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PRESIDENT WILSON'S PROCLAMATION JUNE 5TH REGISTRATION DAY

Heavy Penalties for Failure to Enroll—All Males 21 to 30 Inclusive are Liable—Absentee Registration may be done by mail, Federal and State Officials may Appoint Registrars.

President Wilson's proclamation, putting into effect the selective draft Friday night follows:

A proclamation by the President of the United States.

Whereas, Congress has enacted and the President has on the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

Section 5—That all male persons between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction, stating the time and place of such registration, it shall be the duty of all persons of the designate ages, except officers and enlisted men of regular Army, the Navy, and the National Guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act; and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall wilfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the District court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered: Provided, that, in the call of persons preference shall be given, in the courts trying the same, to the trial of criminial proceedings under this act: Provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day for registration, and all persons registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces herein authorized unless exempted or relieved therefrom as in this act provided: Provided further, that in the case of temporary absence from usual place of legal residence of any person liable to registration as provided herein, such registration may be made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

Penalities are Fixed

Section 6—That the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several States, territories and the District of Columbia, and sub-divisions thereof, in the execution of this act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories and sub-divisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President whether such appointments are made by the President himself or by the Government or other officer of any State or Territory to perform any duty in the execution of this act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct, and all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction of the President. Correspondence in the execution of this act may be carried in penalty envelopes bearing the frank of the War Department. Any persons charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of the act or the regulations made or directions given thereunder who shall fail or neglect to perform such duty and any person charged with such duty or having and exercising any authority under said act, regulations or directions, who shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect registration, physical examination, exemption, enlistment, enrollment, or muster; and any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this act, or regulations made by the President thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirements of this act or of said regulations or who in any manner, shall fail or neglect fully to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the District Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or, if subject to military law, shall be tried by court-martial and suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do call upon the Governor each of the several States and Territories, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and all officers and agents of the several States and Territories, of the District of Columbia, and of the counties and municipalities therein to perform certain duties in the execution of the foregoing law, which duties will be communicated to them directly in regulations of even date herewith.

Register at Precinct Polling Places

And I do further proclaim and give notice to all persons subject to registration in the several States and in the District of Columbia in accordance with the above law that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., on the 5th day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes. Those who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named are required to register excepting only officers and enlisted men of the regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the Officers Reserve Corps and enlisted men in the Enlisted Reserve Corps while in active service. In the territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, a day for registration will be named in a later proclamation.

Provides for Those Absent

And I do charge those who through sickness shall be unable to present themselves for registration that they apply on or before the day of registration to the county clerk where they may be for instructions as to how they may be registered by agent: Those who expect to be absent on the day named from the counties in which they have their permanent homes may register by mail, but their mailed registration cards must reach the place in which they have their permanent homes by the day named herein. They should apply as soon as practicable to the county clerk of the county wherein they may be for instructions as to how they may accomplish their registration by mail. In case such persons as through sickness or absence, may be unable to present themselves personally, for registration shall be sojourning in cities of over 30,000 population, they shall apply to the city clerk of the city wherein they may be sojourning rather than to the clerk of the county. The clerks of counties and of cities of over 30,000 population in which numerous applications from the sick and from non-residents are expected are authorized to establish such sub-agencies and to employ and deputize such clerical force as may be necessary to accommodate these applications.

Men in Field and Factory Part of Army

The Power against which we are arrayed has sought to impose its will upon the world by force. To this end it has increased armament until it has changed the face of war. In the sense in which we have been wont to think of armies, there are no armies in this struggle. There are entire Nations armed. Thus the men who remain to till the soil and man the factories are no less a part of the army that is in France than the men beneath the battleflags. It must be so with us. It is not an army that we must shape and train for war; it is a nation. To this end, our people must draw close in one compact front against a common foe. But this cannot be if each man pursues a private purpose. All must pursue one purpose. The Nation needs all men; but it needs each man not in the field that will most please him, but in the endeavor that will best serve the common good. Thus, though a sharp-shooter pleases to operate a trip-hammer for the forging of great guns, and an expert machinist desires to march with the flag, the Nation is being served only when the sharp-shooter marches and the machinist remains at his levers. The whole Nation must be a team in which each man shall play the part for which he is best fitted. To this end, Congress has provided that the Nation shall be organized for war by selection and that each man shall be classified for service in the place to which it shall best serve the general good to call him.

