

NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND MORE MEN WANTED

FINAL PART OF FIRST DRAFT ORDERED TO TRAINING CAMPS

LAST INCREMENT TO INCLUDE TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND COLORED TROOPS

OREGON ASKED TO SEND 369 ABOVE QUOTA

This Number to Be Credited to State On the Second Draft—Washington Called On For 638 Additional Men.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Ninety-five thousand more men are to be ordered to prepare for entering the training camps. The movement of these troops is to begin on March 29 and is to continue five days, at the end of which time it is expected to have the entire number located in the various camps throughout the country. This is the last increment of the first draft. It is to include 28,000 negroes.

Oregon Asked For Extra Men.
Because of the peculiar situation in regard to the assembling of the needed men some of the states with completed quotas will be asked to send more men who will be credited under the second draft. Under this arrangement, Oregon will be asked to furnish 369 additional men and the state of Washington will be called on for 638 more men.

The additional 95,000 men will be used to fill vacancies in existing organizations caused by transfers and deaths, and to fill the need for industrial workers.

It is reported that the first contingent of men drafted for industrial purposes have already reached France.

800,000 Men in Next Draft

WASHINGTON, March 12.—It is officially announced that 800,000 men will be called in the second draft. These will be called in small units as needed. The total number will be prorated among the states and the men will all be called from Class I, except in certain types of industrialists.

Ten thousand young men will be called during the summer for special training in technical schools. Those engaged in agriculture will not be called until after the harvest is finished. The men will all be called so as to have a minimum effect on the country's industries. The system for the calling of men in the second draft is such as to preclude the fixing of definite dates and the men will be called as required.

The emptying of a camp will allow for the calling of an increment to refill it. The special demand for replacement of troops in certain divisions will demand a call for another increment so the men will go forward in relatively small groups and possibly all will be brought together during 1918. The men will be called no faster than they can be assimilated by the army.

The apportionments are waiting only for the enactment of pending legislation regarding quotas and similar matters pertaining to the handling of the second draft.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—Forecast for Eastern Oregon—Rain.

FRANCE URGES SPEED IN AMERICAN TROOP SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, March 12.—France has made a new earnest appeal to the United States to speed the shipment of troops across the water, and as a result, it is learned, the government is preparing to send some shipments of drafted men very soon. The original intention was to send the remaining national guard divisions, but inspections have convinced the military authorities that the men in the draft divisions are in much better training and in better condition than the men of the national guard.

NEW QUOTA COMES

A wire late today to the exemption board from Adjutant General Williams states that Union county will have to furnish five per cent of the first gross quota, which means that nine men will be drafted in this call. The order also excludes active farmers in this call.

DISTRICT BOARD RUSH IS OVER

MEETINGS NOW TO BE HELD ONCE A WEEK FOR REVISIONS

In All Twelve Thousand Registrants Have Been Examined and Reported Upon for This District

The work of the district board for the examinations of draft registrants has been practically completed but the board will continue to hold sessions once each week for closing up purposes as well as for such revision a may come up for consideration. There are twelve counties included within this district and during the time the board has been at work 12,000 registrants papers have been passed upon, and this includes a total of about 90 per cent of the registrants within the district. The board has been working eight hours a day for a period of about two months. While they are almost through, the work of other boards still lags and especially where they have been putting in but four hours daily.

The board is composed of F. S. Ivanhoe, Dr. C. T. Bacon, John O'Connell, N. K. West and Walter M. Pierce. "The work has been very greatly facilitated by Mrs. Will Church, who has had charge of the clerical part, and her competent assistants," said a member of the board today.

Want to Give Square Deal.

One of the board members said in effect today that while the members were not personally acquainted with many of the registrants and were not in possession of all the facts and details of their surroundings, it was the intention to treat all with absolute fairness. The board announces that they are perfectly willing, in fact will be more than pleased to take up any registrant's claim who feels that he has not been given a perfectly square deal. Any error of any kind will be most gladly made right by the board.

Says Coal Mines Must Close.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator Thomas of Colorado declares that scores of western coal mines are closing as a result of the fuel administration's reduction of prices to operators. He said that 27 Colorado mines had closed on receipt of notice of the cut.

