

LULL BEFORE STORM

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.

Chauncey M. Dewey, in his palmy days the most conspicuous after-dinner speaker in America, was 84 years old yesterday.

The Liberty-Bond Subscriptions passed the half way mark Monday, when the total reached \$1,500,000.

The fact that Germans are finding all sorts of new uses for human hair, is not worrying Lem McKee, Judge Green Champlin and Joe K. Twyman.

The British brought down Germany's most famous aviator Sunday, Baron Richtofen. He was buried inside the British lines with the same honors as a British officer.

The national assembly at its session Monday declared the republic of Guatemala to occupy the same position toward the European belligerents as does the United States.

An Amsterdam report says the German socialist party in Austria has decided that work shall be stopped May 1 throughout the country and that demonstrations in favor of peace shall be held.

Vivian M. Manning, the seventh son of Gov. Manning, of South Carolina to offer his services to the United States, has announced that he shortly would sell his business and enter the army as a private.

The Berlin newspapers report that the National Liberty leaguers have decided unanimously to send a telegram to Emperor William recommending that he accept the crowns of the former Russian governments of Esthonia and Livonia.

Hon. Henry Watterson has submitted to an operation and daily bulletins as to his condition are being issued. The veteran editor is now 78 years of age and is evidently nearing the end of his illustrious career.

All governors have been asked by Secretary McAdoo to declare next Friday afternoon a state legal holiday as President Wilson has proclaimed it a national holiday, to aid the Liberty day celebrations by which it is hoped to boost sales of Liberty bonds well along toward the \$3,000,000,000 minimum.

Unless recent operations have been feints, it is probable that this week will witness two great turning movements by the Germans. One probably will pivot on the village of Robecq, northwest of Bethune, on the southern side of the salient driven into the allied lines back of Armentieres. The other is expected to develop at or near Messin, north of Albert, on the north side of the Somme salient. The allies are ready.

Charles Tandy, a High School boy whose spare hours are spent in the Kentuckian office qualifying himself to be a future Henry Watterson, had his tonsils removed the other day at the Jennie Stuart Hospital and when he came out from under the influence of the ether he proceeded to enlorge journalism as a profession and the Kentuckian in particular, and to "see things." Several doctors, assistants and nurses had all been around him during the operation dressed in white suits and were still in the room when he "came to." Spying them he cried out "I see a battle of doctors, carving each other up! Now Dr. Brown is the only one left alive! Doctor, I confer upon you the honor of Knight of the Nightshirt Brigade."

A London dispatch says: Justice Avory and Justice Shearman refused to call on the Stratford-on-Avon justices who convicted Miss Marie Corelli of sugar hoarding to state a case for the opinion of the high court. When Miss Corelli was fined \$250 with costs, it was proved that between May and November of last year she bought 208 pounds of sugar. When her house was examined, said Miss Corelli's counsel, only 20 pounds of sugar was found, but there was 500 pounds of jam. Miss Corelli grew her own fruit. Counsel wanted a case stated so that he could argue the point whether the justices were right in taking into account sugar acquired for jam-making. The court held that there was no point of law raised.

FARMERS TO THE RESCUE

CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOBACCO TO RED CROSS LARGEST OF SEASON.

The Red Cross Chapter of Christian county is just 864 dollars and a nickel better off for funds than when the tobacco sales Monday were held for this represents the amount of the sales from tobacco gathered up during the past week.

Mrs. W. R. Wheeler and her splendid committee of ladies were on the job every day at all the loose floors and were kept busy recording the donations of the farmers and dealers. They were very liberal and this fact coupled with the large deliveries enabled this committee to surpass the efforts of any of the committees heretofore.

