

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Call 449 if you fail to get the Kentuckian promptly. And if you have a news item, phone it to the same number.

Secretary Baker returned yesterday from his visit to the various war fronts.

Premier Clemenceau, of Paris, has inspected the battle fronts and returned to Paris with a favorable report.

Christian County's quota of the 3336 call is 42 men. Her quota of the 1396 call will probably be less than half as many.

Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, has resigned, which is regarded as a victory for the military faction. Czernin has been almost outspoken in his desire for peace.

The Germans have now been fighting for more than three weeks and while some ground has been yielded, the lines of the Allies are nowhere broken.

American forces near Toul are standing firm before heavy attacks by Germans and have held their lines intact in spite of all the weight of men and cannon the enemy have brought against them. The Germans have lost heavily.

Col. R. C. Bolling is reported as captured or missing in the casualty list. He was identified by war department officials as R. C. Bolling of New York, assistant general counsel of the United States Steel corporation, who was commissioned in the signal corps soon after war was declared.

Federal agents in Chicago on Monday the 15th located two large wireless stations, powerful enough to communicate with Germany, it is said. The agents lost no time in dismantling these stations. The keeper of one of these was arrested but his name was not revealed. May the Federal agents keep on all their work is complete.

If the present conditions continue to exist it will not be long until the Dollar Weekly shall have passed out of existence. There is hardly a week that more or less of them do not increase their prices or go out of business. A man who is able to take a paper at all is no longer satisfied with a weekly when things are happening every hour and the government delivers mail at his door every morning.

A week after the Germans launched their gigantic assault against the British lines between Lens and Ypres the momentum of their attack has been broken and the waves of the teutonic forces are receding before the rock of the British defense. While the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the allied lines to a considerable depth, they seem to have failed in their attempt to break or take important railroad junctions. The British have been reinforced and are now in a position for successful counter attacks.

The Kentuckian will in the future send out no more copies than are necessary to supply its paid patrons. Its local circulation is constantly increasing and such exchanges as are not necessary by reason of their news value and all complimentary, deadheads and delinquents will be dropped to put the circulation on a strictly business basis. The advertising rates of the Kentuckian are lower than the rates charged by even many small weeklies. It is still giving its advertisers the benefit of a rate far below the value of the space sold, as values are fixed by other papers of less circulation. Advertisers are only benefited by circulation within their trade zone and while the raw material costs \$1.25 in every \$3 paper, to say nothing of the cost of production, it is unbusinesslike to sacrifice the cash system to maintain a padded circulation all over the country. Fortunately the Daily Kentuckian has annual contracts for a part of all the business it can do with the daily of its regular size—28 columns—and its business not covered by contracts is making it necessary to double the number of pages three of four times a week. Of course this increased patronage is gratifying, but it has been actually embarrassing with an insufficient working force. Now for the first time we are in position to handle the larger volume of business knocking at our doors, and for awhile at least will not increase advertising rates.

FINAL STRUGGLE FOR STAKE

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

Wilbur F. Randle Passes Away Very Quietly And Peacefully

ONE OF OLDEST CITIZENS Native Of Illinois But Choose Kentucky Many Years Ago

In the passing away yesterday of Wilbur F. Randle, at his apartment in St. Charles Court, Hopkinsville has again had one of her oldest and most respected and beloved citizens removed from her midst. While it was known for many hours previous, the end did not come until 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in a much weakened and failing condition for many months and friends were not surprised to learn that the end had come.

Had Mr. Randle lived until the 22 of next June he would have rounded out his full 80 years. He was born in Jefferson county, Ill., and was seventh in line of a large family of eleven children born to Peyton Randle and Mary Grant Randle. The Randle family moved in 1844 from Illinois to Arkansas where the parents died.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Wilbur Randle, then a young man of 25 years, cast his lot with the Southern Confederacy and went with that army through the entire struggle except for one year while he was disabled from following the flag. When the war was over he settled again on the family farm in Arkansas and remained there until 1869 when he removed to Kentucky and located at Paducah. After one year in that city he settled in Hopkinsville and for 48 years this city has been his home.

Early in life Mr. Randle became a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was one of the most active and influential, as well as most beloved, members of that organization. For many years he was weather observer for this city and only gave up this work recently because of his weakened physical condition, caused by his advanced age and an injury sustained several years ago when he fell on ice and broke his hip. Since that time he had gone on crutches.

Mr. Randle was married many years ago to Miss Mattie Park but no children were ever born to this union. Mrs. Randle still survives. As a reward for her many and long years of connection with, and faithful service for, the Western Union Telegraph Co. as operator here, Mrs. Randle was retired by that company some years ago on a pension for life.

While Mr. Randle was a devoted member of the church, a Civil War veteran, and weather observer, it is not for any nor all of these that he was best and popularly known throughout this entire section of country. But he was best known as a champion old time fiddler. Many were the old fiddlers contests in which he played all over West Kentucky and Tennessee. It is said that he was the most perfect fiddler of the old-time school and carried away more prizes than any other man, though practically all his playing was for charitable purposes.

