

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

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John J. Douglas and Miss Dixie Loran were married at Lexington two days before the groom left for army service. The bride formerly lived in Madisonville.

Former Senator Isaac Stephenson died at his home in Marinette, Wis., yesterday, aged 89 years. He was up to a year or two ago a member of the Senate and was the oldest and richest member.

Pembroke has started out to enforce its vagrancy law against all able-bodied men. Even "father" must either grab a hoe or toy with the handle of a rock hammer.

The Senate has passed a bill to submit a constitutional amendment authorizing the removal from office of public officers who fail to afford protection to prisoners and allow them to be lynched by mobs.

The case against *The Courier-Journal* for criminally libelling Judge C. H. Bush was set for March 7, but no special Judge has yet been appointed by the Governor to try the case. As Judge Bush cannot sit in his own case, the trial of the case at this term of court, is uncertain.

From the best information obtainable, the movement of troops from Christian county will not begin March 29 and probably not until about April 10th. It is practically settled that the colored registrants who have been passed will be called next. The entire quota of 324 men in the first draft were white men and it is doubtful if any white men will be in the next call, as 40 per cent of the registrants in this county are colored.

## ASSESSMENT CUT \$1,000,000

### CHRISTIAN COUNTY'S LIST WAS HELD TO BE TOO MUCH INCREASED.

Former Assessor W. J. McGee and County Attorney Sam T. Fruit have returned from Frankfort, where they appeared before the Tax Commission and succeeded in having Christian county's assessment lowered from \$24,000,000 to \$23,000,000 in round numbers. This is still an increase of \$10,000,000 over last year's assessment. The reduction of \$1,000,000 will be \$750,000 on farm lands and \$250,000 on city property.

A letter from Chairman M. L. Logan, of the state tax commission, to Judge Champlin regarding the reduction for this county, gives this high praise of Assessor McGee's work. "In the first place we want to take this occasion to express our thanks and gratitude to your county assessor Mr. McGee, for the splendid work which he has done. He deserves the highest commendation not only from the state tax commission but from all the citizens of his county. He has shown himself to be a fearless, conscientious, painstaking official. We also want to express our appreciation to the people who have so well responded to his suggestions. His work has been so well done that Christian county is one of the few counties assessed above the standard which we have fixed for the present year."

## CASUALTY LIST GROWS

(By International News Service.)

Washington, March 15.—A casualty list containing 112 names was received by the War Department today from Gen. Pershing. Several were killed but mostly wounded.

## MAY YET FIGHT

(By International News Service.)

Kansas City, March 15.—Jess Willard and Fred Fulton are practically matched for a title battle July 4. Cashing of the match awaits the willingness of Willard to agree to a \$5,000 side bet.

# UNCLE SAM IS TO STILL HELP RUSSIA

## STAMPEDE TO ABOLISH MANY USELESS JOBS

### Both Parties Flop Together and Action Is By Unanimous Vote.

### BOB COOK ONE OF LOSERS New Board of Five, All Democrats, Will Supersede Old Board.

Frankfort, Ky., March 15.—In a stampede of both parties to make clean records, the Senate by unanimous vote yesterday passed the bill abolishing many of the offices created in recent years by the Legislature, the bill to take effect immediately. This was the result of Edwin P. Morrow's action in lining up Republican Senators against continuing the offices for two years.

The Democrats were not to be caught napping by the camouflage of Morrow. A conference was held by leaders of the dominant party, which resulted in the drawing in of party lines and the strengthening of defenses, and backed by a solid lineup of Democratic Senators, the Rules Committee called up for passage the Richardson measures, known as the Probe Bills, providing for the abolishment or consolidation of over a hundred jobs, and passed them. The Republicans voted "aye" to most of them, but their votes were superfluous.

Under the provisions of the bills they become effective ninety days after the adjournment of the Legislature. The fire of the officials was centered tonight on the members of the House of Representatives and all of the political pressure at their command was brought to bear to get the bills amended to become effective at the expiration of the terms of the appointees, as originally provided for in the report of the Joint Probe Committee. The offices abolished follow: State Prison Board—Three members at \$2,600; secretary. State Board of Control—Four members at \$2,500; secretary. State Rating Insurance Board—Two members at \$3,000; secretary at \$600, actuary at \$3,000, attorney at \$3,000 and six clerks. Two State school inspectors and two clerks. Supervisor of Revenue Agents at \$3,000. State Board of Forestry—Five members, nonsalaried. Geological Survey Board—Four members, nonsalaried. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, \$2,500; clerk and two stenographers. Compiler of Confederate Records, \$1,200.

In addition to these places Senator Richardson said the bills abolishing heads of departments also abolished the subordinates, which would mean the State revenue agents, ten employees of the Geological Survey. The Auditor may appoint one revenue agent for each county and four for the State at large, but this never is done and there are not half that number in service at present. The probability is that if the departmental employees thus are legislated out, many of them will be reinstated under the new order, though Senator Richardson predicted that there will not be half so many.

