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NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

America's Great National Army Is Drafted, 1,374,000 Men Being Called.

HALF THAT NUMBER NEEDED

War Preparation Progresses Despite Many Rows and Schemes to Hamper Government—Chancellor Michaelis Slides With the Junkers—Crown Prince Beaten at Verdun.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

America's war lottery, to determine the men who shall make up the National Army, was held in Washington on Friday, July 20. The whole proceeding, as devised by Provost Marshal General Crowder and his aids, was calculated to make the draft absolutely fair and to give the young millionaire and the young laborer equal chances to serve their country, provided they are physically and mentally fit. All the names of the nearly ten million registrants were drawn, the element of chance determining the order in which they shall be called before the examining boards in the 4,557 examining districts. Each local board has been furnished of the number of men it must furnish to make up its quota of the 687,000 men needed on the first call, and has been told to call 200 per cent of the quota for examination, to provide for exemptions. In the order determined by the draft.

Northern senators and representatives have been making strong protests against the population estimates made by the census bureau for the purpose of determining the quotas for the draft. The South, it is asserted, has been unduly favored. The war department has admitted that the quotas for the draft were fixed in disregard of the provisions of the draft law.

Progress and Rows in Washington.

An immense work of preparation is being carried on at Washington by the scores of experts in business and technical lines who are adding the government and there is no doubt that all will come out right eventually. Meanwhile there are many annoying disputes and disagreements, perhaps unavoidable. The row between Chairman Denham and General Goethals as to the building of a merchant marine reached the point where the intervention of President Wilson seemed necessary. The manner in which contracts are being let for the government through the operation of the advisory committees of the council of national defense have been severely criticized by Senator Kenyon and others and because these committees often are interested in great business concerns that are being called on to furnish supplies to the government, they are accused of seeking their own profit. In most cases such charges are manifestly unjust. While the senators were carrying on their interminable discussion of the food bill, a violent attack was made on Mr. Hoover by Senator Reed, who said Hoover had been gawling in food and clothing as chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium. The swift denials of Hoover's associates and friends really were unnecessary.

The food control bill, as finally arranged in the senate, contained the compromise amendments eliminating from the operation of the measure cotton, steel, hides, lumber and all other articles except food, feed and fuel, and creating a board of food administration consisting of three men. The first of these amendments is in accord with the wishes of the administration, and the second is not displeasing to it for Hoover will be made chairman of the board. He and his associates in the food conservation campaign are not depending too much on the actions of congress.

The federal trade commission began its inquiry into the costs of producing and marketing food commodities, starting with the Chicago packing industry. The investigation is to spread

to steel, iron, coal and oil costs. In accordance with the "fair profits" order of President Wilson and may be completed in six months. Francis J. Henry is in charge of the legal end of it.

Hampering Our Government.

As the United States swiftly approaches more active participation in the war, the German agents and spies and their friends in the country become more bold and enterprising in their efforts to hamper the government. These efforts range all the way from ridiculous stories of American soldiers dying like flies from disease in Europe, designed to discourage enlistment; plots to prevent the harvesting of crops in the West by doctoring court plaster with tetanus bacilli; burning of elevators and warehouses and explosions in factories; killing of live stock; fomenting of strikes and riots, up through attempts to involve the country in international troubles with friendly nations, to deliberate blocking of much needed legislation by United States senators whose constituents number large numbers of German-Americans. The hyphenated term is used still because the people alluded to themselves seem unwilling to have it discarded. Their press and the actions and words of many of them make this clear.

An instance of the way in which legislation is delayed was supplied last week. The aviation bill appropriating \$640,000,000, passed by the house and admittedly of prime importance, came up in the senate, the government and all its expert advisers in the matter of aviation urging that it be made law before the week closed. But Hardwick of Georgia and Owen of Oklahoma proposed amendments that made certain a long debate, and La Follette of Wisconsin and Gronna of North Dakota aided in the blocking process in order to make attacks on the draft clause. No one will accuse these men of being personally disloyal to their country, but the course of action followed by them and others often is as effectual as if they were.

The professional pacifists and the socialists are singing smaller these days. The former meet with little sympathy and support, and the Socialist party is losing some of its choicest members because of its pro-German attitude.

More Trouble for Russia.

Russia's progress toward victory and a stable government met with two setbacks last week, though both it is to be hoped are only temporary. In the effort to check the great drive of the Slavs in Galicia, the Teutons rushed up large reinforcements drawn from the French and Italian fronts, and these forces compelled the Russians to evacuate the important town of Kalusz, which had been the German army headquarters and the capture of which by them had threatened Lemberg. The fighting in this region was fiercer all the week, and on the whole the Russians did not have much the worst of it.

It is interesting to learn that British armored motor detachments and Belgian troops are taking part in the Russian offensive in Galicia, and are doing good work.

At home the provisional government was attacked by Petrograd rioters led by agitators of the Bolshevik and Maximalist factions who demanded the removal of the "capitalist" ministers. Most of the troops in the capital were loyal and soon suppressed the new "revolution," though several persons were killed and many wounded. At the same time three or four members of the cabinet resigned and the premier, Prince Lvoff, announced that as soon as the disorders are ended steps will be taken for the formation of a coalition cabinet. The councils of the workmen and soldiers and of the peasants denounced the riots as the acts of traitors. The wonder is not that there should be such disorders in Russia, but that they should not be more and greater.

Michaelis With the Junkers.

Germany's new imperial chancellor, Doctor Michaelis, made on Thursday the address to the reichstag which had been awaited with intense interest. If the peace party in the empire had expected his support, it was disappointed, for he plainly took the side of the junkers and declared his adhesion to the submarine campaign as a lawful measure, justifiably adopted, and adapted for shortening the war. The majority parties in the reichstag, on the other hand, decided to introduce

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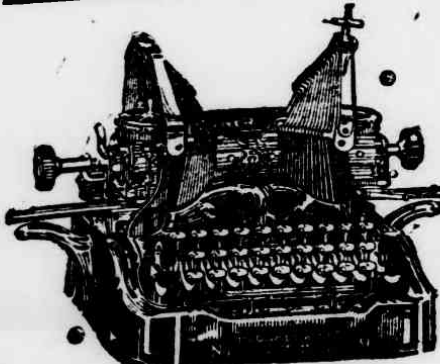
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