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PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT ANNOUNCING SELECTIVE DRAFT.

A proclamation by the President of the United States:

Whereas, Congress has enacted and the President has on the 18th day of May one thousand nine hundred and seventeen approved a law which contains the following provisions:

Section 5: That all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction stating the time and place of such registration it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, and the national guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act; and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any persons who shall willfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered. Provided, that, in the call of the docket precedence shall be given, in the court trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act. Provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for registration, and all persons so registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided: Provided further, that in the case of temporary absence from actual place or legal residence of any person liable to registration may be made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

Section 6: That the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several states, territories, and the District of Columbia, and subdivisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia, and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President himself or by the Governor or other officer of any state or territory to perform any duty in the execution of this act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct and of all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction of the President. Correspondence in the execution of this act may be carried in penalty envelopes bearing the rank of the War Department. Any persons charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of the act or the regulations made or directions given thereunder who shall fail or neglect to perform such duty and any person charged with such duty or being or exercising any authority under said act, regulations or directions, who shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect statement, physical examination exemption, enlistment, or muster; and any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provision of this act, or regulations made by the President thereunder or otherwise evade or aids another to evade the requirements of this act or regulations or who in any manner, shall fail or neglect fully to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the District Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or, if subject to military law, shall be tried by court martial and suffer such punishment as a court martial may direct.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States do call upon the Governor of each of the several states and territories, the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia and all officers and agents of the several states and territories, of the District of Columbia, and of the counties and municipalities therein to perform certain duties in the execution of the foregoing law, which duties will be communicated to them directly in regulation of even date herewith.

And I do further proclaim and give notice to all persons subject to registration in the several states and in the District of Columbia in accordance with the above law that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on the fifth day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes. Those who shall have obtained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have obtained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named are required to register, excepting only officers in the officers reserve corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps while in active service. In the territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico a day for registration will be named in a later proclamation.

And I do charge those who through sickness shall be unable to present themselves for registration that they apply on or before the day of registration to the county clerk where they may be for instruction as to how they may be registered by agent: Those who expect to be absent on the day named from the counties in which they have their permanent homes may register by mail, but their mailed registration cards must reach the place in which they have their permanent home by the day named herein. They should apply as soon as practical to the county clerk of the county wherein they may be for instructions as to how they may accomplish their registration by mail. In case such persons as, through sickness or absence may be unable to present themselves personally for registration shall be sojourning in cities of over thirty thousand population, they shall apply to the city clerk of the city wherein they may be sojourning rather than to the clerk of the county. The clerks of counties and of cities of over thirty thousand population in which numerous applications from the sick and from non-residents are expected are authorized to establish such agencies and to employ and deputize such clerical force as may be necessary to accommodate these applicants.

The power against which we are arrayed has sought to impose its will upon the world by force. To this end it has increased armament until it has changed the face of war. In the sense in which we have went to think of armies there are no armies in this struggle. There are entire nations armed. Thus, the men who remain to till the soil and man the factories are no less a part of the army that is in France than the army that is beneath the battle flags. It must be so with us. It is not an army that we must shape and train for war; it is a nation. To this end our people must draw close in one compact front against a common foe. But this cannot be if each may pursue a private purpose. All must pursue one purpose. The nation needs all men; but it needs each man, not in the field that will most please him, but in the endeavor that will best serve the common good. Thus though a sharpshooter pleases to operate a trip-hammer for the forging of great guns, and an expert machinist desires to march with the flag, the nation is being served only when the sharpshooter marches and the machinist remains at his levers. The whole nation must be a team in which each man shall play the part for which he is best fitted. To this end, Congress has provided that the nation shall be organized for war by selection and that each man shall be classified for service in the place to which it shall best serve the general good to call him. The significance of this cannot be overestimated. It is a new thing in our history and a landmark in our progress.

It is a new manner of accepting and vitalizing our duty to give ourselves with thoughtful devotion to the common purpose of us all. It is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling; it is rather, selection from a nation which

WISE ITEMS

Miss Emma Dunn is at home again, from her teaching duties near Thelma, for the summer.

Mr. James White has been elected Secretary of the Sunday School to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Page Perkinson.

Miss Carrie B. Dunn is visiting her brother and family at Columbia, S. Carolina.

There will be preaching morning and evening at Sharon Church next Sunday. The church expects to call a regular pastor soon.

Mr. R. H. Rudd has been ill for the past week.

The regular meeting of the Betterment Association for June will be held on Friday afternoon, June the first at 3:30, with Miss Margaret Tanner.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Perhaps there are some in the community interested in the work of the Red Cross. If so, the information given in an editorial in the Ladies Home Journal for August 1916 may be helpful. Parts of the same are quoted below:

"A woman may render herself, her community and her country a distinct service by organizing a Red Cross Auxiliary and she can do this whether she lives in the largest city or in the smallest community. The method is simple; She gets together five women, representative of her community, and each contribute \$1.20; \$6 in all (\$5 for five memberships and \$1 for the box of sample hospital dressings mentioned below.) She sends this amount to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., saying that these five women wish to form a Red Cross Auxiliary in their neighborhood and asking for the proper credentials. She will receive from the Red Cross officials five memberships, the authority to hold the organization meeting, with full instructions of procedure, a yearly subscription to the official magazine for each member, and she will also receive a box of sample Red Cross dressings and three paper patterns. This box contains twenty-one distinct sample hospital dressings and bandages, with full instruction how to make them.