The personnel of the committee working last week is as follows:

Mrs. W. R. Wheeler, chairman; Mrs. W. M. Hancock, Mrs. James West, Mrs. Hunter Moss, Mrs. John Prowse, Mrs. H. R. Whitfield, Mrs. Yeatman, Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Mrs. Vitas Gates, Mrs. Ed Gray, Mrs. Bud Hammonds, Mrs. Herbert McConnell, Mrs. B. E. Stith, Mrs. Frank Mason, Mrs. C. V. Utley, Mrs. R. E. Cooper, Mrs. Arthur Wallace, Mrs. Norman Mellon, Mrs. Vernon Pepper, Mrs. H. A. Keach, Mrs. Renfrew, Miss Mary Moore.

The total amount received to date by the Red Cross from tobacco sales and cash donated by the farmers is about \$4,500. Mrs. Blakemore stated yesterday that the farmer is aroused as never before to a full realization of what the Red Cross means to our soldiers boys, and that this has been brought about by the going of so many of our boys into the trenches and the good reports of the Red Cross they write back home to father and mother and brother and sister.

COAL OUTLOOK ALARMING

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—The country faces a coal shortage of 75,000,000 tons next winter, was announced at the Fuel Administration headquarters to-night. New England has been asked to cut all fire wood possible and similar requests have been made in other parts of the country.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG

Dr. Roy S. Robinson, popular young physician of this city, left Sunday for Camp Humphrey, Acetink, Va., near Washington, D. C., where he is to report for service in the Medical department of the U. S. army. From there he is to be sent to Governor's Island, N. Y., where he will be stationed for the time being. Dr. Robinson came to Madisonville about two years ago from Hopkinsville, where he had been employed for some time as assistant at the Western Kentucky Hospital—Hustler.

Four brothers of Providence, Ky., Carroll, Damon, Orville and Everett Withers are in the service to fight the Hun.

Dr. Austin Bell, another of Hopkinsville's leading physicians, has offered his services to his country and has passed all required examinations and awaits his commission. Dr. Bell is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served with the Third Kentucky in Cuba in 1898. He stands at the very top of his profession in this city.

First Lieut. Joe A. Wall, of Detroit, arrived last night to visit his father, J. T. Wall, enroute to Washington, where he will report May 1, to enter upon his duties as a surgeon in the Medical Reserve Corps.

MAXIMUM BEEF PRICES

FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT PLACED HIGH ENOUGH TO MAKE VEGETARIANS.

Maximum prices to be allowed in May on purchases of beef for America's fighting forces and the Allies have been announced by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. While the Government controls beef prices only to the extent of saying what it will buy, the purchases under Government direction are so enormous that the maximum figures now fixed are expected to go far toward stabilizing prices to the domestic consumer.

The plan is to continue allotting Government and Allied contracts among the packers at prices based upon prevailing livestock markets, provided they are not higher than the stated maximum. On the other hand, if there should be a drop in the market, and no agreement prices had been reached in the meantime, the Federal Trade Commission will be called upon to ascertain costs on which to base new maximum Government prices.

Consolidation of all meat purchases for the American Government and the Allies in a single bureau at Chicago also was announced by the Food Administration. E. L. Roy, of the Administration's Chicago branch, will be commissioned in the Army Quartermaster Corps to take charge of the office. He will be assisted by Gordon Hately, of Chicago, in connection with the purchases for the Allies.

Following is the announcement of the beef prices.

"The Army and Navy and the Marine Corps announce that their meat requirements for May delivery (except upon the Pacific Coast) will be allotted among the packers (unless lower bids are received) at prices based on livestock markets, but in no event higher than the following base prices per hundred pounds:

"Good steers, 500 to 600 pounds, f. o. b. New York, frozen and wrapped, commercial trim for export, \$24.05. "Same, 600 to 700 pounds, \$24.80. "Same, 700 pounds up, \$25.55. "Navy requirements, \$24.05. "Cows, 500 to 600 pounds, \$21.50. "Army beef as special weights, with special trim or for special purposes will have proper differentials.

"In case the markets go lower and prices are not agreed upon, they will be determined by the Government, which will ask the advice of the Federal Trade Commission in cost ascertainment is necessary. The Allies will not buy at higher levels than the Army and Navy.

"The packers will not attempt to increase prices for the domestic trade because of these allotments."

