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## Socialist Rumor Says That Russia And Austria Will Make Peace

### STANDING OF MEN FOR FIRST DRAFT

ANOTHER LIST IN THIS ISSUE BRINGS THE NUMBERS PUBLISHED UP TO NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY MEN.

### CALL FOR EXAMINATION NEXT WEEK

(By UNITED PRESS) New York, Aug. 3.—More than seventy-five per cent of the men already called for the national army examinations so far have claimed exemption, is the report obtained by the United Press from all sections.

Disqualifications for physical disability vary considerably running much higher in big cities than in towns free from congestion.

In New York City 1427 men out of 5415 examined were found to be possibly eligible.

Aliens and physically unfit totaled 1827, while 2161 claimed exemption, most of which exemption claims being based on dependents.

- 1510. Will Locus (670) Weldon.
- 3290. Joseph Willis (671) Enfield.
- 1091. John Jacobs (672) Scotland Neck.
- 2139. John C. Odell (673) Rosemary.
- 470. Charlie Falcon (674) Littleton.
- 312. Pink Price (675) Brinkleyville.
- 2984. Charles Harris Sullivan (676) Enfield.
- 2693. Jimmie Lynch (677) Brinkleyville.
- 1507. Tommie Jones (678) Weldon.
- 3427. Edward G. Harrell (679) Spring Hill.
- 1729. William Townsend Hodges (680) Rosemary.
- 2953. Malcolm Douglas Overstreet (681) Enfield.
- 3341. Dede P. Privett (682) Littleton.
- 1626. John Lewis Anderson (683) Roanoke Rapids.
- 1284. Ernest W. Helms (684) Weldon.
- 90. Clyde Harrison (685) Hobgood.
- 191. Ely Willis Hawkins (686) Rosemary.
- 2430. Solomon Perry (687) Scotland Neck.
- 3558. Jessie Whitaker (688) Tillery.
- 2204. William Henry Vincent (689) Rosemary.
- 2646. William Hawkins (690) Brinkleyville.
- 477. Wade Falcon (691) Thelma.
- 1187. Alfred Tillery (692) Scotland Neck.
- 2871. Walter Cuthrell (693) Enfield.
- 1179. Lennie Staton (694) Scotland Neck.
- 753. Sam Demery (695) Halifax.
- 2158. Mack Roark (696) Rosemary.
- 130. James Rhoads (697) Hobgood.
- 858. Ben Williams (698) Halifax.
- 2546. Ollie Ainsel (699) Essex.
- 1996. Newton Lewis Braswell (700) Rosemary.
- 168. William W. Brickell (701) Halifax.
- 1023. Ed Anthony (702) Scotland Neck.
- 1952. Richard Johnson (703) Roanoke Rapids.
- 1774. William Lunsford Long (704) Roanoke Rapids.
- 424. Robert Austin (705) Littleton.
- 3515. Julius Knight, Jr. (706) Tillery.
- 840. Plummer Rowland (707) Halifax.
- 1347. James T. D. Rawlings (708) Weldon.
- 2585. Douglas Buffalo (709) Hollister.
- 1511. Harry Long (710) Weldon.
- 2815. George Wiggins (711) Ringwood.
- 1188. Fred Tillery (712) Scotland Neck.
- 2845. Lyman Morris Barnhill (713) Enfield.
- 2279. George Foster, Rosemary, 714.
- 2274. James V. Blackwell, Thelma, 715.
- 2432. James H. Whitley, Rosemary, 716.
- 657. John White, Palmyra, 717.
- 1995. James Branch, Rosemary, 718.
- 175. Charles Scrap Cullom, Aurelian Springs, 719.
- 3378. Edmond Dempsey, Littleton, 720.
- 2347. James B. Patterson, Rosemary, 721.
- 3085. Columbus Davis, Enfield, 722.
- 300. Sterling McWilliams, Heathsville, 723.
- 278. William Hines, Thelma, 724.
- 2177. James V. Spencer, Rosemary, 725.
- 2432. Sam Sanders, Scotland Neck, 726.
- 3487. Tom Harvey, Tillery, 727.
- 3296. Eliad Williams, Enfield, 728.
- 1622. John Wooden, Weldon, 729.
- 1240. Alexander Cobb, Rosemary, 730.
- 2461. Edward Coley, Castalia, 731.
- 324. Linwood Long, Jackson, 732.
- 211. Irvin W. Mabry, Rosemary, 733.

### FRANCO-BRITISH CABINET CRISES

(By United Press.) London, Aug. 3.—Two allied nations faced cabinet crisis today.

In London rumors are persistent that Arthur Henderson, laborite member of the war cabinet, would resign, as the result of bitter criticism for his participation in Paris with radicals and socialists of France and Russia, and his open advocacy of the British participation at the Stockholm peace conference.

