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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 — The Cumberland, 2:04 Pacing; Breeders' Stakes (2-year-olds); 2:12 Class, Trotting; 2:13 Class, Paced

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In compliance with the ruling of the Pulp and Paper Section of the War Industries Board regarding the conservation of News print paper, all subscriptions must be discontinued at the date of expiration, unless renewal is paid IN ADVANCE.

We ask your patriotic co-operation with us in complying with this war time measure of our government by bringing or sending in your subscription at once.

This order becomes effective on September 15.

We have several subscribers whose subscriptions have now been past due for some time. These have been sent a number of notices and in many cases have failed to reply. All of these will necessarily be discontinued after September 15, and steps will be taken to collect the amount due us. Postage is too high and labor too scarce to continue sending statements. WATCH THE DATE ON YOUR PAPER.

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Notice is hereby given for all persons having claims against the estate of J. T. Murphy, deceased, to file same with the undersigned Master Commissioner, properly proven as required by the Kentucky Statutes section number 3870. All persons failing to comply with this notice to file their claims will be barred from participating in the distribution of the assets of the said estate.

This the 12th day of Sept., 1918.

U. M. SWINFORD, M. C. N. C. C.
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TO THE STUDENT BODY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KY.

The present titanic contest is justly named a World's War, since it involves practically all the civilized nation's of the earth and upon its successful conclusion depends the civilization and liberty of all mankind.

Every man and every woman should vividly realize a personal relation to it, and should be ever conscious of a solemn duty to give time, treasure or life, if need be, to this great cause.

The unique and superb part this nation has already played in this death struggle of Kingdoms and Empires is due to the splendid "teamwork" of heads, hearts and hands—stout hearts and clear heads directing expert and willing hands. It matters not how patriotic we may be, how willing or how anxious to serve, if we are not prepared—carefully, thoroughly and skillfully prepared—for the contest that involves a knowledge of all the forces of nature and researches of science, our zeal is comparatively vain.

Fortifications can be erected and great guns accurately fired only by those possessing a knowledge of delicate mathematical calculations. The universal use of gases and high explosives requires skilled chemists. Our soldiers, aviators, physicians and nurses must possess a knowledge of physics, mechanics and medicine. We need mechanical and electrical engineers—men skilled in the construction and operation of every character of machinery. The call is peremptory for young, alert and plastic intellects, ready, willing and capable, who will first acquire and then apply this invaluable knowledge so necessary to complete a final victory.

It is gratifying to know that institutions, as well as individuals, have enlisted for the war, and that our great Universities and other institutions of higher education have developed the scientific and practical branches of study which are essential to the conduct of this war and to the development of our industry and our commerce when the war is ended.

The President of the United States again voices the opinion of a nation solidly behind him when he expresses his profound gratification "that despite the unusual burdens imposed upon our people by the war, they have maintained their schools and other agencies of education so nearly at their normal efficiency."

Every student whose immediate presence is not demanded at the front should, with untiring application and characteristic American ardor, devote himself to thorough preparation for the great task before him, and that preparation can only be acquired within the wall of our institutions of learning.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. O. STANLEY,
Governor of Kentucky.

The German papers have announced that they have found that some of the guns captured from the Americans have been shotguns, loaded with five shells containing buckshot, and that the guns are a violation of the Geneva treaty. The idea! It makes an American laugh to hear the blood-thirsty, inhuman monster talk about a violation of treaties. They have violated, not only every treaty they have ever made, but all laws, both human and divine; have committed rape, murder, arson, atrocities too inhuman to mention, and then have the nerve to talk about the Americans using shotguns loaded with buckshot, if necessary, to rid the world of the Kaiser and his hordes of beasts and our only regret is that all of the American soldiers are not armed with guns that would kill one thousand of the Huns every time the guns are fired. We are engaged in a warfare with a race of guerillas, not men, and fiends incarnate must be fought with weapons of their kind. It is a pity too, that some of these shotguns loaded with buckshot cannot be used upon some of the Huns in this country now in internment camps and spying about the country. If it takes shotguns and buckshot to end the war, let us send all of the guns of that kind we can get to the Western battlefront as soon as possible. On to Berlin!—[Mt. Sterling Gazette.

