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DATE FOR NEXT DRAFT IS YET UNCERTAIN

Secretary of War Says Much Depends on Ships and Events Abroad

Washington, Jan. 29.—Expansion of America's fighting forces beyond their present strength depends upon such factors as events abroad and the shipping situation, Secretary Baker said tonight in disclosing that the War Department has not fixed a date for another draft nor even determined how many new men shall be called.

When Mr. Baker told the Senate Military Committee yesterday the United States would have half a million men in France early this year and that in all a million and a half could go across if ships could be found to carry them, he referred to the divisions now in training camps and those already in Europe. Future developments will decide what additional forces will be sent.

Further Legislation.

The Secretary made clear today his opinion that if events made it necessary to call out more than another increment of half a million men the executive's authority to draft men for fighting units other than reserves would be exhausted and further legislation by Congress would be necessary.

He said however, that under the authority to call two increments of line soldiers of 500,000 each and such additional numbers for recruits battalions special units "as the President may deem necessary," the second draft might bring out in all as many as a million men.

Register All 21 Year Old

The Senate Committee today tentatively approved legislation proposed by the War Department to provide for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years since June 5, authorizing the fixing of quotas on the basis of class one of the new classification and empowering the President to call men needed for special industrial or other work. Provost Marshal General Crowder, appearing to explain the bill, told the committee it was proposed to hold a new drawing to establish the order of liability of the new registrants. When

sorted in the classes to which they may be assigned according to a plan now being worked out.

Two Million in Class One

It is assumed, General Crowder said, that most of the new registrants will fall into class one, giving that class this year a total of some two million men. From class one it is proposed to take the next and any future drafts.

In a formal memorandum presenting his views the general also disapproved suggestions that the registration be extended to men beyond the age 31, saying the effort of classification is so great and so expensive and the number of persons past 31 years who would fall in class one so small that the task would not be worth while.

Baker Would Exempt 31 Year Men.

Although Secretary Baker today reiterated his desire to have exempted registered men who reach the age of 31 years without being called into the military service, the committee refused to include such a provision in the legislation. General Crowder disapproved the suggestion.

The bills probably will be introduced into the Senate tomorrow, and Senator Chamberlain said tonight they would be pressed for early passage.

Aviation Activities.

From Chairman Coffin, of the Aircraft Board, the committee today secured behind closed doors what several members termed "most encouraging" reports of the aviation program. Mr. Coffin told about the success of the Liberty motor and outlined the co-ordinated program of aviation production and operation arranged by the United States, England, France and Italy.

Although much of Mr. Coffin's testimony was confidential a considerable part will be made public, probably next Thursday, when he will be cross-examined in open session.

Further inquiry into the aviation service will be made tomorrow when Brig. Gen. Squier chief of the army service, and Col. Deeds will appear, probably in executive session.

Baker and the Committee

The committee had hoped to recall Secretary Baker before the end of the week for cross examination on his statement yesterday of army achievements, but tonight Chairman Chamberlain thought the aviation branch would consume the next few days and postpone Secretary Baker's return until next week.

That "War Council" Scheme

Discussion of the controversy over the conduct of the war and the proposed war department reorganization also is impending both in the Senate and House. Senator Wadsworth of New York is planning an address,

PAID INCOME TAX IS A "SPLENDID PRIVILEGE"

Is Call to Americans to Meet Demands That Insure "Freedom."

(Literary Digest)

This call on every American subject to the income tax to meet without delay the necessities of his government in its great task of accomplishing the freedom of the world. Every unmarried man with an income of \$1,000 or more, and every married man with an income of \$2,000 or more, will take prompt steps to make report to the government, he will perform an inestimable service to the United States and its treasury department.

This department is already laboring hard by the war. By giving his hearty co-operation each citizen will be doing his share at least to its burdens and to lighten the heavy responsibilities of the new commissioner of internal revenue, who many say, is the most able and most efficient head that this important branch of the government has ever had.

It is true, of course, that we are carrying a great burden of taxation, but we are poor business men if we regard these taxes as money lost. They are but the premiums we are paying on the greatest insurance of all times—insurance against the calamities now ruling in Russia, insurance that will protect and preserve our families, our property, our lives, our ideals, all that we are and all that we hope to be.

Think of Belgium systematically ruined, think of Poland devastated and laid waste, think of Armenia, a nation massacred and murdered by an ally of the Huns. Think on these things and then remember that every dollar of taxes you pay into the treasury of the United States places another barrier between your loved ones and such unspeakable horrors as these.

