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THE WAR REGISTRATION DAY, TORNADO HITS MIDDLE WEST. TORNADOES SWEEP COUNTRY. THE DAY AND ITS DUTIES.

Next Tuesday is the Day. From The Death List in Mattoon, Illinois, Toll of Tornadoes In Four Southern Strong Appeal Made by Governor Old Crop Months at Former Top Seven In the Morning Until Nine at Night Are the Hours. Every Male Person Between the Ages of Twenty-One and Thirty-One Must Register. A Jail Term Stares at Those Who Refuse. List of Regis-

Next Tuesday, June fifth, is one of the notable days of this year. On that day every man between the ages of 21 and 31 in the United States, unless he is already in the army or navy, must enroll under the Selective Draft War Bill. No man is excused within the ages named. It matters not if he is sick, he must is probably more than 100. register. If he is on the roads or in jail, he must register. If he is a white man he must register. If he is a negro, he must register. If he is a native born citizen, he must reg-that took a toll of more than 100 ister: Provided he comes within the lives in central Illinois and northage limit-21 to 31.

If he is a foreigner, he must register. If he has been naturalized, he citizen, he must register. If he is at school or college, he must register. be on the road, he must register: Provided he is between the age limit-21 to 31.

The registration is to be carried on at every voting precinct in the County, State and Nation. The Registrars refuge in Peterson park. must be on hand at seven o'clock in the morning with the books ready for the work to begin. They must remain at the polling places until nine o'clock at night when the books are closed, and then it will be too late to get on. The penalty for not getting on the registration book is a year in prison. You cannot register next day. It must be done on Tuesday, June 5th, 1917, between the hours of seven o'clock in yard. the morning and nine at night.

Another very important thing to consider. Every man should be sure to come to the polls early. It will take sometime with every person, and Charleston and only at widely sepaif the people wait as they do sometimes on election days, there will not be time to register them. They who come too late should not blame the registrars if they do not get on the the people have to do. Perhaps the most important they have even been called on to do. It is not calling any man to war. It is only taking a list of those between the ages of 21 and 31 in order to see who are to be called to the colors. The Nation is at war and every man is expected to do his duty. He must serve his country in some way. Let there be no shirkers. It will not pay. Uncle Sam will find out if any man fails to register, and he will be one of the first taken perhaps. You must register.

Here is a list of the men in Johnston County who will register the

Clayton-Chas. G. Gulley. Assist-Cleveland-F. M. Weeks.

Pleasant Grove-Claude Stephen-

Elevation-J. Shep Johnson. Assistant, J. Ruffin Johnson.

Banner-Claude C. Canaday. Assistant, John F. Hall.

W. V. Blackman. Bentonsville-LaFayette Langston.

ant, W. R. Keen.

Harry A. Watson. Pine Level-N. B. Hales. Micro-W. N. Barden.

Beulah—Paul D. Grady. Assistant, tions is given as follows: Howard Watson.

Wilson's Mills-W. C. Wilson.

R. Turley.

ant, W. H. Poole, Jr. ants, J. N. Cobb and W. H. Byrd.

fore the registration day.

June fifth is the day. Don't forget,

but do your duty.

Placed at 47 While Charleston in Same State 37 Are Dead. Five Injured and Two Thousand Left

There are 47 known dead in Mattoon, Illinois, as a result of Saturday's tornado and a score of perhouses demolished and 146 damaged. At Charleston the known dead

number 37, with 25 missing. The total deaths in various towns

Stoically taking up the task of recovering the dead, nursing the injured and housing and feeding the homeless, Mattoon and Charleston, swept Saturday evening by a tornado western Indiana, Sunday night had established systematic methods of

Sunday's sunrise showed that Matmust register. If he has declared his toon had lost 47 known dead, with a intention of becoming an American score of persons missing and 500 injured, some of whom may die, in the devastion of 140 blocks of homes oc-If he is a drummer, and happens to cupied by working men in the northern part of the city. The wind razed 496 houses and partly destroyed 146 more, rendering 2,000 persons homeless. These are sheltered with friends in public buildings, and in a tented

Charleston, lying 10 miles east of Mattoon, with 5,000 population suffered a larger loss in proportion to its size than Mattoon, the known dead totalling 37, with 20 or more missing. Scores were injured in Charleston also and some business buildings were wrecked, including the Maple hotel, two railroad stations, three grain elevators and a lumber by the storm, ten were killed.

