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Back Of This Bank's EARLY EXTENSION DRAF1 AGE LIMIT

RAPID EXHAUSTION OF MEN IN CLASS 1-MAKES ACTION IMPERATIVE.

PROPOSED AGE LIMIT 17 TO 45

Of 3,0000,000 Wanted 2,000,000 WIII Be Registrants, Remainder Volunteers and National Guards.

Washington.-Three million Americans will be under arms by next August I the senate military committee was told today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Extension of the age limits in the army draft will be necessary, General Crowder said, if the present rate of calls is continued. He estimated that all the men in class one would be exhausted soon after next January L General Crowder said that 1,347,000 of the 2,428,000 men placed in class one already have been called to the colors. He estimated that some 406,will be secured from the men regis-tered last June 5 and that another

tion of men in the re-examination of the questionnaires now being made.

Requisition from the draft to complete the 3,000,000 by August J. Gen-eral Crowder said, have been made. Of these, 2,000,000 will be draft regis-trants, and the others relunteers and national guardsmen.

200,000 will be added by the classifica

"Everybody thinks there will be beavy calls during the first six months of 1919," was a significant statement made by General Crowder.

General Crowder.
General Crowder approved the general principle of the bill introduced by Senattor France, extending the registration ages from 18 to 45 years, theeby providing additional men for military and industrial service. He did not approve of the age limits fixed in

of the present year and that unless the age limits are extended and another registration held, it will be nec essary early next year to call men in lass two and probably soon there after in class three.

shown to have been divided as follows: Class one, 2,428,729; class two,

lows: Class one, 2.428,729; class two, 509,666; class three, 427,870; class four, 3,483,326; class five, 1,839,856.
General Crowder submitted figures showing the progress of the draft this year. A total of 1,347,512 men, all from class one, will have been called by the end of July, divided by months as follows: January 23,285; February 83,779; March 132,484; April 174,-377; May 360,230; June 283,354; July

BEGINNING AUSTRIAN DRIVE ALONG 75 TO 100 MILE FRONT

The long awaite dAustrian offensive against the Italians has begun. On the Italian front, for a distance of from 75 to 100 miles. Austrian troops and heavy artillery are endeavoring to break down the resistance of the Italians, who are sided by French and

The Italian premier, Vittorio Or-lando, announced in the chamber of deputies that the Italian troops were The last great Austro-German offer siye, begun in October, 1917, rolled back General Cadorna's line from the laopso front and along the Venetian plain. More than a million enemy troops participated in this operation, and it was not for many weeks that the Italians were able to stay the advance. About the middle of Novem-ber the lave battle began along a

ARGE NUMBER WANTED WITH

ninety-mile front in northern Italy and French and British troops were

purried to reinforce the shaken Italian

shington.—A call for 18,680 regultrants of grammams school tion and qualified for general education and qualified for general military service has been made on the various states. The men, of whom 1.311 and to be ingrees will be sent to achieve and colleges for training. The entrainment date was set for July 1, but the call will be held open for volunteers until July 21. If on that date enough are not obtained, boards authorized to draft remainder.

MISS WILLIE DUNCAN



Mies Willie Duncan, a niese of Re recentative William G. Giver of Alabams, hopes to get to Francis by be soming proficient as a radio special

WANT TO END WARRIGHT SOON

PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE AGAINST BRITISH AND AMES-ICAN FLEETS.

Appearance of Tautonic Fleet in the North Sas at Any Time Would Not Be Unexappted.

Washington.—Further evidence that Germany, in its effort to end the war this summer, is planning to support its land offensive by sanding its high seas forces against the combined Brit-ish and American grand fleet, is given in an efficial dispatch from Switzer-

land.
"A tologram of an official nature,"
says the dispatch, "is being apread broadcast in Garmany, which says that the German admiralty is considering a hig mayal oftensive. Orders are supposed to have been given to keep the whole fleet in readings and a of rack have been burriedly recall-throm Switzerland and other moutral autries, where they have been

ng their leave "The Kieler Zeitung apooks of ex fordinary activity is the pr 's and eger Post publishes an interview with Ven Tirpits, who was asked it Germany was in a position to measure beyout with the English in the affirmative, saying that after elde of Paris, it would be the turn of the kaiser's boats to drive the

English off the high sens" Both in Washington and in the allied capitals a German sea offensive on a grand scale long has been regarded as a possibility and the appearance of the Teutonic fleet in the North sea at any time would not be

If the battle does come American naval forces wil play their part.

