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Universal Peace Program Being Sent The Belligerents From Vatican

HALIFAX CO. EXAMS. MADE YESTERDAY

IN EIGHT HOURS ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE WERE
PUT THROUGH PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR
ARMY DRAFT WITH 29 REJECTIONS.

HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN FOR EXEMPTION

(By UNITED PRESS)
Yesterday was the beginning of the nation's scheme to draft the flower of American youth into military service, to fight a foreign foe and thus do the part allotted to the United States in preserving democracy to the world against autocratic monarchism, which is militarism in its worst form. The exemption board of Halifax county made its first call to the men first drawn to appear for physical examination in Halifax court house yesterday morning at eight o'clock, and in answer to the call for 221 men 181 did appear and take the examination during the day.

Of this number 151 passed physically, 29 received physical discharge, names of whom will hereunder be found.

Thirty four of these examined made no claim for exemption, and 116 made exemption claims, which represents 78 per cent of the number examined. All claims for exemption must be filed with the exemption board within seven days yesterday, and the exemption papers must be in proper form or they will be rejected.

The form calls for a statement by the applicant giving reason for the exemption claim, which must be sworn to before a notary public, also a similar statement by the wife, in which she is required to swear that her husband is the support of herself if there be children, of the children as well, that she has no means of support other than through her husband, and that the children are his children also.

A sworn statement is also required by an independent person reiterating the sworn statement of husband and wife, and for false statements by any of these there is a penalty that is severe.

The names of those that received physical discharge are as follows:

- 1894. Benjamin Franklin Williams, of Rosemary.
- 1878. R. A. Warren, of Roanoke Rapids.
- 1455. Jesse Faison, of Weldon.
- 3200. Ernest Peterson, of Enfield.
- 275. David Hicks, of Aurelian Springs.
- 509. Charles Jeffries, of Littleton.
- 564. Ben Robertson, of Littleton.
- 506. E. L. Barnett, of Palmyra.
- 2148. John Henry Perry, of Rosemary.
- 536. Isham Hill, Littleton.
- 126. Doc Powell, Hobgood.
- 755. Norwood Dunn, of Halifax.
- 1300. J. E. Timberlake, of Weldon.
- 1676. J. C. Davis, Roanoke Rapids.
- 1266. Matthew Gilliam, of Weldon.
- 1801. E. R. Whitlock, of Rosemary.
- 3557. Nathaniel Wade, of Tillery.
- 4501. L. D. Long, of Hollister.
- 5471. Nathan Edmonds, of Tillery.
- 1014. Jim Williams, of Scotland Neck.

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MARTIAL LAW IN ALL SPAIN

(By United Press)
Madrid, Aug. 14.—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Spain as the result of renewed disorders which assumed serious proportions today.

A number of conflicts took place between the strikers and soldiers during which many were wounded.

CHINA AT WAR WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Aug. 14.—China has declared war against Germany and Austria beginning at ten o'clock this morning according to cables received by the Chinese legation from Peking this afternoon.

"Rainbow Division" Ready For War

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 14.—America's "rainbow division"—19,000 strong, will be the next to see service in France.

Comprised of the National Guard representing states from New York to Texas the new forces are soon to be sent abroad, secretary of war, Baker, announced.

It is the 42nd division, a new one, assembled under the recent re-organization plan, and represents the flower of the Guards from all parts of the country, including cavalry, infantry, engineers, machine gun and artillery companies, hence the name "rainbow division," which includes an engineer regiment, to be numbered No. 117, first battalion of the South Carolina National Guards.

Coast artillery corps will come from the Virginia National Guard, Engineers train to be engineers corps from the North Carolina National Guard. Major Douglass McArthur, engineers corps, formerly press censor, will be chief of staff of the rainbow division.

Brigadier General W. A. Mann, chief of the militia bureau, has been selected as division commander for the "Rainbow Division."

AMERICA'S ARMY MAGAZINES IN CAMP SEPT 2. FOR SAMMIES

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 14.—Two hundred thousand physically perfect American men are ready for the first mobilization by September 5th.

The contingent could move tomorrow if transportation facilities were available, according to information emanating from the Provost Marshal.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK YESTERDAY

London, Aug. 4.—A British destroyer has been mined and sunk in the North Sea the admiralty announce this afternoon.

Among the major ills of war we might cite the quality of war poetry we are compelled to endure.

CHEMIN DES DAMES IS BAD AS VERDUN

"FIGHT AND DIE" BUT NOT GIVE UP ARE STANDING ORDERS TO FRENCH SOLDIERS WHO CONTINUALLY
BATTLE FOR POSSESSION

TWO ARMIES FIFTY FEET APART

(By Henry Wood.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Armies on the Aisne, Aug. 14.—"Le Chemin des Dames," the historic "Ladies' Road," is no longer a place for ladies.