NOTICE, TAXPAYERS

In accordance with the new State tax laws, all taxpayers of Nicholas county must come to the Assessor's office in the Court House and give their assessment as of July 1. Anyone who fails to report at the Assessor's office to declare his assessment will be served with a notice and if then he should fail to appear the Assessor has the right to assess the property according to his own estimates. 7-4-tf

ENLIST AND GO TO COLLEGE

"The younger men have from the first been ready to go. They have furnished voluntary enlistments out of all proportion to their numbers. Our military authorities regard them as having the highest combatant qualities. Their youthful enthusiasm, their virile eagerness, their gallant spirit of daring make them the admiration of all who see them in action. They covet not only the distinction of serving in this great war, but also the inspiring memories which hundreds of thousands of them will cherish through the years to come of a great day and a great service for their country and for mankind."

President Wilson.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C., August 28, 1918.

The following statements outline the general plan under which the Students' Army Training Corps will operate under the changed conditions produced by the revision of the Selective Service Law:

1. All young men who were planning to go to school this fall, should carry out their plans to do so. Each should go to the college of his choice, matriculate, and enter as a regular student. He will, of course, also register with his local board on the registration day set by the President. As soon as possible after registration day, probably on or about October first, opportunity will be given for all the regularly enrolled students to be inducted into the Students' Army Training Corps at the schools where they are in attendance. Thus the corps will be organized by voluntary induction under the Selective Service Act, instead of by enlistment as previously contemplated.

The student, by voluntary induction, becomes a soldier in the United States Army, uniformed, subject to military discipline and with the pay of a private. They will simultaneously be placed on full active duty and contracts will be made as soon as possible with the colleges for the housing, subsistence and instruction of the student soldiers.

2. Officers, uniforms, rifles and such other equipment as may be available will be furnished by the War Department, as previously announced.

3. The student soldiers will be given military instruction under officers of the Army and will be kept under observation and tests to determine their qualifications as officer candidates and technical experts such as engineers, chemists and doctors. After a certain period the men will be selected according to their performance, and assigned to military duty in one of the following ways:

(a) He may be transferred to a central officers' training camp.

(b) He may be transferred to a non-commissioned officers' training school.

(c) He may be assigned to the school where he is enrolled for further intensive work in a specified line for a limited specified time.

(d) He may be assigned to the vocational training section of the Corps for technician training of military value.

(e) He may be transferred to a cantonment for duty with troops as a private.

4. Similar sorting and reassignment of the men will be made at periodical intervals as the requirements of the service demand. It cannot be now definitely stated how long a particular student will remain in college. This will depend on the requirements of the mobilization and the age group to which he belongs. In order to keep the unit at adequate strength, men will be admitted from secondary schools or transferred from Depot Brigades as the need may require.

Students will ordinarily not be permitted to remain on duty in the college units after the majority of their fellow citizens of like age have been called to military service at camps. Exception to this rule will be made, as the needs of the service require it, in the case of technical and scientific students, who will be assigned for longer periods for intensive study in specialized fields.

Committee on Education and Special Training.

By ROBERT I. REES,
Colonel, General Staff Corps, Chm.

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COMMENT

With Beckham and Stanley speaking from the same stump, the millenium in Democratic State politics seems to have arrived.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

The political campaigns have opened, but little attention will be paid to politicians until after the Liberty Loan Campaign has closed.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

Make good your War Savings Stamp pledge. You told your Government it could depend on you for a loan each month. Are you keeping your promise?

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

What has become of the old fashion smoker of "long-green" who allowed that these new fangled "sack tobaccos" like Yellow Rose would "kill a fellow if he kept it up"?