BRITISH AIRMEN WORK BOTH EARLY AND LATE

n.-The official statement

London.—The official statement on serial operations says:

"In spite of the cloudy weather our sirmen on the Franch battle front worked early and late dropping eight tons of bombs on enemy troops, transport and ammupities dumps, gans and trenches. Direct hits were obtained on the railway at Hoya-Sur-Mats and concentrations of infantry in the triangle comprising Mantidder,

GERMAN PROPAGANDA TO CREATE DISTRUST IN U. S

terined as a piece of German propa-ganda designed to create distruct in the United States is Greece mached the navy department in a Wolff hu-reau statement that 1,000 Greek salland sent to the United States

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ent. The conference was

THE NEW JERSEY COAST

BY NEW REGULATIONS ANTE WAR MARRIAGES NO CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION.

REVISED DEPENDENCY CLAIMS

Claims for Depende Children Born of Unborn Be-fore June 8, 1918.

Washington.—Markage since the enactment of the smootive draft law no longer will be accepted as cause for exemption from military service, except in the cases of men who have become of age ainre time 5, 1917, who may be exempted if they married before January 15, 1913.

Dependency claims on account of children of such parriages will be allowed where children are "born or unborn before June 1 1918."

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Following is an order sent to all state draft executives.

"Please promulgate at once to lo-cal boards the foll wing important amendment to the selective service regulations:

"Rule 5, Section 72, SSR, is amend-

born or unborn on or prior to June 9, 1918, in which case such a registrant, apon satisfactory proof being made shall be elassified in Class 2.

"C. If a registrant, other than one who has attained the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, who has contractresulting from his marriage will disregarded as a ground for deferred child of the marriage, born or unorn on or before June 9, 1918, in which case a registrant upon satisfac-

in Class 2. "D. Nothing contained in this mendment to Rule 5 shall be conbeen finally classified in Class 1 on materially delayed.
the affirmative finding that his marriage since May 18, 1917, was made fringe of the wood with the primary view of evading military service."

IS AMIENS WITH CHANNEL COAST THE OBJECTIVE?

The impression is rapidly strength-ening that the stage is almost set for renewal of the German main thrust at the British around Amiens with the channel coast as the objective. Bellet has never waveled among the

Ballet has never waveved among the majority of officers here that the real purpose of the German general staff has ben from the first to cut the allied armies apart by a drive that would carry than to the channel; that, arrived at that goal, massed attacks would be hurled against the northern acctor for the purpose of destroying the Britan army while a group defense was maintained against the French to the south. The thrusts at Paris bave been looked upon as well planned and executed faints designed to meaken the Amiens front before the final effort should be made there.

AMERICAN AIRMAN

ERIOUS COAL SHORTAGE EXPECTED NEXT WINTER

MAJ, GEN. W. A. HOLBROOK



Mal. Gen. Willard A. Holbrook has been placed in command of the Southern department of the army, with Southern headquarters in San Antonio. He was detailed before that as a brigade commander at Camp Sherman, and prior to that was chief instructor of military art at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

ALL ATTEMPTS SO FAR FAILED

FIVE GERMAN DIVISIONS USED

"Rule 5, Section 7, SSR, is amended to read as follows:

"Rule 5A. The fact of dependency resulting from the marriage of a resistrant who has become 21 years of age since June 5, 1517, and who has married since the sus of the introduction of the joint resolution in Congress requiring his registration, to wit, January 15, 16th, will be disregarded as a ground for deterred classification.

"H. If a registrant who has attained the age of 21 since June 5, 1917, and who has contracted marriage subsequent to the date of the enactment of the selective service law, to wit, May 15, 1918, claims deferred classification on the ground of dependency resulting from his marriage, the fact of dependency resulting from his marriage will be discrepted as a ground for dependency resulting from his marriage and thus far have used five divisions in attempting to counter it, but entirely without success," Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters to dependency resulting from his marriage and thus far have used five divisions in attempting to counter it, but entirely without success," Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters to dependency resulting from his marriage will be discrepted as a ground for dependency resulting from his marriage and huse for the fact of the fact of

west of the village and the twisted spur of a hill to conceal them, the leading divisions advanced in mass formation. They, however, were served from the Bois de Balleau and were brought under a destructive hail of shappel before they could deploy. ed marriage since May 18, 1917. The fire was so severe that the attack claims deferred classification on the was disorganized and no progress ground of dependency resulting from could be made for some time.