The payment of the income tax is the present duty—the splendid privilege—of six million citizens. No loyal American will fail to give immediate answer to the call. For at this time of great peril and pressing danger, when the battle line and frontier of civilization will soon be

proved to be a seed that would follow with shame to the end of our days.

UNCLE SAM WANTS ACCOUNTANTS AT \$2,400 TO \$6,000 A YEAR

Washington, D. C., January 30.—The United States Government is in need of several hundred expert accountants to fill vacancies in the accounts section of the finance department of the Signal Corps, War Department, and in other branches, for duty in Washington, D. C., or in the field, according to an announcement just issued by the United States Civil Service Commission. The salaries offered range from \$2,400 to \$6,000 a year. Men only are desired.

The duties of appointees to the Signal Corps will consist of the determination of production costs of airplanes and airplane motors, either as supervisors in charge at one or more of the several plants, or as assistants; or appointees may be assigned to duty in Washington, D. C.

Applicants will not be assembled for a written examination, but will be ruled upon the subjects of education and experience, as shown by the applications and corroborative evidence.

The Commission states that on account of the urgent needs of the service applications for these positions will be received until further notice and that papers will be rated promptly and certifications made as complete information and application blanks may be obtained by communicating with the secretary of the local board of civil-service examiners at its post office in any of the larger cities or with the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

The Smilgees Book Campaign is on

In Dunn and the first allotment of books has been disposed of already. Dunn will sell a large number more than its quota, which means that the boys will be remembered in this way. It is the purpose of the managers here to get at least one book into the hands of every boy from this section and Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Tilghman will no doubt succeed in their efforts. The Smilgees book is a gift that goes direct to the boys in the various camps in the country and one they fully appreciate.

possibly tomorrow in support of the bills for a war cabinet and munitions director. The war cabinet measure will be considered by the committee this week and another vote is planned on the question of reporting it to the Senate.

CHANGE IN PROGRAM OF THE LYCEUM COURSE.

Sergeant Flahiff Will Come Instead of Lieutenant McGibney as First Arranged.

The following letter addressed to Mrs. V. L. Stephens, of this city explains itself:

"Mr. McGibney, whom we booked to appear on your Lyceum course this season, has been drafted into the National Army and is now in a training camp. This is a big disappointment to us, and will probably appear so to you at first, but undoubtedly you will be pleased when we advise you that we have been able to secure the services of Sergeant John Flahiff, of the Princess Pat Regiment of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, to fill the engagements which we had booked for McGibney."

Sergeant Flahiff Comes With Thrilling Personal Experiences.

Illustrated by gas masks, and other instruments of war, and with a trench on canvas as a background, Sergeant John T. Flahiff, direct from the front line trenches, is telling Lyceum audiences in a smile, straight-forward way, yet vividly and thrillingly, his experiences of seven months in the great war.

Flahiff, a clean-cut young American, was a member of the famous Canadian Princess "Pat" regiment which, during a battle on the western front, went into action in the first line trenches with 1056 men and stood the furious onslaughts of the enemy until only 22 of its members were able to walk out of the trenches unaided.

Flahiff was in the Ypres salient during the heavy fighting there and was at Bapaume back of Vimy ridge. Twice in big drives he went "over the top" and dozens of times in trench raids.

He served in three most dangerous capacities, being successfully a bombardier, machine gunner and stretcher bearer. He was made sergeant for conspicuous service in carrying the wounded for forty-six hours at one time, from the front to the dressing station, facing enemy fire nearly all this period.

Shortly after this he was taken ill with trench fever and was sent home

charge. As soon as his health will permit he will again enter the war, this time under the stars and stripes.

Sergeant Flahiff describes the everyday army life at the front. He tells of the preliminary training in France before going into active service. He describes the trenches, the barbed wire entanglements, the listening posts, the barrage fire and many other things people have been wanting to know at first hand. At the close of his lecture, he conducts a question box, a feature which has proven to be very popular with his audiences.

The lecturer appears in his Canadian sergeant's uniform. Highly enthusiastic comments on his lecture are being received from committee men and newspapers by the Redpath Bureau.

MARSHBURN-LIFE.

Marriage at Benson. B. Y. P. U. Gives Delightful Social

Benson, Jan. 27.—A marriage of much interest to friends here and elsewhere occurred this afternoon at three o'clock in the Presbyterian church, when Mr. Harvey Marshburn, of Bensonville township and Miss Mattie Life, of Mooresville were married. Rev. A. T. Lassiter, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Marshburn is one of the most prominent young farmers in the eastern part of the county. Mrs. Marshburn is well known here, also having taught in the graded schools here and at Bensonville for the past two years. She has resigned her position in the school here. Miss Fox, of Asheville, coming in today to take her place.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Marshburn left for their home newly built and furnished and all ready for occupancy.