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

"Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken, by Christmas," says Pershing. "Hoboken" sounds a trifle optomistic, but "Hell," alais Hunland, looks sure and that long before the yule-log crackles.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

A Georgetown man whose "Lizzie" was struck by a truck Sunday claims that his artificial foot was sprained in the smashup. It is dangerous to drive cars on Sundays these days.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

If you do not receive your Mercury look at the date on your last paper and send us a check. We want you as a subscriber but in complying with the ruling of the Government we are conserving white paper by dropping from our lists those who are in arrears.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

The Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign starts Saturday and it is as much your duty as it is the duty of every other man to see that this county reaches its quota in the campaign. Every force in the county should be co-ordinated for the purpose of making the campaign a success.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

Life gives the following definition of the capitol of Hunland:

BERLIN: A half-way town on the road to Democracy. Travelers staying over night should carry suitable coverings and bring with them their own provisions. Also their own religion, code of honor and common decency.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

Our boys went so fast in reducing the St. Mihiel salient that they surprised a German mess sergeant who was emerging from an officer's dug-out with his arms full of cheese and beer. Seeing he was caught, the Hun stopped, spread his beer and cheese on a nearby table and assumed the attitude of a bartender waiting for the bunch to drop in. We publish this, feeling that perhaps several of our men about town will wish to recall their questionnaires after reading it, and waive claim for deferred classification.

OCTOBER QUOTA FOR NICHOLAS IS 38 WHITE MEN

The largest single call made on Nicholas county for men in the National Army was announced in Monday's daily papers by Henry Rhodes, Chief of the Selective Service Department, Frankfort, when he called on the Local Draft Board to send 38 white men to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., October 7th to 12th.

This men will leave only three men physically fit for general military service in the class of 1918. Several limited service men are left under the registration of June 1917, and June, 1918, but it is probable that these men will be called also before any calls are made on those who registered on September 12th, 1918.

Questionnaires have been sent to approximately 445 men who registered on September 12 and who are between the ages of 19 and 37. Members of the Legal Advisory Board and their assistants are busy this week assisting the men in making out their Questionnaires. As soon as all questionnaires are returned to the Local Board the work of classification will begin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Preparation is being made at Ashland, Boyd county, for the Kentucky State Sunday School Association which will be held in that city October 8 to 11, 1918.

This meeting will be a great event in the History of Kentucky, as every resource must be used to help win the War. The Sunday School is one of these resources. It has to do with maintaining the spiritual morale of the country.

Men and women of national reputation will be here, among whom will be on the program: Rev. S. D. Price, D. D., New York City, Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association; Mrs. Maud Junkin Baldwin, Chicago, Illinois, Superintendent Elementary Division, International Sunday School Association; Mr. W. C. Pearce, Chicago, Illinois, Field Superintendent, International Sunday School Association; Education Superintendent; Rev. E. W. Halpenny, Toronto, Canada, Education Superintendent, International Sunday School Association; Mr. J. R. Marcum, Huntington, W. Va.; Leader of Boys; Rev. E. W. Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio, Writer and Lecturer on Sunday School Topics; Miss Martha V. Graham, Wheeling West Virginia, Elementary Sunday School Worker; Hon. W. C. McCullough, Cleveland, Ohio, American Red Cross Representative.

May State Workers will appear on the program, among them will be: Rev. J. A. Joplin, State Secretary and J. W. Vaughn, State Field Worker, and Miss Nannie Lee Frazier and other prominent Kentuckians.

Don't miss this meeting. God Calls You, your Country Calls You, the children of your community call you to come to Ashland and help plan for a bigger and better drive to save the children of America. Attend this meeting in Ashland, it will give you new vim in this crucial time.

M. ANNIE POAGE,
Chairman of Press.

BOSTON WOMAN IS DOING SOME CLAIMING

DESTINIES OF BELGIUM AND FRANCE

CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL THIRD WEEK TERM

The September term of the Nicholas Circuit Court convened here Monday at 1:00 o'clock with Circuit Judge L. P. Fryer on the bench. After empaneling the grand jury and naming the foreman he adjourned court until the third week of the term and finally discharged the petit jurors.

