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NEW TO THE LINE.

News and Observer.

The percentage of exemptions allowed for physical disability by the various local boards in the State is causing, and rightly so, considerable comment and questioning.

It is inconceivable that in a State that has a population so uniform in general characteristics with practically the same occupations prevailing throughout all sections, that defectives should exist in such striking proportions in one county while the opposite situation should prevail in the adjoining county.

The physicians engaged in the examinations have been chosen, it is presumed, because of the fitness for the work. Of course, in the speed with which examinations are conducted, errors will creep in, but the re-examination system for the disqualified ought to take care of the largest percentage of these. It may be said that the physicians are capable and are making the examinations satisfactory. The disqualifications, it would seem, are allowed on the basis of regulations which are furnishing by the Provost Marshal General. These are uniform and the same for all examining physicians. The interpretation of them, however, is left to the physicians and here is the biggest opportunity for discrepancies to creep in.

Every physician who is engaged in the medical examination of registrants ought to feel that his is, peculiarly, a patriotic duty to see that all men who should be accepted, are accepted and all who should be disqualified are disqualified.

The Provost Marshal General has caused to be prepared strict requirements. These have been furnished exemption boards and from time to time notifications of amendments have been issued. The strict letter of those physical requirements should be adhered to in every case, unless waivers are secured from the War Department. If this is so, if the medical examiners, to their utmost, hew to the line, it is not believed that one county will escape with ten per cent disqualifications while another has against it a record of fifty.

There are many reasons for this, but the largest is justice—justice to the government and justice to the registrant. Every time a man is accepted who should not be, it means that this man will be transported to camp, kept there until examined again, and then be turned down to be sent back home, all at the government's expense. Every time a man is discharged who should not be, this man goes free of the military service it should be his pride to give while another whose time would not have come for this service is called upon to take up arms.—News and Observer.

Summer Complaint.

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with some unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that this be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept at hand. Mr. F. F. Scott, Scottdale, New York, writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe attack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

German Miscalculations.

When Germany started this conflagration, her war lords calculated that the armies she hurled across Belgium would occupy Paris within six weeks. That was three years and more ago, and the German armies are not now as near Paris as they were when stopped by Joffre at the Marne.

When the offensive was launched at Verdun, the war lords calculated that the armies under the Crown Prince would break thru the French lines at that point in two months. Some of the German newspapers printed in America contended, that after two months had expired, the German Government had given itself four months to go thru at Verdun; that it had figured to the day the time that would be necessary and had estimated to the pound the amount of ammunition that would be required to achieve this great victory; and that with such ingenuity and efficiency, failure was impossible. That was a year and a half ago, and the French stand at Verdun like a stone wall. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been sacrificed and hundreds of millions of money have been expended in a futile effort to make a popular military hero of a Prussian princeling.

When Germany inaugurated her ruthless submarine warfare on February 1, the war lords calculated that it would starve England and France into submission in ninety days. That was more than six months ago, but England and France are not now as hungry as Germany. England has announced that her food supply for a year ahead is assured, and France is in as good condition. What these two Allies can not produce for themselves, the United States will produce for them, and it will get enough of it to them to keep the wolf from the door.

The Emperor of Germany the other day sent a message to Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, telling him on checking the British offensive. The stage has been reached where the Emperor thinks his armies in the west are doing well when they hold their own or prevent an Allied advance. In the east the Austro-German armies have been driving back the confused armies of demoralized Russia, but with Russia's recovery the situation in the east would become more serious for the Central Powers, whose forces on that front have been weakened by the transfer of large bodies of German troops to the west front to resist the Allied offensive.

The Prussian war lords have made several serious miscalculations, but the most serious miscalculation they have made was upon Germany's ability to win the war.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

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Three years of war and the appearances are good for a long siege ahead. Pray for peace and plan for war. Get ready for a hard battle and a severe struggle.—Asheville Times.

Not So Much Danger.

War danger and war mortality among the men who will go to Europe in the American conscripted army will not be unduly heavy, in the opinion of Babson's Statistical organization, which has issued a statement on the subject, based upon the most accurate information obtainable as to mortality ratios since the war began. The men now being drafted, says this statistical authority, stand only one chance to four of seeing actual fighting, and even if they take part in hard fighting, statistics are in their favor and conditions are improving.