The B. Y. P. U. gave a very delightful social at the Parish Hotel last night. An elaborate program was given after which refreshments were served. The B. Y. P. U. under the leadership of Miss Julia Kennedy is making rapid progress here, a great number of members having been added within the past few months.

The War Savings Stamp committee of Banner township, headed by Preston Woodall, chairman, is launching a campaign which promises to place Benson and Banner township in the foremost ranks in selling War Savings and Thrift Stamps. The school teachers in the township are being called upon to help push the sale of stamps and the campaign promises to grow to immense proportions within a few weeks.

ALL THE NEWS IN THE DISPATCH

MR. ROSS LOOKING FOR HOARDERS OF FOOD

Will Demand of Retailer the Names of Customers Who Buy Excessively.

County Food Administrator Chas. Ross has been instructed by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page to take prompt and vigorous action to the end that all purchasers of excessive quantities of foodstuffs, particularly flour, in this county shall return their surplus to one barrel to the dealers with no delay.



CHAS. ROSS, LILLINGTON, N. C., Harnett County's Food Administrator for Who is Looking After the Food Situation in the County.

Mr. Page evidently means business and Mr. Ross means to do it too, for he announces that the State Food Administrator's instructions will be carried out to the letter. Mr. Page's letter is of the "no-nonsense" type that is characteristic of the man. He demands action and action right away. Mr. Page instructs him as follows:

(1) That you demand of each retailer in your county a complete list of consumers who have purchased flour in excess of...

submitted to you or which names you can secure that they must return all flour in their possession in excess of one barrel to the dealers from whom they purchased, these dealers being required to take it back at the price they received for it.

(2) That you take every means within your command to remedy this situation just as promptly as possible.

(3) That you submit to us promptly for indictment and prosecution the names of any merchants who withhold information and any consumers more than one barrel of flour after they have been given an opportunity to return it to dealers.

DOCTORS ADVANCE FEES.

On account of the high cost of living and great increase in the cost of our medicines and instruments and other unusual expenses, we the undersigned physicians have been forced in order to meet our honest obligations, to make an increase in our charges. The following fee schedule has been adopted as a basis upon which to make charges for our services.

Normal Obstetrical fee \$20.00 plus mileage.
Office consultations \$1.50.
Day visits in town \$2.00.
Night visits between 9 p. m. and 7 a. m. \$4.00.
Country visits as follows:

First mile—day, \$3.50, night \$4.00.
Second mile—day, \$3.00, night \$3.50.
Third mile—day \$3.50, night \$3.50.
Fourth mile—day \$4.00, night \$3.50.
Fifth mile—day \$3.00, night \$2.50.
Sixth mile—day \$3.00, night \$2.00.
Seventh mile—day \$7.00, night \$10.50.
Eighth mile—day \$3.00, night \$12.00.
Fifteenth mile—day \$15.00, night \$22.50.

Consultation visits \$5.00 extra in addition to above mileage.
W. E. Coltrane
E. Tate Salmons
R. L. Warren
O. H. Sexton
Wm. P. Holt
O. L. Dunning
Chas. Highsmith
S. P. J. Lee
I. F. Hicks
M. L. Barefoot
H. C. Roberts

Dunn, N. C., January 22, 1918.

Chris Jacobs, a member of the U. S. aviation corps, who is stationed at Rantoul, Illinois, arrived in town Tuesday and spent a few days with his old friends. Mr. Jacobs is looking well and his work in the service seems to be agreeing with him.

NEW REGULATIONS, SELECTIVE DRAFT

Provost Marshal Prepares For Extension Acceptance For Limited Service.

Washington, Jan. 31.—New regulations for selective draft physical examinations were issued today by Provost Marshal General Crowder in preparation for extension of the policy of accepting for special and limited service registrants unfit for general military duty. They will bring into the service under the next draft many men who otherwise would be exempted.

The local boards are directed to pass upon registrants for general military service only when they come within the standards of unconditional acceptance or rejection. All other cases must be referred to the Medical Advisory Board for further examination. Hereafter there will be no unconditional accepting of men who have remedial defects.

To Get the Shortest

Under the old regulations men under five feet in height were unconditional rejected. In the future men of 58 inches if exceptionally well proportioned, may be taken, and if not exceptionally well proportioned, their cases must be referred to the medical board. Registrants above 78 inches who are exceptionally well proportioned also are to be referred to the Medical Advisory Board for classification.