In making this order Judge Fryer stated that all the lawyers of the Carlisle bar would be busy for the next ten days assisting in filling out Questionnaires and, too, farmers were very busy at this time trying to save their tobacco crops.

The jurors were all happy over the action of the court and left town as soon as they could.

AMERICAN CITIZENS OF DRAFT AGE ALL SIGNED

Complete returns from last Thursday's registration in 31 States and the District of Columbia, showing an enrollment of 7,651,252 men, as against the official estimate of 7,622,350, led Provost Marshal General Crowder to announce that it is very plain that practically every living man of the new registration ages came forward:

"There is no shortage between the number of men that exist, alive, and the number that registered," said General Crowder. "This is where we have scored a national triumph."

General Crowder pointed out that before the registration his office estimated on the basis of figures furnished by Acturial and census experts that the registration would total 12,778,758 and that the returns so far received indicated that the actual registration would be at least 12,670,900.

With the returns from Perry county in, the total registration of men in Kentucky between the ages of 18 and 45 is 272,000, which is 18,000 more than the estimate placed on the State. In a communication to local boards Major Henry Rhodes, Chief of the Selective Service Department, expressed the opinion that the local boards will handle the classification of men in the same manner as that exercised in the registration.

LARGE STOCK MARKET AT MT. STERLING MONDAY

Between 4,000 and 6,000 cattle were on the Mt. Sterling market last court day. There was a scarcity of good feeders, but there were many buyers for that class of stock. The market was strong but prices was not as good as were expected. A few 1000 to 1100 pound steers sold as high as 12 cents per pound, but bulk of sales were around 11 cents per pound. There was a good demand for heifers and they sold readily at 8 to 9 cents, with cows at 6 to 7½ cents, and bulls at $8 to $8.75 per hundred.

The following Nicholas county parties made purchases: Chas. Linville few steers at $8.25; C. S. Whaley, nine steers at 9½ cents; Gay Shrout seven heifers at 8½ cents.

There was a fair run of mules on the market, with the demand heavy but prices were high and few sales were made. Some big 16 hand mules sold at $200 to $235 each, but most of sales were around $165 to $180 each. Many suckling mule colts were on the market and prices ranged from $40 to $75 each, with few sales as most of the owners declined to take the prices offered.

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HALY SECURES GOOD APPOINTMENT

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FROM OUR BOYS HERE AND OVER THERE

American Expeditionary Forces.
August 21, 1918

My Dear Mother and Father: At last I have found time to write you. Just a short letter to wish you all well and happy and assure you that I am the same. Really, Mother, I am getting fat. I weigh considerably more now than I did when I saw you last. And I sincerely trust that you, too, are enjoying perfect health. You must remember that I have not heard a word from you or anyone else since I left Camp Shelby. I know that I surely have lots of mail on the road somewhere between here and America; some day I will get it all at once and then won't I have a big time reading it all.

I sure am having the time of my life these days. No wonder I am getting big and fat; you won't know me when you see me. I am now located in a little French village living the life of a knig. The Chaplain, the Y. M. C. A. man, and myself, came ahead of the Regiment. We have been here four days already and I think it will be three or four more before the Regiment arrives. At present (this P. M.) I am "keeping store" for the Y. M. C. A. The worker in charge is away and he left me here, but as there are not over twenty soldiers in the village I am not kept busy. We received a truck load (Ford) of supplies this A. M., including "beaucoup" (boo-coo) cigarettes, cigars, chewing gum, cakes, matches and stationery. And honestly, I have not touched a bite of it—just a single cake of gum. That does not sound like me, does it.

