

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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If you think the *Kentuckian* is a good thing, push it along.

Look out for Hopkinsville's first Sunday paper in the morning.

Daily *Kentuckian* and *Courier-Journal* both one year for \$7.

Manager Stockley has some big attractions coming for next week. Note the Annette Kellerman ad. on page three.

Armin Kaiser has enlisted at Evansville and is armin' to go gunning for his namesake.

The invading Huns on the Russian front have reached the town of Jamburg. But the allied drive and Kaiser hunt will not stop short of Hamburg.

The first chapter of the stirring serial "Over The Top" appear in to-day's paper and the succeeding chapters will appear from time to time. Watch out for them.

The Daily *Kentuckian* was preceded by a brilliant aurora borealis that spread over the northern sky about nine o'clock Thursday night. It was of course bright.

Charity may cover up a great many things, but it fails to cover up what the girls leave uncovered when they wear their low neck shirt waists.—Falmouth Outlook.

A Los Angeles minister recently prayed for those of his congregation who were too proud to kneel and too lazy to stand.—Cynthiana Democrat.

Americans are widening out their front on the South side of the St. Mihiel Salient, where its just 20 miles into French territory between Toul and Verdun.

The new republic of Ukraina, so-called, is the most fertile part of Russia and is a good deal larger than the German empire. It has 33,000,000 people. Ukraina means "borderland."

Plans for the German offensive now are complete, according to Gen. Maurice, British military expert. Along the entire front artillery duels are being waged and re-entrenchments are being hurried to the western lines for the supreme effort.

An American patrol of an officer and eight men spent Wednesday in a shell hole near the German lines opposite Toul. Next day at noon they emerged and made a successful dash to their own lines and were not fired on.

The 327th Field Artillery at Camp Zachary Taylor has received orders to prepare to move to the big gun range at West Point, Ky., for cannon practice, which is expected to begin by April 1. Although the Kentucky artillerymen at Camp Zachary Taylor have received no orders to move, as yet, officers expect to be ordered to the range by the middle of April.

Steel manufacturers have asked the Government to fix prices on all products entering into the manufacture of steel, in order that the fixed price for steel may be stabilized. They claim it is inconsistent to set a price for the finished product without at the same time controlling prices of products entering into its manufacture. Raw materials of which steel is made already have come under Government control, but some accessories have not.

ENEMY ALIENS

BUNCH OF FIFTY-FOUR GIVEN NEW QUARTERS AT TRENTON, N. J.

(By International News Service.) New York, March 8.—Fifty-four enemy aliens were transferred this afternoon from Ellis Island to Trenton, N. J. The transfer was necessitated by the occupation of Ellis Island by an army and navy detachment.

FARM LABOR

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 8.—Bill designed to relieve labor shortage on farms was passed by the House today. It provides that upon voluntary application men in the army may be furloughed home for "Civil Pursuits."

COAL SOON TO BE CHEAPER

FUEL ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES NEW SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 8.—Regulations for the retail distribution of coal for the year beginning April 1 were announced to-night by the United States Fuel Administration. Coal is to be thirty cents ton cheaper from April 1 to September 1. The Fuel Administration is adopting a different scale from old one, which provided a sliding figure of 50c, 40c, 30c, 20c and 10c per ton less for April, May, June, July and August. Prices run generally from 8 to 10 cents per ton, according to locality. Certificates and a card system will put in operation. Definite instructions will follow probably within next few days to each State Administrator to make public the prices that consumers must pay.

NO ATROCITIES

SO FAR REPORTED AS PERPETRATED ON AMERICAN PRISONERS.

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 8.—No information of atrocities practiced by Germans against American prisoners has reached the War Department. This department is made fully acquainted with the treatment accorded American prisoners through the Red Cross.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION

THEATRE AT CHICAGO BLOWN UP BY A BOMB BUT NO LIVES LOST.

(By International News Service.) Chicago, March 8.—A bomb explosive in the front of Al Wood's theatre tonight wrecked the front of the building. The building was unoccupied at the time. It is believed that labor troubles are responsible for the attempt.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT

A HOPKINSVILLE BOY FALLS FROM TRAIN AT CENTRAL CITY CAUSING DEATH.

Death came suddenly Wednesday afternoon to Leasil Gee, son of Mrs. J. R. Gee who resides on Cleveland Ave. Young Gee was only 14 years of age but was a boy of much talent and was employed at one of the coal mines in Central City, Ky., as an electrician. It will be recalled by many that the boy's father, J. R. Gee, was drowned here several years ago in Little River at the Second street crossing when he attempted to cross one night just after dark.

