

To Register For Patriotic Service

In About Ten Days After the Draft Bill Receives the Signature of the President all Persons Between the Age Limits Prescribed will Present Themselves at Customary Voting Places.

(By United Press)
Washington, May 7.—There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today, under the principle of universal liability to service the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

The approval of the new national army bill and the President's proclamation thereunder will be co-incident persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on a day which the President will announce.

The probability is that from ten to 15 days will elapse between approval of the bill and registration day.

The governor of each state will be the chief of registration therein. The machinery of registration in each county is to be in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk, and county physician, acting ex-officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the governor. In cities containing populations of more than 30,000, the registration will be under control of the mayor selected boards of registration. In order that the designated county and city officials and the people generally can get a clear understanding of the census methods, the following brief outline is given:

The sheriffs or other designated officials, immediately upon receiving notice from the governor, shall appoint registrars for each voting precinct.

The proportion of registrars shall be one for each 170 persons to be registered, which age to be registered will comprise about 1 per cent of the population. If, for instance, all men between 19 and 25 years of age, inclusive, are to be registered, the registrar would have to enroll about seven per cent of the precinct population.

It is desirable to accept the services of competent volunteer registrars to serve without compensation. Registrars must be sworn.

The voting place in each precinct must be prepared for registration. Full printed instructions covering every detail of registration will be in the hands of sheriffs and mayors on the fifth day after the President's proclamation.

The mayor of a city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants, or the officials designated by the governor therein, shall with the approval of the governor, appoint for each ward or convenient part or subdivision containing about 30,000 people one registration board, and shall designate one officer of each board to perform duties similar to those imposed upon the sheriff, as heretofore outlined. If the mayor desires, he may appoint a central board to co-ordinate the work of minor boards.

On the fifth day after the President has issued his proclamation, clerks of counties and cities of over 30,000 must secure a supply of blanks and copies of the registration regulations from the sheriff or from the mayor. Absentees and the sick will apply to such clerks to have their registration blanks filed out. In no case shall such persons be given registration certificates. They are to be instructed by the clerks that the burden is on them to see to it that the registrars of their precincts are present for registration day, absent from their homes, to be registered by mail. A man should go to the proper official.

CONSCRIPTION BILL IS BEING DELAYED

(By United Press)
Washington, May 7.—Wide differences over the age limits in the army, and minor details, are delaying the passage of the conscription bill now in conference.

AMERICAN NAVY WILL PLAY PART

(By United Press)
Paris, May 7.—The Allies' greatest concerted effort to stamp out the submarine menace is being planned with American naval officials in conference on the ways and means of accomplishing this feat.

AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS

(By United Press)
London, May 7.—A hostile aeroplane dropped four bombs on the outskirts of London today. One killed and two injured is the only damage report.

TO ATTEND CHOWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Dr. B. C. Henning with delegates, G. W. Ward, James G. Gregory, Col. M. Meekins, C. A. Cooke, W. L. Cahoon, J. J. White, Sr. left today for Columbia to attend the Chowan Association.

WILL GIVE ROOK PARTY.

The Surgical Dressing Society of this city will give a Rook party in the Southern Hotel parlors Tuesday evening under the auspices of Mrs. J. G. Fearing.

Tickets are on sale now at 25 cents each. A good musical program will be rendered. Further particulars will be given by Mrs. Fearing on request.

Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the issuing of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registration.

Officials of educational, charitable and other institutions should apply for instructions to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the proclamation as to a convenient method of registration.

The warden of jails, penitentiaries and reformatories should apply to the county or city clerk for instructions on the sixth day. Five days after the date of the President's proclamation complete regulations will be in the hands of all sheriffs and of the officials of cities of over 30,000 population.

The President is authorized to call upon all public officers to assist in the execution of the law. It is expected that patriotic citizens will offer their services free as registrars, such services will be gratefully acknowledged. Volunteers for this service should communicate immediately with the proper official.



Scene From Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" at the Alkrama Wednesday.

GERMAN PEACE IS MERE FAKE

AMERICAN MINISTER SAYS COUNTRY SHOULD NOT BE DECEIVED BY DUPLICITY AND SLACKEN PREPARATIONS

(By United Press)
Copenhagen, May 7.—"Any German peace proposal at this time simply indicates determination on the part of a tremendously organized, still powerful nation to gain its own ends," declared American Minister Egan today in a warning to the people of America voiced through the United Press. He appealed to his fellow countrymen not to be deceived by German peace duplicity and not to slacken war preparations under mistaken impression that Germans are really ready to quit.