And I am really "sleeping between the sheets" very night, too. One of my boy friends and myself have rented a room in the village; the room costs us one franc (about 18c.) apiece a day. It has two beds in it, two big closets, a fire place and one window which open out into a garden. No, not a flower garden. And there is also a pig pen which adjoins the house, and it is not ten feet from our window. But that does not worry me; nothing ever disturbs me after I go to sleep, and there is no odor from it at all. In most villages of this size (about as large as Moorefield) they have electric lights, but they do not have them here. Our room has a lamp in it, but "Mama" informed us that she could not get petroleum, so we are using candles. However, we do not have much use for a light, only to undress by, as we sit outside, in front of the house on a bench, they have no verandas, every evening 'till very late, and when we get up in the morning it is generally eight-thirty or nine o'clock. The old lady with whom we are staying is awfully nice to us; there is nothing that's too good for us. She serves our meals in our room any hour in the day we happen to want it; served on linen, too. Now I suppose you are wondering just what we are eating. We have had eggs nearly every meal, fried potatoes, lettuce, beefsteak, bread, butter and jam and wine or beer or both or neither. Of course, we have to buy most of these articles out in the village, as a French family is limited to so much

... for most any time. There was an air raid last night in this vicinity (that is, the Boche passed over the village) but they did not drop any bombs on the village, as it's too small and there are no troops quartered here at present. However, we could hear them overhead and hear the machine guns firing. They were raiding a certain town in this vicinity.

Well, I may as well close for this once as I have told you about all I can about myself. Take good care of yourselves and I assure you that I will do the same. Write to me as often as you can, and don't worry about me if you do not hear from me as often as you think you should, for there are days when I have no time or place to write. Give my love to all. Tell Frank and Papa I will try to get some German souvenirs for them the next time I am on the front.

Lovingly, your son,
Bedford Reed.

Camp Bowie, Texas

Dear Sister: I know you are waiting and looking for a letter from Texas. Two days ago I received a letter from Verna and one from Addie.

I am still at the Base Hospital. The doctor just gave me a good look over. You see they are passing all times in the day and keep a close tab on anything that is not exactly right. Every man that comes in here gets his ear pierced and his arm stuck. Well, it really seems strange to some of us. Of course, they know their business, and we don't mind it.

Thanks to providence it is real cool here this morning. We slept under blankets last night. We had a fine rain here yesterday which lasted from 7 A. M. to 5 P. M. This place certainly needed it. But it came too late to save the cotton, for much of it has already been picked. It will make fine fall grass for Texas cattle.

Got a letter from Mattie Asbury and one from Lura yesterday. Mattie sent me a real nice song composed by Bro. Stewart. She says Hazel will soon go "over there." He is now in the eastern states. She tells me that William Earlywine has finally passed for over sea service and has made his last furlough home. Well, it will never be my pleasure to go over. I certainly wish I could go. But there is no chance.

The Huns are on the run. We mean to keep them going, too. It is great just how much the Allies have gained since July 18th. In places they have crossed the Hindenburg line and the Yanks have even planted Old Glory in a corner of German soil. We are sending men to Italy, France, North Russia and Siberia. The Yanks are going everywhere. Hurrah for the Yanks and Old Glory! Hurrah for the folks at home who are backing the Boys and the Flag! Victory is coming our way.

I am sending you a cartoon for Mack. He will laugh, I know. It is a true picture of the western front game Foch-Bill are playing. It is a losing game for Bill.

... are staying is about 19 and tolerably pretty, and just across the street there are two more, one of them is married but that does not make any difference girls about the same age. We all get together every evening out in front of the house, and talk and jabber, and just have a devil of a big time.

I have not been on the front since last I wrote you and I do not know exactly when I am going again. We continue to move every week or ten days, so we are liable to drop in some see-

... sleep in a hammock made water proof, with a small mattress to go inside of it. For our covers we have two big blankets about as large as my horse blanket and much better woven. The hammocks swing about four or five feet from the floor. When we get in them and wrap up in those blankets we never smell cold. I feel we will have frost here now. We have to be in bed every night at nine o'clock and get up at five only when we go on shore leave and then we have to be in bed at one. You have in your heads that going on shore leave is going on

LIEUTENANT PUTMAN SLAIN BY BOCHES

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 19.—First Lieutenant David E. Putnam, of Newton, Mass., American ace of aces, was killed late Wednesday afternoon while on patrol along the American lines.