The savings of the State he estimates at \$200,000. Probably \$50,000 in printing, as much in claims, \$45,000 in appropriations and over \$50,000 in salaries.

These estimates include the Hotel Inspector's office and the Tuberculosis Commission already merged into the State Board of Health.

In place of the Prison Board and Board of Control there is created a Board of Control of penal and charitable institutions, composed of five members, appointed by the Governor at a salary of \$3,000, excepting the chairman, who is to receive \$3,600 and reside here.

A superintendent of rating at \$3,000 is to succeed the State Rating Board. He is appointed by the Auditor, who appoints the Rating Board. The State Inspector and Examiner is to inspect schools without additional compensation.

The Department of Forestry and Geological Survey are consolidated, cutting off a \$15,000 appropriation for the former. One is to be head of the department at a salary of \$5,000, and the other assistant at \$2,500.

## CIGAR FACTORY PROPOSITION

### Discussed Last Night At A Citizens' Business Meeting At H. M. B. A.

### REPORT WAS RECEIVED From The Committee That Went To Paducah To Inspect Plant

A meeting was held at the H. M. B. A. last night to receive the report of the committee who went to Paducah to investigate the cigar factory there and to confer further with Mr. Weis about his proposition to bring a similar factory here.

Mr. Weis made a definite affirmative proposition to come with the factory provided a suitable building is furnished for rent and a guaranty of at least 300 women and girls to work in the factory is given at the start.

Committees were named to ascertain if the conditions can be met and they will go to work at once. These committees are:

Building—M. C. Forbes, J. E. McPherson, R. E. Cooper, Ed L. Weathers, and Sam Frankel.

Applications For Labor—L. H. Davis, C. R. Clark, J. T. Wall, H. A. Keach, Archie Higgins, L. R. Davis and Low Johnson.

Publicity—G. E. Gary, L. K. Wood, J. D. McGowan, M. E. Bacon and H. A. Robinson.

A subscription was started and more than \$10,000 was subscribed by those present towards the erection of a building for lease.

Applications may be made at the H. M. B. A. by those who want work.

600, and the other assistant at \$2,500.

The Confederate Pension Commissioner is to take over the work of the Compiler of Confederate Records without additional compensation.

The revenue agents and the motor vehicles department are taken over by the State Tax Commission without any additional allowance.

It is probable that Prison Inspectors Henry Hines of Bowling Green; Herbert Carr, of Fulton, and F. T. Hatcher, of Pikeville; and J. Forrest Butts, of Carrollton, and J. A. Burton, of Lebanon, Democratic members of the Board of Control, will go on the new Board at salaries of \$3,000, excepting the chairman, who draws \$3,600. This leaves off the two Republicans of the present Board of Control, Dr. Arch Dixon, of Henderson, and Chairman Robert A. Cook, of Hopkinsville.

Eugene Ray, of Louisville, is secretary of the Prison Board, and George B. Caywood, of the Board of Control. N. O. Gray, chairman of the Rating Board, or Brent Green, now supervisor of revenue agents, are tipped for rating superintendent. This would leave out H. H. Colyer, of Richmond, one of the members. The other is Insurance Commissioner C. F. Thomas, who now gets \$600 extra as secretary of the board.

Thomas Byars' term as Commissioner Motor Vehicles will expire about the time the law goes into effect.

Maj. J. G. Rogers, of Louisville, compiler of Confederate Records, and School Inspector Marion F. Pogue, of Princeton, and J. W. Davis, are legislated out.

## CONTROL OF MEAT HOUSES

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—Congress will take up the consideration of the permanent government, ownership or control of the packing industry before the present session ends, according to indications today.

## RAILROADS ALLOWED TO RAISE RATES

### INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION GRANTS RIGHT TO INCREASE 15 PER CENT.

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—Eastern railroads won a substantial victory this afternoon when the Interstate Commerce Commission granted 15 per cent increase in classes and commodities on all roads in that section of the country. The increase is allowed on practically all articles in which the roads asked an increase. It marks the first rate increase of consequence since the Federal Government took over the operation of roads.

## SAM'L GOMPERS WARNS LABOR

### THAT AMERICAN FEDERATION WILL NOT MEET WITH ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has dispatched a cablegram to the French and British labor organizations, telling them that American organized labor will never meet representatives of an enemy labor movement as long as the latter continues to support the fight against Democracy and freedom.

## READY FOR MOBILIZATION

### KENTUCKY COLORED SELECTIVES FROM 42 COUNTIES WILL GO TO CANTONMENT.

Louisville, Ky., March 15.—Kentucky's "black army" will begin moving on Camp Zachary Taylor beginning Friday, Mar. 29. Sixteen hundred and fifty-one negro selectives from forty-two counties of the state will advance to the local cantonment, arriving in successive contingents over a period of five days. The negroes from nearly three-fourths of the state's 2,244 blocks, who have been drafted.

