



CLASS I WILL DO NATION'S FIGHTING

Young Unattached Men Held Sufficient.

PROVOST MARSHAL REPORTS

Million Available Under Present Registration.

700,000 MORE COME YEARLY

First Draft Surpasses Highest Expectations of Army Authorities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—All men for the war armies still to be raised by the United States will come from Class I under the new selective service plan.

Provoost Marshal General Crowder announced the new policy in a report on the operation of the selective draft law submitted today to Secretary Baker and sent to Congress.

Also, in the interest of fair distribution of the military burden, he proposes that the quotas of states or districts be determined hereafter on the basis of the number of men in Class I and not upon the population.

Available figures indicate, the report says, that there are 1,900,000 qualified men under the present registration who will be found in Class I when all questionnaires have been returned and the classification period ends February 15.

Class I comprises single men without dependent relatives, married men who have habitually failed to support their families, who are dependent upon wives for support or not usefully engaged, and whose families are supported by incomes independent of their labor, unskilled farm laborers, unskilled industrial laborers, registrants by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, registrants who fail to submit questionnaires and in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, and all registrants not included in any other division of the schedule.

General Crowder finds that the draft surpassed the highest expectations and pays high tribute to the thousands of civilians whose services made the plan a success.

"At the President's call," he says, "all ranks of the Nation, reluctantly entering the war, nevertheless instantly responded to the first call of the Nation with a vigorous and unselfish co-operation that submerged all individual interest in a single endeavor toward the consummation of the national task. I take it that no great national project was ever attempted with so complete a reliance upon the voluntary co-operation of citizens for its execution."

"The law has been administered by civilians whose official relation lies only in necessary powers with which they are vested by the President's designation of them to perform the duties that are laid upon them. They have accomplished the task. They have made some mistakes. The system offers room for improvement."

German Efficiency Outstanding. "But the great thing they were called upon to do they have done. The vaunted efficiency of absolutism of which the German Empire stands as the avatar can offer nothing to compare with it. It remains the ultimate test and proof of the intrinsic political ideas upon which American institutions of democracy and self-government have been based."

Analysis of the first draft, General Crowder shows that 9,548,508 men between the ages of 21 and 31 years registered. Up to late in December only 3774 arrests had been made of those who sought to evade registration, and of that number 2343 were released after having registered, and there remains only 2995 cases to be prosecuted. The report declares that in the final analysis of the records it will be shown that only 6.9025 per cent of the men within draft age evaded registration.

A rough figure of 8.2 per cent is given as the number of registrants who failed to appear which called by their local boards for examination, but General Crowder hastens to explain that most of these men already are in

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George has issued a strong appeal to the agricultural laborers of the kingdom to do their utmost to increase the production of foodstuffs.

STEFANSSON STILL IN ARCTIC REGIONS

EXPLORER SAID TO BE ON HERSCHEL OR BAILEY ISLAND.

Party Reported in Good Health and Awaiting Ice Break to Come Out Next Summer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, and the 25 men of his Canadian Arctic expedition, have not yet left the Arctic Ocean, according to reports received here today from Dawson, Y. T., Fairbanks, Alaska, and Ottawa, Can. Ottawa dispatches December 24 said the explorer had left the northern seas and had arrived at Fort Yukon, an inland point in Alaska.

Dawson dispatches said every member of the party was in good health. According to the various reports, Stefansson probably will spend this winter in the Arctic and pilot his ships, the Polar Bear and North Star, around Point Barrow and through the Berling Straits to Nome, Alaska, when the ice breaks in the Arctic Ocean next summer.

Stefansson's exact location is not known. The dispatches from the North said arrivals at Fort Yukon from the Arctic reported him at Herschel Island, which lies in the Arctic off the Canadian Coast near the Alaska line. The Ottawa reports said the marine department of the Canadian government believed him to be at Bailey Island, which also lies in the Arctic off Canada.

