

TEEN MORE MEN ARE CERTIFIED TODAY

For Draft Army—This Leaves Only Two More Men to Be Secured From Cabarrus County.

THREE ARE EXEMPTED BY DISTRICT BOARD

Nine Men in Piedmont Battery Have Not Been Properly Vouched For By Their Officers.

The local exemption board yesterday completed the examination of the additional 150 men called to appear before them during the past three days. Up until yesterday 197 men had been certified to the district board. Today the local board is certifying ten more men of those examined yesterday. These men have passed their physical examinations and have made no claim for exemption.

1971—Machen Frigge.
198—Sam Alexander.
2002—William A. Isonhour.
2028—Eugene C. Barnhardt, Jr.
202—Carl Monroe Helms.
2577—James Wilson.
3122—John H. Darton.
3576—E. C. Frost.
3583—Lake Cook.
1729—R. L. Christy.

This brings the total number of men so far certified up to 207, or only two short of the quota of 209 assigned to Cabarrus County. The board is busy today passing on the claims already filed for exemptions.

In this morning's reports from the district board at Statesville it is reported that claims for exemptions made by three of those certified from this county have been allowed. They were: Silas Leroy Parr, Charles C. Skoop, Clyde Allison Blankwelder.

Some comment has been heard with reference to the men in the Piedmont Battery, or Battery D, at Montreat, Va., who have not been properly certified to the local exemption board. The chairman of the local board has received a letter from J. J. Mankin, Jr., director of military enrollment for North Carolina, dated August 14th, in which the director says:

"The Provost Marshall General has ruled that all men enlisted in the National Guard or regular army organizations whose names are called by local boards must present an affidavit signed by their commanding officer, together with a claim for exemption from draft on account of military service. This claim and affidavit is to be made on forms 110, 117, 110 and 111. No exception should be made to the ruling of the Provost Marshall General. These affidavits be furnished your board."

No such affidavits have been received by the local board for the men whose names have already been called, and who are now in the Piedmont Battery. The matter was brought to the attention of the commanding officer there without bringing forth the affidavits. Therefore, the local board was compelled to certify for service to the draft army the names of the men in the Piedmont Battery who have been called to appear before this board. The men affected by this order are:

Clarence J. M. Blume.
R. V. Caldwell, Jr.
John B. Merritt.
Elyse L. Lewis.
McLain S. Chaste.
Phylaxated Willet.
Robert E. Pugh.
Eugene L. Whinn.
John H. Crabbs.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Market Opened Steady and Selling Was Very Active.

New York, Aug. 18.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 5 to 9 points this morning, selling very active, but there were few buyers and October eased off to 24.15 while January sold at 24.22 shortly after the call, making a net loss of 22 to 24 points on more active positions. Later prices rallied 4 to 5 points on covering.

SOLDIERS' BUSINESS TO BE LOOKED AFTER

While They Are in Camp or at the Front.—Government Has Appointed Aid Committees.

NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR SERVICES

The Members Have Accepted Their Appointments And They Will Serve Through Patriotism.

Some of the men who are being drafted for the army, now are probably wondering what will become of their personal affairs, and who will attend to matters for them while they are in the training camp or at the front. This matter has been provided for by the government in the appointment of the Soldiers' Business Aid Committee, which is appointed in each county.

For Cabarrus County the committee is composed of Prof. W. W. Morris, chairman, Jos. F. Cannon, C. W. Swink, L. D. Coltrane, J. Harvey Dorton and W. R. Odell. Prof. Morris has already received his commission from the Governor of North Carolina, and the other members on the committee have agreed to accept their appointments.

These officers shall receive no pay for their services and it is purely a patriotic motive that prompts them to undertake it. It is their duty to look after the interests of absent soldiers who have no one to look after the affairs for them, and to give such matters the same attention as if the soldiers were an absent brother. A list of some of their duties follows:

- 1. To render, without charge, any legal service desired from time of call to the colors until the end of the war.
- 2. To see that during the absence of the soldier there shall be no lapse in his insurance policies, no failure to pay taxes on property nor interest on mortgage indebtedness, and to make such legal transfers of property as the soldier or his family may desire.
- 3. To see that no advantage shall be taken of any soldier in legal proceedings in which he may be a party, or in which he may have an interest.
- 4. To look after and assist in caring for all persons who may be, or who may hereafter become dependent upon a soldier for support.
- 5. To aid soldiers in securing employment when they return.
- 6. To arrange for special training or education of soldiers partially disabled by wounds or disease.
- 7. To see that all soldiers who are called to the colors are properly registered, so that they may vote during their absence.
- 8. To perform any other services for soldiers when necessity therefore arises during their absence at the front.

