

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.

The employment reserve now has 270,000 ship yard workers enrolled.

As a result of an attempted air raid on Paris Tuesday night, the defense brought down five planes and one bombarding machine.

By a joint proclamation of the President and Governor, tomorrow will be a half-holiday to work for Liberty Bonds.

Count Czernin, the deposed Austrian minister, didn't stay at the front long. He is to be sent as ambassador to Berlin, which will probably cure him of his peace ideas.

The Daughters of Isabella, a Roman Catholic organization, with 30,000 members, has purchased a house in Washington. War activities will occupy much of their time.

A couple of Hindus, Ram Chandra and Ram Singh, fell out in a San Francisco and fought their differences out in a court room until both were killed. Both Rams were evidently black sheep.

Under a new order, farmers who have a claim that they are tilling the soil are not to be taken in the draft April 28 and May 6. If, however, the man thus exempted sows the corn row he automatically qualifies himself for the trenches.

Forty-two young men are to be selected for army service Saturday and will leave Sunday morning. Three of the young men summoned have been married since they were registered--Vernon Pepper, Cyrus Williams and Herbert Williams. The last named was married yesterday.

Uruguay and Argentina are expected to declare war against Germany at an early date, according to Berlin advices forwarded from Amsterdam. The German newspaper has been notified to prepare the public for this development.

Senator Sherman, halting from a State that is ashamed of the Mayor of its largest city, made an exhibition of his lack of patriotism Tuesday by indulging in a bitter tirade against Secretary Baker and other officials. There used to be a man named Sherman in the Senate who was a statesman.

The direct charge that Thomas Mooney and his associates were hired with German money to break up the preparedness parade in San Francisco by the use of dynamite, was made in the Senate by Senator Phelan, of California. He declared every investigation had shown that Mooney had a fair and impartial trial regardless of the assault on the courts by Mooney's friends.

Frederick C. Miller, German mayor of Michigan City, Ind., was arrested and locked up as an alien enemy when he went to Washington Tuesday to discuss with federal officials prospects for completing his naturalization. He took out his first papers before the United States went to war. He was arrested under the law which forbids enemy aliens to enter the District of Columbia.

Dennis Jenkins Critically Ill. Mr. L. T. Jenkins left last night for Hattiesburg, Miss., where his son, Sergt. Dennis Jenkins, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Sergt. Heriberto Waller and Mrs. Waller, who had been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Waller returned to Camp Taylor yesterday.

Dr. Sam Lander, who has been here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lander, will return to Ft. Bliss today.

Errett Lipscomb, son of Mrs. Virginia D. Lipscomb, has volunteered for army service and asked for immediate assignment at the front. He is under the draft age.

State wool growers will meet in Lexington May 8.

HUN ATTACKS REPULSED

HOBSON PLAN IN EUROPE

BRITISH TRIED TO BOTTLE UP THE GERMAN SUBS IN THEIR BASE PORTS.

Sir Eric Geddes, speaking in the House of Commons, elaborated on the earlier Admiralty report that British vessels loaded with concrete had been sunk in the channels leading to Zebrugge and Ostend. Though the First Lord of the Admiralty was unable to say whether the exploit had met with complete success, he praised the military of the raiding parties that took part in the undertaking. He said the maneuver to bottle up the U-boats was made by six obsolete cruisers manned by forces of picked volunteers.

No less objective was sought than the blotting out at one sweeping blow of Germany's submarine menace from the bases at Zebrugge and Ostend by the sinking across the exits from the harbors of large old-time cruisers laden with cargoes of concrete to make them more difficult of removal.

While full details of the attack have not yet been received, the information at hand is that two of the cruisers were blown up at the entrance of the Bruges Canal at Zebrugge and another was sunk while passing in the canal. At Ostend two additional warships were run ashore and destroyed by bombs, but it is believed they failed fully to choke the channel.

In addition, considerable damage was done by the guns of the warships to works on shore at both places.

Volunteers were chosen by the British Admiralty in command for the dangerous task, and a far greater number of men than could be used in the enterprise willingly came forward and offered their services for a maneuver which might be successful in ridding the waters of menaces which had remained impregnable under the shore batteries, the guns of warships and the treacherous shall water outside.

One British torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by the German guns and four smaller craft are missing, while a considerable number of casualties are reported on board the attacking vessels.