No details of the result of the expedition have been received. A Royal Northwest Mounted Police patrol left Dawson today for the Arctic Coast and is expected to return in March with reports of his findings.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 3.—Captain Alexander Alsh recently arrived at Fort Yukon, Alaska, over the trail from the Arctic bringing word that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, was at Herschel Island and intended to leave next Spring for an ice trip north and west, ending his travels on the Siberian Coast.

ALIENS MENACE NEBRASKA

Thousands of Germans, Long Voters, Renounce Allegiance to U. S.

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—A serious menace has developed in answers to the questionnaire filed with the Nebraska exemption boards, which show thousands of Germans who have taken out their first papers and, under the Nebraska laws, have been voting for years, have claimed exemption from Army service on the ground that they are alien enemies.

From Scotts Bluff County alone 136 such answers have been received from men who have been voting regularly. Frank A. Kennedy, chairman of the first district exemption board, is authorized by the statement that literally thousands of "first-papers" voters are now claiming to be alien enemies and exempt from military service.

U. S. AFTER PRICE-RAISERS

One Pittsburg Coal Baron Arrested and Others' Arrest Impends.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.—With the president of one coal company under arrest charged with violating the price-fixing order of the United States fuel administration, warrants have been issued, it was learned tonight, for the arrest of five other coal company officials. Department of Justice agents intimated that additional warrants may be issued within the next 48 hours.

Complaints of violations of the Government order fixing the price of coal are said to have been under investigation for some time by Department of Justice agents. Open violation of the order is said to have been revealed.

CANADIAN DRAFT OPERATES

Machinery of New Measure Declared to Work Perfectly.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The machinery of Canada's military service act was put in motion today and worked smoothly. Men conscripted in the first draft reported in batches as previously arranged by district registrars and will go into training as rapidly as they can be handled and equipped.

The new legislation calls for 100,000 men. The first draft is said to exceed 20,000, although the exact number was withheld for military reasons.

'PAUPER' LEAVES \$250,000

Inmate of County Hospital Dies Owning Valuable Property.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3.—John Knowles, 67 years old, who died in the County Hospital, December 20 last, friendless, alone and apparently penniless, was the owner of an estate which local real estate men value at \$250,000, it developed today.

ENGLISH URGED TO FARM

Appeal Made to Agricultural Laborers by Lloyd George.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George has issued a strong appeal to the agricultural laborers of the kingdom to do their utmost to increase the production of foodstuffs.

The Premier declared that the world shortage means that "we may be compelled to feed the army and navy as well as ourselves on what we are able to grow at home."

EXPRESS COMPANIES MAY BE TAKEN OVER

Mr. McAdoo Has Subject Under Consideration.

PASSENGER TRAINS SLASHED

Withdrawal of Sleeping and Parlor Cars Proposed.

BROTHERHOOD HEADS CALL

President Goes to Congress Today for New Laws Governing Compensation of Individual Lines Under Federal Rule.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Hundreds of passenger trains on railroads east of the Mississippi will be withdrawn from service under orders soon to be issued by Director-General McAdoo, based upon recommendations made today by a committee of Eastern passenger traffic reports of his findings.

The committee was divided as to the advisability of withdrawing most parlor and sleeping cars, leaving only those considered most necessary for important travel routes.

Hours of labor of railway employees under government operation were discussed by the director-general with heads of the four railway brotherhoods and the question of wages will be taken up tomorrow.

YOUTH ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Eugene Boy Examining Revolver Happens to Pull Trigger.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Oren Watson, aged 14, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured here tonight when he was accidentally shot by Melvin Harford, aged 16. The shooting occurred in a hallway where the Avery Theater. Harford said they had entered the building to examine a revolver which Watson had in his pocket.

"I took the gun and turned it over in my hand," he said. "I must have struck the trigger in some manner. It went off."

Young Watson is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, a widow. She has another son, Gilbert, who is serving with the Oregon Coast Artillery.

FIRE SUSPECTS ARE FREED

Norfolk Releases All but Two Who Are Unnaturalized Germans.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3.—All but two of the 25 suspects caught in the police dragnet thrown about the city to find responsibility for the \$2,000,000 fire New Year's have been released.