A community Red Cross Auxiliary of this sort may confine itself, if it chooses, to this making of bandages and dressings branch of Red Cross work, or, as it will be told in the literature furnished it, it can go on and expand, and do first aid to the injured work in its community; it can develop into neighborhood sanitation work; it can take up the splendid Red Cross nursing work. In other words, it can confine or expand its activities as it elects."

Here is a little poem written by a New York friend who is much interested in Red Cross work.

THE RED CROSS

All honor to that snow-white flag
With cross of crimson hue,
And honor to its workers,
With courage tried and true.
Where'er it folds are flying
You will find the willing hand,
Be it here in our own country
Or in Alien land.
To many a weary soldier
Lying patiently in pain,
It brings its message of good cheer
And hopes of home again.
Its mercy is all boundless,
'Tis given to one and all;
Its only wish to comfort,
To answer every call.
Wide may its white folds flutter,
Its cross shine near and far,
To help in pain and sorrow,
Till peace has conquered War.
EVELYN A. KING.

GREATER PROSPERITY IN WAR.

Giant of Automobile Industry Predicts Greater Prosperity For Uncle Sam In War.

(By John N. Willys.)

(Mr. Willys is president of The Willys-Overland Company, of Toledo, Ohio, second largest automobile factory in the world, which is expected to produce nearly 200,000 motor cars this year. He is also ranked as one of the industrial giants of the decade, whose business sagacity developed a factory with assets of \$58,000 to a manufacturing plant with assets of \$68,000,000. Mr. Willys can well be styled an authority on business conditions.—Editor's Note.)

Automobile manufactures throughout the country are being deluged by letters, telegrams and verbally with queries as to what effect America's declaration of a state of war existing with Germany will have on business generally, and particularly on the automobile industry.

It seems to me that the unprecedented era of prosperity of the past two years must be continued.

In addition to the enormous business now being handled by this country, the United States Government has just passed a war budget of seven billion dollars. Three billion dollars of this fund will be advanced as a loan to the Allies—who will spend it in the United States.

The remaining four billion dollars will be used to put our own army and navy on a sound war footing.

Every cent of this money will be spent in this country. Every product that is raised or made in this country will be purchased in larger quantities than ever. Every section of the country will benefit—every class of people.

Some of the money will go south to buy cotton. A big share will go to the western states and to the coast for grain, meat and other foodstuffs. Some of it will go to Pennsylvania to steel and coal. New England will get a share in exchange for acetate facemasks of the Central states will get a share. There will be more money in circulation than ever before.

In Canada in spite of the handicaps of the war Willys-Overland dealers have since January 1st booked more retail orders than the total Overland sales in Canada for any previous 12 months. The demand in the Dominion for Willys-Overland cars is far in excess of the supply.

Prior to the war in Canada money was very tight. The per capita wealth across the border was only \$55. At the present time Canada is in better shape financially than ever before; its per capita wealth is now said to be \$92.

The United States today has more money than ever in its history. A recent statement published by U. S. Comptroller Williams showed that United States banks had assets of sixteen billion dollars, exceeding by two hundred and ten million dollars the previous high water mark of five billion dollars in four years. The total national wealth, according to authoritative estimates, is given out as \$250,000,000,000 with a national debt of only \$8,000,000,000. The estimated combined wealth of Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Germany is \$275,000,000,000, while their total national debt is \$90,000,000,000.

There seems to be no cause for pessimism. We can safely look forward to a continuance of good business right here in our own country.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The War Department has ordered the North Carolina Guard to be recruited to full war strength. To meet this requirement the following recruits are necessary:

FIRST REGIMENT.....	1,000
SECOND REGIMENT.....	1,100
THIRD REGIMENT.....	1,200
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.....	1,800

These other organizations include the Coast Artillery, Cavalry, Engineers, and Sanitary Troops. It is seen that over 5,000 volunteers are needed to bring the National Guard up to full war strength. It is apparent, therefore, that anyone who may have opposed the selective draft because he did not like the thought of being conscripted is now given a chance to volunteer for military service.

Then, too, there are several distinct advantages in enlisting in the National Guard:

1. While those who enlist in the National Guard will be required to register, they will be exempt from draft.
2. He who enlists has the privilege of selecting the command and branch of service he desires to enter.
3. He will serve under officers he knows and among his own friends and acquaintances.
4. A person volunteering for service in the National Guard will be required to enlist only for the duration of the war.
5. A permanent roll of those who enlist will be preserved and the names will be published daily in the newspapers.
6. The man who volunteers for service in the National Guard has a better chance from promotion than he who is taken into the army under selective draft.