PERSONAL STUDY OF SITUATION

Being Made by President Wilson as Regards Threatened Strike.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson is making a personal study of the labor situation in the northwest, especially in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho, where a general strike of the I. W. W. is threatened next Monday.

The Department of Justice officials are little changed in the situation. A recommendation, said to have been reached at a conference yesterday among governors, Justice, of Washington, the state attorney general, and representatives of the Department of Justice, had not been received here today. It is recommended that it be reported to the effect that all strike leaders should be summarily arrested when the strike becomes effective.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT AT N. & A. INSTITUTE

In Planned Reception at Hampton, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18.—Former President Woodrow Wilson will probably succeed (the late Dr. H. B. Friswell as president of the Normal Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va. He is now chairman of the board of trustees of that school and is said to be the choice of the other members. It is not known when a new principal will be chosen. Mr. Taft succeeded the late H. C. Ogden as chairman of the board of trustees of Hampton Institute four years ago.

SMALL NAVAL BATTLE OCCURRED THURSDAY

Only Light Sea Forces Were Engaged.—Two German Mine Sweepers Damaged.—Attacks Warded Off.

SHARP FIGHTING CONTINUES NEAR LENS

In Which Germans Are Repulsed Completely.—Germans Continue to Pound British With Big Guns.

Effort was made early today by the Germans to capture around taken by the British in their successful attack in the vicinity of Lens, giving them control of the dominant positions. The British war office reports sharp fighting northwest of Lens, and once more the attacks of the Germans were repulsed completely. The Germans continue to pound the positions with artillery. In the vicinity of Ypres also the big German guns have kept up a lively fire, but no infantry attacks are reported.

An naval battle in German waters between British and German light sea forces is reported by the British admiralty. While the British were scouting the German bay on Thursday they sighted a German destroyer which was badly damaged. Two German mine sweepers also were damaged, and two German submarines were without result.

Another combined raid was carried out on Thursday night by the British planes on the railroad junction at Thourout in western Flanders, 11 miles from Bruges. Fires were caused and the British admiralty announced an ammunition dump is believed to have been hit. The British aviators dropped many tons of bombs on their objectives, returning safely.

PROF. W. W. MORRIS RESIGNS

As County Superintendent of Schools.—J. B. Robertson Elected.

Statement from the County Board of Education. The following is self-explanatory: To the Honorable Board of Education of Cabarrus County. I hereby tender my resignation as superintendent of the public schools of Cabarrus county, to take effect at your earliest convenience.

PRESIDENT WILSON COOPERATES WITH HOOVER

In Regard to Power He Would Assume to Control Food.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson sent to the food administration today for a personal conference with Herbert Hoover, and later went to the Federal Trade Commission. It is believed President Wilson discussed the coal situation to an extent to which he would assume power to control the distribution vested in him by the food bill.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAILORS

Must Be Sent Direct Through Bureau of Supplies.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Secretary Daniels announced today that women making woolen clothing and other comforts for sailors may forward them direct through the Bureau of Supplies of the Navy, inasmuch as they no longer will be accepted by the Navy Department, when presented through the agency of the Navy League.

BOARD ISSUE PROPOSAL

Of Secretary Mellon, to Come Before Committee Today.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The House Ways and Means Committee had before it today Secretary Mellon's proposal for a bond issue of \$7,280,000,000 to bear a 4 per cent interest, and subject only to income surtaxes, for the purpose of providing \$1,000,000,000 additional loans to the allies and the payment of the \$3,000,000,000 war debt. It is expected that the bill will be reported by the committee today.

BOOD OF JOHN W. KERN

Former Indiana Senator Sent to Prison for 10 Months.

WILL NOT REPLY INDEPENDENTLY

To the Peace Note Sent By Pope, Is the Plan of the Administration.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 18.—The reply of the United States to the Pope's peace note will not be sent independently and not in connection with the answer of the other belligerents. At present, that is the plan of this time, as indicated by Secretary Lansing. A reply may not be expected until the proposal has been carefully considered.

G. A. R.'S BIG ENCAMPMENT

Fifty-First Annual Encampment to Be Held in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 18.—The arrangements for the fifty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, with its several affiliated bodies, which will open in this city tomorrow, were completed today. Headquarters were opened this afternoon, with Commander-in-Chief William J. Patterson of Pittsburgh and other of the national officers in charge.

In addition to the meetings of the Grand Army, there will be held the annual gathering of the National Woman's Relief Corps, the National Daughters of Veterans, the National Ladies Aid Society, the National Army Nurses' Association, the National Association of Naval Veterans, and the National Association of ex-Prisoners of War.