The twisting wind chose its victims in spots, and reports from the rural regions indicate that small loss of life occurred outside Mattoon and rated places.

Sweeping through Modesto, south of Mattoon, where much damage was done, the storm rushed northeast, dropping down on the northern books. It is an important thing that part of this city. Leaving unscratchtouching the industrial plants, the whirlwind lifted its tenacles until it

reached Charleston. There the tonado again gripped the earth and tore away substantial buildings, crushing out the lives of two score more human beings amidst fallings houses, the hurling of timbers and the snapping of trees.

The storm fitfully wore itself out in the northwestern corner of Indiana, causing more havoc here and there as it hopped along an erratic course to its disappearing point.

OVER HALF UNMARRIED MEN.

sus at Washington Reports.

By a census bureau estimate Saturday classifying the more than 10,- ported the pleas of the roads that an man shows any disposition to avoid passed their examinations and are widest discretion will be left to the 000,000 men within the military draft increase is justifiable were the Chica- or evade his responsibility he will in needed in the navy. They will be comage limit, the number of single men go traffic committee, the National all probability be the first man who missioned as ensigns on graduation Meadow-J. M. Lawhon. Assistant, is placed at 5,372,400 and the number Industrial Traffic league, the Boston will be sent to the training camps, and will be assigned to duty immediof married at 4,545,900.

Ingrams-Emmett Adams. Assist- basis of a normal increase in popu- mercial interests. Boon Hill-C. W. Eason. Assistant, the assumption that the ratio be- and 174 injured in Dover or Folk- State to call attention to the six then let some one briefly and clearly French fleet in patrol work. same-as at that time.

a card from the Sheriff or Clerk of sidered necessary to preserve an were killed. The aircraft passed over for failure to do his duty. Sheriff at your county seat on or be- said, has appealed to the war depart- ping its share of bombs. ment for exemption of its workers.

Some few classifications are not included in the figures. army service.

States Sunday 160 Lives, Over 500 Injured. Sections of Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama Suffer Deadly Visitation. Southwest Kentucky Greatest Sufferer,

Reports last night and early today from the sections of Kentucky, Tensons are reported missing, says an nessee, Arkansas and Alabama swept Associated Press dispatch. Five hun- by a series of tornadoes Sunday, dred persons were injured, some place the number known to have lost probably fatally. There were 496 their lives in the storm at 160 and June draws nigh. It behooves us to the injured at approximately 550.

> far received indicate, paid the heaviest toll in lives lost. In Fulton County, the southwestern tip of that State, 66 persons were killed and more than tion is to register its consecration to 100 injured. In Alabama the mining selfless service in the cause of uni- of Wednesday came within approxcamps at Sayre, Bradford and Carbon Hill reported 46 fatalities and in Tennessee, Tipton, Dyer and Carroll Counties reported 34 dead.

> was estimated at about \$1,000,000. No of men first declared at Philadelphia pected, reaction occurred from time to accurate estimate of the monetary and made secure at Yorktown. loss in the other States is available, wire communication still being badly crippled and but little effort has been made to appraise the damage thus wrought.

The town of Clinton, where 25 perons were killed and 75 injured, reported the greatest loss of life in Kentucky. Sixteen were killed on the ple an Iron Image and call it God. plantation of Sid L. Dodds, near Hickman, and 13 persons lost their lives in the vicinity of Bondurant.