HUNS LOOSE 30 SQUADRONS OF AIRPLANES

IN GREAT FIRE AT FRIEDERICHSHAVEN, THAT WIPED OUT AIRSHIP PLANT.

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 16.—Thirty squadrons of "Gothas" assembled by Germans at Friederichshaven, on Lake Constance, expressly as an air reserve to combat American planes, were destroyed by fire which viewed from the Swiss shore lake has wiped out a whole Zeppelin plant at this point. Details of the great fire have been received in Swiss dispatches reaching Washington to-night.

THIRTY BOYS EXAMINED

YESTERDAY MORNING ON QUESTIONS BASED UPON THE SPIRIT OF THE SOLDIER.

The State Y. M. C. A. some time ago decided to inaugurate a move which would bring about a better and truer conception of the modern soldier and soldier's life in the camps by publishing a small book on "The Spirit of the Soldier" and having this studied by the boys in the high school throughout the state. For several weeks Prof. G. C. Koffman has been instructing a class of about 50 and preparing them for an examination on the subject. This examination was held yesterday afternoon at the High School and 30 boys entered the contest. The papers will be sent to Louisville to Y. M. C. A. Headquarters and graded. The school making the highest average will receive as a prize a silver loving cup.

WHITE WAY FIVE NIGHTS

After the try-out Monday night, reported in yesterday's Kentuckian, the White Way was put into regular service last night. The arc lights will be taken down soon at the inter-sections. The new system was made possible by liberal subscriptions by property owners. The White Way lights will be turned on from 8 to 12 only, and not at all on Thursdays and Sundays.

SEVEN MARRIED WOMEN RUN AWAY WITH SOLDIERS.

Seven cases where married women had deserted their families and run away with soldiers came to light yesterday. During the past month the husbands or other relatives have made application at the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, 1118 South Preston street, to take care of fourteen motherless children. Under the regulations of the institution no children other than bona fide orphans can be accepted, hence the matrons were forced to deny applicants the privilege sought. Four husbands applied in person and one, a traveling salesman for a local concern, came with four children. He said neighbors wrote him his wife was associating with soldiers and that upon his return she was gone.—Courier-Journal.

Christian county's quota of \$287,799 must be double and to avoid fractions let it be made \$600,000. Hopkinsville will raise half of it.

THE BRITISH ARE MAKING THEIR CRUCIAL STAND ON RIDGE AFTER LOSING BAILLEUL

(By International News Service.) LONDON, APR. 16.—TO-NIGHT AFTER A DAY IN WHICH THE BRITISH LOST BAILLEUL, TERRIFIC FIGHTING CONTINUES. THE LOSS OF BAILLEUL IS A SEVERE LOSS TO THE BRITISH, BUT IT MATTERS NOT IF THE WYTSCHAETE RIDGE IS HELD. AGAINST THIS BASTION, WHICH IS AT ONCE THE HINGE AND EX-LE OF THE BRITISH FRONT, THE GERMANS HAVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY BEEN DELIVERING FURIOUS FLANK AND FRONTAL ATTACKS. THERE IS NO CONCEALING THE FACT THAT IF THE RIDGE FALLS THE WHOLE BRITISH YPRES FRONT MUST CAVE IN. SUCH IS THE STAKE IN THIS NEW BATTLE WHICH BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER BAILLEUL FELL AND WHICH IS STILL RAGING TO-NIGHT WITH NO PROSPECT OF A LET UP UNTIL A DECISION IS REACHED.

ARMY MAY BE INCREASED TO FIVE MILLION

SECRETARY BAKER LAST NIGHT BEGAN THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Washington, April 16.—An enormously increased military force is expected in Congress to be chief recommendation of Secretary of War Baker, who arrived in Washington this afternoon, after an inspection of the fighting front. It is believed Secretary Baker will urge an army of three million to five million. A Southern member of Congress said to-day a number of new cantonments will be placed under construction at once and new officers' training schools opened.

A complete report of the situation in France and recommendations for legislation to meet new demands for American aid at the front will be laid before the House military affairs committee by Secretary of War Baker. Preparations for this report and of information which he will lay before the President was begun by Secretary Baker to-night within three hours after his arrival in Washington from Europe. Secretary Baker was closeted with Major General March acting chief of staff.

LIBERTY LOAN FALLS SHORT

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 16.—The Third Liberty Loan subscriptions to-day totaled \$829,606,100. Unless increased the daily rate of subscriptions as indicated by to-night's report, says the Treasury Department in a statement, the minimum amount of three billion dollars will not be obtained by May 4.

KENTUCKIAN KILLED.

Lexington, Ky., April 16.—It is reported at Greensop that Jackson Burke, of that county, has been killed in France. The casualty list shows Ennis Lewis died from wounds. Young Lewis lived near Hopswell, Ky., and was wounded in action over a month ago.

WOMEN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF DEFENSE NEED CONTRIBUTIONS.

Under the Woman's Council of National Defense the Allied Relief Division is ready to begin sewing for the destitute children of Belgium and France. Attractive headquarters have been secured in the Y. M. C. A. office just back of the Liberty Loan office.

