

WEATHER for Kentucky  
Thursday probably fair.

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

There will be no declaration of war against Austria for the present.

On a call for 500,000 men, Kentucky would furnish 10 or 12 Regiments.

Single men will be called first and young men who don't want to go, would do well to marry while marrying is good.

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, will appear in Louisville the night of April 24 in a song recital for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

Gov. Stanley has appointed Murray C. Shoun, a senior student in Centre College, who will graduate in June, as Colonel on his staff. Times are getting too serious for child's play in the war game, Governor.

Congress will face the task shortly of raising \$3,000,000,000 to meet the initial expenses of United States participation in war. Incomes and excess profits probably will bear the burden. It is planned to lower the exemption on incomes of unmarried men to \$1,000 and married men to \$2,000 and double the rate.

Senator Lodge seems to have knocked some sense into the head of the pacifist named Bannwart when he knocked him down. Bannwart appeared in police court and said he had changed his mind after reading the President's message and was ready to urge support of the President. The breach of peace charge against him was dropped.

Owensboro is getting a great deal of unpleasant notoriety over a "jay walking" ordinance recently passed, which prohibits any pedestrian from crossing a street diagonally. It is strongly resented by the public generally and especially by the "jays" themselves, who are made the butt of endless jokes. Nearly 50 fines have been imposed in trying to enforce the obnoxious ordinance.

Uncle Sam wrote his check for \$25,000,000 and took over the Danish islands Saturday. They are directly east of Porto Rico. With the normal transfer, the islands became known as the Virgin Islands of the United States, a designation chosen by the natives of the islands and adopted by the United Government. In all there are fifty islands, only three large enough to be of importance. St. Thomas is the most important and has one of the finest harbors in the West Indies. The harbor will be transformed into a strong naval base by the United States for the protection of the Panama Canal and for general military purposes. St. Croix and St. John are the other two large islands.

### EWING WOOD

#### A Well Known Young Man Passed Away Tuesday.

Ewing Wood died at noon Tuesday at his home on West Seventh street, from a complication of diseases. He had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected.

He was thirty-six years of age and is survived by his wife and two sons, Ben and Harris; his mother, Mrs. Helen Wood; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Warfield and Mrs. Joe Day, and three brothers, Weston, George and Bowling Wood.

Burial took place Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence. Funeral services were held at the grave in Riverside cemetery by the Rev. T. L. Hulse, of the Methodist Church.

### FLEENOR-EWING.

Mr. C. M. Fleenor, the well known architect of Bowling Green, was married Tuesday to Miss Inez Ewing, of Smith's Grove. Mr. Fleenor formerly lived in this city.

The I. C. Railroad has been sued for \$20,000 for the killing of Everett

## TO CALL FIRST QUOTA BY LOT FROM ELIGIBLE LIST

### Administration Plan to Be Submitted to Congress Calls For Army of 500,000.

#### 500,000 IS NOT THE LIMIT

#### Married Men and Others With Dependents Will Be Exempted.

Washington, April 4.—Administration plans for raising an army on the principle of universal liability to service, to be submitted to congress as soon as the pending war resolution is adopted, are based on selective conscription of young men to be summoned to the colors as rapidly as they can be trained and officered. A detailed scheme for the registration of eligibles has been worked out.

After married men, others with dependents, and those whose service is required in industries have been exempted, others within the age limits fixed will be examined physically, and those found fit will be selected possible by lot until the first 500,000 to be trained are secured.

It was made clear that the 500,000 is nowhere near the limit needed, and that it is thought more than 500,000 available will be found in the first classification. Others will be trained as rapidly as possible by officers of the regular army, national guard and officers reserve corps.

Maximum and minimum age limits for the first call are fixed in the administration plan but will not be made public until it is presented to congress. In recent discussions a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 23 years have been mentioned.

#### WILL GRADUATE FIRST CLASS APRIL 20.

Preliminary military steps possible under existing laws were added today to those already taken. They include direction by Secretary Baker that the first class at the West Point military academy be graduated April 20, supplying 125 highly trained young officers.

At the navy department it was announced that steps have already been taken to secure close co-operation between the American fleet and those of the Entente allies when the necessary authority has been granted. The American embassy at London has been in close touch with the British admiralty.

Standardization of the munitions industry will be one of the first direct steps taken under direction of the national defense council. A continuous and adequate flow of weapons and ammunition of all kinds will be insured not only for the American forces but to the Entente armies.

Congress is expected to pass the resolution declaring a state of war to exist, not later than tomorrow. A short debate is expected and sentiment in both houses is almost unanimous. The following program is outlined:

#### IMPORTANT WAR PLANS.

"1. Enlistment by selective conscription of young men for a national army in addition to the regular establishment and national guard increments of 500,000 until enough have been trained to make certain the defeat of Germany.

"2. Organization of nation's commercial interests for economical and effective distribution of commodities among the civil population.