Of the known dead in Alabama, where the storm struck widely separated towns and areas extending from Huntsville to Tuscaloosa, the majoritq lost their lives in small mining settlements about Birmingham. Bradford, one of the mining camps, reported 26 deaths.

In Mississippi County, Ark., across the Mississippi river from the Tennessee and Kentucky Counties swept

loss of life in Tennessee. Near Dyersburg seven were killed and forty inand Bakerton .- Associated Press, in today's News and Observer.

GENERAL NEWS.

England is experiencing a beeed the business section and barely keeping boom. Many persons are age he must register in person or ernment's regular weekly weather re- no way to make general industrial keeping bees in order to save sugar send his card no matter what his port was less favorable than had exemptions but to take up each inby substituting home-produced honey. Physical condition may be. The ques- been anticipated and had not a little dividual man and group of workmen At present the demand is so great tion of exempting him from service to do with the week's advance in the in a specific industry or a specific agthat there are no more hives available on account of physical unfitness will later deliveries to new high levels. ricultural community and decide that and dealers are at their wits ends to be determined at a later day. It in Talk of a short crop grows more per- case separately. meet requirements, says a London no way affects the obligation imposed sistent in some quarters, and expecdispatch.

Food producers and other shippers ants, L. T. Rose and L. H. Champion. Total of Bachelors Within Draft Age ers and jobbers, fruit jar and bottle failing to do his duty.

The classification by chief occupa- land yet made by German aircraft. istration day. Of the killed 27 were wmen and 23 lic service 144,000; domestic and per- suffered most severely is not disclos- to the requirements of the law.

Bickett for Registration Day. Urges That Two Days Be Set Aside as Consecration Days. He Calls on Ministers and Urges That Made to Men to Do Their Duty.

On Saturday, Governor Bickett is med an appeal to all the people, as

"North Carolinians the fifth day of put our house in order and be ready Southwestern Kentucky, reports so for its coming. All peoples in all climes have their eyes fixed on that day-the day whereon a mighty na-

> forth to register a stern challenge to and the same amount on the next. the blood red prestige of a band of unto themselves and unto their peo- strength of the market compelled at-

herefore urge,

enship and commands of the law.

pen at 7 a. m. on Tuesday, the fifth sulted wholly from speculation, for more use at home than in the army. ay of June and close at 9 p. m.

Dyer County suffered the largest early in the day in order to avoid ests are credited with having bought men from the farms and the factories

men between the prescribed ages are noteworthy upturn in cotton. An ear- in France. required to register in precisely the ly dispatch from Chicago, forecastsame manner as the whites.

excuse a man for failing to register. is the poorest in years, had a decid- be exempted, as such. If he is between 21 and 31 years of edly bullish influence, while the Gov- It was determined that there is upon him to register.

opposing the request of the railroads register he will forthwith be arrested. ment purchases of cotton goods of the local board if it fails to exempt for a general 15 per cent increase in Our people must be given to under- one kind or another .- Dun's Review. him. It is not necessary for him, howfreight rates began Saturday the stand that they have no discretion in presentation of their side of the case this matter. If their names do not ap-

Limits is 5,372,400, Bureau of Cen- interests, natural ice manufacturers "That of the men who register on ent senion class of midshipmen. This ents may be too proud to ask that of New Jersey and Chicago and the the 5th day of June probably not class ordinarily would have been their provider be excused from ser-Colorado grange appeared in opposi- more than one out of 12 will be drawn graduated in June, 1918. The 203 vice. tion to any increase. Those who sup- for service on the first call. But if a members of the senior class have Chahber of Commerce and a commit- In every conceivable aspect it will ately on small warships to be placed The estimate was prepared on a tee representing Sioux City, Ia., com- pay the citizen to cheerfully comply in commission toward the end of with the law.

lation since the 1910 census and on Seventy-six persons were killed "I urge every newspaper in the tween married and single men is the stone, England, early Friday evening matters above mentioned in every is- state the requirements of the law. in the most ambitious raid on Eng- sue of the paper from now until reg-

A FURTHER RISE IN COTTON.