PRESIDENT OPPOSES WAR ON TURKEY

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—President Wilson has set himself sternly against an immediate declaration of war by the United States against Turkey and Bulgaria. Until it is definitely established that Turkish and Bulgarian troops are in the conflict on the West front, or that forces of those nations have committed some overt act against the United States, the policy of the President will be to withhold any recognition by Congress that a State of War with those countries exists.

The President's attitude was made known when his supporters in the Senate and House united to squelch a resolution which would have committed this country to a declaration of war against all allies of the central powers.

THIRD GREAT ONSLAUGHT OF THE HUNS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY AND ARRAS SECTOR MAY RECEIVE IT.

ALLIES PREPARED TO MEET IT.

(By International News Service.) London, April 23.—The lull before the new storm on the West front continues to-day, but the third great German onslaught is expected momentarily. Both the British and French are thoroughly prepared to meet it. Among military men a majority believe the next blow will be struck between Arras and Somme, so as to push the British army between the Amiens and Flanders wedges, westward to a level with the spearheads of those wedges.

BRITONS PULL NEW STUNT

(By International News Service.) London, April 23.—The British Navy, by sinking old ships in the Bruges Canal, it is believed has blockaded the submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend. The British landed some land forces and engaged the enemy while the old Huns were being sunk.

HINDUS KILLED IN COURT ROOM

(By International News Service.) San Francisco, April 23.—Tragedy to-day marked the close of the Hindu revolution case, when Rami Chandra, defendant and one of the foremost Hindu leaders in America, was murdered in a crowded court room and his slayer, Ram Hsi, a fellow country man, was in turn shot and killed by United States Marshal Holoahan. The wildest excitement prevailed in the court room. The shooting it is believed was the result of a factional feud.

AUSTRIANS MOVING WEST

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—Advices from Swiss sources to-day stated that vast bodies of Austro-Hungarian troops are being moved to the West front.

GUN PLANTS PRODUCING

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—A huge industrial system for the production of ordinance in this country is rapidly being perfected and within a few weeks factories will be turning out war material at a rate in excess of that called for in the first production program adopted, according to army officials. Already twenty-one plants are producing cannon.

BALKS ON MORE POWER

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—The bill empowering the government to assume control of all so-called minor metals, plants and mines, met sharp opposition in the House to-day. Democrats and Republicans joined in asserting that it is time the administration curbed its demand for more power. The measure would license the production of such metals as antimony, manganese, chromium, etc. If owners fail to operate mines in accordance with the Government's wishes, the Government is given power to take over the mines.

Hon. Hugh C. McGehee, representative from Christian county, formerly a merchant at Gracey, has located in this city and will be with the Anderson Store as stock manager and salesman. He and his family will occupy a cottage on East Eighteenth street.

BOND ISSUE NEARLY DOUBLE

ALLOTMENT EARLY OVERSUBSCRIBED AND INTEREST UNABATED.

Liberty Loan committees are still busy checking up reports of sales and trying to give credit where credit is due. To date the total of sales accredited to Christian county is \$526,050. This sum is considerably less than the \$563,000 total announced the morning after the big drive in the county but this discrepancy is due to no fault of the Kentuckian but rather to a conflict of claims of credit for certain subscriptions which had been turned in through the banks and others in Hopkinsville and which were due to be credited to certain precincts outside the city.

Notwithstanding the fact that our allotment of \$287,700 has been far oversubscribed, the precinct chairmen and workers are still at work and many subscriptions are continuing to come in. Another drive will be made next Friday which is Liberty Day throughout the nation. When the campaign closes on May 4th there is every reason to believe that our allotment will be doubled.

The chairmen and committees and everyone connected with the campaign are to be congratulated upon their splendid work in prosecuting the sale of the Third Liberty Loan. Especially are the good ladies due much praise for the energy, enthusiasm, and good business judgment displayed in the manner in which their work was executed.