AMERICANS CRAFTSMEN OF THE TRENCH

NOW READY TO BLOCK ANY OFFENSIVE THAT MAY BE MADE

HINDENBURG DELAYED PLANS TOO LONG

Yankee Training Completely Proved by Constantly Enlarging Sector's General Pershing Holds

NEW YORK, March 12.—Americans in France are now ready to block any German offensive on the west front that may be made. Hindenburg has delayed too long in his plans for risking an early western drive. General Pershing is fully prepared to use American power in beating back the Huns. American forces already overseas can now be called instantly for major offensive work. The increasing frequency of the American raids and the constantly enlarging sectors which Pershing holds conclusively proves that the training of the Americans is complete and that the Yankees are craftsmen of the trenches.

First Exclusive American Raid.

LONDON, March 12.—The American raid east of Lunenburg yesterday completely proved that the Germans had evacuated their positions after two days of American artillery. This was the first raid which the Americans conducted wholly unassisted.

BERLIN, March 12.—It is announced "Paris was successfully bombed in retaliation for enemy air raids on four open towns Saturday and Sunday."

Y. M. C. A. WILL BEGIN ITS FARMER'S COURSE TONIGHT

The educational department of the Y. M. C. A. has secured for two evenings only the services of three agricultural experts who will give a series of addresses at the Y. M. C. A. building. It is hoped by the "Y" management that all farmers will take advantage of this opportunity and make an effort to attend the two sessions. Slides will be used to illustrate many of the important features. The course will be free to all and persons just beginning farming are especially invited. The session and talks will be as follows:
Tuesday Evening
"Soil and rusts as they effect our grain crops," by A. O. Meier.
"Farm Insect Pests," A. B. Black.

GERMAN AVIATOR LIVES THOUGH FALL SMASHED HIS PLANE TO SPLINTERS



This photograph was snapped just after this German aviator had been brought down in a battle behind the French lines. The German pilot lived, though badly hurt, and is seen trying to extricate himself from the machine. This fall, as the picture shows, smashed the plane to splinters. French Red Cross workers, one of whom snapped this picture, took him to a hospital.

HOME GUARD MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

INSTITUTION IS RECOGNIZED AS A GOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WILL REMOVE QUARTERS TO THE REX HALL

With Improved Weather Conditions, Drill Work Will Be Done Outdoors Principally

After Wednesday night the La Grande Home Guard will have quarters in Rex hall where gun, equipment and officers' rooms are being shaped up today. There will be little or no drilling in the hall because the outside drilling is now possible most of the time and is preferable to the inside work.

The equipment will be moved from the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night. The members will report at the "Y" as usual and after drill will go to the new quarters. Details will move the gun boxes and other equipment to the new quarters the same evening. It is very necessary that every man be present tomorrow night that the moving may be expedited.

Because the officers' quarters have not been fully refurbished tonight, non-commissioned officers' school will be conducted in the Y. M. C. A. as usual.

Many Added to Roster.

The enlistments are brisk this week, a large squad of recruits being ready to begin training tomorrow.

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PROTECTION GUARANTEED WAR WORKERS

MERCHANTS DECLARE FOR FAIR TREATMENT TO ALL FUND SOLICITORS

UNEQUIVOCAL STAND TAKEN AT LUNCHEON

Opinion Freely Expressed That Too Much Leniency Has Been Shown Those Not Squarely on Patriotic Firing Line

A motion from T. J. Scroggin to the effect that all La Grande merchants unqualifiedly stand for the protection of both men and women who work as solicitors of Red Cross and other war funds brought every member of the large party to attention in a standing position at the regular Tuesday luncheon today at the Foley hotel.

The Scroggin motion followed a fervent address by Senator Ed. E. Kiddle who brought to direct attention of the gathering some utterances of disloyalty made by a citizen of the Grande Ronde valley. When this man was solicited by a lady for a Red Cross subscription during the last campaign he bluntly told the lady to "go to h—l," and when she asked his name he said, "none of your d—d business."

Mr. Kiddle, working in the Red Cross and Liberty loan undertakings, felt deeply what was reported to him from the last drive, which report is supported by affidavits, and in company with G. L. Larison and A. T. Hill called upon District Attorney Hodgkin to learn if there was not a statute under which the legal machinery of the county could work to protect solicitors from a recurrence of the insult. According to Mr. Kiddle, in his talk today, the district attorney's office advised that there was no statute offering such protection, but later the district attorney told Mr. Kiddle on the street that he had found a statute that might cover the case. No indictment has been returned up to the present time against the man who made the utterances, according to Mr. Kiddle.