Retirement is regarded as certain if the government withhold passports for such British delegates, otherwise the conservatives will raise a great storm. In Paris two resignations in the Ribot ministry are reported pending, the minister of marine, Lacashe, and the minister of blockade, Cochon, due presumably to criticism of their policies.

### WILL THE FARMERS HELP?

The government is threatening to take away from the McCrary Company, who have charge of the sewer and water construction for the town, the ditcher, which will be a considerable loss to the town as it may delay the finishing up of the work for a year or two.

It has been suggested that if the big farmers, and other employers of labor, would meet with the town officials, and get some definite plan of action, there might be some means provided to either to prevent the government getting hold of the ditcher, or to supply the necessary labor to finish a in a week or two.

- 911. William Franklin Edwards, Scotland Neck, 734.
- 3214. Jessie Powell, Enfield, 735.
- 1172. Samuel Smith, Scotland Neck, 736.
- 532. Edward Lee Mayo, Littleton, 737.
- 1517. Thomas Long, Weldon, 738.
- 2623. Arthur Farrar, Brinkleyville, 739.
- 1851. George N. Stanley, Roanoke Rapids, 740.
- 1924. Areher Henningway, Roanoke Rapids, 741.
- 1139. McDaniel Rowe, Scotland Neck, 742.
- 1214. Norman S. Barnes, Weldon, 743.
- 336. Roscoe C. Williams, Halifax, 744.
- 2342. William Albion Daniel, Scotland Neck, 745.
- 2857. Joseph Bumpass, Enfield, 746.
- 1952. Scott James Peeples, Roanoke Rapids, 747.
- 212. Waverly Stephen Pepper, Halifax, 748.
- 1357. Sloan E. Shireley, Weldon, 749.
- 49. William Preston White, Jr., Hobgood, 750.
- 8. Haywood G. Bland, Scotland Neck, 751.
- 2793. Ernest Soloman, Brinkleyville, 752.
- 2954. Willie Parks, Enfield, 753.
- 2700. Wallace Lynch, Essex, 754.

### STORM TAKES PLACE OF HEAT

(By United Press.) New York, Aug. 3.—The heat wave has completely passed.

Four persons were killed today by lightning in a storm that broke over the city after four days of almost constant heat pressure the thermometer continuously registering over ninety, and causing nearly two hundred deaths and one thousand prostrations.

### Rebellion Against Draft

(By United Press.) Savannah, Ga., Aug. 3.—Farmers near Buelah church, twelve miles from Blackshear, have purchased arms and a large quantity of ammunition, and are determined, it is said, to keep their sons from being taken for the army, according to unconfirmed reports received here shortly before noon.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Reports of threatened armed resistance to the army draft in isolated parts of Georgia and Western North Carolina, are being investigated by the department of justice. Mountaineers and farmers of these sections are reported to have supplied themselves with Winchester rifles and ammunition to fight the draft.

Special investigators have been assigned to make a careful inquiry into these rumors, and stern measures will be taken to repress anything in the form of rebellion.

### "ROYAL ORDER" TO HINDENBURG

(By UNITED PRESS) Copenhagen, Aug. 3.—Expressing his "boundless thanks" Kaiser William telegraphed Field Marshal Hindenburg, conferring upon him the cross and star, the royal order of the house of Hollenzolern.

### TEMPORARY GERMAN GAIN

(By United Press) London, Aug. 3.—The German drive against the infantry on the hill east of Monchy-Lepreux, was successful in part last night according to General Haig's report, who stated, which positions the enemy holds temporarily over a front of half a mile.

### Flanders Now A Quagmire

(By William Philip Simms) With the British Afeld, Aug. 3.—All Flanders is a quagmire.

Water soaked down from the skies, and the guns seem to be engulfed in mud. Artillery fire has relaxed in consequence

### GOVERNMENT TAKES BOATS

(By United Press) Washington, Aug. 3.—Commandeering shipping under the constitution of the United States will begin immediately.

The shipping board is ready to announce its program of taking over 2,000,000 tons now building and also the shipyards.

### 'Male' Woman Feared Draft

(By UNITED PRESS) Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 3.—Fear that she might be apprehended, as a slacker from the army and compelled to take a physical examination, a woman, living for the past twelve years as a man, disclosed the secret of her sex, and is believed by the police to be the ended her life by drowning.

"Samuel Ackerman," a woman, "Ackerman's wife obtained a divorce two years ago, nine years after "marriage" to the supposed "male."

### 23,000 Comprise 2nd Officers Camp

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, Aug. 3.—Twenty-three thousand instead of sixteen thousand it is announced will be trained in the second group of officers camps.

Within a few days 72,000 applicants to these camps will know whether they have been accepted or rejected. Meantime the commissions for the first group are about ready for delivery.

### Russ Troops In Retreat

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—Kimpoung is one strategic point in Bulkovina, toward the southernmost end of the Russian line, that has been evacuated by the Russians, due to the enemy's pressure upon the line, according to war office advices.

