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## First Fifteen Hundred Names Drawn Indicate Proportion of Whole Draft

### "HUMAN LOTTERY" TAKING PLACE TODAY

TEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED CAPSULES IN GLASS BOWL COVERED EVERY ONE OF THE NINE MILLION REGISTRANTS.

### SEC. BAKER DRAWS FIRST NUMBER 258

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 20.—The first fifteen hundred men drawn, officials say, ought to indicate a good proportion of the order in which the drafted men will be called for the first examination:

The numbers drawn have been given up to one o'clock, and except for the nearby towns the numbers only will be given of those drawn up to time of going to press.

We shall however, endeavor to publish the names and numbers in our Tuesday issue, or failing this give as concise information of the drawing as possible.

Washington, July 20.—Secretary of War Baker, drew the first number, 258, this morning at 9:30 in the great "human lottery" in which over nine million of America's flower of youth is being drawn for the great world contest, of which nearly one million of whom will be required to give up home, friends, everything and travel the seas in order to fight for the birthright of Americans—the democracy of mankind.

Never before has the entire country been shaken as today when father stands shattered with the knowledge that his son, perhaps his only boy, will be taken from him regardless of all that he can do.

Mothers too, gaze with blank eye into the future, feeling that the very flesh of her flesh and bone of her bone is facing the dread field of battle, where savage beast, in human form, tear one another apart in sheer vicious exaltation. Sisters, lovers, friends, all face, with whatever resolution they can, this fearful of all days, when the whole country is powerless.

Is it any wonder therefore that this day will stand out in mourning as the Black Friday of the age.

The first number drawn was 258, representing, for this district, S. C. Flood, of Halifax.

The second was 2522, held by Weldon R. Shearin, of Enfield; 458, Willie Clanton, of Littleton; 3403, John Willie Powell, of Airlie.

The first Scotland Neck boy drawn was Hallie Johnson, with No. 1095, then Mose Cooper, with No. 2389; George Lawrence, with 1117; George Thompson, with 1185. Lee Kelley, with 107, Anderson Day, with 616.

The other numbers as drawn are 854, Hy Whitaker, 784, Hughes, T. H., 755; Dunn, Norwood; 783, Columbus Howard; 837, Noah Roscoe, all of Halifax.

Scotland Neck, 924, L. N. Howard; 1066, Richard Dickens; 1014,

Jim Williams; 1178, Hosea Stepote; 2374, Lucas Alston.

10, Bradley, Mack; 1031, Arrington, A. B.; 927, Hyman, Wm. A.

117, Mitchell, Milan; 2330, Anderson, Arrington; 75, Clark, Simon; 972, Perry, J. W.; 983, Riddick, J. C.; 996, Smith, J. D.; 514, Alexander, Seaton, H.; 2438, Smith, Walter E.; 1148, Smith, Ben; 2397, Dickens, Matthew; 2314, Johnson, Stephen, 927, Hyman, W. A.; 982, Rambo, J. R.; 905, Draper, Lafayette; 933, Josey, J. H.; 2331, Bradley, James; 1114, Lawrence, C. Jr.; 31, Lawrence, Asa; 981, Price, Ollie; 882, Boyette, Elisha; 2360, Moore, Washington, H.

1146, Shields, Walter; 1103, Jones, Hy; 1020, Anthony, Arthur; 46, Washington, Geo.; 1099, Johnson, J. D.; 2441, Whitaker, Henderson.

Hobgood, 604, Umphlet, J. S.; 43, Smith, Bela.

Hobgood, 126, Powell, Dock.

140, Smith, Columbus; 18, Finch, L. N.

Palmyra, 600, Hymán, Ernest.

652, Thompson, Luke.

601, Johnson, Percy; 606, Baker, Geo.

Palmyra, 596, Burnett, E. Lawrence.

Enfield names, are 3251, Wright Wade; 3200, Ernest Peterson; 3082, Ralph Daniel; 2936, Myers, L. E.; 3070, Cofield, George; 3067, Carr, Moses.

Enfield, 3256, Warren, Lewis; 2967, Roles, L. H.; 330, Williams, Solomon; 3254, Wade, Sam.

2993, Todd, Elisha, T.; 3149, Lane, Lewis; 3090, Davis, Simon; 2952, Alston, J. H. Jr.; 3285, Wilkins, Johnnie; 3053, Bowe, W. H.; 2962, Pridgen, J. W.; 2868, Crouch, H. W.; Baltimore, Md., 1045, Bullock, Wm.,

3024, Arrington, Jim; 1395, Anderson, S., 182, Freuler, R. A.; 3232, Sloan, Alza; 3208, Pittman, Paul.

Halifax, 200, Keeter, Claude; 692, Joyner, E. G.; 810, McDaniel, Willie; 309, Perkins, Robert.