AN APPEAL

Mr. Business Man, you had a short while ago a great opportunity knocking at your door. It may be knocking still, but, if so, the knocking seems to have lulled you to sleep. The Liberty Bond issue has been subscribed and more. The Red Cross drive has not begun. Now that there is nothing in the way to interfere with a bit of stir and the expenditure of some energy, every public spirited citizen and business man should immediately set himself to the task of securing for Hopkinsville the much needed CIGAR FACTORY which is so near, yet so far. Call a mass meeting and get together. Outline a plan to push on to victory! Do anything honorable and honest to win out. Wake up, Mr. Business Man, and renew your enthusiasm.

PARALYSIS CAUSES DEATH. The wife of W. W. Cato, of the Consolation neighborhood, died Sunday night at the home of her son in Dawson, where she had been for several weeks for treatment. Death was due to paralysis. Mrs. Cato was about 65 years old and was before her marriage a Miss Glover, daughter of the late John Glover.

Ned Meriweather Camp U. D. C. There will be a meeting of Ned Meriweather camp No. 241, U. C. V., members of Hunter Wood & Son, at Hopkinsville, Ky., on Saturday, April 27, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance is desired.

W. P. WINFREE, Commander. HUNTER WOOD, Adjutant.

HONORS TO ENEMY AVIATOR

DURING BURIAL OF RICHTOFEN, AIRPLANES CIRCLE OVER THE FUNERAL PARTY.

A large number of British fighting men and aviation officers, as well as Americans attended the burial Monday of Capt. Baron von Richtofen, who was laid away in the grave yard of a little hamlet near Sailly-le-Sac where he was shot down in an air combat on Sunday. It was an impressive funeral, worthy of the greatest aviator yet produced by the central allies. No finer rite could have been performed had it been the premier allied pilot who lost his life, instead of this intrepid German whom all honored.

The thoughts of those who stood at the grave while the army chaplain read the beautiful church of England service were expressed in an inscription on one of the floral wreaths: "A valiant and worthy foe."

One particularly striking touch was added to the ceremony. As the chaplain took his place by the grave, a squadron of British airplanes came circling from all directions and throughout the service wheeled over the grave yard at a low altitude.

According to official German accounts of Capt. von Richtofen's end he was pursuing at a low altitude an enemy battle plane when apparently motor trouble forced him to land behind the enemy lines. As he made a smooth landing, it was hoped he had only been captured until the British reports were received announcing his death.

As Capt. von Richtofen was pursuing an enemy plane at the time, the accounts point out, he could not well have been hit by his opponent's fire and the belief is expressed that he was the victim of a chance shot from the ground.

GERMAN BORN BROTHERS CLOSE IMMENSE STORE TO BATTLE FOR COUNTRY.

Chicago, April 24.—When the lights were put out the other night in the four-story apartment store of Moeller Brothers, here, the curtain went down on the first act of a stirring drama of patriotism.

The Moeller Brothers, John P. and Earl C., have offered up the million dollar business as a sacrifice on the altar of loyalty to the nation in which their father and grandfather, both German born, made their fortunes. Stock and buildings have been sold and the brothers now are awaiting daily the call to report for service in Uncle Sam's army.

For forty years the Moellers, grandfather, father and sons, have been building up the business, until last year its transactions totalled more than \$1,000,000. Three and a half years ago the father died and the sons took up the business, which at the time of its liquidation had over 150 employees.

PRISONERS REBELLIOUS.

Several hundred German prisoners employed on the handling and discharging of cargoes at a French port recently went on a strike because they were asked to assist in handling supplies from America to be used in war against their country, according to officers of an American ship who arrived today.

"The strike was instigated by some of the German officers who were acting as foremen," one of the Americans said.

"It did not last long, however, as a dozen or so Americans doing police duty assisted by French soldiers, promptly took the matter in hand. The German officers responsible were hustled away and the business-like night sticks, about the size of a baseball bat, carried by the American military police, conveyed a suggestion that it would be better for the Germans to reconquer, which they did."

Miss Emma Halee, of Guthrie, and Jno. C. Alexander, of Dixon Springs, Tenn., will be married next month.

FIRST DRIVE IN NEW ATTACK ON AMIENS SALIENT HURLED BACK, EXCEPT IN ONE VILLAGE, 84 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY THE ALLIES.

BERLIN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF HILL

(By International News Service.)

