

OPINIONS DIFFER ON EFFECTS OF DRAFT

Stimulation or Retarding of Recruiting Problem to Officers of Army-Navy.

MARINES WANT 30,000

Special Week Designated for Big Effort—Conscription May Call One Out of Every 10 for New Land Forces.

MARINE CORPS TO BE RECRUITED TO 30,000 MEN.

The following telegram was received by The Oregonian yesterday from General George Barnett, commanding the United States Marine Corps:

"The Marine Corps today reached its full authorized strength of 17,400 men. The publicity given our needs by the newspapers, which resulted in making known our slogan 'first to fight' quickly brought the needed men to the colors. A further increase of the Marine Corps to 30,000 men has been recommended to Congress, and sincerely believed that the increase will be granted for the period of the war, I am going ahead with recruiting.

"Red-blooded young men wishing to be first to fight probably will not have long to wait. On behalf of the officers and men of the Marine Corps, I wish to express our hearty appreciation of the able assistance and hearty co-operation rendered by The Oregonian in recruiting our corps to full strength. Portland has responded splendidly to our call. I am going to ask further assistance and co-operation to recruit the additional 12,500 men whom we need and I will address you a letter on the subject of a special Marine Corps week, June 10 to 16, inclusive, when we will make an extra effort to fill our corps to 30,000 men before the close of the fiscal year."

Will recruiting in the regular Army and in the Marine Corps be stimulated or retarded by passage of the selective conscription bill?

Army and Navy officers in Portland have conflicting opinions on the subject and it will be difficult to tell just what the effect will be until after the scope of the measure actually is agreed upon by Congress.

The Navy recruiting stations have experienced a lull in the last few days, which, by some, is attributed to the prospective early passage of the draft bill. Most recruits in the Navy are of the draft age—19 to 27 years. Congress, it is expected, will fix the draft age limits at 21 and 30 years, so the effect on men of that age will be watched with interest during the next few days.

Officers are agreed, however, that men who rush to the recruiting stations to escape draft are actuated by a little bit of the spirit of highest patriotism. There is a lurking suspicion among many youths that men who are conscripted into the Army will get little chance to see active service. By going into the Navy, regular Army or Marine Corps they hope to get into some actual fighting.

No official information has come to either the state or Federal officers regarding plans for the proposed draft.

It is presumed, however, that actual conscription will be placed in the hands of civil authorities to relieve the military force of the burden of the day. It will be set aside when every man of that age will be required to register. He will have to give his age, his birthplace, his nationality, if born in a foreign country, his educational requirements, his occupation and all other particulars that may be helpful in guiding the military authorities in selecting the army.

It is presumed that men who are qualified for work in munitions plants, shipbuilding yards or other industrial institutions whose operation is essential to the successful conduct of the war will be exempt from military duty, but that they can be drafted into industrial service.

The proposed draft system doubtless will be applied on the same basis as the volunteer system formerly was applied. Each state will be allotted its quota of men based on its population. The state then will be subdivided into voting precincts and each precinct will be required to produce its proportion. Just how the names will be selected has not been determined, but it is probable that they will be drawn by lot.

One in 10 May Be Taken.

Army officers have estimated that only one man out of every 10 subject to draft will be selected on the first call. Some of these doubts will be warded off on account of physical defects and other causes, and other names will be drawn to take their places until the entire quota is supplied.

One unofficial report received here yesterday was that all men enlisting in the regular branches of the service after the draft bill is signed by the President will be subject to draft all the same, but Army officers consider such a provision improbable.

As a matter of fact, they look for considerable competition among youth of military age to be among the first selected.

Despite the Sunday holiday 14 men applied for enlistment at the naval recruiting station yesterday. Seven of them were mustered in and started for the Goat Island training station.

The marine corps recruiting office also had a busy day, receiving nearly a score of applicants.

The regular Army recruiting station was not open for business on Sunday.

\$15,000 SUIT IS NEAR END

Mrs. Tillie Bergen Seeks Damages for Drowning of Children.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Taking of testimony in the damage suit of Mrs. Tillie Bergen against Lewis County for \$15,000 was completed last evening. Only the argument of the various attorneys to the jury and the charge of Judge Reynolds are to be heard before the case finally goes to the jury.