The significance of this cannot be over-stated. It is a new thing in our history and a landmark in our progress.

A Nation Has Volunteered

It is a new manner of accepting and vitalizing our duty to give ourselves with thoughtful devotion to the common purpose of all. It is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling; it is rather selection from a Nation which has volunteered en masse. It is no more a choosing of those who shall march with the colors than it is a selection of those who shall serve an equally necessary and devoted purpose in the industries that lie behind the battle line. The day here named is the time upon which all shall present themselves for assignment to their tasks. It is for that reason destined to be remembered as one of the most conspicious moments in our history. It is nothing less than the day upon which the mankind of the country shall step forward in one solid rank in defense of the ideals to which this Nation is consecrated. It is important to those ideals no less than to the pride of this generation in manifesting its devotion to them, that there be no gaps in the ranks.

It is essential that the day be approached in thoughtful apprehension of its significance and that we accord to it the honor and the meaning that it deserves. Our industrial need prescribes that it be not made a technical holiday, but the stern sacrifice that is before us urged that it be carried in all our hearts as a great day of patriotic devotion and obligation when the duty shall lie upon every man, whether he is himself to be registered or not, to see to it that the name of every male person of the designated ages is written on these lists of honor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. McMurry Entertains Club

On last Friday afternoon, Mrs. S. A. McMurry entertained the Chicora club member at their regular literary meeting, at her home on West Marion street.

A most interesting program on South America was given, after which the hostess, assisted by her two little nieces, Misses Marjorie and Mary Suttle served a tempting ice course and strawberries.

The next meeting of the club will convene with Mrs. R. L. Ryburn Friday afternoon, May 25th.

FIRE AT BLANTON'S STABLES

Over $1,000 Damage Done by Fire in Feed Room—Caused by Cigarette. It is Supposed.

Fire which had its origin from a lighted cigarette, so Mr. W. H. Blanton believes, broke out yesterday morning in his feed room between his stables and blacksmith shop, doing damage to the amount of $1,000 or more on which there was no insurance. Mr. Blanton carried insurance on his brick buildings but none on the contents of this storage room. Drs. McCoy and Williamson suffered a loss of about $200 in medicines and tools.

The fire department responded quickly and saved a greater loss by playing two streams of water into the burning building. Four surreys and one fine buggy were completely destroyed and considerable damage was done to 300 bales of hay, 1,000 bushels of oats and 40 bushels of corn which were in the building at the time.

Mrs. Wiley Dead

Mrs. Junie Vista Wiley, wife of Drayton Wiley died Saturday May 19 and was buried Sunday, May 20th at Buffalo church, Rev. A. C. Irvin conducting the funeral. Mrs. Wiley was in her 67th year and a saintly woman who has left a refined influence among her many friends. She was a devout member of the church and will be greatly missed. Her husband, two sons, 4 daughters and 12 grand children survive.

REGISTRATION BOARD NAMED

SHERIFF LACKEY, FRANK L. HOYLE AND DR. E. B. LATTIMORE CONSTITUTE BOARD IN CLEVELAND COUNTY.

Governor Bickett has appointed Sheriff W. D. Lackey, Clerk of the Court Frank L. Hoyle and Dr. E. B. Lattimore, county physician as the three men who will constitute the registration board in Cleveland county, all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive to present themselves to their respective polling places between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on June 5th, 1917. North Carolina has 194,000 men between these ages that will be required to register and it is estimated that the first draft will take between 12,000 and 14,000. Messrs. Lackey, Hoyle and Lattimore have received a printed pamphlet giving full instructions as to how the registration is to be made, their appointment of registrars in the various polling places, how exemptions are to be applied, reports made, etc.

The Governor's Letter

"Dear Sir: The President has issued his proclamation calling for the registration of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 30 on the fifth day of June, 1917, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

"By virtue of the power vested in me by the act of Congress, I hereby nominate and commission you as a member of the county board of registration for Alamance county, which board is charged with the administration of the said act of Congress in said county.

"The county board of registration is hereby directed to convene at once and:

"First. Appoint one registrar in each voting precinct in the county. Where it is estimated that more than 80 persons will be required to register in the precinct an additional registrar for each 80 persons to be registered should be appointed. The law contemplates that the registrar who served at the state and county general election last year shall be appointed. His experience is supposed to fit him for the peculiar duties of the office of registrar under the act of Congress. But the registrar must be a competent clerk, whose handwriting is neat and legible.