London, April 24.—The war office tonight issued the following statement: "An enemy attack upon the Anglo-French front south of Somme this morning was repulsed, but the enemy gained possession of Villers Bretonneux. Villers Bretonneux lies nine miles almost due east of Amiens. The statement also says the enemy attacks north of Somme and north of Albert were repulsed. An attack east of Rebecq also was repulsed. Eighty-four Germans were taken prisoners.

Slight Gains At Nightfall.

Paris, April 24.—A night official report says: "After making heavy attacks the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing in the eastern outskirts of Hangard and Santerre about ten miles Northwest of Amiens, and in the wood to the north. Elsewhere the enemy was repulsed."

On the face of the late British and German official reports issued tonight the renewal by the Germans of the drive on the great Franco-British base at Amiens was a great failure. The Teutonic onslaughts were again launched in densely packed waves, with the chief weight thrown against

the junction of the French and British south of Somme, and beaten off virtually everywhere with heavy losses. The only gain the enemy admittedly made is due east of Amiens.

German Claims.

Berlin, April 24.—The German war office issued the following statement tonight: "Northeast of Bailleul we captured Clengelhook Hill, and a number of French were taken prisoners."

Attack Aimed At Arras.

Following the fierce bombardment on Tuesday the third German drive was begun yesterday north of Amiens, the evident purpose being to push back the British line on the sector between the new salients at Amiens and Ypres. The British front was attacked for a distance of 20 miles. The probable goal of the Huns will be the important city of Arras. The first strong infantry attack was near Albert but the assault was repulsed by the British. The French also repelled an attack on their lines further South.

The British are still outnumbered, having sustained heavy losses during the past month of continuous fighting.

AMENDMENT NOT WANTED

WOULD HINDER THE PROSECUTION OF GERMAN SPIES AND SYMPATHIZERS.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 24.—The department of justice is fighting the proposed amendment to the sedition bill on the ground that it would hinder the prosecution of German propagandists. The amendment provides nothing in this act shall be construed as limiting the liberty or impairing the right of any individual to publish or speak what is true with good motives and with justifiable ends.

RYAN GETS IT.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 24.—John D. Ryan, tonight was named for director of aircraft production for the army.

The change in the personnel of men responsible for the production of aircraft is completed with the reorganization of the aviation section of the Signal Corps. A new division of this section, to be known as the division of military aeronautics, is created and will be under the direction of Brig. Gen. Wm. Kenly. He will be responsible for the training of aviators, and will direct their forces.

The selection of Mr. Ryan for the position of director of production came as a surprise in Washington. He was born in Michigan 54 years ago and besides being president of the Anaconda Copper Company is Director of a number of powerful banking institutions in New York.

ONE KENTUCKIAN.

Washington, April 24.—Only one Kentuckian is a graduate of the third series of officers' training schools for the 82d Division at Camp Gordon, Ga. He is John P. Pierceall, of Mayfield. At such time as a suitable vacancy occurs, he is eligible for appointment as a Second Lieutenant of infantry.

NEW GERMAN REVOLVER.

An American officer has brought in a new German revolver. It is a twelve-firer resembling a miniature machine gun, and made its first appearance against the Americans.

CALLS TO COME IN A STEADY SUCCESSION

ALL DRAFTED MEN IN FIRST CLASSES LIABLE TO BE CALLED IN 30 DAYS.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 24.—Record breaking calls for drafted men during May and June has been decided upon it was learned tonight. The army general staff, it is understood at the War Department, has already transmitted to Provost Marshal General Crowder an order to induct into the service next month a number of men which exceeds by far any monthly quota previously called. Other big calls will follow in rapid order as trained troops are being moved over sea at a surprising rate and new troops will be sent to the camps as fast as space is provided by the withdrawal of trained men.

AN INCREASE NOTED.

The Kentuckian stated in its Liberty Bond article yesterday that the First National Bank was accredited with 650 subscribers and a total of \$127,850 as the amount subscribed. This is as it was given to the Kentuckian by the County Chairman and as it was given to him. Yesterday afternoon it was discovered that an error had been made in computing the number of subscribers. The total subscribers up to last night was 850. A few of these came in yesterday with \$2,500 to be added to the total of \$127,850 already reported.