Mrs. Bergen's suit is brought to recover monetary damages for the loss of her three little children by drowning in the Cowitz River at Rifle, May 23, 1915, owing to alleged improper handling of the county ferry at that place by the ferryman, an employee of the county.

More fatal tramway accidents occur in London on Sundays than on any other day.

PORTLAND NEWSPAPERMAN, NOW WITH AMERICAN AMBULANCE HOSPITAL CORPS, WHO IS SERVING IN BRITISH-FRENCH SPRING DRIVE ALONG THE MARNE.



PORTLAND WRITER IN FRENCH DRIVE

Joseph Patterson Sees Service With Ambulance Corps on Marne Battlefield.

DEAD FOUND EVERYWHERE

German Graves Are Marked and Are Tended by Foes—Girls Keep American From Losing Way in Paris at Night.

Joseph Patterson, formerly a newspaper man of Portland, is seeing active service with the American Ambulance Hospital Corps in France, and his work has taken him so close to the firing line the last month that he and his co-workers have had to make use of the gas mask.

Mr. Patterson, who for more than seven years prior to 1916 was a member of the local and field reporter staff of The Oregonian, joined the American Ambulance Corps in December, 1916, sailing for Paris about January 1, 1917. For a year prior to sailing for Paris he was engaged as a special agent of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

In an uncensored letter which Mr. Patterson mailed at sea, just before arriving in Paris, he told of the proposed British-French drive on the Germans, now in progress. The ambulance Corps was at that time being heavily recruited to take care of the situation when the drive started.

Great Drive Forecast.

"They expect to lose heavily, but are prepared for it," Mr. Patterson wrote, "and this will be the last uncensored letter."

Mr. Patterson's information proved true, and after a brief training period in Paris, during which time he lived in the chateau once occupied by Empress Eugenie, now a hospital base, while he was undergoing the severe inoculation against disease, he was dispatched to the second line in the battle of the Marne.

A letter dated April 14 gave the information that his division would be sent to the first line about April 15. Mr. Patterson went with a group of cadets and newspaper men from his home city, Pittsburgh, at whose head is one of his former city editors. Extracts from Mr. Patterson's letters follow:

"I am writing from a basement, and it was so cold we are wearing overcoats, gloves and caps as we write. The Marne battlefield is just outside the door. We cross the Marne battlefield when we go to Meaux to get the wounded for this hospital station, which is at Jully, and which is supported by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney.

Plain Is Now Cemetery.

"We usually are called out at 2 A. M. The nocturnal sensation is marked. We went for the wounded last night at 2:15 o'clock. The Marne was a high water mark of German invasion and is almost a level plain, an ideal battle ground in a way. But already the battlefield is under cultivation. The cultivation is broken by trenches and small plots, the latter about six by eight feet, surrounded by a single wire.

"In each plot, marked by a white cross over which flies a French flag, a soldier lies buried where he fell. The cross bears the name, rank and sometimes the photograph of the dead, for the identification tag attached to his wrist preserves his identity.

"As the soldiers dropped everywhere these graves are scattered over the farms. The little plots are spared in plowing and crops are raised all around them. Occasionally you see a white cross with a black center, and then you know it is the grave of a German. The German dead were treated as well as the French dead.

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FOODWORK SPURRED

Campaign of First Few Days Shows Some Results.

GARDENS BEING PLANTED

Committee Is Ready to Answer Any Problems That May Face City Grower—Lectures Are Being Booked Rapidly.

The first few days of service rendered by the food preparedness campaign bureau, under the direction of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Department of Agriculture, have been of incalculable benefit to the cause of increased food production through the stimulus afforded.

While the work is at its outset, and definite records cannot yet be given of progress made, it has been noted by the officials in charge that a first great effect has been to combine all endeavors along the line of increased food production under the operations of the new bureau.

Serious Problem Faced.

In a statement made yesterday by officials of the bureau, a comprehensive sketch of the bureau's labors to date, its aims and the nature of the work projected is afforded.

"We have been called upon for services of every kind in connection with the big food drive," said W. H. Crawford, of the food preparedness campaign. "The seriousness of the situation and the evidences of the help that we have already been able to give encourage us to go right into things on a big scale.

"The amount of free farming advice that is now being put forth in the newspapers should be helpful if properly understood. There was a particularly good supply in the Sunday papers. Perhaps more than could be read when the actual work had to be crowded into a few short hours."

Labor to Be Difficult.

