

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The groundhog did not see his shadow in this locality.

The upper Ohio river has fallen three feet since Saturday, relieving to some extent the flood scare below.

The government's plans provide for turning out a new submarine chaser every day.

Dr. E. L. Powell calls on a socialist preacher in Louisville, Dr. Still, to tell whether he is for or against the Kaiser.

A Louisville man has sued to have his gas bill reduced. Next thing somebody will be worrying the meat men.

The supreme war council of the allies at Versailles has turned down Von Hertling's so-called peace offer. There is nothing doing until the Kaiser is whipped.

Count von Roon, a German nobleman, has lost his fifth son in the war. A dispatch from Breslau to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says Emperor William sent a telegram to the count expressing his deep regret.

Fourteen enemy airplanes and a captive balloon were brought down Saturday on the Italian front. Heavy artillery fighting is in progress along the lower Piave river.

Forty-five persons were killed and 207 injured in the German air raid on Paris Wednesday night, according to the latest revised figures. Of these 31 persons were killed and 131 injured in Paris while 14 were killed and 76 injured in the suburbs.

Production will begin not later than August in the government's big \$50,000,000 smokeless powder plants to be constructed at Charleston, W. Va., and Nashville, Tenn., the war department predicts, formally announcing for the first time that the plants had been contracted for. Each of the plants will employ from ten to fifteen thousand men.

State Examiner N. B. Sewell, in a report said members of the legislature were wasting \$1,525 a day by not attending to their duties many days for which they drew pay. The criticism created such a furore that Gov. Stanley wrote a letter disclaiming responsibility for the report. All the same, Sewell was telling the truth.

Secretary Tumulty went to Trenton Friday to attend the funeral of his friend, Senator Hughes, of New Jersey. The possibility of Mr. Tumulty being selected by Gov. Edgar as a successor to Senator Hughes has been much talked of in the capital, but Mr. Tumulty said that his personal feelings on the death of his old friend made it impossible for him even to discuss it.

Contending that it sounds unpatriotic to have German measles, the soldiers at the cantonment at Fort Dix, who are suffering from the much abused malady, have started a movement to change the name of the disease to "liberty measles." Camp surgeons who have heard the gibes and jokes aimed at their patients are so sympathetic, it was said, they might make an appeal to Washington to have a new brand of measles officially designated.

In future no American woman except those imperatively needed in relief work officially sanctioned by the United States government will be permitted to sail for France. This state department order is expected to do away with free lance relief workers and give the government closer control of Americans headed for the zone. The state department has been swamped by requests for passports for women. The new order includes even wives of army officers. A woman will receive a passport from the Red Cross or such relief agency as she may wish. The state department has already notified the embassy in Paris that she is needed.

BLUE MONDAY ONCE AGAIN YESTERDAY

Business Houses Closed For the Third Time To Save Coal.

FEW PEOPLE IN TOWN

Another Drop In Temperature Made Fires In Demand.

With nearly all places of business closed yesterday the day was in many respects a blue Monday.

But few country people were in town. An effort had been made to have the closing order transferred to Tuesday, on account of county court, but this failed. The picture shows were open and will be closed today, as last week.

It is not improbable that the closing order will be called off entirely before another Monday. It was intimated Saturday that the necessity did not now exist and that the other seven "blue Mondays" would most likely be unnecessary.

NEGRO TROOPS NOT CALLED.

Are Expected to Be in the Next Recruits For Camp Taylor.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4.—The troops of the National Army now consists of 65 per cent. of the original draft of 650,000 men. The hundreds of thousands of volunteers were mostly assigned to the regulars, marines or what were former State Guard regiments.

The remaining as per cent. of the first draft doubtless exists only on paper, as these men are believed to have taken advantage of the preferred service and joined the Aviation Corps, Red Cross hospital units, marine, engineers or their own State regiments.

Few of the negroes have been called into active service, and most of these were left in the 35 per cent. not yet called out. Only a small percentage of the negroes have enlisted, and the calling out of the remainder of the first draft will doubtless bring 4,000 negro soldiers to Camp Zachary Taylor unless the War Department deems it advisable to send them elsewhere.

There is still ample room at the local cantonment for at least 12,000 more men, and it is expected that fully this number will arrive at the camp not later than March.

CRAZED BY DRUG KILLS FIVE

Slayer of Children Victim of Dynamite Used to Eisdodge Him.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 4.—A Mexican drug similar to Italian hemp, together with cheap whisky, was to-day held responsible by Coroner J. M. Deaver for the death of five and the wounding of a sixth person here last night.