The spirit of the assembly today could not be mistaken for every man in attendance showed in his face a resoluteness against such disloyalty that made the luncheon a pronounced and distinct patriotic demonstration. There was considerable discussion regarding too much leniency being shown those who not only lack sympathy for this country.

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FLOUR PURCHASES REDUCED TO A FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS WITH USUAL SUBSTITUTES

New Order Sent Out By Herbert C. Hoover Did Not Reach La Grande Till Late Hour Yesterday Evening.

NEW STORY BEGINS

The new story "Over the Top," begins today. It is one of the best stories by one of the best writers of the world war period. That's what everybody says who has read the book. Begin reading it today and watch for future installments.

SEC. BAKER EXPERIENCED SUB. ALARMS

(United Press.)

PARIS, March 12.—Secretary of War Baker arrived in France on a cruiser which was conveying ten thousand American troops. A part of these troops were on board a former German liner. Two submarine alarms were given during the trip across but no divers were seen. The secretary was impressed by the precautionary measures that are taken to protect the soldiers from the submarine menace while on their way to France.

AUSTRALIANS MAKE RAIDS

Survivors of Sunken Schooner Are Shelled From Submarine.

LONDON, March 12.—Australian raids northeast of Messines are reported successful. Heavy cannonading is in progress southeast of Arras and northeast of Ypres.

The Irish schooner, Nanny Wingall was submerged. The schooner was not armed and survivors were shelled by the diver.

Four German Planes Downed.

PARIS, March 12.—Four German airplanes were downed during last night's raid here.

JOSEPH BOYS CAUGHT

Two Youngsters in Act of Robbery Taken In Custody.

JOSEPH, March 12.—(Special)—Constable J. A. Blevans caught two boys named Cannon and Vaughn, at 7 o'clock yesterday evening as they were in the act of robbing a house just outside the city limits. Entrance into the house had been effected by breaking the locks. The boys are both in jail, the preliminary examination being set for this afternoon.

The Cannon boy lives in Enterprise and has served some time in the state reform school. He had been home from the institution but two days previous to the exploit of last night. The Vaughn boy lives in Joseph.

CONGRESSMAN WANTS CONVICTED GERMAN SPIES TO BE HANGED

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Congressman Kelly introduced in the house today a resolution that all convicted German spies be hanged. He said:

"The time has come to quit inflicting spies and giving them three

OREGON NOW THE SAME AS OTHER STATES

DEALERS WHO ARE SHORT ON SUBSTITUTES WILL ALSO FEEL EFFECTS

ORDER IS TO STAND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Allies Must Have Flour, and Home People Must Put Up with Reduced Consumption for a Few Months at Least

The sale of wheat flour in Oregon must now be limited to pound for pound with the sale of flour substitutes. This order was promulgated by Mr. Hoover yesterday and County President T. J. Scroggin received the announcement by telegram from Mr. W. B. Ayer, of the state federal food administration, but the message was not received until about 4 o'clock in the evening. The message from Mr. Ayer to Mr. Scroggin says:

"I have just received a telegram from Herbert C. Hoover announcing that the fifty-fifty buying of flour and substitutes must go into effect immediately. I fully realize the hardship this order will work on the people of this state because of the shortage of substitutes, but it is a measure that cannot be avoided because our allies must have flour. The situation is a serious one both abroad and here. Our people must put up with the inconvenience; there is no other way out of it."

While this order has been effective in other parts of the country Oregon had previously been made an exception and the people were allowed to buy 45 pounds of flour with only 17 pounds of substitutes. Under the new order a person who buys 49 pounds of flour must also buy 49 pounds of substitutes. If a dealer is unable to supply more than five pounds of substitutes then he must limit the sale of flour to five pounds. The purchase in weight of flour and substitutes must be equal in the number of pounds until further notice.

TOM CRAWFORD SPEAKS

La Grande Man Addresses Jackson Club in Portland

In his old-time forceful manner, Judge Thomas Crawford of La Grande addressed the Jackson club at Portland last evening. The Jackson club, it will be remembered, is the leading Democratic organization of the state and when a Democrat from over the state is invited to address that body, it is recognized as quite an honor.