penetrating the defense tasy were met with such enthusiasm in cold steel that their only choice was death

"In the capture of the wood to tory proof being made shall be placed the northwest of Bouresches the gun nests, a game to which they are becoming expert. Gun after gun was strued as requiring the transfer to captured and turned upon its late pos-Class 2 of any registrant who has sessors and the advance flever was

> "Fierce fighting continued when the fringe of the wood was reached, the Germans being afraid of the open alopes behind them and over which their retreat had to be conducted. When at last they broke from the cover of the wood they came under a tempest of bullets. Surrender being impossible they turned and ran, but very few reached ground where they could find refuge."

FRENCH EXACT TERRIBLE

SACRIFICE FROM GERMANS With the French Army in France On a width of battlefront 3,000 yards in extent no fewer than four German were preparing to hit a hard blow when the French launched a highly sful counter-attack southeast of Montdidier. The density of the German troops was fatal for them because the entente allied artillery, machine guns, riflemen and aviators were able to aim at point blank range into these masses of men. This concentrated fire did terrible execu-

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tion by Albert H. Reeves, represent the national automobile chamber commerce, that new taxes be pla upon the automobile-owner inst of the manufacturer.

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GERMAN OFFENSIVE The Success Of A NOW ON THE WANE

FLERCE RESISTANCE OF ALLIED FORCES HAVE CHECKED EN-EMY FOR TIME AT LEAST.

WAR CROSS FOR U.S. STLDLERS.

Heavy German Attack, and Inflict Severe Losses on Ene

The offensive movements of the Germans between Montdidier and Noyon and from south of the Oise river to the eastern fringe of the for est of Villers Votterets apparently are on the wane. In the former region the flerce resistance of the French and the allied forces, for the time being at least, have checked the enemy at all points and on some acctang the allies have even turned vigorously upon the foe and forced him to cede ground he had rained

Only one attempt apparently was made by the enemy to better his po-sitions near Montdidier. Here he launched a violent counter-strack from Courcelles to the neeth of Aury —a front of about a mile and a field— but was badly cut up by the fiee of the allied guns and forced to retreat, leaving numerous dead and on the field.

East of Soissons they pentrated to the village of Laversine, but were un-able to advance on any of the other sectors, although at one time north of Courcy French trenches were entered under the force of the impact A counter-attack resulted in these trenches being recaptured almost immediately.

The sole result of the enemy's at tack on the Montdiffer-Noyon line up to the present is that he has by the violence of his attacks east of the Oise and the forced retreat of the French from the region west of the stream, blotted out the awkward Noron salient and brought the battle front more kito direct alignment with that beginning at the Aisne. And a terrible price has been paid by the T. A. AVERA, Germans for this rectiffication of the W. W. AVERA.

The Germans again have endeavor ed to force the Amer'cans' from gositions captured northwest of Chateau Thierry, but again met with defeat and the loss of numerous men.

American officers and men to the sector, have been awarded the French war cross for bravery and adelity.

PRESIDENT APPROVES
COMPULSORY WORK

Washington.-President Wilson has approved a nation-wide compu work movement to supplement Pro Marshal General Cowder's "work or fight" regulations. In a letter to Governor Harrington of Maryland, made public here tonight. the President endorsed adoption by other states of the Maryland compu sory work law, under which the "worl or fight" principle is made appli to all men between the ages of 18 and General Crowder also has approved the movement and believes that it not only will give greater offect to his new regulations, but will further aid the country in its task of winning the war by reaching men below and above the draft ages.

GERMANY TO EXTEND THE DANGER TONE

According to an unofficial repor smanating from Berlin, the German admiralty is to declare the waters the American coast from Mexico to Canada a danger sone for shipping.

ondon.-The German admiralty in tends to declare the eastern coast of the United States a danger zone and will warn neutral shipping, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Ams'erdam, quoting reports recaived from Berlin

FOR UNION OF MEXICO AND UNITED STATES

New York.—Manuel Carple, edited of La Voz de la Revolution of Tacatan and El Triumto or Havana, speaking for the editors of Maxico, now here as the guests of the United States government, at a lunchous given in their homor by the Pan American Carlotte and the trial of the trial lean Society, said that for his or and his colleagues he made the fession of faith that a union of ico and the United States one in intent and faith in the fu

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