797, Jones, Milo; 739, Check, Jimmie.

Littleton, 486, Hicks, Curtis; 507, Jackson, Geo.; 3317, Carter, W. E.; 420, Alston, Ivey; 433, Boyd, Tilghman.

2725, Nicholson, Geor.; 432, Boyd, Robert.

Littleton, 509, Jeffries, Charlie; 564, Robertson, Ben; 536, Mills, Isham; 3331, Marks, Clements.

464, Drungoole, James.

Weldon, 1455, Faison, Jesse; 1572, Sledge, Algie; 1267, Gore,

### DETECTIVE SEEK SOME THINGS U. GERMEN AGENTS S. TO CONSIDER

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Norfolk, Va., July 20.—Government detectives are looking for two alleged German agents who attempted to burn bridges near Jamestown site where the big naval base is being built.

A strong guard has been placed at the bridge now.

C. F.; 1495, Ivey, Robert; 1237, Chance, J.; 1546, Ponton, J.; 1563, Saunders, Squire; 1369, Timberlake, Jno. E.

Weldon, 1548, Ponton, Yank; 1264, Garner, C. S.; 1539, Kirkins, Willie; 1324, Moseley, C. L.

1331, Parker, Elwood; 1282, Hawks, Sterling, M.; 1323, Moore, Robert A.; 1536, Nelson, Chas.; 1236, Chance, Ernest; 1484, Mill Dan.

1322, Moore, Philip; 1615, Wilkins, John.

Roanoke Rapids, 1763, Lafaday, Arthur; 1682, Elmore, R. W. C.

1705, Gore, Austin, F.; 1685, Faison, M. E.; 1847, Spivey, L. M.; 1779, McAlester, G. W.; 1751, Johnson, P. C.

Roanoke Rapids, 1813, Norwood, J. W.; 1858, Taylor, J. W.; 1752, Jones, Daniel; 1748, Jernegan, H. S.; 1679, Dula, R. P.; 1732, Hudson, J. M.

1771, Lipscombe, C. T.; 1651, Burnette, F. M.

Tillery, 3499, House, Henry; 1986, Bass, W. C.; 3471, Edmonds, Nathan.

1922, Gatling, Clem; 1723, Higson, Willie; 2247, Brown, Gus; 2011, Bush, T. G.

Rosemary, 2181, Story, Allen H. Rosemary, 1878, Warren, R. A.; 2022, Cox, E. W.; 2195, Thomas, W. K.; 2166, Self, G. V.; 1913, Branch, Nathan; 2148, Perry, J. H.; 2099, Lane, E. V.

Airlie, 3383, Harris, Sidney; 3382, Harris, Pete.

Brinkleyville, 2036, Cushing, W. E.

Dillon, S. C., 513, Johnson, Will.

Essex, Richardson, Stephen, 2620, Mark, Evans.

2749, Richardson, Cofee.

2756, Richardson, Jas.; 2808, West Solomon.

Aurelian Springs, Hicks, David.

Hollister, 2501, Long, L. D.

Hollister, 2494, Joyner, Arthur.

Ringold, 2787, Silver, Wm.

Ringwood, 2548, Allen, Ulus.

2783, Silver, James; 2599, Cherry, Ernest.

Heathville, 329, Wilkins, Henry.

Heathville, 2453, Bozeman, C. R.

Rock Hill, S. C., 568, Simmons, John.

Thelma, 437, Brown, Jack; 514, Johnson, Chas. H.

These are the numbers up to four o'clock and for the balance as they come in the telegrams will be put on the board outside the Commonwealth office.

### SOME THINGS U. S. TO CONSIDER

London, July 20.—The officer should be the teacher and the leader of his men. Therefore the rule should be rigidly enforced that for an officer the indispensable qualification is a strong character and a liberal education. He must be a person whom the men will respect, for the private soldier gauges instinctively the spiritual quality of those who are set over him.

The military education of the officer must aim at making him a tactician. All the rest is of slight importance. The routine of the army, its methods of administration, the necessary rudiments of military law are picked up by the officer insensibly in the course of his military life. But unless he starts with clear and sound ideas of the essential points of tactics, of the art of fighting, of making the best of his men's weapons on the ground, he will be hampered throughout his career.

The U. S. government in forming a series of great schools for the tactical instruction of young men seeking to become officers is thereby laying the best foundation for its future army. Neglect of this matter at the beginning cannot possibly be remedied by any subsequent measures.

Napoleon said, "The ideal army would be that in which every officer, according to his rank, should know exactly what he ought to do in any situation in which he might find himself."

