

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE MAILED OUT BY LOCAL BOARD

REGISTRANTS HAVE SEVEN DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE ANSWERS

PRESIDENT WILSON THANKS THE TWO BOARDS

Task of Classifying Local Registrants Difficult and Arduous—Those Dissatisfied with Classifications May Appeal.

The local exemption board, Messrs. Lee Warnick, M. K. Hall and J. G. King, are on the last lap of the army classification drive.

The last questionnaire was mailed out last night.

The registrants have seven days in which to answer. This means that all of them will be classified within the next two weeks.

The local board in this county has been meeting daily and devoting lots of time to this work. They are serving Uncle Sam without pay, although the individuals members are entitled to draw \$150 a month according to the Federal law. The local men, however, are patriotically donating their services to the United States government gratis.

The local and district board of Union county have received the following letter from the President:

"You have now practically completed the great work of selecting the first contingent of the National Army. Upon you was devolved the difficult task of selecting those who can best serve with the battle flings from those whose duties and responsibilities require that they serve at home.

"The successful performance of this duty has undoubtedly brought to you a proud satisfaction in the privilege to serve the nation in the hour of need. Commendation can add little to such satisfaction, but I would not extend this expression of gratitude to you for the success of this great achievement.

"Many members of the boards have felt that they should render this service without compensation, and as a testimonial of such action I have directed that a copy of this letter, bearing a notation of such service, be sent individually to those who have thus so generously served.

"WOODROW WILSON."

After the classifications have been made, the registrants are notified by mail, and if dissatisfied with their classification must immediately appeal to the district board.

FIRE MARSHAL PRAISES LA GRANDE SCHOOLS

State Fire Marshal Wells has issued a bulletin saying:

"We are very anxious that the public schools throughout the state have fire drills for we recognize the fact that well drilled schools will be able to know what to do in the event of fire. These well trained children will always use their heads and by doing so their feet will follow them, but where no drills are held, the children are at a loss to know what to do and as a result their feet act and their heads follow.

"We believe there is a school in Oregon that has the record for a fire drill. A representative of the fire marshal department with the chief of the fire department of La Grande entered the Central school of that city unbeknown to the teachers and children and turned in the alarm. The entire school of over 400 pupils was emptied in forty-one seconds. The boys who were in charge of the hose had it off the reels in record time, and the doors were taken care of by several girls. The principal and the teachers have absolute control over the children and we hope those fire chiefs who read this bulletin will see that every school in their city holds a fire drill at least once a week. That all doors open outward. The holding of the fire drills will give the children more confidence and they will know what to do in the event of a fire."

CHILEAN AMBASSADOR SEES HIS LANDLADY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Santiago Aldunate, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Chilean republic here, objects to paying a high rent and then footing the bills for repairs on the embassy. Because his landlady failed to keep the premises in proper shape, he says, he was forced to expend \$1,034 and is now suing Mrs. Alice Hemmick for the sum. His rent is \$233.33 a month.

Mark Requa Heads Oil Department

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Mark Requa of California, now a member of the food administration, was appointed head of the new oil department of the food administration.

CONFERENCE FOR PEACE IS REPORTED ON

BREST-LITOVSK NEGOTIATIONS SAID TO BE RESUMED TODAY AT NOON

RUSSIAN-BULGARIAN TREATY REPORTED SIGNED

Petrograd Dispatch Says Russians Will Insist That Peace Negotiations Be Transferred to a Neutral Point.

(United Press.) COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—The Cologne Gazette says the Brest-Litovsk negotiations will be resumed today at noon.