CANNOT LOOSEN BRITISH GRIP

AND GERMANS RETIREMENT MUST COME SOON UNLESS DECIDED CHANGE OCCURS ON FIGHTING FRONT

(By United Press)
London, May 7.—Continuous German attacks since Saturday have failed to loosen the British grip on the Hindenburg line around Bullecourt. Despite the strong pressure of the Germans, however, General Haig reports improved positions.

With French armies ahead May 7.—German's retirement from France must come unless the Germans can stop the French drive. Today's fighting showed that the flower of the German army which Hindenburg had hoped would give him a decisive offensive have been sacrificed in the effort to save themselves.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN
Paris, May 7.—Twenty nine thousand Germans have been captured by the French since April 16. War office adds that offensive is continuing today with French everywhere victoriously repulsing counter attacks.

With British armies ahead May 7.—Australian troops forged ahead another mile into German lines early today and maintained their ground successfully against all enemy counter attacks. This thrust carried the British to the east of a village lying in Northern direction from Bullecourt. The Germans are now hemmed in on the west, east and south.

BAND PRACTICE AT ARLINGTON

The F. H. Zeigler Band will meet in the Dining Room of the old Arlington Hotel on Water street, promptly at eight o'clock tonight for practice. All who are interested in joining the Band are invited to be present tonight.

WEATHER

Cloudy Monday night and Tuesday. Probably rain. Continued cool. Moderate, possibly fresh, northeast winds.

DANGER IN THRIFT IF MISGUIDED

AMERICAN THRIFT SOCIETY, SAYS IS TIME FOR COURAGE AND WELL AS PRUDENCE

New York, May 7.—One of the greatest dangers that confronts us at this moment is misguided thrift," declared a statement issued today by S. W. Straus, President of the American Thrift Society.

In our efforts to be patriotically economical, we find ourselves going to the other extreme, which is just as great a menace as wastefulness and extravagance," said he.

One of the worst things that could befall our nation would be the stopping of industry. This is a possibility at any time, but more especially now.

The point is to differentiate between destructive and constructive thrift. Builings of peace or war waste is reprehensible but indiscriminate thrift is worse, because in such conditions the provision are made to suffer with the improvident.

Because the whole nation suddenly has become conscious of the necessity of thrift, we as individuals should take care not to deflect from their normal courses the tides of the nation's money that turn the wheels of industry. America as a nation is not in danger of running short of money, but we are threatened with a food shortage because on us rests the duty and responsibility of feeding the allies.

"Every one can distinguish the difference between prudent living and wastefulness. If a man buys a suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, or a hat, his money goes into legitimate circulation and furnishes use for capital and employment for labor.

"The American people have responded in a grand way to the needs of the hour. We are going to conserve our resources and increase our food supply in a way that will astonish the world but in doing this we stand face to face with economic hardships unless each individual is sane and foresightful.

"In brief, administer your expenditure in a clean, honest, legitimate and straightforward manner. Eliminate waste of food, bearing in mind that every mouthful you save may be the sustenance of some hungry fellow abroad.

"But we should not tear down on one hand while trying to build up on the other. Those in business should not hesitate, but be courageous and keep going. America has everything to make her prosperous. The billions that are being raised for war will return eventually to the pockets of the people. Even the money which we loan to the allies is being spent in America. We are still in the greatest era of prosperity the country has ever known.

In the matter of individual expenditure every man should be guided by his own necessities and the need of his country. Let none of us be a snicker in the business world. This is no day for the coward or weakling.

CANCELS LICENSE PITTSBURGH LIFE

COMPANY CAN NO LONGER DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE SAYS COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND IS IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

RALEIGH, N.C., May 6.—Insurance Commissioner Young has cancelled the license of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company to do business in North Carolina as the company has been placed in the hands of a receiver. This condition was brought about by what appears to be one of the most gigantic frauds in the recent history of life insurance—obtained control of the company and its assets, and they appear to have got away with a large quantity of the same, possibly three or four million dollars.

As soon as the rumor of the attempted wreck got out the Insurance Commissioners of Pennsylvania and New York got busy and are doing everything in their power to protect the policy holders of the company and no doubt will succeed in doing so. The parties attempting the fraud as well as the old directors of the company will no doubt be indicted and punished.

The company has an income of nearly four and one-half million dollars and assets of over twenty-four million dollars, with capital of one million dollars and a surplus of \$200,000. It has insurance in force of over \$115,000,000 of which \$1,393,449 is held by citizens of North Carolina. The company has never done a very large business in this state but reinsured the Washington Life Insurance Company of New York a few years ago and operated in this state for a long time.

