

COUNTRY NEEDS MANY MARINERS

Census of Navigators Begun by Recruiting Service of the Shipping Board.

NEED DATA FOR EMERGENCY

More Than 40,000 Said to Hold Government Licenses to Officer Ships of All Kinds—Many Have Left the Sea.

Boston, Mass.—The United States shipping board recruiting service, of which Henry Howard is director, has started taking a country-wide census of licensed mariners, in order to deal intelligently with the present emergency. The board is urging all licensed mariners who are engaged in shore occupations to come back to the sea, for the new merchant marine will need great numbers of competent men.

Data covering the numbers of licensed officers, together with the grades of ocean and coastwise licenses which they hold, have been prepared here for the recruiting service by the United States steamboat inspection service.

There are about 40,000 licensed officers. Many are now engaged in the seafaring profession. These are all men of considerable sea experience, and it is to this class that the call to the sea that the board is now preparing will appeal.

Draft for License Holder.

Some leading authorities believe that all men who hold licenses should be drafted and forced to assist the government in the present emergency. Others believe that unless the men come forward and serve willingly their licenses should be taken away.

A letter has been sent by Henry Howard to every person in the country holding a license as officer of an ocean or coastwise steam or sail vessel and says in part:

"The recruiting service of the United States shipping board is at present engaged in compiling detailed statistics as to the number of persons holding United States licenses as officers of ocean or coastwise steam or sail vessels, their present address and occupation.

"This information is desired in order that this service may have a ready reference list of all officers available for service in the large number of vessels that will be placed in coastwise and overseas service.

"Opportunities for the advancement of licensed officers were never so promising as at the present time; and salaries are on a higher plane than ever before.

"It has been said that to win this war the United States must provide ships in large numbers to offset the activities of the enemy submarines. These ships are required for the maintenance of our military forces on the battlefield and also to supply food and supplies to our allies.

Ships Being Built.

"Ships are now being built as rapidly as the facilities of our shipyards will allow. There are now under construction about 1,500,000 tons for private order for service in the coastwise or overseas trade; and in addition there are 1,900,000 tons building for government order for overseas service. Stupendous as these figures may appear, as compared to previous records of shipbuilding in this country, even this output will be materially increased as additional shipyards are completed. As soon as these ships are completed work will be commenced on others, contracts for which have already been let.

"With the ships assured, the problem is presented of securing a sufficient number of licensed officers to man the vessels as they are made ready for service.

"These are days of self-sacrifice for every liberty-loving American. The world must and shall be made free that future generations may enjoy the blessing of liberty, and you of course realize the important part the officers and seamen of our merchant marine must take to bring success to the cause of democracy.

"The American seaman has never been a slacker, and history records that in every case of danger to our nation he has come valiantly to his country's aid without thought of personal comfort or advantage; and there is every reason to believe that the seamen of the present day will be just as patriotic as their predecessors. Are you willing to do your part to preserve the glorious traditions of our merchant sailor?"

"The United States shipping board, through its recruiting service, is now engaged in educating both deck and engineer officers free of charge, having established schools in cities along the seaboard and Great Lakes.

"In addition, the recruiting service is taking a census of the officers at present holding license in order that it may intelligently deal with the situation at hand. You are therefore requested to fill out the inclosed card and return it as soon as possible. To insure accurate records you should be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled in and contain the correct information.

"Your country desires your service."

soils and with less fertilizer and in colder climates than wheat, and for these reasons should be planted in preference to wheat where it has been proved a safer crop. Detailed recommendations for an increase in acreage to be planted to rye this fall over that of 1917 are found in the accompanying table:

State.	Acreage suggested for fall of 1917	Acreage sown in fall of 1916	Pct. of increase over 1916
Maine	1,000	.....	.....
New Hampshire	1,999	.....	.....
Vermont	2,999	.....	.....
Massachusetts	1,000	.....	.....
Rhode Island	1,000	.....	.....
Connecticut	10,000	.....	.....
New Jersey	170,000	162,000	5
Pennsylvania	130,000	78,000	54
Delaware	35,000	230,000	15
Maryland	2,000	1,000	10
Virginia	35,000	29,000	21
West Virginia	110,000	94,000	15
North Carolina	28,000	22,000	27
South Carolina	67,000	82,000	21
Georgia	60,000	7,000	614
Florida	100,000	11,000	482
Ohio	84,000	.....	.....
Indiana	275,000	203,000	35
Illinois	75,000	52,000	44
Michigan	454,000	378,000	20
Wisconsin	535,000	448,000	19
Minnesota	490,000	385,000	27
Iowa	118,000	53,000	119
Missouri	40,000	29,000	38
North Dakota	1,035,000	935,000	11
South Dakota	350,000	344,000	2
Nebraska	250,000	217,000	15
Kansas	100,000	84,000	19
Kentucky	33,000	33,000	.....
Tennessee	50,000	31,000	61
Alabama	16,000	8,900	100
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	8,000	.....	.....
Texas	2,000	.....	.....
Oklahoma	15,000	10,000	50
Arkansas	1,000	.....	.....
Montana	20,000	11,000	172
Wyoming	20,000	16,000	25
Colorado	30,000	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	.....	.....
Utah	12,000	.....	.....
Nevada	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	3,000	3,500	.....
Washington	19,000	6,000	215
Oregon	45,000	32,000	41
California	12,000	.....	.....
United States	5,121,000	4,214,000	21.8

Fall-sown rye should supplement spring wheat to a considerable extent in the spring-wheat belt. An enlarged acreage of rye in addition to the usual spring wheat sowings will help to guarantee a plentiful supply of bread grain next year.

GIVES FOUR SONS TO WAR

His Name Is Nolan, and No Further Explanation Seems to Be Necessary.

Chicago.—There's a "wearin' of the olive drab" in the family of John P. Nolan, former police captain.

—Here's the honor role in his family of four sons and a daughter: Thomas Nolan, thirty-nine years old, captain in Company G, Seventh regiment, I. N. G.; Joseph Nolan, thirty-five, sergeant in the machine gun squad, Seventh regiment; John Nolan, thirty-three, first lieutenant in the machine gun squad, Seventh regiment; Edwin Nolan, twenty-seven, "winner" of one of the draft numbers first to be called; Mary C. Nolan, graduate Northwestern university, Red Cross nurse, leaves in a few months for France.

"Yes, mother and I will have to manage our drug store alone, with all the family gone," says the old father patiently, "but I wish I had five more. I'd give them all to the government."

FEMININITY ASSERTS ITSELF

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M. D. Gets Warrant; Sends Bill. Memphis, Tenn.—W. T. Bond, deputy United States marshal, went to the office of a local physician and served a subpoena on the doctor. The next day Mr. Bond received a bill reading: "Mr. W. T. Bond, in account with Dr. — \$1 for office call."

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