"3. Rapid provision of adequate means of combatting the submarine menace.

"4. The raising of a very large sum of money, as much as possible to be obtained by taxation, and the definite amount of the first budget not to be fixed until the exact needs of the army and navy and the entente allies are ascertained.

"5. Purchase of supplies and equipment of all kinds for the army under a provision of law which allows

## COURT READY TO WIND UP

#### Bunch of Prisoners Convicted Left For Eddyville Yesterday.

Little of note is happening in Circuit Court this week, only the winding up of the docket preparatory to adjournment.

Yesterday Feland Clark and Otis Rhea left for Eddyville in charge of the five prisoners who had been sentenced to the penitentiary. Among the prisoners were Dock Bond, who had been sentenced to five years for cutting constable T. S. Winfree. The other prisoners were Tom Poole, who was sentenced to one year; Nathaniel Coleman got three years; Pink Sazells, one year, and Miles McKnight, one year.

Low Johnson left for Lexington with Eugene Campbell, who was sentenced to the State reformatory at that place.

## INCREASED SHIPMENT

#### The Egg Circle Ship Three Hundred and Ninety Dozen This Week.

On Tuesday afternoon the Christian County Egg Circle made its third shipment of eggs. The ladies of the Circle are much pleased with the progress made, as the shipment shows an increase of from 210 dozen last week to 390 dozen, or 13 full crates, this week.

Mrs. G. H. Stowe, the president of the circle, requests that on the next shipping day the members bring their eggs on time. The hours for receiving the eggs will be from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock, and all members are asked to provide themselves with egg crates so as to save both time and trouble and lessen the danger of breakage.

### NEW OFFICERS

#### Elks Hold Installation Ceremonies Tuesday Night.

The new officers of the Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 545 B. O. O. F., were installed Tuesday night, by Hon. J. Elliot Baker, of Princeton.

The officers installed were as follows:

Exalted Ruler—J. S. Slaughter.

Esteemed Leading Knight—Ira D. Smith.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—John Breathitt.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—B. O. McReynolds.

Treasurer—T. C. Underwood.

Secretary—Bailey Russell.

Esquire—T. L. Morrow.

Tiler—Ed. J. Duncan.

### OFFICERS WANTED.

The grade of Second Lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps of the army has been thrown open by Secretary Baker to men without any military experience whatever, provided they are physically and mentally adapted to military life. An urgent plea has been sent out to men between 21 and 32 years old over the country to send in applications for commissions with assurances that the army will supply after enrollment the military training necessary to fit them for duty.

"6. Division of the young men of the country into service classes, those needed more in industries than in the army, to receive insignia of their grade, and those performing duty

## JOB BECOMES PERMANENT

#### Postmaster Jos. E. Moseley Now a Fixture In His Office.

#### UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

#### Next Postmaster Must Win In a Competitive Examination.



By reason of the executive order issued by President Wilson on Saturday last, all incumbent postmasters of the first, second and third classes were placed under civil service, and will so remain as long as their offices show up with good records.

The order automatically ends the term-system and incumbents hold office until vacancies are created by removal, death or resignation. Joseph E. Moseley, the present Hopkinsville postmaster, was appointed on the recommendation of Congressman A. G. Stanley near the close of his term in March 1915. The salary of the office is \$2600.

Postmaster Moseley is in receipt of an official copy of the executive order signed by President Wilson, which reads as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER.

"Hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the position of postmaster of any office of the first or second or third class as the result of death, resignation, removal, or, on the recommendation of the first assistant postmaster general, approved by the postmaster general, to the effect that the efficiency or needs of the service require that a change shall be made, the postmaster general shall certify the fact to the civil-service commission, which shall forthwith hold an open competitive examination to test the fitness of applicants to fill such vacancy, and when such examination has been held and the papers in connection therewith have been rated, the said commission shall certify the result thereof to the postmaster general, who shall submit to the President the name of the highest qualified eligible for appointment to fill such vacancy, unless it is established that the character or residence of such applicant disqualifies him for appointment. No person who has passed his sixty-sixth birthday shall be given the examination herein provided for."

#### BURLESON'S STATEMENT.

Postmaster General Burleson made this statement about the order:

"Incumbent postmasters rendering good service and who continue to administer the affairs of their offices with ability, will not be disturbed in such offices by any recommendation made by the head of the department. It is due them, however, at this time to make it clear that hereafter supervisory officials of the department will be more exacting in the enforcement of those postal rules and regulations which make for increased efficiency, and postmasters will not only be expected to devote their time during office hours to a proper administration of their respective offices, but they will be required to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the various postal activities under their charge, and in the future to occupy such part of their time not properly given to administrative work to the performance

## ALMOST BEG FOR PEACE

#### But Still Claim Not To Have Been Conquered.

#### GERMANY BACKS AUSTRIA

#### Lokal Anzeiger Says Enemies Will Be Offered Peace Worthy of All Parties.

London, April 4.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's article concerning the proposal of the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister that a peace conference be held by the belligerents, as reproduced by the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung of Essen, a copy of which has been received here, says:

"The standpoint taken by the Berlin and Vienna governments is shared also, it need hardly be said, by the governing circles of Sophia and Constantinople and will be shortly given emphasis by a visit to Germany of a highly placed personage from the dual monarchy.