MEXICAN CONGRESS

(By International News Service.) Mexico City, Mex., March 8.—President Carranza today issued a call for an extraordinary session of the Mexican Congress to meet April 1st, for the purpose of framing new laws for the election of members of the House of Deputies, Senators, and a President of the Mexican Republic.

REPORT NEXT WEEK

Forty-four negroes in Class I have been notified to report at the court house next Wednesday morning, March 13, for physical examination for selective draft.—Paducah Sun.

A STREET IN PARIS AFTER THE VISIT OF GERMAN GOTHAS



One of the streets in Paris showing the damage caused by a 200-pound torpedo dropped from a raiding Gotha on the night of January 30. Great holes many feet deep were made by the torpedoes, and the buildings in the background were badly injured.

AN AURORA BOREALIS

Northern Skies Brilliantly Illuminated Thursday Night For An Hour.

RARE IN THIS LATITUDE

Often Seen In the Arctic Regions—Was Seen Over Wide Territory.

Hopkinsville like other parts of the country was treated to the spectacle Wednesday night of a gorgeously brilliant aurora borealis. In the east it appeared in the form of an arch and was of a brilliant bluish white color. Some observers claimed to have seen red, white and blue, the national colors.

The phenomena is rarely seen this far south. The last time it was visible here was about five years ago. Last night's display was the most extensive ever seen here, the rays reaching the zenith.

The display is supposed to be of electrical origin. It is seen to the best advantage in the Arctic regions. It is commonly called the northern lights.

It was in the form of an arch, extending from the northwest with the high portion of the arch extending at an angle of thirty degrees directly over the north. The aurora rarely appears as an arch. It was first seen here about 9:00 o'clock and was especially brilliant between 9:20 and 9:40 o'clock.

At the National Capital brilliant lights in the sky over the capital brought a large part of the population into the streets to view what was thought to be a big fire. It was the aurora borealis and officials of the naval observatory said the display was the best they had ever seen in that latitude.

The phenomena was visible in several states of the East and middle West, it was reported.

BEARER OF BAD NEWS

ARMY OFFICER WHO IS TO SEND OUT TELEGRAMS OF SAD TIDINGS.

Thousands of messages bearing the signature of Henry P. McCain, Adjutant General, will go forth over the United States after the Americans get well into the fighting. And receipt of each one will bring sorrow and pain to its recipient. It will be Adj. McCain's task to send notifications to the next of kin of all soldiers killed or lost or injured. No more humane or tender-hearted officer in the service could have been chosen for this task, say officer comrades of McCain.

HUNS PUSH ON TO JAMBURG

NO ATTENTION PAID TO THEIR SO-CALLED RUSSIAN TREATY.

Fighting continues at various points along the eastern front in spite of the treaty of peace signed by the Central Powers and the Bolshevik Government, in fact that Germany considers the convention Lenin and Trotsky were forced to sign as a "scrap of paper" being further evidence by the announcement that the Huns have reached Jamburg, sixty-eight miles from Petrograd. One clause of the Rumanian treaty bound that country to assist in the transport of Teuton troops on their way to Odessa, indicating that the Central Powers will not forego any conquests they may make in Russia. Ottoman troops also are operating on the southern shore of the Black Sea. Announcement made in Berlin of the signing of peace treaty between Germany and Finland. Finland agrees to cede no territory nor grant Power without the previous consent of Germany. Each party renounces compensation for war costs or damages. Negotiations will start forthwith for a trade and shipping treaty. The fortifications of the Aland Islands will be removed as speedily as possible and regulations will be adopted for the permanent nonfortification of the islands.

POETRY AND NEW ISLANDS

SUBJECTS OF TWO EXCELLENT PAPERS AT ATHENAEUM MEETING.

Two splendid papers and lengthy general discussions made up the program of the Athenaeum Thursday night.

L. E. Foster's paper on "Kentucky In Rhyme" was a literary compilation of the highest excellence. The writer drew upon many poets for song and sentiment of Kentucky and his paper sparkled with wit and an occasional poem of his own. Ed L. Weathers, followed with a most interesting and instructive article on "The Virgin Islands," lately purchased from Denmark. This little understood territory of the United States was graphically pictured and the importance of the islands as a naval base dwelt upon. There are three of the islands of importance and many smaller ones, lying 40 miles east of Porto Rico.

It was decided to have the usual May banquet, and committees were named. The officers will get up the program and Messrs. T. J. McReynolds, Pettus White and H. W. Linton will make the arrangements. Officers will be elected at the April meeting.

