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ASSIST ON WORK ORDER.

It is now certain that men within the draft age will not be permitted to engage in non-essential work and retain their civilian status. Under the plan as outlined by General Crowder, men who have been deferred and are engaged in unessential labor such as running elevators, waiters in hotels and other kinds of work described in General Crowder's statement, which was published in all the newspapers, will be called into service by the local boards, regardless of the class to which they have been assigned, unless such registrants procure employment in essential labor in such essential enterprises.

The local boards of the state will have a hard task before them in determining what men are so engaged in non-essential work. If the spirit of the regulations is to be effectively carried out, it becomes necessary that the local boards have the full co-operation of all the business men in the state and all enterprises in the state, whether essential or non-essential. It is believed that the citizenship of this state, in view of the great labor needs, will give all the assistance that lies within their power to the local boards in locating these men. Each local board will be expected to check over its list of registrants in order that it may have a complete list available at all times of this unessential labor.

All business men and industrial enterprises of every character whatsoever are called upon to render to the government a great patriotic service by furnishing to their respective local boards a list of their employes who are within the draft age and who fall within the definition of those deemed by the provost marshal general to be deemed by the provost marshal general to be non-essential within the spirit of the regulations. These lists can be furnished to the local boards within twenty-four hours. The lists should give the names of the employer, name of registrant and character of employment.

It would be a great thing for the State of North Carolina if the governor of the State could within one week's time report to the president the complete co-operation on the part of every employer in North Carolina, and would establish a precedent of service that would be gratifying to the war department.

JOHN L. LANSING.

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Crop Situation Abroad

While Americans have been taken up with their own efforts to increase the supply of food for the world and are making a great headway in that direction, it will encourage them to know that those to whom we have devoted our surplus are doing their utmost to help themselves. Particularly is this true of the United Kingdom, where agriculture is being carried on at the highest pitch ever attained. In England the acreage sown to winter wheat is 56 per cent greater than two years ago, while the prospect for the crop is better than in many years. Other plantings are equally good in prospect. Scotland returns a similar report, the spring sowing there exceeding former years, both in extent and condition. Weather conditions have been especially favorable for farm work of all kinds. Ireland is not reported on in detail, but the disturbances over there have had the singular effect of stimulating agricultural effort and more land is being tilled than

Seven Carloads of German Propaganda Intercepted.

(By Charles H. Newell, Editor of the Dallas Dispatch.)

Seven carloads of German propaganda destined for distribution in Mexico have been caught at San Antonio in the mail censorship and burned since Feb. 1. More information of vital importance in catching German spies in this and other countries has been caught in the same net unearthed in New York, for the Alamo city has been and still is to some extent the great relay point in this country for spy messages.

Establishment of the bureau in which mail to and from Mexico has been censored since Feb. 1, was recommended by Postmaster George D. Armistead of San Antonio the first of last September. Armistead is a former newspaper man, as well posted as anyone along the border about Mexican affairs.

The censorship bureau is not administered by him, though its expense is charged to his office. Two hundred clerks work in the bureau, which is housed in a building all its own near the postoffice. More than 25,000 pieces of mail are handled through the bureau daily, and it has branches in the border towns which handle mail for Mexico that originates in those towns or between San Antonio and the border.

The enormous amount of German propaganda caught in the San Antonio censorship net accounts for the declining power of Hun propagandists in Mexico to paralyze Mexican official circles. More than 38,000 names of disloyal persons and firms in this and other countries are on a big list that is used in the censorship bureau. Many of those names were gathered as a direct result of the work of that bureau. Others came from similar censorship bureaus elsewhere.

Letter mail read there has resulted in the government's learning the names of German and other enemy agents in this country as well as in Mexico, and accounts for the effective way in which many ambitious plans of the kaiser has miscarried.

Two months ago telephone wires across the Rio Grande were cut in many border towns. This was done at the direction of one of the officials of the censorship bureau and did not meet with the approval of the army authorities. Col. Durfee, chief of staff, had telephone communication across the border restored as soon as he could. The wires were cut to avoid transmission of spy messages, but a more effective method of dealing with them than by cutting telephone wires has been devised and is working satisfactorily.

The Hun propaganda so far has been consisted of newspaper, book and magazine matter published in Spanish and German. It came to San Antonio from Spain, Cuba and Argentina.

Try This For Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all at supper. If you are still troubled with a sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed. Adv.

was used last year. France will have a better wheat yield, according to the present outlook, although the sown acreage is still smaller because of the scarcity of help. Italy has not neglected planting, but suffers as does France, by reason of shortage of farm labor.—Omaha Bee.

June the Finest of The Twelve.

Durham Daily Sun.

Who says June is not the finest month of the whole twelve? No one, of course. Who is it that could say there was something better than the balmy breeze that blows across hill and dale, rustling the leaves, making the crystal waters a merrier and more musical sound as they dash and splash down the old mountain side of our State?

In the mountains of this old State are many wonders of Mother Nature, beauty spots where one can study Nature, the handiwork of God. The fragrant perfume of the grand old forests seems to help one to know how big God is. One can find peace—surely one could find it—peace and strength.