"More unbroken and more firmly we stand on all fronts and more conscious do we feel of our power to persist to the end; better are we able with head erect to offer our enemies a peace worthy of all parties for the immense sacrifices they have made in this war.

"Should our enemies now show themselves unwilling to grasp this opportunity for preparing to end the bloodshed and for restoring peace to the people of Europe, they will act on their own responsibility. We are prepared to hold out. On that there is only one opinion in our quadruple alliance."

## PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

#### At Elks Lodge, With Pledge to President and Flag Unfurled.

The Hopkinsville lodge of Elks Monday night met in special session and enthusiastically adopted the following resolution, which was promptly wired to President Wilson:

"Distinctively an American order and standing for all things American, the Hopkinsville Elks lodge tenders to you our heartiest support, one country, one flag and one president. We pledge our faith in you, knowing the stars and stripes shall protect the honor, lives and property of Americans on land and sea. We believe a state of war with Germany actually exists and that congress should so declare."

Enthusiastic and patriotic speeches were made by Exalted Ruler Vego E. Barnes, Robt. A. Cook, Nat F. Dortch, Col. Jouett Henry, W. A. Hancock, S. J. Smith, C. R. Clark, Ira D. Smith, Chas. M. Meacham, Nick Stadelman, Joe S. Slaughter and others.

A committee was appointed to purchase and unfurl a national flag from the Elks Home building. The committee consists of W. M. Hancock, Nat F. Dortch and S. J. Smith.

## COL. JOUETT HENRY And Regimental Staff Ordered To Louisville.

Col. Jouett Henry, commanding the Third regiment of Kentucky state guards, and his adjutant, Capt. Ben Winfree, received orders Tuesday night to report in Louisville at once for active duty. They left at midnight. Very little information has been given out. The first regiment has been ordered out for service "somewhere in the state." There was a report that the Third would be called out at once, but this was not

## ORATORICAL CONTESTANT

#### John Hanbery Is Chosen To Represent Hopkinsville High School.

#### FROM 4 CONTESTANTS

#### Preliminary Contest At Methodist Church Monday Night.

Monday night at the new Methodist Church, the tenth preliminary oratorical contest was held. The High School Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and the selections were highly appreciated by the audience, especially a cornet solo rendered by John Henderson. A large crowd was present and showed great interest in the speeches of the young orators. Each speaker covered himself with glory and it can be said without fear of contradiction that this contest was the best held here in recent years. The speakers were introduced in impressive fashion by Mr. James Higgins, a member of the senior class. After the last speaker had delivered his oration, the grades of the judges were collected and the averages were made out. The honor of representing the High School at Paducah in the Western Kentucky Oratorical Contest fell on Mr. Hanbery, whose subject was, "The Call Of America." Mr. Hanbery is a member of this year's senior class and his class mates are proud of him. He delivered his speech in a forceful and impressive fashion. He has a very pleasing voice and his speech is such that it will hold the attention of any audience.

The contest will be held on the fourth of May and already preparations are being made for a large delegation to accompany Mr. Hanbery to that city. The High School feels that Hopkinsville has a speaker who can hold his own with anybody that the other schools of this section of the state can send against him. This year the contest will have a new feature, in that there will be two contests, one for boys and one for girls. The young lady selected to represent the school this year is Miss Flora Rawls and since this is the first year that there has been a chance for one school to win two medals at one time the Hopkinsville High school will do its utmost to have that unique honor. Miss Rawls was the only contestant among the girls and so she did not deliver her address at the church, but sometime in the near future she will give her oration in the High School chapel so that the people of the town can have the opportunity of hearing the speech that we hope will be better than that delivered by any other girl in Western Kentucky this year.

Following were the subjects and speakers:  
Oration, "The New South"..... Henry Abernathy  
Oration, "Dreams"..... Wallace Henderson  
Oration, "The Call Of America"..... John Hanbery  
Oration, "True Patriotism"..... Ben King Harman  
The judges were Rev. G. C. Abbott, Rev. F. F. Walters and Lieut. A. H. Clark.

### HOPKINSVILLE BOY

#### Dies While Holding A Position In Washington.

Bassett Elgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Elgin, of Madisonville, died in Washington, D. C., Monday night after a short illness, of spinal meningitis. He was about twenty-six years of age and for some time had held a responsible position in the Treasury department at Washington. His sister, Miss Inez Elgin, was with him during his illness. Mr. Elgin was born in Hopkinsville, and had lived here until a few years ago. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church and a young man