Those present were A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, John Stites, L. E. Foster, W. O. Soyars, C. E. Woodruff, Ed L. Weathers, Jas. A. McKennie, R. L. Woodard, Ira L. Smith, T. W. Blakey, W. T. Fowler, J. G. Gather, Ira D. Smith, Pettus White, L. H. Davis, G. C. Koffman, T. C. Underwood, Chas. M. Meacham, F. M. Stites, J. W. Downer, T. J. McReynolds.

MILLION WEEK ON FLOOR AGAIN

Tobacco Sales Almost Reach The Record Week of Last Month.

NEARING THE 1917 FIGURE

Season's Average Again Surpassed By the Sales For The Week.

Again the farmers are pouring in and out of Hopkinsville in constant streams. On every road leading into the city longcaravans of teams may be seen coming and going in almost unbelievable numbers. In fact, such a scene on any of our main roads is calculated to remind one of the stories of his childhood when he sat in rapt attention and listened to the stories of the long caravan of camels crossing and recrossing the desert of the Sahara.

Tobacco sales the past week have exceeded a million and a half pounds. This is the second largest week of the season and the sales for the season are a little over a million pounds short of the sales to this date in 1917.

Prices continue strong and the only thing that does not bring a satisfactory price is that which is too wet or in a damaged condition. The inspector's weekly report is shown below:

WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 1918.
 Sales for week.....1,569,375 Lbs.
 Sales for season.....8,373,220 Lbs.
 Sales this date, 1917.....9,502,590 Lbs.
 Average for this week.....\$14.32
 Average for this season.....\$14.60

DEPOT SHED AUTHORIZED

WILL PASS OVER TENTH ST. WITH CONCRETE PLATFORM.

An ordinance passed by the Commissioners this week on its first reading grants the L. & N. Railroad Co. permission to concrete platform across Tenth street in extending its platform and shed to Eleventh street on the West side of Railroad street. The ordinance must be passed again.

GOING TO PARIS, KY.

Rev. Ward Russell, pastor of the Christian churches at Pembroke and Trenton, has resigned to take effect April 1. He will go to a church in Bourbon county.

GERMANY'S BIG PUSH IMMINENT

Huns Are Reported Ready At Last to Launch Their Western Offensive.

AUSTRIA TO TRY ITALY Simultaneously With the German Attack On the Western Front.

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 8.—Germany is ready to launch the great Western offensive, according to Italian official advices received this afternoon from Switzerland. The "Central Empire" the dispatch states has completed military preparations and the beginning of the offensive against the entente is imminent.

"Everything goes to indicate that operations of Germany in France will be simultaneous with an offensive of Austria against Italy." The dispatch adds: "The American Army organization faces the future with confidence. Within the past twenty-four hours no additional lists of American casualties have been made public. This afternoon the committee on public information announced that here after it will not issue casualty lists. Inquiry of Adjutant General McCain, of the Army, disclosed the fact that while he will report casualties no information will be given concerning dates, on what part line the men were killed or wounded or their home addresses."

This information is withheld on recommendation of Gen. Pershing, who reported that the Germans have been able to obtain from casualty lists published in this country information of value concerning the identity of American units opposing them in Loreine and other sectors. Casualties will be given direct to relatives.

HUN DEFEAT.

Washington, March 8.—A severe defeat for the Germans on the Belgium front was reported to the Belgian legation in an official dispatch tonight.

AGREEMENT.

Washington, March 8.—United States and Spain have reached an agreement where by Pershing will get needed supplies from across the Pyrenees. The formal announcement of the compact was made tonight by the War Trade Board.

SOPHOMORES DEFEAT SENIORS

MADISONVILLE Y. M. C. A. ROUTED BY HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.

Two fast games of basketball were played at the Belmont Gym last night between the Senior and Sophomore High School girls and the Hopkinsville H. S. Alumni and the Madisonville Y. M. C. A. boys' team.

As the curtain raiser for the big game between the High School Alumni and the Madisonville Y. M. C. A. Quintets, the Sophomore and the Senior girls staged a very hard fought contest, resulting in a victory for the Sophomores by the score of 7 to 4. Louise Bryant, Ruth Hadden and Louise Moseley starred for the Sophs while Ruth Hulise and Elizabeth Moseley held the stellar roles for the Seniors.

The Madisonville visitors were defeated by a score of 48 to 19 and the game was never in doubt. Prof. G. C. Koffman was referee.

Results Pembroke Game. The Belmont School team of this city defeated the Pembroke High School boys at Pembroke last night in a fast and well played game by the score of 12 to 12. The score was tied several times and it was anybody's game until the final whistle. At the same contest, the Pembroke girls defeated the Earlington girls 10 to 4. Miss Forgy starred for Pembroke, netting their field goal of their total score.