Louisville will send 237 negroes to camp from its seven draft divisions and Jefferson county outside the city will send fifty more. None of the local boards has yet received its orders and the day on which the negroes will be sent has not been learned.

Maj. Henry F. Rhodes, U. S. R., in charge of the draft, in the Adjutant General's office, has sent out notices for the quotas from the following counties:

- Adair, 14; Ballard, 15; Barren, 30; Bath, 22; Bell, 18; Bourbon, 50; Boyle, 40; Caldwell, 25; Clark, 50; Daviess, 26; Fayette, 17; Fleming, 24; Fulton, 50; Garrard, 31; Graves, 35; Harrison, 25; Hart, 21; Henderson, 30; Hickman, 23; Hopkins, 70; Jefferson, 50; Jessamine, 30; Letcher, 46; Lincoln, 23; Logan, 18; McCracken, 70; Madison, 35; Mason, 20; Montgomery, 32; Muhlenberg, 30; Perry, 51; Pike, 37; Scott, 35; Shelby, 20; Simpson, 30; Todd, 45; Trigg, 25; Union, 25; Warren, 26; Washington, 23; Webster, 30; Woodford, 30; Covington, 70; Lexington, 30; Newport, 19; Louisville, No. 1, 6; No. 2, 30; No. 3, 46; No. 4, 27; No. 5, 34; No. 6, 70; No. 7, 18.

Local boards have been notified in filing emergency calls under the draft that men "actively, completely and assiduously" engaged in planting and cultivation be deferred until the last.

It will be observed that Christian county is not one of the 42 counties first called upon.

### FLOODS SUBSIDING.

West Virginia floods reached the crest yesterday and the rivers began to fall.

## FARMERS IN DRAFT

### Will Be Deferred For Present On Order Disbursing Officer Rhodes

### THE PRESIDENT DIRECTS Need Of Nation For Agriculture Workers Pronounced Great

Men in the Class I of the present draft will be passed by the Local Board and deferred until the end of the quota, according to the order published below. This order was received yesterday by Mrs. Gillock, clerk of the Local Draft Board, and is official. This order should be read by each and every citizen in order to assist in enforcing the regulations prescribed in said order.

Only men who are "actively, completely, and assiduously engaged in planting and cultivation of a crop" and who are in Class I will be deferred.

The official order is as follows: Office of Disbursing Officer and Agent of U. S. War Registration and Draft, Frankfort, Bulletin No. 64.

March 15, 1918. To All Local Boards in Kentucky: Deferment of Call For Men Actively Engaged in Farming Pursuits.

The situation arising from the scarcity of farm labor demands that the call to the colors of men actively, completely, and assiduously engaged in the planting and cultivation of a crop and who are in class one, should be deferred until the end of the new quota.

The President therefore directs that in filing an emergency call you shall pass the order number of such men and defer their call for the present.

It must be borne in mind that this step is taken solely in the need of the nation and not for the benefit of any individual. Therefore, while boards should consider it a grave duty to exercise this power to conserve and augment the agricultural productions, they should observe closely the conduct of these deferred and immediately upon becoming convinced that any person so deferred is not giving his entire time and earnest attention to agricultural duties, or that he is trifling with the deferment thus granted him, the board should forthwith call him to the colors.

All citizens should assist in making this effective and in bringing to the attention of the boards cases meriting deferment, as well as cases in which deferment is being abused.

There has been made today a call upon several of our local boards to furnish colored men who were within the deferred percentage of their first quota. This call was only for 1650 men, while we had in the first draft 2250 colored men. As we could only send 1650 men at this time, many local boards were not called upon to furnish any colored men, but will be called upon shortly.

HENRY F. RHODES, Major of Infantry, U. S. R., Disbursing Officer and Agent of U. S.

## MORE WAR CONTRACTS

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—President Wilson this afternoon told Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, he would assist in plans to give the Southwest and Middle West more war contracts.

## MEATLESS DAYS

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—There is no prospect of a further letting down of food conservation bars erected by the Food Administration. Beefless and porkless Tuesdays will remain indefinitely, it was learned tonight.

Mrs. Frank Rives and Mrs. H. C. McGhee are with their husbands at Frankfort in the closing hours of the legislative session.

## THE DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL PASSES HOUSE

### Clocks All Over The Country To Be Set Forward One Hour

### ON 31ST DAY OF MARCH To Remain That Way Until Last Sunday In October

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—Clocks all over the country will be set ahead one hour beginning Sunday March 31, under the so-called daylight saving bill passed today by the House 252 to 40. The bill provides that at 2 p. m. on the last Saturday in March, clocks all over the country which effects any operations of the Federal Government or railroads shall be set ahead one hour. At 2 p. m. on the last Sunday in October they shall be retarded one hour. All business relating in any way to the Federal Government must be conducted on such time.

