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The Second Draft.

The Statesville Sentinel has the following editorial, supplemented by one from the New York World on the "Second draft" that will be read with interest:

It is a known fact that the first draft machinery was far too complicated and those who were called upon to execute the rulings were, as a rule, ignorant of the work allotted to them. The exemption boards did their work in a conscientious manner, and to the best of their ability, but their knowledge of that which was expected of them was limited and the many blanks and details served to hamper rather than help them. We feel that the most serious mistake made was the manner in which the men were taken from the farms. In our own county the greater part of the farm. When these men left a certain percentage of the county's production is bound to have been left off.

With two months to study the new draft machinery and with the experience gained from their first work and the improved, revised and limited number of blanks to be handled the work will be handled more expeditious and in a better manner. Every man's occupation and his real worth to the nation will be set before the board.

The New York World in speaking of the second draft says:

With proper foresight the second draft begins, long before the actual calling of the men, with an appeal for professional aid in classifying them. Two months remain for this work, in which experience already gained should be invaluable.

What is proposed by President Wilson is "a complete inventory of the qualifications of each registrant." We are told, for instance, that hereafter ship-building trades will be exempt. Possibly farmers were not sufficiently considered in the first draft; the President wishes to determine "the place in the military, industrial or agricultural ranks" where each can "best be made to serve the common good." The selective process is to become more selective.

This increases the labor of selection. The President pays a high tribute to members of the local board who have toiled so faithfully, and safety assumes that other men of technical knowledge, such as doctors and lawyers, will welcome the chance to serve the country by expert assistance to boards now at work or to be established.

To organize the Nation for war is a task for the Nation; no less. Go or stay; fight, manufacture or grow food; pay or advise, help in the draft; knit, sew, nurse or cook—more and more there will be opportunity, as we sweep into the midcurrent of conflict, for all to help. The President may indeed call upon all citizens to assist."

To Germany these early arrangements for the second draft give notice. We are but beginning to prepare to fight as we can fight!"

—Mr. John Lay, of the Bamboo section, was in town last Saturday, and while here ordered The Democrat sent to his daughter, Mrs. V. F. Gordon, at Keystone, Va., for one year. Thanks.

—Mrs. Farthing, wife of Cashier L. M. Farthing, of the Valle Crucis Bank, was a recent visitor to relatives and friends in Boone, being accompanied by Miss Nanette Rivers, who is teaching at Hackett.

War Savings Stamps to Be Sold in Nation.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Plans were announced tonight by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for a nation-wide campaign for the sale of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war savings certificates. He has created a war savings committee, of which Frank A. Vanderbilt, the noted New York financier and banker, is chairman, to float these certificates, and the sales will begin on Monday, December 3.

Any person may invest amounts as small as 25 cents at a time at postoffices and other places where accredited persons will act as selling agents. After the sales begin the certificates may be purchased at any time. At the average 1918 selling price such investments will yield 4 per cent compounded quarterly. The certificates will be dated January 2, 1918, and will mature January 1, 1923. No person may purchase at one time more than \$100 worth or hold at one time more than \$1,000 worth of the certificates.

These obligations will be evidenced by stamps of two denominations, a war savings stamp, costing from \$4 12 to \$4 23, according to the month purchased and having a maturity value of \$5, and a thrift stamp, costing 25 cents.

During December 1917, and January 1918, the war savings stamps will be sold for \$4 12 each. At the beginning of each succeeding month of 1918 starting February 1, the cost of a stamp will increase one cent per month. All war savings stamps issued during 1918 will mature on January 1, 1923, when they will be redeemed for \$5 each.

With the first war savings stamp bought the purchaser will obtain without expense a war savings certificate containing spaces for 20 such stamps. If the 20 spaces are filled during December 1917, or January 1918 the cost to the purchaser will have been \$4.12 for each stamp or \$82.40 for the filled certificate and on January 1, 1923, the government will redeem the certificate at \$100, giving the holder a net profit of \$17.60 for the use of his money.

The first stamps costing 25 cents each are from time to time purchased to be affixed to the cards which will be supplied without cost. Thrift stamps will not bear interest, but a three-cent card when filled at a cost of \$4 may be exchanged for a war savings stamp bearing interest at 4 per cent compounded quarterly merely by turning the card in to the postoffice, bank or other sales agency and paying the difference between \$4 and the current price of a war savings stamp. The thrift stamps feature of the plan will afford an unparalleled opportunity for the small investor to save in order to place his or her money at interest with absolute safety.

The privilege of surrendering a certificate to the government and receiving the cost thereof plus interest at the rate of about 3 per cent has been provided for the convenience of those who may have certificates and later find themselves in need of their money.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

Knitting For the Kaiser.

Now there is a big drive on to secure sweaters for our boys in camp, and for those going off to France. Our soldiers, who are going out to stand between us and the guns are cold. The Red Cross is calling for a million helmets and sweaters, and thousands of devoted women are working overtime to try to fill this great demand. Wool is expensive, some of our women are going without the things they want, yes need, in order that they may buy it. Some of our women would gladly knit if they could buy the necessary wool but they have not the money. And in the meantime, there are thousands of women able bodied and well to do, knitting pro-German sweaters for themselves. Knitting for Germany!

A few days since I visited the worsted counters of several of our big department stores to get some wool to finish up a soldier's sweater. Before those counters I found that women were lined up three deep purchasing wool and needles. I looked at them with satisfaction; our women were certainly awake to the needs of our "boys."

And then I suddenly discovered that they were buying pale greens, and pinks, and blues; only one woman in a dozen was calling for the gray or khaki.

There were scraps of conversation which greeted my astonished ears: "I am going to make yellow trimmed in white!" "Nell, you look sweet in green." "I've got a pattern that fits like a glove." "I've made me a red one, and a blue, and now I am going to make a black."