The Insurance Commissioner says that he will do every thing in his power and what ever is necessary to protect them. He advises where policy holders have premiums that need to be paid they will forward the same in checks payable to the Receiver of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MUNITION PLANT IS DESTROYED

SOLDIER ON GUARD WERE THROWN TO THE GROUND BY THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION

Kingsport, Tenn., May 7.—One third of the mammoth munition federal dynamite and chemical plant was destroyed here early today by a terrific explosion.

The explosion resulted in the death of one and two probably fatally burned. Soldiers on guard were thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion. The city rocked as if by an earthquake.

It is not yet known whether the fire was of incendiary origin but the utmost excitement prevails here.

PROBABLY END WITH HUNG JURY

SENSATIONAL VAWTER CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO JURY WEDNESDAY AFTER FURTHER TESTIMONY FROM SANCTY EXPERTS

(By United Press)

Christianburg, May 7.—The belief is growing that the Vawter murder trial will end with a hung jury.

The case will probably go to the jury Wednesday. The introduction of more expert testimony is expected at the close of the case. Judge Moffett spent Sunday at Salem and his train was late this morning, delaying the opening of court. The ceiling of the court room is literally sagging from the crowds that gather to hear this sensational case.

PRICE OF COTTON IS NOT HIGH NOW

EVEN AT TWENTY CENTS A POUND IS CHEAPEST PRODUCE FARMERS CAN NOW RAISE SAYS WAYNE BANKER

Raleigh, May 7.—North Carolina's bill for food and feedstuffs last year exceeded the value of its cotton crop by \$20,000,000, according to an estimate by Secretary Lucas of the State Food Conservation Commission. Figuring cotton at \$100 per bale 900,000 bales would have been required to pay the West and other sections for the meat, breadstuffs and feedstuffs the State imported. The crop production in the state was under 700,000 bales. "At present prices of food and feedstuffs," declared Mr. Lucas, "the same amount of food and feedstuffs would cost us approximately \$200,000,000 or 2,000,000 bales of cotton. If North Carolina should, by a miracle, produce this amount of cotton and the South in proportion the staple would sell at five or six cents a pound and we would be worse off than ever if we would at the same time neglect to raise our own food and feed. It is a certainty, however, that regardless of the price and quantity of cotton we raise we will not be able to get the vast amounts of food and feed we have heretofore imported because they will be requisitioned by the government."

Mr. Lucas states that, while a tremendous amount of work is yet to be done, the people of the State are beginning to realize that real necessity and not hysteria is behind the movement for greater savings and production of food and feedstuffs. The business men and live farmers of the State are working shoulder to shoulder in the campaign and the co-operation of the business man and banker is going to prove a very considerable factor in the campaign.

Mr. W. E. Orden, a banker at Goldsboro has issued a rather striking letter to his customers and other farmers in Wayne and adjoining counties showing that cotton, even at 20 cents a pound, is relatively the cheapest farm product upon the market today and is lower in price, considering the prices of other commodities, than it was at a normal price of 12 cents a pound. The following shows the contrast, which is even greater now than it was when the letter was issued:

*In an average year with 12c cotton 89 bushels potatoes at 70c, or ton, a \$60 Bale Cal Corn Buy 750 pounds lard at 8c, or 22 barrels flour at \$4.60, or 375 pounds bacon at 16c, or 100 bushels corn at 60c, or 30 pairs shoes at \$2.00, or 720 yards cotton goods, at \$14.00.

This Year with 20c Cotton, a \$100 Bale can only Buy 44 bushels potatoes at \$2.25, or 500 pounds lard at 20c, or 8 barrels flour at \$13, or 333 pounds of bacon at 30c, or 74 bushels corn at \$1.50, or 20 pairs shoes at \$5.00, or 666 yards cotton goods at 15c.

"Enlarge your food crops and intensify their cultivation," urges Mr. Orden. "It will not only pay you better in dollars and cents, but in no other way can you serve the Stars and Stripes and the whole of humanity as well."

Many merchants in every section of the State have refused to advance supplies and fertilizers to farmers who persisted in planting too large a proportion of cotton or tobacco as compared with food and feed crops. In many instances bankers have followed the same course, lending ready assistance to the farmers who is planting food and feed crops but being chary of those who persist in planting the usual acreage or more of cotton and tobacco. In almost every community in the State the banks are lending money in small and large amounts for the purchase of seed and fertilizer for food and feed crops.

VISITORS DAYS AT THE SCHOOLS

May 10, 11, have been set aside as visitors' days for the Elizabeth City Graded Schools, and all interested in the schools, parents and others, are invited to visit their children's classrooms, to see the work of the children throughout the school year and to observe the class work of the children.