Johannes Emmor and his son, Otto, still are held because they are unnaturalized and have no alien enemy passports to be in a barred zone.

OPERATION AT 77 SUCCESS

James Miller, Brother of Joaquin, Rallies at Creswell Home.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—James Miller, 77 years old, pioneer resident of Oregon and brother of the late Joaquin Miller, underwent a serious operation at his home in Creswell this morning.

His physicians report that he is recovering nicely.

FIRE IS STAYED ON JAPANESE VESSEL

WARSHIP, STANDING BY, SAYS FLAMES ARE PARTLY OUT.

After Hard Race for Pacific Port, Destruction Seemed Almost Inevitable in Sight of Goal.

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 3.—An American warship standing by the Japanese freighter Shinyo Maru No. 2, which at last reports was doomed by an uncontrolled fire in her hold, sent a radiogram here tonight that the fire had been partly extinguished. According to the message, the steamer was continuing under full speed for this port.

All day long the Shinyo had been racing at full speed against the spread of the flames toward a Pacific port, where it was expected that the fire might be combated successfully. Tonight as she was almost within sight of her goal it seemed certain, according to the message, that she would be destroyed, together with her cargo of 7500 tons of steel, cotton and other merchandise. The fire had been reported out of control of the crew today.

The cause of the fire remained a mystery here. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, charterers of the vessel, had received no direct communication from the boat subsequent to the first message last night, which told of the outbreak of the flames.

HOOVER AND REED IN SPIRITED TILT

Clash Develops at Committee Hearing.

SENATOR GETS SHARP REPLY

Food Administrator Denies Usurpation of Authority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Examination of Food Administrator Hoover was completed today by the Senate committee investigating the sugar and coal shortages after Chairman Reed and Mr. Hoover had enlivened the proceedings with a clash that had been expected since the inquiry started.

Yesterday when Mr. Hoover took the stand Senator Reed, a critic of the food administrator, since the beginning of his work, yielded the task of questioning to Senator Lodge and the examination progressed very smoothly. Today, however, their chairman went into cross-examination himself most vigorously. He attacked the policies of the Food Administration, said Hoover had usurped powers in handling the wheat situation and sought to develop that sugar price agreements were made to benefit Eastern refiners.

RESULTS HELD MAIN NEED

Controversy Reaches Climax Over Sugar Price Arrangement; Charge That Cane Refiners Were to Benefit Is Denied.

Mr. Hoover's replies were as sharp as the questions. The wheat situation, he said, was handled with the approval of President Wilson and the farmers now were getting more for their wheat, while flour was selling for less. He denied all of the chairman's charges and said the Food Administration would save the people on sugar alone between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in the year beginning October 1.

Senator Jones, of New Mexico, questioning the witness about support given the Food Administration by the country, drew a ripple of applause from spectators in the committee-room by a brusque retort when Chairman Reed interrupted.

OHIO COAL SITUATION HEARD

When Mr. Hoover left the stand the committee heard a statement on the coal situation in Ohio by Joseph McGhee, Attorney-General of that state. Mr. McGhee blamed priority orders for shipments to the lakes for most of the trouble and told of ineffectual efforts to get relief through the Fuel Administration. He people are still suffering for want of coal, he said, adding that he thought the situation would improve under Government operation of railroads.

Tomorrow the committee will return to the sugar inquiry and hear Frank C.

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MEXICAN BANDITS AGAIN RAID RANCH

PLACE ATTACKED CHRISTMAS SCENE OF ANOTHER FORAY.

Column of Federal Troops Reported in Pursuit of Rebels Under Villa, Reyes and Lopez.

MARFA, Tex., Jan. 3.—Another raid by Mexican bandits occurred late today at the Britte ranch, 35 miles southwest of here and an equal distance from Valentine, Tex., according to reports received at the military headquarters of the Big Bend district here tonight. No details of the raid were given in the messenger message received. This ranch was raided Christmas morning by Mexican bandits and one American and two Mexicans killed.