"Second. The government encourages the appointment of volunteer registrars who will make no charge for their services but will take pleasure in performing the work as a patriotic duty in this crisis of the nation's life. But the appointments of registrars must not be delayed if volunteer registrars do not come forward.

"Three. All appointments of registrars must be made by the 24th day of May but it is important not to delay the matter but to make the appointments at the earliest hour possible consistent with the exercise of judgment.

"Fourth. Please notify at once all registrars of their appointment and furnish them with the printed instructions as to their duties, which printed instructions have been sent direct to the sheriff of each county from the war department.

"Five. As soon as your county is completely organized notify me of the fact and send names of all registrars to the end that I may telegraph the provost-general at Washington that North Carolina is organized.

"Six. County attorneys will advise county boards and registrars on any question pertaining to the administration of the law, but if there is any doubt in your minds write or wire me.

"Seven. Head all telegrams to me "War Department, Official Business, Charge to Federal Government." Do not use telegrams save where time is important.

"Eight. I am satisfied our citizens can be relied upon to co-operate with the county boards and with the registrars in every possible way. Let me urge that there be no raising of technical objections, no spirit of evasion or controversy, but let every citizen, young and old, feel that his country expects him to do his part in bringing about a speedy and efficient organization under the law.

"T. W. BICKETT, Governor."

Mrs. Kistler Kills Herself

Rutherford Sun:

Mrs. Alice Kistler of Caroleen, widow of the late J. T. Kistler, of this town, ended her life Friday morning last by shooting herself through the temple with a 38 calibre pistol. Death was almost instaneous, as she breathed only once or twice after firing the fatal shot. Mrs. Kistler had been in ill health for some time and this is thought to have been responsible for her rash act. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas J. Withrow, and was about 38 years of age.

PERSHING LEADS MEN TO FRANCE

GENERAL PERSHING WILL BE SENT TO FRANCE WITH FIRST LOT OF REGULARS AT ONCE—TO DRAFT NATIONAL GUARDS IN JULY.

President Wilson Friday night ordered that division of regular troops, commanded by Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, be sent to France at the earliest practicable date.

This is the answer of America to France's plea that the Stars and Stripes be carried to the fighting front without delay to hearten the soldiers battling there with concrete evidence that a powerful Ally has come to their support against German aggression.

Announcement of the order followed signing of the selective draft war army bill by the President and the issuance of a statement that under the advice of military experts on both sides of the water, the President could not employ volunteers nor avail himself of the "fine vigor and enthusiasm" of former President Roosevelt for the expedition.

The army law provides for an ultimate force of approximately 2,000,000 men to back up the first troops to go to the front. When the bill had been signed, the President affixed his name to a proclamation calling upon all men in the country between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, to register themselves for military service on June 5, next. The proclamation sets in motion immediately machinery that will enroll and sift 10,000,000 men and pave the way for the selection of the first 500,000 young, efficient soldiers without crippling the industries or commerce of the Nation or bringing hardship to those at home.

Orders for Guard

Even before the bill was signed, the War Department announced that the full strength of the National Guard would be drafted into the United States Army beginning July 15 and concluding August. Orders to bring the regiments to full war strength immediately accompanied the notification sent to all Governor. A minimum of 329,000 fighting men will be brought to the colors under those orders, supplementing the 293,000 regulars who will be under arms by June 15. The Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee guards will be mobilized July 25.

It is from these forces that the first armies to join General Pershing at the front will be drawn to be followed within a few months by recurring waves from the selective draft armies, the first 500,000 of whom will be mobilized September 1.

Following is the text of the terse announcement of the War Department as to General Pershing's expedition:

"The President has directed an expeditionary force of approximately one division of regular troops, under command of Gen. John J. Pershing, to proceed to France at as early a date as practicable. General Pershing and staff will precede the troops abroad.

"It is requested that no details or speculations with regard to the mobilization of this command, dates of departure, or other items, be carried by the press, other than the official bulletins given out by the War Department relating thereto."

Pershing in Washington

General Pershing has been in Washington same days. He was personally summoned by Secretary Baker from the Southern Department, which was under his command until tonight's order was issued.