Lieutenant Putnam was flying with Lieutenant Wendall A. Robertson, of Fort Smith, Ark., when they were attacked by seven German machines. Four of these made for Putnam's airplane and three attacked Robertson's. The attack was sudden and unexpected and the enemy was able to fire from above.

Lieutenant Putnam was shot twice through the heart. His machine glided to earth at Limey, within the American lines, where he was found by his comrades.

Lieutenant Robertson returned safely.

Lieutenant David E. Putnam, a descendant of General Israel Putnam, was credited with twelve aerial victories. He enlisted as an aviator with the Lafayette Flying Squadron and brought down his first enemy machine Jan. 19, 1918. He was awarded the French War Cross March 23 after having won five victories in the air. He was later decorated with the Military Medal by the French government.

Lieutenant Putnam was transferred to the American aerial corps as first lieutenant early in June. His achievement June 10 of bringing down five German airplanes in one single day has been eclipsed only once during the war, Aviator Rene Fonck, of the French Army, having destroyed six machines in one day.

THIS FELLOW IS SURE SOME EXPERT

AS J. A. CHAPPELL SAW CARLISLE 2 SCORE YEARS AGO

The following "Carriers's Address" was handed The Mercury by Mr. John M. Brown, of this city, who stated that the "carrier" was then the "devil" at The Mercury office and that the address was written for him by Mr James A. Chappell. The "carrier," Mr. Thomas B. Talbott, is well known to Nicholas county people and local references throughout the address will be interesting.

The address was printed in phamplet form in January, 1881, by Will J. Kehoe, job printer.

'Tis twelve o'clock; the iron tongue
Of million bells the knell has rung
Of one more year; the sheeted form
Lies cold and stiff 'mid winter's storm:
And all that's left to memory dear
Is stretched on time's relentless bier.
He, the friend of other days,
Whose kindly watch has been our praise

Now hushed for aye his cheerful song,
No longer cheers our steps along.
Ah! if we with wrong intent—
Too much on selfish passions bent—
Have waked within his bosom fears,
Or filled his kindly eyes with tears,
Then let us penitently kneel
And show at least that we can feel;
And while low bending o'er his dust
Resolve in God to put our trust.

But hark! the pealing anthems swell
And roll o'er plain and hill and dell,
As when o'er fair Judea's plains
Awoke the watchful shepherds' strains,
When Bethlehem's star rose on the view—
That star so pure, so bright, so true,
The harbinger by heaven assigned
Of peace, good will to all mankind.
Aye, hark once more! the joyous sound
Proclaims a new born babe is found
No feeble babe in manger laid
O'er which a mother knelt and prayed,
But a young athlete with vigor crowned
From the womb of time springs with a bound.
His scepter, the bright morning star,
With which he waves us from afar,
To follow in his regal train;

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1888

Grand jury returned only eleven indictments.

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Slight frosts have visited this section.

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"The latest war cloud is rising between Mexico and U. S. The best thing we can do is to take in Canada and Mexico and thus keep down trouble."

Married—Mrs. Owen Kenney and Miss Minnie Bell.

Died—Infant child of Chas. Thompson.

ACTIVE AT 103 YEARS.

Plum Lick item in Mt. Sterling Gazette:

"Uncle" John Helton celebrated his one hundred and third birthday Wednesday, September 11th. He is hale and hearty and never had a minute of sickness or took a dose of medicine in his life. He was born in Tennessee, and owes his long life to being a farmer, breathing fresh air and taking no drugs of any kind. He is cultivating a small crop of tobacco and corn, besides he has his chickens, turkeys, etc. We hope he may live to see another hundred, but if he does we can say this, he is very much stronger now than when he started on the first hundred.

The little three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. William Ahnee, who reside on the Catesby Woodford farm, near Paris, was found dead in bed on last Tuesday night. The child had evidently smothered to death beneath the covers during the night.

Behold a mother her sad vigels keep;
There, too, the husband and the father kneel,
As o'er her clay-cold brow the death damps steal,

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