It is brought out that according to the most reliable statistics, which are difficult to obtain, about 60 men per 1,000 are being killed in the war and about 150 men per 1,000 are being wounded. Most of the wounded later return to the front. The normal death rate in peace times of men within the age limits of the soldiers now fighting is only eight per 1,000, but that is a yearly rate, while the figure of 60 per 1,000 covers the period of enlistment and in some cases is for a period of three years.

The loss of life from disease, which has been one of the deadly life-takers of other wars, is declared to be in large measure eliminated.

The mortality is said to be less today than it was at the start of the war. Gas attacks are being well handled and with reasonable precautions men are not in very great danger from that form of attack. They are exposed to the most danger when a charge is made.

At other times wounds are mostly in the shoulders or arms and easily treated. Skull wounds are rather frequent, however, and are naturally serious. But the amputation of limbs is less than in previous conflicts.

Different branches of the service show different degrees of mortality. In the heavy artillery the danger is said to be about equal to the danger of railroad-riding in civil life. The mortality among certain classes of officers, including lieutenants, sergeants and corporals, is found to have been greater than among privates.

"We believe," says Babson's Statistical organization, "that the drafted man who goes as an ordinary soldier, taking his judgment with him and leaving his enthusiasm at home, is not only most effective, but is fairly sure to return in better physical condition than when he left. Of course during the one or more days a month that it is his turn to charge he is subject to great danger, but the rest of the time, with reasonable precautions, he is, statistically, almost as well off as in the streets of New York."

Stomach and Liver Troubles.

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Chronic Constipation.

It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the plain printed directions that accompany each package.

Will Be A Model County Fair.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: People interested in fairs may arouse their curiosity and be prepared for something unique in the County Fair line in October, when Caldwell county, North Carolina, at Lenoir, opens her second county fair. Two years ago the first one this county held, was the talk of the country on account of the great floods of that year sweeping away the crops of that county. This year it will come with renewed vigor, and novelty.

The premium list is a startling innovation on the old way. Blue ribbons and diplomas have been eliminated from the catalogue. In their stead the offerings are \$20 dressers, buffets and ladies' dressing tables, \$25 sideboards and \$20 sets of dining chairs, donated by the manufacturers of the town; gold pieces donated by the manufacturers of the town; gold pieces donated by the manufacturers of the town; gold pieces donated by the banks; with groceries, chinaware and cash prizes offered by the merchants. Special inducements are given the young people in all exhibits, and particular encouragement is given the cotton mill communities. A high standard is pledged, and the exclusion of all fakirs. Religious services, and prayer meetings, will be features of this fair, as they were in the first one, and it would astonish the natives how many people attended these services. The Caldwell County Fair this year will be the model county fair of the State. It will set a new pace in fairs.

J. A. ROBINSON.

Battery E.

As many Watauga boys are in Co. E., encamped at Lenoir, the following from the Lenoir Topic will be of interest to our people:

Recruits are still coming in and the enrollment now numbers 156. The uniforms are expected today. 190 steel cots and 300 U. S. army blankets have come in and the boys are being quartered upstairs in the Henkel building. The boys are having a good

Poor Germany.

Old Kaiser Bill is bad enough; you must admit it's pretty tough to have a King like that; a man so arrogant and vain, with egotism so insane his head outgrows his hat. It must be tough to have a King who always says a crazy thing when wisdom's in request, who was, before he took the lance and started trespassing in France, the universal jest. But Kaiser Bill, with all his sins, his withered arm and shriveled shins, has points one may admire; his heart is not entirely stone, and people say they've heard him groan o'er all this blood and fire. The load he carries is so great he'll sink beneath it soon or late, and he will cash his string; then, if the Hohenzollern line be not uprooted, stalk and vine, the Kron Prinz will be King. The Kron Prinz with the weazel face, the runt of a decaying race, the war's prize also ran! When he is monarch Germans will with yearning think of Kaiser Bill, who is at least a man. Poor Germany! To look ahead and think that when your Wilhelm's dead, this Prinz will be on deck! It will be punishment severe for all the woe you're causing here, the ruin and the wreck.—Walt Mason.

The man who is eager to get the most for his money may not care whether he gets the best or not.—New Bernian.

time and they are well cared for by the officers who are doing all they can to make their military life pleasant as well as profitable. Only one member of the battery is sick and he is being cared for in the hospital here at the expense of the government.

Capt. Williams does not think the battery will be called to Greenville, S. C., before the 25th, possibly later.

German spies are working in the United States, declares the German Minister at Mexico City. Hope they report the loyalty of the American people.—Hendersonville Hustler.

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