"We suggest that any particular problems that may confront you be taken up with us at once. If you do not understand what you have read or if you have something special to take up for the good of the cause, or for your own personal help, call on us at 512 Oregon Building, telephone Broadway 440.

"Labor seems to be looming up as a big problem. However, there is a hopeful indication in the possible enlistment of individuals and organizations in the work of increasing the land output. We are at work on several combinations that will bring good results. Our lecture staff is also booking engagements as fast as possible."

HIGHLAND SOLDIER HERE

Sergeant Armstrong in Kilts Is Recruiting for Scotch Regiment.

"Sergeant Armstrong" in bold hand upon the register of the Portland Hotel, tells of the passing through here yesterday of one of the vanguard of the recruiting officers who are coming from Canada to call British subjects to the service of their country.

Sergeant Armstrong was a striking picture in the lobby of the hotel, for he was in Highland uniform, and a veteran of the trench warfare of Flanders. He was a grinning warlike figure in the quiet civilian surroundings.

He is out to recruit for the Scotch Canadian regiments, and left yesterday afternoon for San Francisco, where he is to begin his work.

ROAD DATA TO BE GATHERED

Society of Engineers Discusses \$6,000,000 Bond Issue.

That the public may be acquainted with different pavements, their durability and cost, the Oregon Society of Engineers has authorized its president to name a committee of five members to prepare data, that committee to cooperate with the one appointed recently by the Portland Realty Board. The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the society Saturday night in the Oregon building.

The chief subject of discussion at the meeting was the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. A debate on the bond issue was held. O. Laurgaard championing the issue and Z. P. Newell opposing him. Three minutes were allotted other

RAILWAY UNITY URGED

BURLINGTON ROAD CALLS ON ALL EMPLOYEES TO "DO THEIR BIT"

President Says Lines Throughout the Country Will Co-ordinate to Expedite Nation's Business.

Employees of the Burlington railroad system in this and other parts of the country have been urged by H. C. Holden, president of the company, to "do their bit" in their daily work, not only that the military forces and supplies may be handled expeditiously, but so that foodstuffs, materials and supplies of all kinds directly and indirectly necessary in carrying on the preparations the Government has undertaken may be handled with minimum of friction and delay.

President Holden calls attention, in a circular letter just distributed among the employees here, to the resolution adopted at a recent conference of railroad executives in Washington, in which they pledged themselves to cooperate "with the Government of the United States, with the governments of the several states and one with another, that during the present war they will co-ordinate their operations in a continual railroad system, merging during such period all their merely individual and competitive activities in the effort to produce a maximum of National transportation efficiency."

"This pledge," says the Burlington president, "can only be carried out by the co-operation of all the forces of the company, and it was given unhesitatingly because of my confidence that all of us would wish to assume our patriotic privilege of supporting the Government to our utmost and to lend in every way our services to a successful termination of the war that is upon us."

Oregon City Wife Charges Cruelty.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Suit for divorce on grounds of cruelty was filed in the Circuit Court here yesterday by Mrs. Mervyn Peterson against A. Romayn Peterson, Jr.

Joseph Patterson, in Field Uniform. Also With Gas Mask and in DuPont Near Firing Line.

speakers for the discussion of the bond issue.

Among those who spoke on the bond issue were, besides Mr. Newell and Mr. Laurgaard, E. J. Adams, a member of the State Highway Commission; W. Cunningham, consulting engineer; A. G. Johnson, statistician of the Department of Public Works; John K. Penland, City Engineer of Albany; Dr. F. G. Young, head of the department of economics of the University of Oregon; W. L. Archambeau, formerly connected with the Warren Construction Company; W. H. Graves and J. R. Thompson, consulting engineers; J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union; Mr. McMillen, assistant city engineer; C. T. Rice, C. J. Hogue, R. W. Price and Herbert Gordon.

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Drill in military tactics has been begun here by an organization comprised of members of the Bend Amateur Athletic Club, styling themselves the Bend Rifles. A number of old Springfield rifles have been obtained for the organization, which is receiving instruction from former members of military companies.

Teachers' Salaries Raised.

BEND, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Cause of the increase in the cost of living, the School Board of District 12, including the City of Bend, has voluntarily raised the pay of the teachers in the district \$5 a month. For the coming year Miss Gertrude Hanks has been selected by the Board as superintendent of primary work.

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