EL PASO, Jan. 3.—A message was received at the Mexican General Consulate tonight from Presidio, Texas, telling of heavy firing which had been heard below the border south of La Jitas, Texas. While no couriers have yet reached Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, with news of fighting in the field south of that border port, it was announced tonight that General Pedro Favela and his column of 1500 Federal troops were in the field in pursuit of a column of 1000 men under Francisco Villa, Canuto Reyes and Martin Lopez.

CATTLE POISONER AT WORK

Sixteen Thoroughbred Heifers Are Killed on California Ranch.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Reports that 16 thoroughbred heifers had been poisoned on a ranch near Pala, San Diego County, were investigated and verified today by Sheriff Conklin. A veterinarian found that virulent poison had been placed in the water drunk by the cattle.

Many animals other than those killed were endangered by the poisoner to whose identity the county authorities have no clue.

MINERS TO WORK SUNDAYS

Voluntary Offer Made to Relieve Shortage of Coal.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 3.—The miners at Peabody, Tenn., have voted unanimously to work on Sundays to relieve the coal shortage. The movement was voluntary on their part.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—At the suggestion of the marine authorities, the Navy Department, it is announced, plans to coal warships at two Southern ports instead of at New York, until the fuel famine here is ended.

GOTHAM STREETS FLOODED

Telegraph Service Crippled by Bursting Water Mains.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—All telegraph wires entering the Postal Telegraph building at Broadway and Murray street, including the trunk lines, were put out of commission tonight when a 12-inch water main burst in front of the building.

Water mains also burst in Eleventh and Twelfth streets, near West street, flooding an area covering many blocks. Geysers shot 30 feet into the air.

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Council Committee Adopts Resolution Declaring Project of Central Empires Is Wholly Unacceptable to Russian People.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Developments in the Russo-German negotiations, the Daily Chronicle says, are likely to cause the Western powers to give definite recognition to the Lenin government in Russia. A statement of cautious allied policy of a democratic character, it adds, shortly will be sent to Russia.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik Foreign Minister, Leon Trotsky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

M. Trotsky's declaration was made before the central committee of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, during an address in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposals."

Aserting that the government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the central powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lithuanian nations it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs at the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution, but said bread and boots were necessary.

German Design Exposed

The resolution adopted after M. Trotsky had delivered his address follows:

"This assembly confirms the fact that the programme proclaimed by the representatives of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk recognizes in principle the conclusion of a peace without annexations or indemnities. This recognition establishes the basis for further parley with the view of a general democratic peace."

"However, already in this declaration, the representatives of the German government have refused to admit the free right of oppressed nations and colonies seized before the beginning of the war in 1914 to dispose of their own destiny. This restriction, which was immediately reported by the Russian delegation, signifies that the dominant parties in Germany, compelled by a popular movement to grant concessions to the principles of a democratic peace, nevertheless, are trying to distort this idea in the sense of their own main policy."

Troops Must Be Withdrawn

"The Austro-German delegation, in setting forth the practical conditions of peace in the east, alters still further its idea of a just, democratic peace. This declaration is made in view of the fact that the Austrian and German governments refused to guarantee immediately and irrevocably the removal of their troops from the occupied countries of Poland, Lithuania and Courland and parts of Livonia and Estonia. In fact, the free affirmation of their will by the populations of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and all other countries occupied by the troops of other states is impossible until the moment of the return of the native population to the places they have evacuated."

PACIFIC COAST BISCUIT COMPANY DISBURSES \$15,000 IN WAGES EVERY MONTH

With the demands of the trade exceeding those of any former year, local manufacturers of foodstuffs are finding it impossible because of the curtailment in their output imposed by the National food conservation campaign to fill orders.

This state of affairs is reported by the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, which reports that the demands for the output of its factory never were so great. The restrictions placed upon operations by the National Food Administrator have made it impossible for this company not only to supply the ordinary volume of business offered, but to enlarge its output to meet the unprecedented demand.

Operating under this handicap, the company, however, today employs 200 employees, the same number required a year ago, and disburses in wages \$15,000 every month.