Considering these advantages, together with the appeal the country makes for men, I confidently expect the patriotic young manhood of North Carolina to quickly fill up the ranks of the National Guard. History does not show where a nation has ever made a worthier appeal than our country makes to its sons today. This Republic has unsheathed its sword in defense of humanity and to prove that republics have a right to live. America has planted the emblem of liberty and democracy in the pathway of the tyrant and the autocrat. And she now calls upon her sons to keep it there. We like to sing of the "sweet land of liberty" and "the home of the brave and the free." But the time has come when it is not enough to sing only. We must back the sentiment with action in order that that which gave birth to the sentiment shall not perish from the earth.

America has lifted her arm in defense of Christian civilization and she now calls upon her sons to save that civilization. This is no ordinary war. It is a war of ideals; for in it a civilization that exalts love and service is pitted against a civilization that exalts power and selfishness. A civilization in which the strong must serve the weak is at war with a civilization in which the weak must serve the strong. It is, in short, a war to determine whether the ideals of Jesus or the ideals of Thor shall dominate the world. We like to pray, "Thy Kingdom come"; but the time has come when it is not enough to pray only.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby call upon and urge unmarried men who are fit for military service to enlist in the organizations located in the communities in which they reside. And the people of all communities in which the various companies are located are earnestly urged to take an active interest in bringing up the organizations to their full war strength.

No citizen of the State should be content until this is done. Never yet has the nation called and failed to receive prompt answer from the people of North Carolina. Let us not forget that in every crisis in the Republic's life, from King's Mountain to the present momentous hour, the people of this Commonwealth have responded to their country's call with a spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty worthy of the best traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race and with a courage that has challenged the admiration of mankind in every land where people love liberty and men are not afraid to die for a principle.

North Carolina will not fail—must not fail—in this hour. I know that our people want the State to do its full share of the work that must be done by the States of this Union, not only to preserve free government on this continent, but in order that the whole world may be "made safe for democracy." Therefore, I appeal with confidence to the patriotic manhood of the State; and I expect a response worthy of the sons of the fathers who laid down their lives in order that we might be free.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this the 21st day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT,

Governor.

By the Governor:
SANTFORD MARTEN,
Private Secretary.

NOTICE!

To the Citizens of Warrenton and Warren County:

A mass meeting will be held in the Court House on Friday night, June 1st for the purpose of recruiting Co. H. to full war strength—Eighty-two men are needed. He who does not like the thought of being conscripted is now given a chance to volunteer for military service. It is urgently requested that our citizens rally to the flag in this emergency. Governor Bickett in his proclamation to recruit the National Guard voices the true sentiment in these words: "We like to sing of the 'Sweet land of liberty' and 'the home of the brave.'" But the time has come when it is not enough to sing only. We must back the sentiment with action in order that that which gave birth to the sentiment shall not perish from the earth."—Warrenton and Warren county have never been derelict in their duty. They will not be to-day.

The meeting will be addressed by Hon. Tasker Polk, Major S. C. Chambers and Col. Minor.

The following gentlemen are appointed on the committee to do individual work towards getting recruits: Mayor J. B. Palmer, Hon. Tasker Polk, Messrs. T. D. Peck, J. G. Ellis, Dr. P. J. Macon, Messrs. Howard F. Jones, Arthur Wood, Chas. Rodwell, Rev. L. W. Baxter. This committee will meet on call of chairman and in conference with Capt. W. A. Graham

will decide on course to be pursued towards getting recruits.

J. B. PALMER,
Mayor.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS PRESENT AT THE DINNER—MAY 17, 1917

J. B. Robertson, A. S. Webb, T. J. Hicks, R. P. Frazier, G. W. S. Tucker, R. H. Thompson, J. W. Allen, L. C. Parkinson, John Hall, H. B. Hunter, W. D. Weldon, J. R. Dannel, James Mustian, R. H. Harris, Rev. T. J. Taylor, J. C. Reavis, J. E. Bridges, W. D. Yancey, C. S. Riggan, Austin Allen, H. W. Jones, A. Bishop, S. R. Duke, J. B. Lancaster, S. W. Pitchford, J. H. White, M. T. Duke, I. M. Hamlet, J. W. Falkner, John Graham, R. M. Cleroden, J. C. Weldon, M. M. Wilson, W. D. Daniel, J. W. Shearin, W. P. Massenburg; and four visitors. Rev. Y. M. Duke, Capt. P. G. Alston, W. E. Bowers and D. C. Tharrington.

There are now living 59 Veterans in the County. John White Camp tenders love and thanks to the Daughters of the splendid dinner—and service—and to Col. T. D. Peck for the box of excellent cigars.

"He's very intellectual and literary, isn't he?" "Why do you think so?" "He told me he never felt like himself till he was snugly ensconced in his library." "Well, you see his folding bed is a bookcase."

ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.