

### EXEMPTION RATIO HIGH EVERYWHERE

#### Provost Marshal Says Dependencies Do Not Necessarily Relieve Men From Service.

### BOARDS TO USE JUDGMENT

#### Federal Head Declares That if Applicants Are Excused for Every Cause Whole Plan of Raising Army Will Be Defeated.

George A. White, Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard, asked local exemption boards yesterday for reports on the work they have accomplished to date in examining men for the first draft from this state. The replies in many cases were quite disconcerting, as they indicated a high rate of claims for exemption or discharge.

For two weeks past General White has been impressing on local boards the necessity of eliminating at the start all claims for exemption or discharge that are not clearly founded on necessity.

He called the high percentage of claims to the attention of the Federal authorities, and received a reply stating that the same ratio prevails throughout the whole country.

Stringent Rule Predicted. Provost Marshal-General Crowder, at Washington, in replying to General White, declared that there is a moral certainty in the minds of the authorities that hundreds of unfounded claims are included in the totals of applications for exemption or discharge. He indicated that severe repressive measures might have to be taken. He said:

Section 2 of the selective service law exempts no person from military service on the ground of dependency. It only authorizes the President to exclude or discharge from draft those who are dependent upon persons dependent upon them for support who renders their exclusion or discharge advisable.

The controlling necessity is to raise an Army. It is inadvisable to disturb the peace of mind of the citizen as far as possible. The conditions stated therein will have to be restricted until an advisable rule is reached. Nothing has happened to change the belief that the persons enumerated in section 18 could be discharged without interfering with the raising of an Army, but there are indications that abuses at section 18 may render its continuance no longer advisable.

Reports are to the effect that in some districts as high as 30 per cent of persons called before local boards are filing claims for discharge on the ground of dependent relatives. Each percentage of claims when viewed in connection with all available statistics indicates beyond question that advantage is being taken of the provisions of the law and regulations, which were intended to reduce to a minimum the misery at home normally attendant upon war.

Law Endangered by Exemptions. There is a moral certainty, in the extravagance of this percentage, that hundreds of unfounded claims are included in these totals. This state of affairs greatly increases the burden of local exemption boards, for if so high a percentage of registrants claim exemption, only the uncompromising action of local boards can prevent the raising of an Army. It is thus apparent that the filing of these improper claims will be a serious and injurious one to persons whom the present regulations were designed to protect, and that the welfare of persons who have filed claims without merit, and that the only protection of persons whose cases are within the meaning of the present rules lies in the power of local boards to refuse exemption in every doubtful case.

Refusals to Be Plentiful. It is true that cases of discharge on the ground of dependency are appealed to the district board, but this clause is one which secures uniformity of action. District boards are to examine these cases to discover departures from the regulations and rulings, and they will not and cannot open every case on its merits, therefore, that the solution of the difficulty and the protection of deserving claimants lies in the power of local boards to refuse exemption.

General White sent out another telegram to all local boards last night directing them to discourage all claims for exemption and discharge that are not well founded in fact.

The Adjutant-General also asked for a report of the work done up to 6 o'clock tonight. At 2:05 o'clock Sheriff William J. Wilson, of Clackamas County, sent word that his local board had completed examination of men for the first call. This was pretty quick work and furnished a bright spot for the day.

### HALF UNFIT; HALF PASSED

Of 26 Examined at The Dalles All but Two Claim Exemption. THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Wasco County exemption board has been busy yesterday and today with the examination of the local drafted men. They have finished the examination of 26 men and out of that number only two have not filed claim of exemption. Half of the 26 were rejected as unfit and the other half passed the physical examination. As 23 is Wasco County's quota, it will probably be necessary to examine over 100 before reaching the full quota.

David Dudley, of Antelope, and Ira Partlow, of The Dalles, were the two who did not offer objection and are willing to go now. Two of the registered failed to appear, one a Jap who cannot be located, and the other Arnold DeBois, who has asked to be examined in Vancouver, where he now resides.

Alfred J. Stockill, 11th man on the draft list, is confined in a tubercular hospital at Selma. He will be examined there. It is expected that the examining board will be through with their 46 list tomorrow night.

### BAKER PASSES 18 OF 30

Of First Lot Examined 50 Per Cent Make Plea for Exemption. BAKER, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Only 18 of the first 30 summoned by the Baker County exemption board were exempted when the board ended its day's work today. Of the 30 called 15 did not ask for exemption and 15 presented various excuses, from industrialism to dependents. Of the 15 asking exemption, three were drafted, making 18 of the county's quota of 33 that so far have been qualified.

## MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Gail Kane In Scene From "Gail Kane" At Peoples Theater Tomorrow



Mary Pickford, Star of "A Romance of the Redwoods" At Star Theater Tomorrow

### TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Peoples—Portland-made productions, "A Nugget in the Rough," "The Tale of a Dress," "Star—Margarita Fischer, "Miss Jackie of the Navy," "Sunset—William Farnum, "A Tale of Two Cities," "Columbia—Bessie Barriscale, "Hater of Men," Liberty—Mary Fuller and Lou Tellegen, "The Long Trail," "The Tale of a Dress," "The Wrath of Love," "Circle—"In Marriage Sacred"

### Artisans at Peoples.

The exhibition of the two Portland-made pictures, "A Nugget in the Rough" and "The Tale of a Dress," will be concluded at the Peoples Theater today. Today is known as United Artisans' day at the theater. Members of the lodge will attend the performances afternoon and evening, while at night the early shows will be preceded by a street concert by the Artisans' band.