Samples of little garments made from patterns sent direct from France will be on display this week in the various show windows of the town, and material and money are solicited for this work. Fridays will be designated as Bundle days and every woman in the town and county is asked to go through scrap bags and boxes and make up bundles of unused materials that they are willing to give to this worthy cause.

WILSON TAKES AIRCRAFT WORK IN OWN HANDS

TARDINESS WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED—HOUSE TAKES VIGOROUS ACTION.

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 16.—President Wilson has taken the aircraft problem into his own hands. The appointment of an aircraft demonstrator for the Secretary of aeronautics is expected in official circles within the next fortnight. The bill calling for an aircraft administration and asking for an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for same was introduced in the House to-day.

HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

TURKS AND BULGARS ARE ALREADY FIGHTING OVER THE SPOILS.

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 16.—Fighting developed today between the Turkish and Bulgarian forces over rival claims to territory. Count Helffiesch, German Vice-Chancellor, has been summoned from the East for a conference at the great headquarters with the Kaiser, Ludendorff and Hertling.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS SPENT

BY FISCAL COURT FOR LIBERTY BONDS—SINKING FUND USED.

In addition to transacting some routine business yesterday the Fiscal court, by unanimous vote and the approval of Judge Champlin took \$5,000 out of the 1916 sinking fund and invested it in Liberty bonds of the Third Liberty Loan. Members of the court stated that this money is set aside and used to retire rent and other bonds as they may come due and as there will be no demand for the money for several years to come, the fiscal court decided to lend it to Uncle Sam and thereby demonstrate the patriotism of the court and show its desire to aid in bringing about a victorious peace.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

Capt. John W. Callison, of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., has returned to duty after a visit to his uncle, Judge W. P. Winfree. He was accompanied by Corporal Forrest Winfree.

Dr. Freston Thomas yesterday left for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., having been commissioned as a Captain in the Medical Reserve Corps. He gives up one of the largest practices in the city to serve his country as a volunteer. His son is also in the service as a youthful volunteer.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Every member of the Missionary Society of the Christian church is urged to attend a call meeting immediately following prayer meeting to-night. Business of importance.

SCHAWB TO SPEED UP THE SHIP BUILDING

PRESIDENT OF STEEL CORPORATION TO DO AWAY WITH MUCH RED TAPE.

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 16.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was this afternoon named by President Wilson as Director General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. He will complete charge of the construction of the American Merchant Fleet. Dissatisfaction on the part of President Wilson with the tardy progress of ship building is believed to be a measure responsible for this. Schwab is to take charge of the fleet. Mr. Hurley would give the Chairmanship of the Shipping Board are unconfirmed. Charles Schwab, Vice-President of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, will remain in organization under Mr. Schwab.

SILENT POLICEMEN.

Hey, hey! Turn to the right. Didn't you see that cop? Sure, body could pass that big, strong looking fellow with him. He's deaf and dumb, but he always means for you to keep to the right. The police department has taken steps to relieve the strain on the traffic policemen during the hot days, and the cold days too, by placing in the center of each of the main crossings on Ninth street between the two depots a large concrete "frustrum of a pyramid" which will be served to keep vehicles at those points from colliding with each other. It's a fine system and nobody should hesitate to obey the "keep-to-the-right" orders held out by these silent spokesmen.

HOPKINSVILLE MUSICAL.

The following person went to Nashville Monday night to hear Amanda Galli-Curci, the celebrated Italian prima donna, sing: Mesdames, C. D. Richards, E. D. Hill, John Slaton, Arthur Wallace, J. T. Thomas, Frank Trice, W. H. Forbes, Ed C. Gray, J. E. Stone, Pettus White and John Wallace; Misses Grace Richards, Elizabeth McPherson, Lillie Claggott, Myra Winfree, Ross Nourse, Julia Hays, Lucy Boyd, Louise Breathitt, Anna V. Trice, Mabel Moore, Annie Forbes, Elizabeth Tandy, Ann Bell, Rosalie Miller, and Sara Bell Wharton, and Col. Arthur M. Henry.

FISCAL COURT.

The Fiscal Court met yesterday in regular session, but only routine business was transacted. The tax levy for the county was not taken up owing to the fact that the auditor, who is now going over the books to ascertain the exact financial status of the county, has to be away for several days and his report is not yet complete and the court could not act intelligently until this report is finished and complete.

WEST SIDE SCHOOL GIVES \$50.

The West Side School, who recently put \$44 into the Liberty Bell, on yesterday raised \$12, more than enough for a \$50 bond. All of the money was contributed through the Liberty Bell, but the pupils wanted to feel that they had contributed enough to buy at least one bond.

STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Gov. Stanley has appointed a State Council of Defense to hold meetings in Louisville, with the following membership: E. W. Hines, of Louisville, chairman; E. E. Hughes, Owsley Brown and Sigmund Lee, of Louisville; R. C. Stell and S. H. Hays, of Lexington; S. R. Collier, of West Liberty; H. M. Cherry, of Bowling Green, and W. D. Cochran, of Hopkinsville.