Felipe Alvarez, crazed from using the drug, shot and killed the two small sons of Mrs. Trinidad Lucero, wounded the mother and killed Policeman Perea and Deputy City Tax Collector Juan Garcia after barricading himself in his home. Alvarez was killed when dynamite dislodged him from his refuge.

Dr. S. D. Hartman, largest manufacturer of patient medicines, is dead at Columbus, O., aged 83.

W. R. BOWLES DIED SUNDAY

One of the Most Successful Photographers in State of Kentucky.

CAME TO CITY IN 1886

Born in Taylor County In 1861--Funeral Services Yesterday Afternoon.



W. R. BOWLES.

W. R. Bowles, the photographer, died Sunday at noon, at his home on Walnut street, of tuberculosis of the throat. He had been confined to his room for several weeks. Mr. Bowles was 56 years of age and is survived only by his wife.

William R. Bowles was born in Taylor county, near Campbellsburg, Nov. 16, 1861. After being educated in the country schools of his native county, he went to Salem, Ind., where he secured a position in a picture gallery and began a career in a line of endeavor in which he was to become eminently successful. In 1886, having advanced far enough to go into business for himself, he came to Hopkinsville and opened a photograph gallery on Ninth street and remained in the same location until the day of his death, making for himself a reputation all over Western Kentucky. In fact there are few men in Kentucky who have attained more success in the photograph business than did this country boy. He loved his business, studied its needs, improved the methods and invented many devices that have been adopted by the art at large. One of his inventions for enlarging photographs brought him much success.

Soon after Mr. Bowles came to Hopkinsville he was married to Miss Jessie Haydon, a young lady who soon developed real genius as an artist and she had been associated with him in the active management of his rapidly growing business.

He ranked among the oldest business men in the city in point of service.

His untimely death ends the life work of a man in the prime of a vigorous manhood, of herculean frame and robust physique. A year or two ago a malignant throat trouble seized upon him, sapped his strength and eventually destroyed his life.

Mr. Bowles was a member of the Christian church. The funeral services were held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the honors of the Elks Lodge, of which Mr. Bowles was a member.

FLOUR PROFITS ARE FIXED

Dealers Warned Against Excessive Prices For Substitutes For Wheat.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A scale of profits for wholesale and retail dealers in wheat flour was suggested by the Food Administration to-night with the warning that margins charged in excess of those proposed would be considered cause for investigation. The scale follows.

Wholesalers—Gross maximum pro-

FRANKEL'S AUTO TRUCK DEMOLISHED

When Struck By Dixie Flyer At Fourth Street Saturday Afternoon.

COLORED DRIVER ESCAPES

William Norman Saved His Life By a Flying Leap Just In Time.

The auto delivery truck of Frankel's Busy Store was struck by the Dixie Flyer, at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at the fourth street crossing of the L. & N. Railroad. William Norman, son, was driving the car and returning from east of the railroad, sitting in the almost enclosed car. As he drove on the track he saw the fast train, running several hours late, bearing down upon him and only had time to abandon the car and take a flying leap to safety. He escaped injury, but the car was struck almost broadside and buried twenty or more feet from the track onto the vacant lot at the corner. The car was so badly demolished that it will have to be rebuilt almost entirely.

Norman is one of the most prominent colored men in the city and has been with the Frankels for many years. He is a trustee of the colored schools and is a perfectly sober and reliable man. Only his presence of mind saved his life.

There was no watchman at the crossing.

DORSEY IS APPOINTED

Circuit Judge to Succeed Judge Sam Dixon, of the Fifth District.

Judge John L. Dorsey, of Henderson, former law partner of Gov. Stanley, has been named Circuit Judge of the Fifth district, embracing Henderson, Union and Webster counties, to succeed the late Judge S. V. Dixon. Judge Dorsey has filled the position before.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

Willie DeTreville, a former Hopkinsville boy, is now in the army "somewhere in France."

Bernice Gooch, a former Hopkinsville soldier of Company D, a veteran of the night rider campaign, has enlisted as a private in the marine corps at San Francisco.

Dr. O. F. Miller, who is at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Tex., has just been appointed chief sanitary inspector of the aviation camp. Dr. Miller left here only about 30 days ago and his fitness has been speedily recognized. He likes the work very much and has made himself very popular with the young students. Squadrons are leaving the camp every few days for France.

James Johnson, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is among the arrivals at Jacksonville, where he expects to join Quartermaster Corps for assignment at Camp Johnston, near that city.—Jacksonville, (Fla.) Times.

fit not to exceed from 50 to 75 cents a barrel.

Retailers—Gross maximum profits on original mill packages not to exceed 80 cents to \$1.25 a barrel, depending on the character of service performed; on less than original mill packages not to exceed 1 cent a pound.