The meetings and reunions of these various organizations will continue through the entire week. The chief feature of the program will be the parade of the Grand Army men on Tuesday, when it is expected, veterans variously estimated at from fifteen to twenty-five thousand will be in line.

The parade will be reviewed by Governor McCall at the State House and by Mayor Curley at the City Hall. The parade will start at 10 o'clock from the official stand on Boston Common. Out of consideration for the age and infirmities of the majority of the marchers the route of the procession will be less than two miles in length. Automobiles will be furnished for the old soldiers unable to march, and hospital attendants and ambulances will be on hand to assist those who may be taken sick on the march.

For many days the people of Boston have been preparing for the encampment. Shop windows are full of flags and bunting are flying from every building in the business district and from many of the homes in the residential sections.

The G. A. R. posts and branches of affiliated organization in Boston and all its suburbs have arranged to care for the visitors. The hotels will be filled to their capacity and many of the residents have arranged to shelter and feed one or more of the veterans.

The executive committee of the G. A. R. is doing all in its power to see that the coming encampment will prove an influential factor in arousing the patriotism of the people in the present war. Numerous patriotic features will mark the daily program of the gathering. Speakers of fame will be heard in patriotic oratory on Boston Common, in Faneuil Hall and other of the historic spots of Boston.

In the great parade of soldiers and sailors of today will march side by side with the gray-haired veterans who fought for the Union more than half a century ago.

The encampment will be formally opened tomorrow afternoon with a patriotic service at Old South Church with addresses by Commander-in-Chief Patterson, Corporal James Tanner of Washington, Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon and others.

Monday there will be a campfire at Symphony Hall, at which the delegates will be welcomed by Governor McCall, Mayor Curley and Daniel E. Denny of Worcester, commander of the Department of Massachusetts. At this gathering, also, the greetings of allied organizations will be received.

Tuesday will be parade day, and on Wednesday the national delegates will meet for routine business and the regular tour of duty. It is possible that the election of officers will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Already there are several active candidates in the field for commander-in-chief and a lively contest is in prospect.

COBB AND ROUSCH RETAIN THEIR LEAD

As Leading Batters in Their Leagues.—Chapman And Carey Are Still Leading Base Stealers.

OWNIE BUSH LEADS IN RUNS SCORED

In the American League—Having Passed Cobb in the Race.—Tie in Both Leagues in Home Runs.

(By The Associated Press.) Records of leading players in the major leagues, including the games of last Wednesday, follow:

Leading hitters: National League, Rousch, Cincinnati; Burps, New York; 76; American, Ownie Bush, Detroit, 97.

Leading base stealers: American, Chapman, Cleveland, 36; National, Carey, Pittsburgh, 32.

Leading home run hitters: National, Robertson, New York; Hornsby, St. Louis, and Cravath, Philadelphia, tied with 8 each; American, Vench, Detroit, and Pipa, New York, tied with seven each.

Leading pitchers, who have participated in 20 or more games: Alexander, Philadelphia, Nationals, won 19, lost 11; Cicotte, Chicago American, won 18, lost 9.

Cincinnati leads the American League in club batting, with 287, while Detroit leads the American with 260.

Methodist Protestant. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Paul Kennett, and at 8 p. m. the pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. R. Toth, of the Reformed Church. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The public cordially invited to attend all these services. Young men not members of any Sunday school will be gladly welcomed to the Baraca class at 9:30.

St. James Lutheran. Bible school at 10 a. m. Chief service at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Grace of Service." Pastor, Miss Annie Belle Isonhour and Mr. Charles Spennell. Beginning at 8 o'clock the Woman's Missionary Society will give a programme dealing with our work in Japan which is now twenty-five years old. The offering is for the society. The public is invited to all services.

Central Methodist. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 6 p. m. by the pastor. Public cordially invited to these services.

Forest Hill Methodist. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Mr. W. R. Odell, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Jacob Simpson.

Trinity Reformed Church. Sunday school tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Church services at 11 and 8 p. m. The pastor of Trinity and Rev. Paul Kennett of the Methodist Protestant Church will exchange pulpits at the evening service. All are welcome.

West Central Baptist. There will be preaching at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. by the pastor, Morning subject, "Entrusting How to Pray." Evening subject, "What Think Ye of Christ." Sabbath school at 9:45. Come and worship with us. Rev. D. F. Helms, pastor.

Rev. Street Methodist. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. J. C. Rowe, followed by the sacrament. Preaching at 8 p. m. by the pastor. The third quarterly conference will be held at 8 p. m. at the church tonight. All are invited to these services.