In the training of the men it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of good shooting. Prince Hohenlohe, a great Prussian artillery commander of the last generation, was asked what are the three great functions of artillery and replied:

"The first is to hit, the second is to hit, and the third is to hit." In spite of the immense development of the power of the gun which has marked the 20th century, in spite of the return to hand grenades, bombs and trench mortars, the most deadly weapon is always the bullet—the weapon of the infantry soldier.

For one man who falls to the bayonet, for ten men who fall to the shell, hundreds fall to the bullet. But the bullet does not hit because the man pulls the trigger. It hits because he knows how to take aim. This is the hard, material fact, but there is a more potent spiritual fact. During the ten years in which I was the trainer of a company of infantry I discovered, as others had done before me, the relation between the bullet and the soldier's soul.

It is not an easy thing for a man lying down with a rifle in his hand to hit the figure of a man's head 600 yards away. It requires a great deal of learning and a great deal of practice. If the young recruit is not carefully taught he receives the impression that it is impossible for him to hit the mark and that when he does it is pure accident. Take a man in that frame of mind into the front of battle, where the enemy bullets are whistling in his ears

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### REICHSTAG REGISTERS DISPLEASURE

FACTS WRITTEN BY THE FOREMOST MILITARY PROFESSOR SPENCER WILKINSON OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

### SCHEIDERMANN OPPOSES CHANCELLOR

(By UNITED PRESS)

### GERMAN ASSAULT FURIOUSLY

(By UNITED PRESS)

Paris, July 20.—Germany assault on the French lines at Chemin des Dames reached unprecedented ferocity today.

Hand to hand fighting interspersed with cannonading was of extreme violence stated the French official report.

### News From The State Capitol

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, July 20.—More "was talk" and more interest in the subject than at any time since North Carolina folks took up the subject actively, following the President's decisive action, is current here this week. This is largely due to the appointment of the officers of the new North Carolina field artillery regiments now being formed, the various companies being recruited in a number of towns and counties of the state.

The appointment of Captain Albert L. Cox, who commanded the Raleigh company in the Third North Carolina regiment on the Mexican border last year, to be Colonel of the field artillery regiment, is the most popular one yet made, is a fitting recognition of a splendid piece of military material, and Col. Cox's individual popularity and reputation will largely contribute to the acquisition of a fine body of volunteers in sufficient numbers to make up the regiment's full quota within the short time allowed.

Appointed judge seven months ago (after all prospects of a fight with Mexico disappeared), he added fresh laurels to his ability and learning in the law—and he liked the "bench." But when this country began to take active steps to participate in the war against "the common foe" of liberty and advanced civilization, the "war-horse" blood of his distinguished father, General William Rufin Cox, one of the most gallant of Lee's officers, made him willing and gladly accept the transfer to military life again—and he will be heard from with credit to himself and state and country on the battlefield of Europe—if given the chance to achieve honors by courageous military ability and effort.

Another fine appointment is that

Copenhagen, July 20.—The German Reichstag yesterday evening passed the peace resolution fostered by a coalition of center liberal and socialist parties, according to dispatches received here.

The vote was 124 to 116. The resolution declared that Germany did not desire peace with annexations.

Amsterdam, July 20.—"Our aims are, first that the territory of the fatherland is inviolable.

"We cannot parley with an enemy demanding parts of the empire.

"If we make peace we must be assured our frontiers are secure for all time," said Michaelis.

Amsterdam, July 20.—Philip Scheidemann, German socialist majority leader voiced the open dissatisfaction at Michaelis speech say dispatches from Berlin.

Scheidemann opposed the German submarine policy declaring it was doing more harm than good.

Amsterdam, July 20.—"Germany will not make another peace offer.

"The peace she is only ready to conclude is that of a victory, and it is the allies who hereafter must make the overtures to end the war," said Chancellor Michaelis in his maiden speech yesterday delivered before the Reichstag.

### Huns Desperate On French Front

(By UNITED PRESS)

London, July 20.—Germany is desperately trying to wear out France's military strength before the American troops reach the battle line.

This explanation was given at the war office for the unremitting Hindenburg offensive on Champagne and the Aisne fronts.

### MARKET REPORT.

(By Courtesy of Cobb Bros. Co., Norfolk, Va.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Cotton	26.45	26.50	26.35	26.40
July	26.45	26.50	26.35	26.40
Oct.	24.70	25.30	24.50	24.90
Dec.	24.50	25.15	24.37	24.50
Local market	23 1/2			

Corn: Sept. close	1.63 1/4
Dec. close	1.17
Oats: Sept. close	.59
Dec. close	.60
Pork: Sept. close	38.70
Lard: Sept. close	20.50

of Arthur L. Fletcher, to be captain of the artillery regiment supply company. Indeed all the new artillery officers just appointed are admirably fitted for their respective positions.