It is only a place for men—men who know how to fight and die. The daily battles now raging along the Chemin des Dames equal in intensity and fierceness the historic combats of last year at Verdun.

These Chemin des Dames attacks launched on a restricted front with all the concentrated resources that Germany has left for the purpose of retaking an observatory or obliterating a salient lack none of the determination and desperateness of the Verdun assaults.

No war correspondent or civilian has even set foot on Ladies' Road since it was wrested from the Germans by the French. What takes place there can only be learned from the survivors who come back after a week's defense of the road. The following is one of many thousand reports.

"The battalions of chasseurs were to relieve had passed an agitated period that included violent attacks by the Germans with ensuing influx and reflux. "To reach our front lines we must cross the first and second lines of the famous Hindenburg position all of which in this locality has been captured by us. Our artillery has completely de-

(By United Press.)
Washington, Aug. 14.—Following General Pershing's appeal through the United Press for literature for the Sammies, Postmaster General Vurleson has asked publishers to print the following on magazine covers:
Notice to readers: When you finish reading this magazine place a 1 cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employe and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers or sailors at the front. No wrapping—no address."

LABOR PARTY FAVORS PEACE

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Aug. 14.—The executive committee of the labor party has decided not to change its attitude towards the war socialist conference to be held at Stockholm.

POPE BENEDICT PROPOSES A NEW PEACE

PLAN TO RESTORE CONQUERED STATES INCLUDING BELGUM, RUMANIA AND SERBIA AND ADJUST OTHER TERRITORY.

U. S. PREPARED FOR BONI-FIDE PLAN

TRAINING SAMS EMERGENCY MEN

(By UNITED PRESS)
Boston, Aug. 14.—While the timber and steel for America's great Emergency fleet is being gathered from the woods and the mines, hundreds of men are being moulded into competent officers and engineers for the completed ships.

When the call went out for men to train for America's great merchant marine it reached the far Pacific, the south Atlantic and even to the fishing smacks off the coast of Maine.

The school is the largest of navigation throughout the country, and one of thirty such to be started soon. The men get intensive training in the technical side of navigation in courses that are complete in from a month to six weeks, according to the knowledge of the students.

Women Threaten Birth Extinction

(By George Martin.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 14.—America's baby crop is threatened by war.

"The threat is genuine" says an official "and the situation is serious and extremely delicate," whispers Cole Bailey into the government ears, from information gathered from young married men, indicating the attitude of thousands of the nations young married women will make the birth returns extremely short so long as the threat of conscription is held over the heads of their husbands.

"These young women are badly frightened," continued the official "as they dread the prospect of being left to face the world with a babe in their arms."

MARKET REPORT. WE WAITED FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FOR THE COTTON MARKET BUT IT FAILED TO ARRIVE.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE
WEEK ENDING AUG. 12.
(By J. Y. Savage.)
Temperature, highest, 87 on August 8 and 9.
Lowest, 60 on August 6.
Average for week 84.
Rainfall, August 9, .15.
August 10, .21.
August 11, .23, .59 inches.

(By UNITED PRESS)
(By John H. Hearley.)
Rome, Aug. 14.—Specific concrete conditions, which his Holiness, Pope Benedict, believes may form a basis for world peace, have been forwarded to the rulers of all nations.

The Pope in outlining these conditions make a new general appeal for the restoration of peace, an appeal addressed to all neutrals as well as belligerents, that is understood to be somewhat general in form, but of such a nature as to form the ground work for more detailed discussion.

The appear of the Pope as well as the conditions he presented to the consideration of the world will be published tonight in the Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican.

Broadly it is understood the conditions proposed include the restoration of all conquered independent states, an amicable adjustment of control of all territory in dispute.

Restoration of all conquered independent states would include Belgium, Rumania and Serbia.

The adjustment of the control of territory in dispute would include Alsace-Lorraine, Poland and territory including Trieste and Trente, which have long been the cause of hostile feeling between Austria and Italy.

Rome, Aug. 14.—His Holiness, Pope Benedict, has renewed his formal proposal of peace to the nations in conflict but no evident effect has been produced in either belligerent country that would lead one of suppose that the time has arrived for a peace plan to be acceptable.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The state department knew from confidential sources of Pope Benedict's peace offer, but the actual proffer has not been received here officially it is stated and Secretary Lansing declined to comment.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The United States government is prepared to listen to a bona-fide peace offer, but she must be assured that the consummation of America's objects for entering the war.

Experts say they can see in the Pope's move the influence of his recent conference with Austrian dignitaries, who were afterwards closeted with the German Chancellor, in Vienna.

Allied diplomats believe that the war is destined to last at least
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