Members from the agricultural states laughed at the measure and most of the unfavorable votes were from farming districts.

Representative Thomas, of Kentucky, said: "I once heard of Joshua ordering the sun to stand still three days, or hours, as a war measure. That must have been the first freak action urged upon the people as a war measure. I used to think my State Legislature had the 'foolest' ideas in the world, but it never tried to change the sun in its orbit."

## RAILROADS NOT TRUSTED

### TO DELIVER CARS ON TIME—PURCHASERS DRIVING MACHINES OVERLAND.

As an evidence of the desire of the public to avoid the uncertainties of freight and freight deliveries by railroads, dealers and individuals are going to the factories in the north by rail and driving automobiles overland. This method is being adopted as the quickest and surest way of getting cars for anxious customers.

Yesterday morning a party with ten Buicks arrived in town on their way from Flint, Michigan, to points in the West Tennessee. Again at noon a party of ten from Century, Texas, and one from Arkansas, came into Hopkinsville driving Dodge cars. All these stopped at the garage of Duffer-Cox Motor Co., to make minor repairs and get a new supply of gasoline. This party had driven from Detroit and the cars showed evidence of having passed through rain and mud and dust.

There may have been other cars pass through unheated by the Kentuckian. Two or three new Fords were seen to pass but it is not known where they came from nor where bound.

## BOARD TRIAL OVER.

The trial of Maj. Milton Board before a general court-martial at Camp Zachary Taylor, on charges in connection with the death of Private Otha Murray, ended yesterday after the testimony of Maj. Board had been heard. The verdict may not be rendered for several weeks. Miss Pansy Jenkins, the Red Cross nurse, formerly of this city, was one of the witnesses for Maj. Board.

## BAN ON GERMAN.

The House of Representatives of the Kentucky General Assembly passed a measure prohibiting the teaching of the German language in the schools supported or maintained by the State. The vote was preceded by a spirited debate.

## DANCE LAST NIGHT.

Prentice Thomas and George McReynold gave a dance at the Elks Club last night, for the benefit of the Red Cross. It was well attended.

## JAPAN MAY STILL GIVE AID

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—The United States will not abandon its efforts to help Russia, despite the vote of the Russian Soviets Congress ratifying peace with Germany. Japan may be agency through which United States aids Russia. But if Japan's armies advance into Siberia it will be a distinct understanding that her action is to aid Russia and the allied cause in general. It is hinted that Japan will present to the United States a view of the Siberian problem calculated to amply justify President Wilson's approving the movement.

## LAFOLLETTE COMMITTEE

### MEETS TODAY AND CHAIRMAN POMERENE SAYS WILL REACH CONCLUSION.

(By International News Service.) Washington, March 15.—The committee investigating alleged disloyal utterances of Senator LaFollette, will meet tomorrow. Senator Pomerene, Chairman, said he expected a conclusion to be reached.

## WOMEN TO VOTE

(By International News Service.) Austin, Tex., March 15.—The giving women the right to vote in primaries passed the Texas House 84 to 24. It goes now in the Senate.

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

### BOARD OF TAX SUPERVISORS NOW HAS EIGHT MEMBERS.

Under a new law just passed by the General Assembly, the county equalization boards are increased 5, one member from each magisterial district. This gives 8 members in this county and Judge Champlin has completed his recently appointed board which now stands as follows:

- District No. 1—A. F. Witty.
- District No. 2—R. H. Holland.
- District No. 3—Walter Harned.
- District No. 4—J. T. Garnett.
- District No. 5—M. G. Rogers.
- District No. 6—J. H. Underwood.
- District No. 7—B. F. Fuller.
- District No. 8—W. T. Davis.

## FINGER CRUSHED.

George Everts, aged ten years, got one of his fingers caught by a door Thursday night at his home here and the bones were broken. The finger was nearly crushed off and the injury is a very serious one.

## NO ONE HURT.

Goebel Gray's automobile turned over near Salubria Springs but the three occupants escaped with slight bruises.

## TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

Lieuts. Marmaduke Earle, of Lewisburg, Pa., and Nile Gelwick, of Findlay, O., aviators, were killed at Killington field, Houston, Tex., Thursday.

## FOR TREASON.

The appeal of Holo Pasha has been overruled and he is to be executed in Paris.

Mrs. D. B. Hancock is visiting friends in Baltimore. Mrs. Irving Roseborough and little daughter, Louisa, are visiting in Clarksville.

Mrs. Max Mooney and daughter, Miss Jessamine, of Louisville, stopped here enroute home from New Orleans to spend a day with Mrs. M. L. Eib.