Further official reports mentions the retirement of the Russians across the frontier, along the river Zbucz, eastward into Galicia

Between Dneister and the Prutts river, and in the Carpathians it was admitted the enemy was occupying, and also the village of Falkhi.

### MARKET REPORT.

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

	Open	High	Low	Close
Cotton	24.70	25.22	24.64	25.04
Oct.	24.45	24.64	24.33	24.64
Dec.	24.39	24.79	24.29	24.60
Jan.				
Local market	23 3/4 cents.			

Wheat: Sept. close	\$2.27 1/2
Corn: Sept. close	1.17 3/4
Oats: Sept. close	.60 3/4
Lard: Sept. close	21.95
Ribs: Sept. close	22.50

### UNCONFIRMED REPORT IS NOT BELIEVED

SHOULD THE REPORT BE TRUE THE POSITION OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE WOULD BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS; CUT OFF FROM TURKEY

### DESIRE PROBABLY INSTIGATED RUMOR

### GERMANY VIEWED BY EXPERTS

(By J. W. T. Mason.) (Written for the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 3.—Germany's military situation at the close of the third year of the war is being shaped to meet the new offensive of American troops on the western front next spring. The Kaiser must henceforth fight a defensive battle because of America's entrance into the war; and he must husband his soldiers for use against America's new citizen armies.

No seriously designed offensive that would risk bringing large casualty losses to the Germans can henceforth be attempted by the Kaiser except at great peril to his lines when the main forces of the United States begin to hammer at the western front. Germany must save her soldiers to meet the American assault if there is to be any possible hope of the Germans retaining part of their hold on Belgium and Northern France for trading purposes in the peace conference.

This is the reason why during the third year of the war, the German general staff has feared to attempt a serious offensive against the armies of the new Russian democracy, weakened by dissensions and threatened with mutinies. The Germans might have broken through the Riga front and perhaps captured Petrograd last spring, but the attempt would have been a very costly one, and Petrograd in the hands of the Kaiser would not bring to life the dead German soldiers when the American troops start pressing the Teutons toward the Rhine.

The revolution in Russia occurred between the breaking of German-American diplomatic relations and the declaration of war by the United States upon Germany. The risk, therefore, of moving deeper into Russia was too great to be undertaken. The offensive which the German began to develop in eastern Galicia at the close of the year of the war cannot be pressed far, unless the Russian troops show complete demoralization and practically invite the Germans to move forward. Any serious resistance by the Russians will quickly bring the Germans to a halt; their troops must be saved for the western front against the time when America starts what will be the final offensive of the war.

The third year of the conflict saw a phenomenal German success in Rumania. The first retreat of the Teutons in Transylvania, followed by the overwhelming victories against the too-confident Rumanians formed a series of campaigns that could have been conducted only by military commanders of large skill and daring. Nevertheless, the German victories in Rumania will eventually prove to be one of the reasons for the undoing of German militarism. Rumania's complete collapse was the direct cause of the Russian revolution. If the Rumanian armies had been victorious and had retained their first hold on Transylvania and had penetrated into Hungary, the Czar's prestige would have been increased and Czarism would not have been overthrown. Hence, the ultimate cause of democracy was better served when the Rumanian armies were annihilated than if the Rumanians had won victories for the glory of the Czar.

The profound influence which the success of democracy in Russia is having on the democratic movement in Germany therefore means that Germany's great military success of the third year of the war will assist the allies in the forthcoming overthrow of Prussian militarism and the establishment of a responsible parliamentary in Germany. On the western front, Germany was compelled partly to shorten her defensive lines during the third year of the war, in order to economize her manpower. This retirement was not wholly successful. Scarcely more than sixty per cent of the German line has been disentangled from its costly zig zag of entrenchments to the straightened front which retires into the reserve six thousand soldiers for every shorted mile of front entrenchments. The German lines from Arras northward still retain their useless convolutions. The Germans have feared to continue the straightened process there because of the presence of a great reserve of British troops who might break through the German line while the retirement (Continued on back page.)

(By UNITED PRESS)

Amsterdam, Aug. 3.—Russia and Austria are on the "verge of an understanding," according to a declaration attributed to President Huysmans, of the International socialists bureau in today's Handelsblad.

### "SAMMIE'S" GET TRENCH HELMETS

(By J. W. Pegler.) (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the American Expeditionary army, Aug. 3.—Trench helmets for "Pershing's Sammies" arrived amid great rejoicing.

In their training for the trenches the "Sammies" have been aching for the exact equipment they will wear on the battle front.

### INCREASE RATE ON COTTON

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, Aug. 3.—The Interstate Commerce Commission found justified the increase of from two to fifty cents per hundred pounds in the freight rates on cotton from Louisiana to Mississippi, gulf and points east of the Mississippi.

### The Balkans New Objective

(By United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 3.—Offensive operations in the Balkans against the Teutons will come soon, allies agents here say, as a result of a recent conference of the allies both here and abroad.

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