BERNE, Jan. 10.—The newspaper Der Bund declared a separate peace between Russia and Bulgaria had formally been signed.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 10.—Ukraine and Russia have joined hands in the Slavic demand for a transfer of peace negotiations to a neutral point. It is believed it will be foregone upon the Germans. Russian delegates said, the soldiers in the trenches told them they wanted peace, but not peace at any cost, and said they were ready to support peace efforts at all costs.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 10.—The Co-sack revolt is dwindling, according to the Bolshheviks. Government armies are pursuing Generals Dutoff's and Kaledine's armies. The workmen-soldiers say the Co-sacks are unanimously against Kaledine's.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT MAY PASS TONIGHT

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Jeanette Rankin opened the debate on the suffrage amendment, which is expected to pass before night. She pleaded equal rights for women as a war measure, holding women's right to vote is needed to make this a true democracy. Women packed the galleries and cheered. Miss Rankin led the Republican suffragists, Baker the Democrats; Meeker led the Republican and Congressional Clark the Democratic opposition. Gordon attacked the measure, saying it was treason to representative government.

HOW ABOUT THE BABIES?

KANKAREE, Ill., Jan. 10.—Milk dealers here have been afflicted with an epidemic of orphan cats. When the price of milk recently was raised two cents a quart, several citizens declared they could not afford to feed their cats. So they left their tabbies on the dealers' doorsteps. One dealer inherited eight cats in a single night.

NEW CHIEF OF U. S. SECRET SERVICE



W. H. Moran, who becomes chief of the United States secret service, succeeding William J. Flynn, who is resigning. Moran, as deputy director, has had charge of much important department work since Flynn took up his headquarters in New York.

Our Great American Home



BRITISH HAS SHAKE UP IN THE ADMIRALTY

GENERAL NAVAL STAFF IS TO BE DIVIDED INTO THREE DIVISIONS

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The long expected admiralty shakeup is due. Preliminary statements say, the general staff has been divided into home waters, overseas and trade-protection divisions and will hereafter administer the whole naval policy, each department under a proven competent officer. The change is revolutionary.

Aged Cove Pioneer Died Last Night

The remains of James M. Rundell, aged 76, of Cove, who died in this city last night, will be shipped to Cove tomorrow morning for burial. T. E. Rundell of Cove is a nephew of the deceased. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel. Mr. Rundell was an old pioneer.

IMPERIALISM NO JOKE; RUSSIANS REFUSE TO PAY

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—It took several months for the Washington Telephone Company to learn that the Revolutionists in Russia were really in earnest. In the telephone directory, either through typographical error or intention, the embassy here was classified as "Imperial Russian Embassy." An official noted it when the monthly bill was received. Unable to see the joke he returned the statement with the information that when the mistake in the directory and on the books was rectified, a settlement would be made.

TWO MILLION MEN ARE NEEDED, SAYS SENATOR

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Senator Kenyon, back from the battle front, told the Senate, America must put two million men on the French front and have a million in reserve; must refuse to heed German efforts to patch up peace until Prussianism and militarism are crushed. He urged the United States to concentrate on ships, aircraft and artillery. He praised the work of the American destroyers. "Everyone wants peace, but can't make it with a mad dog."

German-Holland Frontiers are Closed

BERNE, Jan. 10.—The German closing of the German-Holland frontiers for a month is believed to preclude extensive troop movements. No merchandise is allowed to cross the border. This presumably means the intention to switch men from Italy to the west front.

FREEDOM OF SEAS PHRASE WORRIES BRITISH PRESS

(United Press.) LONDON, Jan. 10.—England seeks more details concerning President Wilson's "Freedom of seas" aims. The morning press unanimously approves the direct outlines of peace terms, but a clear note of anxiety on this one point is heard. Dominant British feeling still opposes complete disarmament of the zone without an effective international league with widest police powers. However, the fact is generally recognized that the whole question is far past belligerent solutions and all realize that Wilson's statement is a necessary move to strengthen the German liberals.

MET AMERICANS 'NEW WIRELESS'



Here's Uncle Sam's "new wireless"—the homing pigeon. The government has asked for 2,000 of these birds for the signal corps. They can work under circumstances in which ordinary communication facilities are useless.

