Oliver bill, which provides for a tax commission of three members to be appointed by the governor. Roach's measure provides for a commission to be composed of the auditor of public accounts, state treasurer and state secretary. They are to select a fourth member who is to be the chairman at a salary of \$4,500 a year. The three state officials are to receive \$600 in addition to their regular salary.

Representative Mathers offered two revenue and taxation bills. Public hearings will be concluded today.

COMMISSIONERS

Find Business Light at Tuesday's Regular Meeting.

The City Commissioners held their usual meeting Tuesday, but transacted no important business. Routine matters were attended to and the session was short.

Dr. Folk Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—Dr. Edgar Estes Folk, for thirty years editor of the Baptist and Reflector, and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Nashville, died Tuesday morning from the effects of a heart ailment.

GERMANY'S OVERT ACT

Officially Reported And Laid Before Congress For Decision.

WARFARE ON WOMEN

President May Act Himself If Session Ends Without Requested Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The administration waits upon congress to give the answer of the United States to the German campaign of ruthlessness, which has reached a climax in the sinking of the liner Laconia and the killing of two innocent American women.

Official accounts of the unwarmed night attack on the Cunarder, regarded as the first clear cut case of violation of American rights since the severance of relations with Germany, were laid before President Wilson and the cabinet Tuesday by Secretary Lansing. It was decided that no step should be taken until congress had time to grant the request for additional authority to protect the lives and rights of Americans.

After the cabinet meeting it was stated that the president had no present intention of addressing congress again; that he felt that the situation rested with congress. It is rather generally believed, however, that if delay continues until adjournment is at hand he will make a further move.

MAY PROVE TO BE "OVERT ACT"

Sinking of Liner Most Serious Assault On American Rights.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the big Cunard liner Laconia apparently without warning and with twenty-six Americans on board, looms up tonight as the most serious disregard of American rights since the ruthless German submarine campaign began. Government officials here made no attempt to conceal their concern.

Consul Frost at Queenstown reported to the state department the sinking of the vessel and the loss of one life, but up to a late hour tonight had not been able to furnish details from survivors as to whether it was an American who met death. He expected to secure full information from the 267 survivors due at Queenstown at 11:30 o'clock tonight.

Officials pointed out that while final reports may show that no American lives were lost, the fact will remain that the twenty-six Americans were on a peaceful mission and escaped death only by good fortune.

OFFICIAL MAIL ON BOARD.

The United States is concerned in the sinking of the Laconia also because a large amount of official diplomatic mail had been entrusted to her after the American liner St. Louis had cancelled its sailing.

The state department, after having had its mail held on the St. Louis for three weeks, had transferred it to the Laconia, when it was definitely announced that the St. Louis would not sail until it secured guns.

DISASTROUS WRECK.

Twenty persons were killed and many injured when two trains crashed together near Altoona, Pa., on the Pennsylvania road, Tuesday.

Sister Lives Here.

Walter Maynard, of Elkton, a brother of Mrs. Elizabeth McCulloch, of this city, died in Toledo Monday, of blood poison. The body was brought to this city Tuesday.

BRITISH MAKE FRESH ADVANCE

Village of Ligny, Southwest of Bapaume, Captured—Four Vessels Sunk.

QUIET ON OTHER FRONTS

Gerard Advised Informally by German Official to Abandon Original Plans.

On the fighting fronts the maneuvers that are being carried out by the British in the Acre region still hold the greatest attention. Here both north and south of the stream they have made fresh advances, capturing the village of Ligny, southwest of Bapaume and occupying further positions west and north of Paiseum. To the north, around Lens and Arras, German trenches have been raided by the British, according to the London War office and considerable damage inflicted on them. On that part of the line where the French are opposing the Germans, the fighting has been mainly by the artillery of both sides.

There is still little activity on any of the other fronts, except artillery duels and attacks by raiding parties.

The reports of the last 24 hours show four vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 8,520 as having been sunk. The German admiralty announces the sinking of the British transport steamer A-19.

It has become known that on Monday he left Berlin, ex-Ambassador Gerard was warned personally by a German friend in high official position against sailing from Spain for the United States.

Auto Accident.

Joseph von Keitz, Jr., was killed and two other men and three women were injured last night when their automobile turned over on Madison pike, six miles south of Covington, where all resided.

BANKS ARE PROSPEROUS

Increase of \$17,794,202 Deposits, Commissioner's Report Shows.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 28.—Kentucky State banks are enjoying the most prosperous period in their history. State Banking Commissioner George G. Speer said in connection with his summary of the reports of the conditions of State banks as of January 31, 1917, compared with a similar report of August 17, 1916.

Deposits have increased \$17,794,202.43; surplus, \$236,876.42; undivided net profits, \$116,043.91. Reserves have decreased \$157,621.56; the amount charged to furniture and fixtures has been reduced \$11,293.02. Assets, not specified, have increased \$238,605.42. Cash on hand has increased \$21,695.52.

The report shows deposits subject to check, \$64,434,552.58; surplus, \$7,928,339.08; undivided net profits, \$1,583,823.15; time deposits, \$40,000,235.04; loans and discounts, \$80,000,175.05.

ATHENAEUM TO-NIGHT

The March meeting of the Athenaeum will be held at Hotel Lathrop tonight with two papers on the program. Thos. J. McReynolds will write upon "Alaska" and Ira L. Smith upon "The Ways and Means of Old Rome."

Congressman Harvey Blair was married in Lexington Tuesday to Miss Mary Bruce, postmistress at Stanford, Ky. No wedding was held.