Level, and Later Options on Unequaled Basis.

With wheat practically eliminated Sermons Be Preached and Appeals as a speculative feature, interest in the markets for the great farm staples has centered in cotton, and the leading southern commodity has recently experienced some striking movements. Thus, in little more than a fortnight prices have registered an extreme rise of nearly 250 points on this crop and 300 on the next, with May this week up to 21.50c., July 21.59c., October 21.27c., and both the December and January option 21.38c. In the case of May, the best figures versal justice and abiding peace. The imately 5 points of the top level of day is destined to loom large in his- last November, and July on Friday tory, and will be forever linked with was at a new high record, while the The property damage in Alabama a world wide acceptance of the rights later deliveries were also at an unequaled position. As was to be extime when profits were taken, but "Happily in North Carolina there the net gain for the week, as coms no longer division or debate. With pared with the closing on May 19, a faith that casts out fear we go averaged about 70 points on this crop

It was contended by not a few peo-"But the registration in a single was warranted by legitimate supply 25c., or even 30c., without Federal in- States. "That all ministers of the Gospel terference. No one suggested that of every race and creed call atten- this would actually happen, but preion at every service conducted by dictions of still higher quotations there have been reports of a substan-"That it is important to register tial trade demand and foreign inter-

to the interstate commerce commis- pear on the registration cards when Wilson, Secretary Daniels issued in- or any other persons may ask for his sion. During the day's hearing sever- they are canvassed a warrant will be structions Thursday to Captain Ed- exemption. On this point the rules al trade bodies also submitted evi- sworn out against them at once. I ward W. Eberie, Superintendent of will be most liberal, for the reason dence on the side of the roads. Repre- sincerely trust that not a man in the Naval Academy at Annapelis, that many men who should remain sentatives of Western food produc- North Carolina will be arrested for assigning Thursday, June 28, as the at home will hesitate to ask exempdate for the graduation of the pres- tion for themselves and many depend-June and early in July.

a holiday. That question may be "I urge all traveling men, rural safely left to the judgment of each in the naval establishment when it Agriculture, forestry and animal children. Of the injured 43 were wo- mail carriers, physicians who prac- community and to those in charge of reaches full war strength. husbandry 2,864,000; manufacturing men and 19 children. There were 16 tice in the country, all merchants and the industries of the State. If a The Austrian line gave way again Oneals-P. B. Chahblee. Assistants, and mechanical industries 3,030,000; aircraft in the raid, probably all air-bankers and employers of men, and field needs cultivating, if machinery on Friday between Castagnavizza J. Willard O'Neal and W. E. Narron. no gainful occupations 500,500; trans- planes as no Zeppelins are mentioned all landlords to call the attention of needs to be kept running in order to and the Gulf of Triest, the advancing Wilders-J A. Wall. Assistant, V. portation 967,000; trade 154,000; pub- in the report. Which of the places their customers, employes and tenants meet the exigencies of the times Italian troops carrying another heavwork ought not to be suspended in ily fortified position and capturing an Selma-R. E. Richardson. Assist- sonal service 441,000; professional ed by British official reports but 60 "I urge every man who knows order to make a holiday. But I ear- additional 3,500 men. Their captures service 335,000; clerical occupations bombs were showered upon one of about registration day to deem it his nestly trust that throughout the State in the offensive beginning May 14 Smithfield-T. J. Lassiter. Assist- 374,000; extraction of mineral 364,000. the communities. The bombs, which patriotic duty to see to it that every the day may be made one of conse- now total 22,419. The government, it has been stated, were of large size, cut a swath across man in his precinct is informed of cration and prayer. I do urge that New army medical schools will be Go to the polling place early so will not exempt any particular classes the city and killed many persons who the requirements of the law, and let every man who can spare time will established at Fort Riley, Kas.; Fort that there need be no rush. Let every of industry from conscription but will were in the chief business thorough- each precinct in the State take pleas- turn out on registration day and as- Benj. Harrison, Ind.; Fort Ogleman between the ages of 21 and 31 deal with cases individually. Individ- fare, At one spot in this street 16 ure and pride in seeing to it that no sist in every possible way in secur- thorpe, Ga., and possibly Leon go and register. If you are sick get uals, however, whose work, is con- women, eight men and nine children man in that precinct shall be arrested ing a complete registration in every Springs, Tex., for training the thouprecinct.