The minimum weight established by the regulation is 100 pounds unless the underweight is "plainly due to come from some recent illness and otherwise the registrants have no disqualifying defect," but the cases of registrants weighing between 100 and 114 pounds are to be referred to the Medical Board.

Registrants under weight in proportion to their height unless it is plainly due to some temporary cause, also go to the Medical Board.

The Provost Marshal General announced that specific regulations and information soon are to be given to the Medical Advisory Board concerning registrants unfit for general military service.

Masons At Fort Caswell Entertained

Visitors Most Pleasantly Saturday Night at Southport.

Fort Caswell, N. C., Jan. 31.—The dance given at Southport Saturday evening by the members of the Masonic fraternity among the soldiers stationed at Fort Caswell complimentary to the ladies of Wilmington and the other cities of the state from which the soldiers come, was largely attended and pronounced by all to have been an unqualified success. Many ladies from this city and from other towns in the state were in attendance.

The dancing began at 8:30, being opened with the grand march, led by Mr. W. N. Daniel and Miss Eleanor Harris, when the ladies met their partners. Many novel figures were introduced. Among them was the figure "U. S." the ladies forming the "U." and the soldiers the "S." At the conclusion of this number, a large American flag was unfurled to the strains of a patriotic air.

Punch was served during the evening and later a delicious salad course. While at supper the ladies were presented with fancy cabaret hats as souvenirs of the occasion, which they wore and added quite a novelty to the scene. The music for the dancing was furnished by the post orchestra. The hall was decorated with flags, southern smiles and masonic emblems.

Those dancing:
Miss Jeannette Phoenix with Mr. Hagan; Miss Mary Pickett with Mr. Toon; Miss Elizabeth Westbrook with Mr. Green; Miss Virginia Farnsworth with Mr. Harris; Miss Edna Davis with Mr. Davis; Miss Lina Edwards with Mr. Gayler; Miss Margaret Gayler with Mr. Oden; Miss Essie Harris with Mr. Stacey; Miss Ola Burns with Mr. Merchant; Miss Katherine King with Mr. Blakley; Miss Bessie King with Mr. Snyder; Miss Agnes McRae with Mr. King; Miss Rita Morse with Mr. Cobb; Miss Butler with Mr. Hodgins; Miss Kate Faison with Mr. Pearson; Miss Julia Faison with Mr. Youngblood; Miss Margaret Harris with Mr. Clete; Mrs. J. B. Brittain with Mr. Marley; Miss Eleanor Harris with Mr. Daniel; Miss Mary Bellamy with Capt. Harrison; Miss Katherine Elliott with Mr. Alderman; Miss Thelma Bunting with Mr. Jones; Miss Marie Grainger with Mr. Frout; Miss Gesine Har with Mr. Everett; Miss Laura Jacobs with Mr. Lee; Miss Louise Grant with Mr. David Jones; Miss Laura Parsley with Mr. Wade; Miss Maude Wilson with Mr. Atkinson; Miss Placide Clark with Mr. Payne; Miss Elsie Smith with Mr. Bazel; Miss Myrtle Rhodes with Mr. Spearman; Miss Mary Giles Bellamy with Capt. Hatcher; Miss Maunle

TOBACCO FOR SOLDIERS NOT A VERY GOOD PLAN

England Says Not and France Has Ordered Smokeless Days For All

"There's too much to lose and too little, if any, to gain to justify the plan of sending cigarettes wholesale to soldiers with the view that they soothe them in their lonely hours, and serve them for critical moments," says the State Board of Health in its latest bulletin. "Even if this movement that wears so well the clothes of real philanthropy had had its origin in the kindly feelings and sympathies of the folks back home, instead of in the minds of those who had tobacco to sell, the risk is too great from a health and efficiency point of view. A soldier needs the highest possible courage and fighting efficiency—clearness of aim, steadiness of nerve and heart action, power to resist fatigue and disease and to recover from wounds, determination not to yield or surrender to the enemy's strength to withstand lustful temptations—and what man or woman believes that cigarettes lead to any of those qualities?"

"Study after study," says the bulletin, "has been made to know the effects of tobacco on health and efficiency, and whatever else is found through the study, there is always the outstanding fact that the use of tobacco increases heart action and lessens muscular power. This fact has been so well established that for more than a generation men in training for supreme tests of their physical powers are forbidden to use tobacco. The professional runner knows that a single cigar will so weaken his heart as to insure his failure. What is true of the athlete in training is true of the soldier. The soldier needs all the fine mental and physical training he has had in camp by discouraging him to use tobacco?"