The man who led the expedition into Mexico and handled his difficult task with such judgment and skill as to win for him the complete confidence of the President and his advisers has worked hard on plans for the expedition to France. He has been in daily conference with Secretary Baker, Major General Bliss, Acting Chief of Staff, with Department officials co-operating in the preparation of the forces he will lead against the Germans, and also with Lieutenant General Bridges, head of the military section of the British mission and a veteran of the battlefields of France.

Had 14 Gallons Whiskey

Hickory Record:

The Hickory police Saturday morning at 3 o'clock held up an automobile coming into Hickory, belonging to Jeff Gilbert, public service driver, and carrying Carl Lail and 14 gallons of blockade whiskey. Both men were locked up. Henry Willis and Max Yorke, Burke men, were also locked up Friday at Hickory by the federal authorities who had caught them with a 75-gallon copper still and other distilling machinery.

LIVE ITEMS OF LATE NEWS

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE AND NATION TAKEN FROM THE DAILY PAPERS AND CONDENSED.

Snow on the mountain tops a few days ago, Boone reports. Grandfather mountain white on the 12th.

Trinity College commencement June 3-6. Commencement address 10:30 a. m. June 6 by Hamilton Holt, L.L. D., New York.

A barn on the farm of C. A. Clark, five miles from Salisbury, burned last week with two mules and a quantity of foodstuff belonging to the renter, Allen Myers.

The State Central Highway is now open from Salisbury to Morganton and automobiles can take the trip through, crossing the mountain from Old Fort to Ridgecrest on a good road.

Charlotte police are rounding up the loafers and giving them the option of volunteering for work or being conscripted for the chain gang. A good example for other municipalities.

While Davie county some years ago issued bonds for good roads, Jerusalem township in that county, wants more roads, or better ones, and that township has voted $25,000 for good roads.

The operatives of the Champion Fibre Company at Canton, Haywood county, subscribed $1,000 to buy an ambulance for Red Cross work in France and ten men volunteered to drive it. Two of the ten will be selected for drivers.

Henry Morganthau, former ambassador to Turkey, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address at the A. and E. College, Raleigh, May 28th, in place of former Ambassador Gerard, who will be unable to fill his engagement there.

M. L. Hare, 18 years of age, and member of the Lumber Bridge company of the Second regiment, stationed at Goldsboro, died at a local hospital Wednesday as a result of injuries received several days ago while bathing in the river, when his back was broken while diving.

Miss Donnie Cobb, daughter of the late Editor T. G. Cobb of the Morganton News-Herald, and Dr. Pressly R. Brown were married in Greensboro on the 14th. Dr. and Mrs. Brown will live at Swepsonville, Alamance county, where Dr. Brown is located for the practice of his profession.

The Federal court has ordered the sale of the Grandin Lumber Company property and Judge W. B. Council of Hickory and Judge R. W. Winston of Raleigh have been appointed commissioners to make the sale June 26, probably at North Wilkesboro. The bulk of the property is located in Caldwell county.

Virgil Eugene McCracken, an employe of the Hardaway Construction Company at Badin, fell a distance of 35 feet, receiving injuries from which he died while being hurried to a hospital in Salisbury. Remains sent to Fayette, Ala., for interment. Was 24 years old and is survived by a wife and baby.

Eighteen British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk during the past week, says the official summary of shipping losses. Five merchant vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk, together with three fishing vessels.

An unsuccessful attempt was made at Newport News, Va., Wednesday, to burn the pier to which is moored the German steamer Arcadia, recently seized by the United States government. Fire originated under the pier and is believed to have been incendiary. Loss about $5,000.

In a public statement thanking the American people for the reception accorded them in the cities visited, the heads of the British and French war commissions express regret that they were unable to visit New Orleans, Richmond and other Southern cities, but a pressure of business compelled their return to Washington.

The Senate has passed the House bill increasing the enlisted strength of the navy to 150,000 men, that of the marine corps to 30,000 men and granting increases in pay to the naby's enlisted personnel equal to those provided for the army forces. The increase in pay ranges from $10 a month down. The bill enables members of Congress not over 50 years of age to enlist in the navy.

Southern Negroes in Chicago Dying Fast

Thirty-five to 40 negroes from the South are dying monthly in Chicago, according to Coroner's Physician Joseph Springer, who appealed to to the authorities and business men to stop the importation of Southern negroes to Northern States.