the Court and have some friend to economic balance will be exempted. the community in four sections with "I suggest that on Sunday after- "Let the women and the children, when the war armies are mobilized. fill it out for you and send it to the Nearly every line of industry, it is intervals between them, each drop- noon, June 3, or on the night of June logether with the older member of An official statement issued last week 4 there be held in every town and the family go to the place of regis- says that 5,000 men are needed now city in the State a patriotic rally. tration with the boy who is to record and that the services of 10,000 more Canada bars skilled farmers from Let there be music and flags, and a his name as a champion of justice to will be required by th eend of the great outpouring of the people and all men and of peace for all time." year.

MARRIED MEN TO BE EXEMPT.

The First Call for Army Will Pass Them Over. No Specified Industries or Occupations Are Exempt. Two Points Are Settled. In Case of Single Man With Dependent the Dependent May Demand Exemption.

(Greensboro News.)

Washington, May 27 .- Married men vill be exempt from conscription for he raising of the first national army of 500,000 men, according to a reported preliminary plan of the war department. No specified industries or occupations will be exempt.

These are the two principal decisons reached so far by the officials who conferred on the plan. All that remains now is for the President to ratify them.

The exemption of men with dependents and those needed in the inlustries of the country has proved the most difficult problem to work out in way to secure anything like justice n operation. The difficulty of determining whether or not a married man was actually needed to support his family at home was the consideration that finaly determined the officials to exempt all married men. As to men with other dependent relahereditary autocrats who have made ple last week, when the increasing tives, such as an aged mother or father, the decision will be left to the tention, that a further rise in cotton local county or city board, subject to appeal to the higher board in each day of all the men in the State be- and demand conditions, and there federal judicial district. Appeal from tween the ages of 21 and 31 calls for were intimations in some quarters the district board may, in turn, be persistent and systematic work. I that prices might conceivably go to made to the President of the United

The question of industrial exemptions is even more difficult. For example, it is agreed among the officials them between now and the fifth of were not uncommon and the advance that the mere fact that a man is a June to the following duties of citi- has continued with comparatively farmer, munitions maker, or even a little interruption. The recent extreme railroad engineer does not necessari-"That the registration books will rise of 250 to 300 points has not re- ly imply that he would be of much

Liberal Exemption Rules. It may be possible to spare many freely in this market. Yet speculation making war goods, and there will be "That the law applies to white and has also broadened materially and need for a considerable number of jured. Other Tennessee towns report- black alike. Ministers and teachers western operators who were former- locomotive engineers-possibly for ing casualties are Cates, Lake Treze- of the colored race are resquested ly conspicuous in wheat are said to all such engineers in the country unvant, Ore Springs, Sharon, Linden, to emphasize the fact that all colored have played a prominent part in the der 31 years of age-with an army

After consideration of the question ing a 5 per cent reduction in acreage from every angle it was decided that "That no physical disability will and stating that the crop condition there is no industrial class that can

In the case of a man with dependtations of a record consumption are ents, he himself may ask exemption. "That if a party willfully fails to strengthened by the large govern- He can appeal from the dicision of ever, to ask personally to be left at With the approval of President home. A person dependent upon him

> In all matters of exemption the local boards.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Paris dispatch last Friday said a number of Japanese gunboats had arrived at Marseilles to aid the

The navy is seeking 2,000 additional "I do not ask that June 5 be made doctors to furnish proper medical care for the 250,000 men who will be

sands of doctors who will be needed