INCREASE OF \$10,000,000

Christian County Assessment Will Exceed \$23,000,000 For 1918.

REPORTS UNDER NEW LAW

More Than 500 Automobiles Valued At \$160,000 -- Other Statistics.

The returns from the assessment of 1917 as finally tabulated show an increase almost doubling the assessment under the old law, in Christian county.

Here are some of the important findings:

GRAND TOTALS.

Real estate and tangible... \$18,822,641
Intangible (total only)... 4,106,002
Bank shares... 350,217

Exemptions... \$21,294,409

Net Total... \$23,586,890

This is an increase of more than \$10,000,000 over the list for 1917.

Number of titles... 2,736
" " dogs... 3,629
" " horses, not pure... 78
" " pure-bred... 411
" " mule colts... 53
" " jacks and jennets... 481
" " registered cattle... 10,509
" " common cattle... 4,038
" " sheep... 303
" " goats... 24,321
" " hogs... 66,039
" " chickens... 6,359
" " turkeys... 904
" " geese... 526
" " ducks... 2,007
" " other fowls... 412
" " carriages... 198
" " bicycles... 77
" " automobiles val... 513
" " motorcycles... 55
" " motor trucks... 20
" " sleighs... 3
" " buggies, etc... 1,815
" " hearses... 4
" " ambulances, etc... 120

SEVERAL OPERATIONS

At the Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital, Two Yesterday.

Miss Nell Watkins slipped and fell on the ice Saturday and dislocated her shoulder blade. She was taken to the hospital, where she is doing well.

Robb Allensworth, of this city, and Miss Cynthia Clark, of Nortonville, recent operative patients, were able yesterday to return to their homes.

Miss Hula Drake, of the city, had her tonsils removed yesterday.

Miss Alice Kendall, of Pembroke, underwent an operation at the hospital yesterday.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH

John Estes, Well Known Farmer, Passed Away Saturday.

John Estes died early last Saturday morning at his home on the Butler road, about five miles from the city, of pneumonia. He was a native of this county and was 29 years old. The deceased leaves a family. The interment took place at Ebenezer church Sunday. Services were held at the grave.

DEATH FOR THE STRIKERS SAYS KAISER

Repressive Measures and Threats Drive Many Back to Work.

IRON HAND BEARS DOWN

One Humane Act At Last Credited to a German In Lorraine.

Under the strong repressive measures of the military authorities in Germany, the general strike continues to diminish in importance and according to semi-official advices from Berlin the trouble is expected to cease early in the week.

Already, probably spurred by the threats of the military authorities in the drastic action against them, many workmen throughout the empire again have returned to their duties, and even the recalcitrant ones are expected to start to work without further loss of time.

In Brandenburg the official order of the military commander telling the dissatisfied workmen that they must resume their duties was terse and sharp and evidently was intended to convey to the strikers the intimation that the government at the present moment requires the full efforts of workers for the further prosecution of the war.

Employees failing to resume work, said the order, "will be tried by court martial, which is authorized to impose sentence of death, execution to take place within 24 hours of the time the sentence is imposed."

Notwithstanding that the shipyard workers in Hamburg in large numbers returned to their duties, the latest reports are to the effect that the dissatisfaction was so great that they were again called out Saturday. The lack of information from German sources, however, leaves impossible of verification whether these men again threw down their tools.

The social unrest has now spread to Trieste, Austria's principal seaport on the Adriatic sea. Here also a strike among the shipyard and other workers was declared, the main points of insistence by the men, as in Germany, being for peace and better food. On being referred to the premier's recent speech, in which Austria's desire for a cessation of hostilities was emphasized, the strikers resumed work.

A German barrage fire at sundown Sunday night opened the heaviest bombardment of many days along the American sector, in Lorraine the American Artillery replying shell for shell as the firing of the heavy guns spread along several kilometers of front. Two Americans were killed and nine wounded during the bombardment. One suffered shell shock.

It was ascertained that the American gunners wrecked several of the enemy dugouts and so badly damaged the first line positions that at one point the Germans were unable to occupy them Sunday.

The Germans suddenly concentrated their fire at two points, throwing about 250 shells into a town where the headquarters of a regiment were located.

After the bombardment a wounded soldier was discovered in a position where it was necessary to carry him over a trench top to a field dressing station. A medical corps man displayed the red cross and the Germans ceased firing until the man was removed. Early in the day an American was wounded by a sniper.

Judge McKenzie Moore, of Bowling Green, who is a cousin of Jas. A. McKenzie and a native of Christian county, is being mentioned as the probable Republican candidate for senator against Senator Ollie M. James. Better stick to the bench, Judge.