The subscriptions as accredited to the various banks are as follows: Bank of Hopkinsville 510 subscribers, total.....\$79,750 City Bank & Trust Co. 950 subscribers, total.....\$138,350 First National Bank 650 subscribers, total.....\$127,850 Planters Bank & Trust Co. 425 subscribers, total.....\$94,000 Bank of Crofton 300 subscribers, total.....\$33,000 Bank of Pembroke 232 subscribers, total.....\$33,600 Bank of LaFayette 171 subscribers, total.....\$19,500 subscriptions not accredited, \$3,000 Amount not accredited \$200. Total numbers of subscribers 3241. Total amount subscribed \$526,050.

500 HOUSES ARE SEIZED

(By International News Service.) Philadelphia, April 23.—Five hundred houses in west Philadelphia have been taken over by Director General Schwab, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, to house the Hog Island workmen. Families occupying them have thirty days to move.

INDEFINITE POSPONEMENT

(By International News Service.) Minneapolis, April 23.—The Minnesota Public Safety Commission is considering prohibiting the Willard-Fulton fight until after the war.

KILLED AT MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Tenn., April 23.—Roger W. Patterson, of Minneca, Long Island, a cadet aviator, fell one thousand feet with his aeroplane today and was killed.

MISS ALLEN CONVALESCENT.

A Washington dispatch says: Miss Lorena Allen, of Hopkinsville, a Government clerk, is convalescent at Providence Hospital here from an operation for tumor and peritonitis.

L. & N. OFFICE DISCONTINUED

AT GRACEY AND BUSINESS WILL BE HANDLED BY I. C. PEOPLE.

Acting under an order issued by the Director General of railroads that where two or more railroad lines enter a town or city the handling of the business shall be consolidated as much as possible the L. & N. depot at Gracey has been discontinued for the present and all the business is now being handled by the employees of the I. C. railroad. Agent Pete Stevenson, of the L. & N. office there, loses his position as agent at Gracey.

The business of these two roads has been consolidated at both Henderson and Evansville, the I. C. handling it at Henderson and the L. & N. at Evansville. This same policy will probably be followed out at Nortonville, Central City, and many other points where physical connection is possible.

PUNCHED OUT KAISER'S EYES.

(By International News Service.) Uniontown, Pa., April 23.—Because they cut off the ears and punched out the eyes of the Kaiser fifteen pupils of the sixth grade school here were assessed the sum of ten cents each. The only reason for the fine was that the picture of the Hun leader, which the pupils mutilated, was in the geographies belonging to the school. The pupils paid their fines without murmur. It is possible that the fines will be returned to the children, as the school heads have decided to do some cutting on their own account. The objectionable picture will be removed from the textbooks.

WHITE WAY SHOWS DRAW

BIG CROWDS EACH NIGHT AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.

Mr. C. M. Nigro is giving the people of Hopkinsville and Christian county some real entertainment all this week with the White Way Shows at the Fair grounds. Large crowds are in attendance each night and are well pleased, as is evidenced by repeated visits.

Mr. Nigro is owner and manager of the White Way Shows and is using every effort to give his patrons good live entertainment and make them pleased with their visits. He is very appreciative of this patronage and is trying to express his appreciation by giving them a real show.

GAS AND LIGHTED MATCH BRING ZEP RAID VISIONS

(By International News Service.) Portland, Ore., April 23.—A lighted match, thrown into the gutter, damaged three bicycles, an automobile, seriously burned a messenger boy two blocks away, and made the police think for a minute that a Zeppelin was bombarding the city.

All this happened because W. Robuskie drained the gasoline tank of his car into the gutter. The gasoline flowed down the hill, the lighted match set fire to it, and the fire racing back to the source of the gasoline, burst the tires on the automobile, burst the bicycle tires, damaged the four conveyances and burned the messenger boy who tried to rescue his bike.

OATS CROP SHORT.

(By International News Service.) Washington, April 23.—Decrease of about two per cent in the acreage of winter oats from last year was estimated by the department of agriculture.

The editor of the Kentuckian finished his 39th year in the newspaper business Monday.