"England now says that it is not a good plan to send cigarettes to the soldiers. Paris is requiring smokeless days, not to save the tobacco for the soldiers but to save money to buy them food. Smoking has caused the loss of many lives. It is a bad habit and it is a bad habit to have in the ranks of the army." They never hear of it from the folks at home, and were so disposed. One might as well send us anything, send us chocolate."

COOPER ELECTED DIRECTOR

The following, which appeared in Tuesday's News and Observer, written by that paper's Washington correspondent, will be of interest to a number of our readers:

"Wade H. Cooper, vice president of the North Carolina Society in Washington, has just been elected chairman of the board of directors of the National Bank of Hattysville, Maryland. Mr. Cooper is one of the most successful bankers at the capital. He is president of the Union Savings Bank and the United States Savings Bank and otherwise identified with many financial institutions. Because of his success as a financier he has just been requested by the Washington Military Council to serve on the military committee of the campaign on training camp activities. Mr. Cooper comes from Wilmington, N. C., and is a brother of W. B. and Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington, and P. S. Cooper, of Dunn."

We are authorized by Mr. E. B. Mitchell, Deputy Register of Deeds, to announce that he has resigned his office, to take effect at once, and has accepted a position with the Bank of Cape Fear, at Dunn. He contemplates moving his family to Dunn some time in the near future. Mr. Mitchell has made a very efficient man in the office of the Register of Deeds, and his going will be regretted by the many people that he has served in the office, under both the administrations of Mr. A. M. Shaw and Mr. W. H. Fancett, the present Register of Deeds.—Harnett Post.

Parsley with Mr. Ed. Jones; Miss Alice Schulken with Mr. Bannerman; Miss Elizabeth Sweeney with Mr. Moore; Miss Bessie Toon with Mr. Wilson; Miss Annie Banks with Mr. Hennigan; Miss Gladys Council with Mr. Chandler; Miss Leah Weeks with Mr. Roper; Miss Carrie Weeks with Mr. Warren; Miss Ella St. George with Mr. Moore; Miss Katherine St. George with Mr. Wooten; Miss Ella Windsor with Mr. Scott; Miss Mae Phelps with Mr. Parker; Miss Josephine Newton with Mr. Fennell; Miss Lois Dasher with Mr. W. H. Wearn; Miss Blanche Newton with Mr. Swain; Miss Lottie Mae Newton with Mr. Strickland; Miss Annie St. George with Mr. Younis; Miss Alice Adkins with Mr. Thompson; Miss Elizabeth Guthrie with Mr. Guthrie; Miss Elizabeth Dasher with Mr. John Foote; Miss Myrtle Vellers with Lieutenant Yates.

The Christmas Savings Club at the First National Bank opened Thursday, January 31st. A small deposit each week which you will never miss, surprises you in dollars at Christmas. It is not yet too late to get into this club and deposit your money each week in small denominations. It enables you to cultivate the habit of thrift and to have money at the time of year you most desire it. W. E. Balkin, who has charge of this department, is being assisted in the work by Miss Viola McNeill, either of whom will be glad to talk it over with you. I flatter to see you call on them at the bank and enter your name in either of three classes.

II. A. Parker, the town clerk, is able to be at his desk again in the municipal building after being confined to his room with sickness for several weeks.

FARMERS OF HARNETT WILL GET NITRATE

Will Be Delivered Through S. O. Townsend and Other Gentlemen of the County

Washington, D. C., January 29.—Notice has been given to S. O. Townsend, Agricultural Agent for Harnett county. The nitrate was purchased through the War Industries Board under the authority of the Food Control Act as a part of the program for stimulating agricultural production. It will be unloaded at Atlantic ports and the price will be \$75.50 a ton, free on board cars at port of arrival. Farmers are to pay in addition freight from port of arrival and the State fertilizer fee.

How to Obtain Nitrate

Applications for a part of the 100,000 tons of nitrate bought by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land, and may be made through any member of a local committee consisting of S. O. Townsend, chairman; Dunn; A. M. Shaw, Lillington; W. H. Gregory, R. D. Overby, Angier; N. T. Patterson, Coats and J. C. Byrd, Dunn, E. F. D. I.

No money will be required with the application but upon notice from the County Agent Farmers who have signed the applications must deposit with a local bank, association, or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. After the money is transmitted to Washington the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications for the nitrate exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons the government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who applied. Applications must be received by February 4th.

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