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ORGANIZING OUR MAN-POWER

Representative Kahn, of California, ranking member of the House military committee, has announced that when Congress meets in December he will submit an amendment to the draft law to make it include all men between 18 and 45. The administration is said to be opposed to raising the maximum age limit. The proposal, however, raises some interesting questions.

The author of the measure frankly declares that his purpose is to provide an ample supply of men for what may be a long war. He is afraid that not enough men will be obtained from the 16,000,000 registered under the present law.

Nobody knows how long the war will last, and therefore nobody can tell how many soldiers we shall need. But experts on the other side seem agreed that the possibilities are amply met by the preparations we have made. The concentration of eligible men between 21 and 31 is expected to provide 2,000,000 men. It is regarded as unlikely that more than that number of Americans can be used to advantage in Europe. Our allies say they need food and military equipment more than fighters. Machinery is dependent on raw materials. Our chief role is to provide our allies with all the material resources they can use, and ships to carry it in. If we undertake to raise armies on the same scale as Great Britain, we shall cripple our productive power.

And yet, it might be worth while to follow the main lines of Congressman Kahn's proposal, and register all these men from 18 to 45, not necessarily for actual military service, but for the sake of having great organized bodies of men who could be used for home defense or for any other great national purpose. The law under 21 and the military men over 31 would never be called to the colors unless all the eligible men of prime military age were exhausted. But work could always be found for them in war time, and perhaps in time of peace, too.

Suppose the government enrolled the 21,000,000 male Americans included within the proposed age limit. It would possess inviolably drafted concerning the major part of our own earth and effective manpower. If we would know the capabilities of all these millions, and how and where to get them when wanted, it could assist them in case of need, to any vital national task, giving such men the work best suited to him.

We have as yet hardly begun to appreciate the possibilities of an operative draft on a national scale. The war is teaching us. We're learning to work together and creating a new sense of public spirit and service. It might be a good idea to do ahead in some such way as this while the organizing is going on, and familiarize our whole mind with it.

There are a lot of American citizens who regard the economy of food and things as being the best recommendation because they don't feel to being drafted. They don't feel the government will ever be able to make a man out of them. They don't think they will be called to the colors.

There's one respect in which French soldiers have the advantage of the Americans. They get vacations every "bolt" has three weeks a year. The vacationers are taken home in special trains, and they don't begin until they're with their relatives and friends. But here's one handicap. The French soldier hasn't much money to spend in his vacation. The American troops can give him their wages to their families, and still have left more than three times as much as the French get.

If members of Congress would realize they are being paid to represent the people and not the democratic republicans, republicans, political parties or any other political party, the country would be better. During such times as these it gives the ordinary taxpayer a right which he can't give up. The politician who is content to let things slide to build political funds when they should be going to solve the problems of the people.

Nicholas Humann is said to have asked permission to move from his home in Toledo, to the Annapolis, Md., in the suburbs. He was he wanted to work in the park. It says he is a "hot" in the park. It says he is a "hot" in the park. It says he is a "hot" in the park.

Our troops are not only soundly drilled but also unusually well paid. The excellence of our food supply and about comparable to the European standard. The department of agriculture announces that it will increase the quality of our wheat wheat at 71 per cent this year's crop to 82 per cent.

Concrete evidence that a large proportion of the supplies from America to the Europeans actually have reached Germany has not been lacking hitherto, no matter what is said by the embassies of the other nations.

The government war insurance board has reduced by one third its insurance rates on every factory in the submarine zone. This unexpected proof of a heart failure will help in raising credit for our war effort.

Peaceful neutral should not claim the democratic alliance for their leadership. They should blame the sea animals that have made their end necessary.

American have much to be proud of. For decades they are an organized part of the military organization of the country.

Another object will be found to see whether Mr. La Follette can make any explanation that will make the military sense.

Present equipment, whether double-barreled or single-barreled, is obsolete about a year's distance from the mark.

Not one of the hundreds of millions of men who are in the army has been trained in the use of the rifle.

When we become a nation of food hoppers, laborers, and soldiers, the nation will be done for.

STATE LIBRARIAN WILL ARRIVE TODAY

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BIDS FOR HIGHWAY BELOW ESTIMATE HON. W. C. HAWLEY COMING TO CITY

Wolf Creek-Grave Creek Hills To Be Improved For \$56,947. Will Arrive in Roseburg Thursday Afternoon to Make Brief Visit.

LOCAL MAN IS BIDDER TOUR OF INSPECTION

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For a sum approximately \$100,000 less than the estimate of the state highway engineer, the job and more than \$200,000 below the bid for the state highway construction, awarded the contract for the construction of the road over the Wolf Creek-Grave Creek Hills in the Pacific Northwest to an American Exploration & Contracting Company, says the Portland Oregonian.

This company, which has the largest office in the world, 30000 Broadway Building, New York, had a turnover of \$1,000,000 last year, and the firm has a long record of successful work.

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