FRENCH DEPUTY PROMISES FIGHT TO BITTER END

PRaises UNITED STATES FOR PROGRAM TO RESTORE ALSACE-LORRAINE

(United Press.) PARIS, Jan. 10.—Addressing the Chamber of Deputies, Deputy Deuchel pledged the chamber's support of the program of the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine and promised to sustain the army to the end. "Glory to the allies, glory especially to the United States, which from Washington to Wilson has added new light in universal morale as she has added new stars to her flag. "Victorious France won't have a peace of a vanquished people; will not recede, will oppose the invaders with inflexible hearts." Echo de Paris announces a collective list of war aims is to be issued shortly, probably at a date to be decided by the entente premiers' meeting.

OREGON CITIES INSPECTED

State Fire Marshal Wells has issued the following bulletin: "The state fire marshal department has made a general survey of the following cities: Woodburn, Salem, McMinnville, Astoria, Albany, La Grande, and Grants Pass, and in each of these towns many fire hazards were found, but we are pleased to report that the right kind of thinking people, the conservative business men, realize our work is really an asset to their community and have taken up the fire prevention movement and assisted us by removing such hazards as were pointed out to them in their own places of business. "We are going to continue this work and we trust that through the cooperation of the people of Oregon, the press and the fire chiefs, we will be able to show that Oregon leads in fire prevention instead of being the fourth state in fire waste and we ask of those who read this article their cooperation in this progressive work."

BURGLARS WORK WITH GERMAN AIR-RAIDERS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(By Mail.)—London suburbanites are beginning to ask: "Which is worse, a bomb or a burglar?" When they get the air raid warning in the suburbs, the inhabitants thereof usually gather in the house of the family with the strongest cellar or in some communal dug-out. This is just what the wily burglar is waiting for, and, wearing possible bombs, he leisurely ransacks the deserted houses. Artillery Fire Reported PARIS, Jan. 10.—Artillerying is active around Vauxaillon. Elsewhere it is quiet.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—The United States weather report: "Fair, warmer."

AMERICAN ARMY NOW NUMBERS OVER MILLION

NEVER BEFORE HAS SUCH AN ARMY BEEN RAISED SO QUICKLY

SEC. BAKER ADDRESSES SENATE COMMITTEE

Health of Army Is Good, Clothing Shortage Met, Mortality Rate Low, Guns Will Be Available for Troops in France.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Secretary of War Baker told the Senate military committee no army of similar size in the world's history had been raised, equipped and trained so quickly as the present American army. In nine months it had grown from 212,000 officers and men to 1,539,000.

He said the army's health was improving rapidly, the clothing shortage had practically been met, the mortality was lower than in civil life.

Further increments will be adequately equipped and trained and sent abroad as rapidly as those in training can be transported.

He said no serious dislocation had developed, the army was well fed, the spirits high and all kinds of guns available for every man going to France this year.

Great programs for new war weapons have been formulated. He said the war council is to add to its membership army officers and civilians later.

Mrs. Schilke May Attend Convention

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher's Associations, has returned to La Grande after a very enjoyable and profitable visit to Salem where she attended the county school superintendents convention and Corvallis where she addressed the joint session of the Irrigation and Drainage Congresses.

Mrs. Schilke today received a telegram that on account of war conditions and a desire to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the Congress of Mothers in February, the national convention will be held in Atlantic City New Jersey, February 26 to March 1. Mrs. Schilke will probably attend this convention although she has not definitely decided.

TO RECORD VOICES OF AMERICA'S WAR CHIEFS

Guy Colterman, St. Louis attorney, is the founder of The Nation's Forum, a society organized to make the talking machine aid in winning the war. The society plans to use records of speeches by American leaders in Liberty Loan campaigns and other war activities all over the country. Another plan is to make permanent records of great speeches and messages in congress and elsewhere so that our grandchildren may listen to the voices of the war leaders of 1918. Imagine hearing an address by President Wilson in 1991!



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COLLECTION OF ALL CITY LIENS IS ORDERED

MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT AND INSTALL

MANY DELINQUENT LIENS REPORTED

City Decides to Audit—Spring Session Decision Deferred.

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