### First Association Picture.

"On Trial," the Essanay picturization of the Cohan & Harris stage success, the first production purchased by the recently organized National Exhibitors' Association, will be shown at the Liberty Theater commencing tomorrow. Jensen & Von Herber, Portland, Seattle and Butte motion picture operators, represent the Northwest in the new association of exhibitors. This is the organization which is said to be paying Charlie Chaplin more than \$1,000,000 for a series of eight comedies during the coming season.

### Can You Identify Him?

The Majestic Theater has received word from the Hearst-Pathe News office in New York City that it will shortly receive motion pictures of a man who was found wandering at Montclair, N. J., of amnesia and remembers nothing of his past life.

### Many See "Baby Mine."

A number of Portland and out-of-town motion picture exhibitors have an opportunity to see one of Goldwyn's long-awaited and widely-heralded photoplays Thursday night at the Sunset Theater. "Baby Mine," a six-reel picture, is the successful stage play written by Margaret Mayo and presented as its star, Madge Kennedy, the attractive girl who appeared on Broadway in the production, made a big hit with the exhibitors.

"Baby Mine" is a decidedly attractive farce comedy and its interpretation by the silent drama is said to be seen on the Artercraft programme.

## JOSEPHINE COUNTY MAN FATALLY SHOT

### Assailant Escapes to Hills Following Shooting in Mill at Selma.

### POSSE STARTS IN PURSUIT

William McAllister, Member of Prominent Family of Illinois Valley, Is Victim—Ralph Turpin Is Fugitive.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—William McAllister, a sawyer at the spalding sawmill, located about a mile north of Selma, this county, was shot this morning by Ralph Turpin, a fellow workman, and died late today. Turpin escaped.

McAllister was at work at his log carriage, which he had stopped, when Turpin was seen to approach him and make some remark. McAllister pushed Turpin back from the carriage, which he prepared to start. Turpin grasped the shift lever, and began talking vehemently to McAllister, who again pushed him away. Turpin again grasped the lever, and this time McAllister struck Turpin twice.

Turpin was seen by other workmen to leave the mill. When next seen by any of the workmen, about five minutes later, he was standing but a few feet in front of McAllister, with a pistol in his hand. He fired three shots, one passing through McAllister's abdomen and coming out through the back. A wound took effect in the arm, and the third went wild.

Turpin immediately took to the hills back of the mill, and has not been seen nor heard from since.

Dr. S. Loughey, of this city, was called to attend McAllister, and immediately pronounced the wounds fatal. Sheriff Lewis went to the scene of the shooting with Dr. Loughey, and from his knowledge of the country surrounding the mill, judged that a hard chase was in store before Turpin could be caught. He returned to the city for assistance. Accompanied by Deputy Lister and a small posse, he returned to Selma, and is now scouring the hills in search of the fugitive.

McAllister was about 35 years old and was the son of one of the best-known farmers of the Illinois Valley. He was a prominent man in Josephine County affairs for 40 years or more.

Turpin is little more than 20 years old, and lived on the outskirts of this city for several years, working at odd jobs. None of the authorities or mill hands have the slightest idea as to the original cause of the quarrel. Neither man had a reputation of being quarrelsome.

The dead man is survived by his widow and four children.

Sheriff Lewis telephoned to this city at 7 P. M. that he had increased his posse to 15 men, and had stationed them so that every road and trail leading from the hills to which Turpin fled was covered.

### SLACKER WILL BE TRIED

#### Alleged Obstructor of Draft Arrested in Klamath County.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Fred E. Stone, Klamath Falls, was arrested here recently and bound over to the Federal grand jury, will be taken to San Francisco. It developed during his examination here that Stone was dishonorably discharged from the Army in 1913, and served considerable time at Alcatraz Island for assisting in the escape of prisoners.

Deputy United States Marshal Berry and Sheriff Humphrey have returned from Yalman, Or., 50 miles northeast of Portland for the trading showing. He will have other Goldwyn pictures here within a week.

### SCRUPLES NOT BAR TO ARMY

#### Seattle Teacher of Political Economy Falls to Secure Exemption.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 10.—By unanimous vote the exemption board of Division No. 8, of Seattle, tonight certified to the military service of the United States, subject to action by the appeal board, Gerard Thompkins Canton, a teacher of political economy in the Seattle High School, who had asked exemption on the ground that he had conscientious scruples against joining the Army.

Canton also tried to escape the draft. It is said, on the ground that he had

weak eyes. The examining physician, however, held that his eyesight was not bad enough to bar him from the Army. Canton then charged, it is said, that the board was trying to railroad him into the Army.



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Centralia Has Few Willing Of 263 Examined Only 43 Pass Who Did Not Claim Exemption.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The examination of the first contingent of 263 men summoned before the Lewis County exemption board was completed yesterday evening. There were 263 men examined, many who failed to report being already in service. The others will lose their claims of exemption.

Of the 263 examined, only 43 passed who did not claim exemption. Seventy-five were rejected for physical unfitness, while 145 claimed exemption on various grounds. An additional contingent of registrants were today summoned to appear before the board to fill the county's draft quota of 162.

Wahkiakum Foreigners Loyal. CATHLAMET, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Of 44 men examined in the first day and a half by the Wahkiakum County exemption board, only 10 are ready for service. Eighteen were disqualified or physically deficient and 16

claimed exemption. Two aliens, a Belgian and a Norwegian, refused exemptions, while two Austrians who have taken out first papers were reluctant to go. Since this county must furnish 60 men, another draft will probably have to be made.

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