The Liberty Loan campaign is by no means closed and will not be until May 4. By that date Christian county should be able to report double her allotment of \$287,700. Keep the home fires burning by subscribing for a Liberty Bond. Only 8 per cent of our population has subscribed so far.

YOUTHFUL ELOPERS ARE HELD BY POLICEMAN, BUT "BRIDEGROOM" ESCAPES.

(By International News Service.)

Knoxville, Tenn., April 24.—Unable to find a justice of the peace in Faber, Ky., the last one having been drafted, and claiming that there was no person there to tie the knot, a boy of fifteen and a girl of fourteen came here to wed.

A message from the would-be bride's mamma beat the love lorn couple to this city and when they arrived the police kindly took them in tow.

NON-FIGHTERS TO WORK.

Gen. Hale, commandant of the Lincoln Division at Camp Zachary Taylor, in an order organizing the conscientious objectors at the camp into the "159th conscientious objectors' detachment" has decreed that the drafted men opposed to war shall work.

GERMAN LIE NAILED.

(By International News Service.) London, April 24.—The claim made by the Germans that American aviators shot down had crossed the Atlantic on hospital ships as members of the American Ambulance service is denied by the British admiralty.

McCONNELL-BRADLEY.

Judge Champlin officiated yesterday morning at the marriage at the court house of Mr. Thos. B. McConnell and Miss Annie Mae Bradley, both of whom are employed at the Western State Hospital.

HAIL AT LAFAYETTE.

The LaFayette neighborhood was visited by a brief hail storm Tuesday evening, but the hail stones were not large enough to do any especial damage.

Some of the early bird farmers have finished planting corn.

Another April shower is promised for to-day.

A BIG HOLE IN THE MOLE

AVIATORS VIEWED THE RESULT OF THE RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE AND OSTEND.

(By International News Service.)

London, April 24.—A break twenty yards wide was blown into the inner end of the great Zebrugge mole, by British Naval raiders yesterday, the admiralty announced tonight. This important result of the brilliant feat was definitely determined by aerial observers today. At Ostend aerial observers saw a sunken object between the piers blocking the greater part of the fairway, the admiralty's statement said.

The blockading of the moles at Ostend, however, removes the last doubts of the efficacy of the British attack at the base.

CLUB WOMEN TO FILL HOT SPRINGS PULPITS SUNDAY A. M., MAY 5.

(By International News Service.)

Hot Springs, Ark., April 24.—Perhaps for the first time in the history of any city women will fill church pulpits in Hot Springs Sunday morning, May 5. This unique plan, announced to-day, has been made possible by the Ministerial Alliance of Hot Springs, which has asked for women attending the women's biennial convention occurring in Hot Springs, April 29 to May 9.

Assignments have been made as follows:

Central Methodist Episcopal Church—Mrs. William E. Peterson, of Chicago; Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, of Los Angeles.

First Presbyterian Church—Mrs. Edward T. Johnson, of Chicago.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Mrs. Edward McGeehee, of Como, Miss.; Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Christian Church—Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, Wollaston, Mass.

First Baptist Church (evening)—Miss Julia C. Lathrop, Washington, D. C.

Jewish synagogue, Rotary club, and other churches not yet assigned, but will be provided with women speakers. All of the women asked to fill the pulpits are women distinguished through service to their respective states or the country.

A national educational conference also will be held at the biennial, Dr. Mary E. Parker, national chairman of education, G. F. W. C., Western Reserve University, will preside. Speakers will be:

Dr. Philander P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Henry N. McCracken, president of Vassar College and president of the American Junior Red Cross of the National Educational Association and State president.

Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, president of the Colorado State Educational Association.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, "heroine of the moonlight schools," president of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission and pioneer in work for the elimination of illiteracy in the United States. Mrs. Stewart will preside over a special illiteracy conference.

Mrs. Claude D. Sullivan, State chairman of Education for Tennessee, prominent worker in rural schools and a convincing speaker of wide spread experience.

Mr. J. L. McBrien, U. S. rural school specialist in the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

An educational department luncheon of 250 covers will be held Friday May 3. Mrs. O. Shepherd Barnum, of Alhambra, Cal., vice-president of the California State Board of Education, and a founder of the American School Patrons' Association will be guest of honor. State Chairman of Education and educators from every State will attend the educational programme, "Rural Schools" and the "The Elimination of Illiteracy" will be topics stressed.

American soldiers are helping the French families cultivate their war gardens on every available spot.