ARREST OF H. S. FICKE AS AN ALIEN ENEMY

Expected That the Arrest Will Be Followed By the Detention of Numerous Other Men at Once.

WILL BE INTERNED UNTIL AFTER WAR

Ficke's Home, Located On Staten Island, is Only Short Distance From Fort Wadsworth.—Sees All Ships.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 18.—The arrest of H. S. Ficke, the auditor in this city, of the North German Lloyd steamship company, as an alien enemy was expected to be followed today by the detention of numerous other men, all of whom probably will be interned until the end of the war. Ficke was arrested last night by United States Marshal Power, who said today that "thru his arrest and others to be made soon, the leak to Germany will be stopped."

The Ficke home, on Staten Island is only a short distance from Fort Wadsworth, one of the main fortifications guarding the harbor approach to New York City. From the house, it was said, at ships leaving New York during the day can be seen. While government officials declined to go into details regarding the arrest, it was said to be a direct result of an investigation to learn how Germany obtained information regarding the sailing and routing of ships leaving for European ports with troops, and also the secret destination of the destroyers flotilla, which is taking part in the defensive against the German submarines.

First Presbyterian. There will be no preaching services either morning or night. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. (collection for orphan.) Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m.

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Calvary Lutheran. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services at 11.

St. Andrew Lutheran. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services at 7:45 p. m.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Haddon. At this service the members of Company L will worship with us, and the public is cordially invited. There will be no evening service, but the pastor will preach in the afternoon at the Jackson Training School.

ANGER OF H. S. FICKE STRIKE IN LONDON

Involving Half of the Engineers and Firemen Employed on the British Railroads.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS PRINCIPLE AT STAKE

About 40,000 Men Concerned Who Belong to the Associated Society of Engineers and Firemen.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Aug. 18.—There is considerable danger of an immediate strike, involving about one-half of the engineers and firemen employed on the British railroads, the main point at issue being the recognition of the principle of the 8-hour day, although the demand does not necessarily include the principle effective during the war. The men concerned number about 40,000 and belong to the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which is distinct from the much larger National Union of Railway Men, which is not involved. The government recently stated in the House of Commons that the society's claims were inadmissible, and at a meeting of the executive committee of the Society yesterday, it was decided to order strike because of demands not granted. The executive committee, despite the decision to strike, agreed to submit a proposal of President Stanley of the Board of Trade, to a conference of delegates convoked for today.

Mrs. Hattie Miller Dead. Miller at J. Feldman & Sons' Disp at St. Leo Hospital, Greensboro, Salisbury, Va.

Word was received here by relatives this afternoon of the death at St. Leo's hospital, Greensboro, of Mrs. Hattie Miller, of this city. The remains will be brought to Salisbury and the interment will be here.

Mrs. Miller was a milliner, at J. Feldman & Sons' and had a large circle of friends in this city who will be pained to learn of her death. She entered St. Leo's hospital some days ago for treatment.

(The above will be of interest in Concord as Mrs. Miller formerly lived in this city.)

250 KILLED IN A POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION. Plant Covered Area of Five Square Miles.

(By The Associated Press.) Montreal, Canada, Aug. 18.—A terrific explosion at the powder plant of the Curbia & Harvey Ltd. at Rigaud, Quebec, today is believed to have caused a heavy loss of life. Five thousand men and women are employed at the plant, which covers an area of five square miles.

Passengers on the Canadian Pacific railroad train which passed the scene of disaster, placed the number of dead at 20.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—The first reports received here from the scene of the powder explosion today at Rigaud, Quebec, state that in the neighborhood of 250 persons have been killed.

Reports received today soon after the explosion of said plant nearly all in flames.

From points near Rigaud it was learned that three explosions took place. The first was heard 30 miles away, and was followed by two others. Telephone and telegraph lines were interrupted by the explosion. Traffic on the Ottawa-Montreal line, which passes close to the plant has been suspended.

Trainmen who not away from the scene of the explosion reported that 40 houses at Branson, a village near the powder plant, were razed by the force of the explosion.

Rigaud is 45 miles southwest of Montreal. Prior to the war it had a population of 1,000. Doctors and nurses left by special train for the scene.

The Evening

A Modern Store, in a Modern Way.
Up-to-date Merchandise.
OPENS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1st

ENLISTED MEN!

While you are helping to make your country's history, those who stay at home will miss you. Part of your duty is to have your portrait made for the home folks, and it is only fair that your loved ones should also have their's made for you to carry away with you. Their portrait will show you, your picture will cheer them. "Do not put off for tomorrow what you can do today." We are going to be busy making lots of the "War" pictures, let us make yours before the rush begins.