I turned away in wonder. I couldn't at first understand. They were well dressed, well led and seemingly intelligent and well intentioned.

What was the explanation? There must be some sufficient reason.

Suddenly, all in an instant, the answer was flashed upon me. "They are knitting for Germany! They're making sweaters for the Kaiser! I'm glad none of my friends are doing it! If you know any one who is, just tell her that Mary Murphy, Red Cross commissioner in Paris, has cabled: "We need at once 1,500,000 sweaters, 1,500,000 mufflers, 1,500,000 pairs of socks, 1,500,000 wristlets—they must come before cold weather. Every one here looks to America. We urge you on behalf of our soldiers and those of our allies who will suffer in their frozen trenches, and also on behalf of thousands of French and Belgians refugees, begin shipping at once."—By Caroline Tecknor of the Vigilantes.

Thanksgiving.

There's much on this Thanksgiving, we should be thankful for, although we now live beneath the shade of war. Though we may push the dagger in foemen to the hilt, when from the scrap we stagger, there'll be no sense of guilt. We did not start to scatter the blood around in showers, no treaties did we shatter, the rough-house is not ours. The trouble we evaded so long the neighbors cried that dollar just had faded our courage and our pride. Not to impose our kultur on other nations' schools do we ply catapult or the other deadly tools. Not that our bounds may widen to take in neighbors' lands, do we go war ridin' with pitchforks in our hands. Not that our hearts are burning with hate for Wilhelm's hordes, do we begin a turning our stovehooks into swords. When peace again is reigning,

Attorney Chas. G. Gilreath Candidate for Judge.

Mr. Chas. G. Gilreath, attorney of Wilkesboro, is a candidate for Judge in the 17th Judicial District, and has a strong following in Wilkes county, as the endorsement below testifies:

Mr. Charles G. Gilreath will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the 17th Judicial District before the primaries to be held next spring.

We urge all Democrats to support them with their vote and influence and help give him the nomination. He is in every way worthy; has few equals and no superiors as a lawyer in this section and his services to the Democracy merit recognition. He is of the people, started in the world poor, had to support, and to a great extent, educate himself, taught school to obtain money to attend law school, and since getting his license, has devoted his time, energy and untiring efforts to the study and practice of his profession, with eminent success.

For six years he was secretary to the county Democratic Executive Committee, and for four of these did the work of the Chairman also. In 1906 he canvassed the county as Democratic nominee for the Legislature and has always been ready to do anything in his power for Democratic success.

The young men who rise and come to the front by their own efforts, without wealth, prestige or influence, to give them a start should be recognized above all others.

Such is Charles Gilreath. Will you not help nominate him for Judge?

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It is vitally essential that we who stay at home, work intelligently and unceasingly to provide the sinews of war for those who have to go to the front. "Business as usual" should be the slogan.—Asheville Times.

and seems as good as new, there will be no shame explaining for Uncle Sam to do. No words need then be spoken, in Uncle Sam's defense; he has no pledges broken, in spirit or in sense. For this we should be grateful, while smiling cooks produce the large and brimming plateful of turkey, duck or goose.—News and Observer.

Town and County.

—The 'possum crop in Watauga has been ripe for some time, and a large number of fine ones having been garnered in this immediate vicinity—one enterprising hunter having eight in a pen more than a week ago and was still a-ketchin' nightly when last heard from.

—On Friday evening last a very interesting match game of basket ball was played in the Manual Training building at the A. T. S., the contestants being the Lenoir and Boone teams, the result being 21 to 36 in favor of Boone. An admission fee of 25c. was charged, the proceeds going to the Athletic Association of the school, which amounted to a very neat sum.

—Mrs. R. F. Edmisten, who, some time since, returned from Rose Dale, Ind., was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Evans, of that town, who is still here and may spend the winter at the Edmisten home, just east of town. The lady was formerly Miss Ray, daughter of Mr. Wm. Ray, a former resident of this section, and her friends are enjoying her visit very much.

—Is your son or brother now in the camps getting The Democrat each week? If not, we feel sure that it would be much appreciated if you will send it to them. One dollar pays for it one year, although it may follow a soldier boy to the shell-torn fields or trenches of France. Think of this, and make them feel thankful for the present from a loved one at home.

—Hon. Robert L. Doughton, member of Congress from this district, spent Friday night and a part of the day Saturday in the village, coming to visit his two sons and a daughter, who are in school here, but availed himself of the opportunity of shaking hands with many of his friends here. He tells The Democrat that he will move his family to Washington early in December.

—Mr. A. Z. Davis, formerly of Watauga, but residing for the past three years at Post Falls, Idaho, has returned to his native heath, and proposes to make his home here again. He was a business caller at this office the latter part of last week, and told The Democrat that, since his return to Cove Creek more than two weeks ago, one of his sons had been right sick, but at that time he was thought to be improving. Glad to know that Mr. Davis and family are back in Watauga, they having had their fill of the West.

—Miss Mary Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gragg, of Boone, left last Friday for Cary, Wake county, where she will engage in teaching during the winter, her school opening on last Monday. The young lady is well qualified, for a long while a student of the A. T. S., and we predict for her great success in her chosen vocation.

—Mr. Luther Bingham, of Battery E, Field Artillery, stationed at Greenville, S. C., passed thru the village last Saturday en route to his home at Amantia, where he will enjoy a few days' furlough. Always glad to see the soldier boys, but the return of Luther brought to mind a fact that we had overlooked. There is a number of Bingham boys from the Cove Creek section now in military service, and, without exception, they are there of their own free will, having volunteered to a man. Some fighting blood in that family, sure.

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