What beautiful mornings! One can wish their neighbor a "good morning" and be sure of their getting one. When a summer morning dawns the grass and leaves are dripping wet with the dew of heaven; vapor is thick and one can barely see the hills, but as the rosy-fingered dawn draws back the curtain of night and the Sun God shines in, making the dew-drops sparkle like diamonds, so much so that one might fancy they were the stars of heaven which had been dropped to deck Mother Earth's bosom. The mists that have risen during the night slowly but surely clear away to the higher mountains and wrap them around in a farewell embrace, then slowly disappear in the far-away blue.

The sun still climbs higher and higher in the heavens, the birds sing, the crickets chirp, bees drone flying from flower to flower, gathering the sweetest of honey; then the sun sinks nearer the mountains on the western horizon and slowly drops behind the hills, sending back rays of light and leaving the clouds a burnished gold or like a bed of burning rose petals; night wraps the earth in twilight. For Luna pushes her way up the leafy screen of the mountain wall into the starry dome of heaven until her rays fall on the drifting mists that again raising from the river that winds like a silver chain through the "Happy Valley" below until the scene is supernatural.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gil- liad, Ohio. The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know, what is it you are looking for, we enquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers. Adv.

WHICH CAMP?

America today is divided into two camps—Americans and Alien Enemy. Those who are not for America are against her—enemies all. Those who are idle, selfish or even indifferent are Aliens—all to American interest. Only the workers, "comrades in this great enterprise," bear the honored name—Americans.

Is Not For Young Soldiers.

"From the appeals that are being made for soldier tobacco funds one is likely to get the idea that no man can fight until he has had his tobacco ration," remarked J. J. Hughes, of Cleveland.

"It should be emphasized that tobacco is for the soldier who has acquired the habit before going over, to him a necessity, and General Pershing has recognized this fact and ordered tobacco rations. There are young recruits who never touched tobacco in their lives, have no craving for it and, in fact, would find difficulty in forming the habit.

"Now teaching of the tobacco habit is not part of the military curriculum, but if the use of tobacco grows no boy of draft age will think he can be a good soldier until he gets a cigarette in his mouth. Smoking is not a necessity to all men.

"I am not preaching against the tobacco habit for I use the weed myself, but I do not believe that it is a necessity for the efficiency of the young men in my office, and I do not believe young men should be tempted to take up the habit just because they are going into the military service."—Washington Post.

Mutinous German Prisoners.

Deputy United States Marshal John Y. Jordan has taken to Fort Oglethorpe seven mutinous Germans from the Hot Springs internment camp, the Germans being taken to the military camp at the fort, where they will be placed under strict guard. They had refused to allow their fingerprints to be taken and to answer questions in regard to their past history, and it was deemed best to remove them to the military camp.

Since the announcement that the Germans at Hot Springs were to be moved to other internment camps in order to allow the Hot Springs camp to be turned into a hospital the Germans have shown signs of dissatisfaction in regard to the order, apparently liking the splendid mountain resort in which they were quartered and loath to leave.

With a view to keep a better system of identification, in case any of the Germans should decide to escape, the officials decided to have all the interned prisoners photographed and their fingerprints taken, making a complete record on each man and thus making it more easy to identify him in case of escape.

This work has been in progress for some time, and was practically completed, but seven of the interned subjects of the kaiser refused to have their fingerprints taken and otherwise mutinied against the new rule. As a result the officials decided to send them to the military camp to Fort Oglethorpe.—Asheville Citizen.

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The President's War Savings Proclamation

This war is one of Nations, not of armies, and all of our one hundred million people must be economically and industrially adjusted to war conditions if this Nation is to play its full part in the conflict. The problem before us is not primarily a financial problem, but rather a problem of increased production of war essentials and the saving of the materials and the labor necessary for the support and equipment of our Army and Navy. Thoughtless expenditure of money for non-essentials uses up the labor of men, the products of the farm, mines and factories, and overburdens transportation, all of which must be used to the utmost and at their best for war purposes.

The great results which we seek can be obtained only by the participation of every member of the Nation, young and old, in a National concerted Thrift movement. I therefore urge that our people everywhere pledge themselves as suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury to the practice of Thrift, to serve the Government to their utmost in increasing production in all fields necessary to the winning of the war, to conserve food and fuel, and useful materials of every kind, to devote their labor only to the most necessary tasks, and to buy only those things which are essential to individual health and efficiency, and that the people as evidence of their loyalty invest all that they can save in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. The securities issued by the Treasury Department are so many of them within the reach of every one that the door of opportunity in this matter is wide open to all of us. To practice Thrift in peace times is a virtue, and brings great benefit to the individual at all times. With the desperate need of the individual and the need of the civilized world today for materials and labor with which to end the war, the practice of individual Thrift is a patriotic duty and a necessity.

Appeal to all who own either Liberty or War Savings Stamps to continue to practice economy and thrift, and appeal to all who do not own Government securities to do likewise and purchase them to the extent of their means. The man who buys Government securities transfers the purchasing power of his money to the United States Government until after this war, and to that same degree does not buy in competition with the Government.

I earnestly appeal to every man woman and child to pledge themselves on or before the 28th of June to save constantly and to buy as regularly as possible the securities of the Government and to do this as far as possible through membership in War Savings societies. The twenty-eighth of June ends this special period of enlistment in the great volunteer army of production and saving here at home. May there be none unenlisted on that day. (Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

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