

3 MILLION TO BE IN KHAKI BY AUGUST

General Crowder Announces
Plans for Rapid Expansion
of Army.

AGE LIMITS TO BE CHANGED

Provost Marshal-General Points Out
That at Present Rate Class One
May Be Exhausted by End
of the Present Year.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Three million Americans will be under arms by next August, the Senate military committee was told today by Provost Marshal-General Crowder.

Extension of the age limits in the Army draft will be necessary, General Crowder said, if the present rate of draft calls is continued. He estimated that all the men in class 1 would be exhausted soon after next January 1.

General Crowder said that 1,347,000 of the 2,428,000 men placed in class 1 already have been called to the colors. He estimated that some 400,000 additional men for the first class will be secured from the men who registered last June 5 and that another 200,000 will be added by the reclassification of men in the re-examination of the questionnaires now being made.

Requisitions from the draft to complete the 3,000,000 total by August 1, General Crowder said, have been made. Of these 2,000,000 will be draft registrants and the others volunteers and National Guardsmen.

"Everybody thinks there will be heavy calls during the first six months of 1919," was a significant statement made by General Crowder. He approved the general principle of the bill introduced by Senator France, of Maryland, extending the registration ages to from 18 to 45 years, thereby providing additional men for military and industrial service. He did not, however, approve the age limits fixed in the bill.

After outlining the plans of the War Department for additional calls, General Crowder said that at the present rate class 1 will be exhausted by the end of the present year, and that unless the age limits are extended and another registration held it will be necessary early next year to call men in class 2, and probably soon thereafter in class 3.

Final figures on classification of the first registration totaling 8,689,447 were given. The registrants were shown to have been divided as follows: Class 1, 2,428,729; Class 2, 809,666; Class 3, 427,870; Class 4, 3,482,326; Class 5, 1,839,856.

General Crowder submitted figures showing the progress of the draft this year. A total of 1,347,512 men, all from class 1, will have been called by the end of July, divided by months as follows: January, 23,288; February, 83,779; March, 132,484; April, 174,377; May, 260,230; June, 283,354; July, 290,000.

RAIL EARNINGS FALL OFF

Receipts for First Four Months This
Year Total \$143,454,000.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Net operating income of American railroads in the first four months of this year was \$143,454,000, or about \$100,000,000 less than in the same period last year. This reduction represents in a general way the temporary loss to the Government in operation of the railroads since the four months' proportion of the annual guarantee to the railroads is more than \$100,000,000 greater than the actual income.

The decrease in income was due entirely to increased operating costs under bad weather conditions early in the year and higher wages and prices of supplies. Operating revenue was even greater than last year.

Operating income of Eastern roads showed the greatest decline, amounting to only \$22,888,000 for the four months, as compared with \$94,048,000 last year. Western lines earned \$86,391,000 as compared with \$120,051,000.

POSTOFFICE STORM SCENE

Irate Man Smashes in Windows
With Bare Fist.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Henry Hagedorn, lacking money sufficient to pay postage due on a letter, flew into a rage when the clerk would not give him the letter and started to clean out the Marshfield postoffice. Breaking in three large windows with his bare fist, he demanded that Miss Alice Curtis, the money order clerk, give him his letter. Aid soon reached the office and Hagedorn was taken to the city jail. Investigation disclosed that he had twice been at the state asylum and his outbreak was accordingly credited to a return of insanity. Hagedorn was taken to the county seat today, where he is to be examined as to his sanity.

FIRE DISCLOSES LIQUOR

Five Barrels of Wine Found in Basement of Burning House.

A fire at 271 North Twelfth street yesterday resulted in the arrest of Charles Andrews and Steve George, by Sergeant Oelster and Officer Hatch, charged with violation of the prohibition law. They were lodged in the city jail in default of \$250 bail.

Twenty gallons of wine in different stages of fermentation were found in the basement. A spark from the chimney set fire to the roof and the liquor was discovered by the officers while assisting the firemen to extinguish the blaze.

The building, which is owned by the O. W. R. & N. Co., and occupied by six of its employees, was slightly damaged.

Klamath Elks Plan Initiation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—A big time is scheduled at the Elks' Club here Thursday night, when fifteen candidates will be initiated into the order. Eleven of these are coming from Alturas, Cal., 125 miles southeast. Local "Bills" wish to make their visit memorable in every way and elaborate preparations are being made.

W. E. Le Faivre Visits Northwest.

W. E. Le Faivre, purchasing agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad with headquarters at Denver, spent Saturday in Portland conferring with Edward B. Duffy, assistant in this territory. Mr. Le Faivre is accompanied by his wife and is spending Sunday at Seattle. He will be here again Monday.



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SUNDAY TRIBUNE WILL GO

Elbert H. Baker, One of Purchasers,
Is Publisher of Cleveland, Ohio,
Plaindealer—Three Papers
to Remain in Field.

TACOMA, Wash., June 15.—(Special.)

Frank S. Baker, publisher of the Tacoma Tribune, and his father, Elbert H. Baker, publisher of the Cleveland, Ohio, Plaindealer, today purchased the Tacoma Ledger and Tacoma Daily News from S. A. Perkins, who has owned them for many years. The price paid was not divulged. The Tribune and News will be consolidated and will hereafter be known as the Evening News Tribune. The Sunday Tribune will be abandoned, the Sunday Ledger holding the entire field on that day. The merger becomes effective at once. The Tribune will leave its building and will publish from the present offices of the News and Ledger, renting them from Mr. Perkins. Mr. Perkins will devote his time to his other enterprises, of which he has many, and will still continue to publish the Olympia Recorder and Olympian, and the Bellingham American-Reveller. The News and Ledger have changed owners several times since they were established in 1883. Nelson Bennett, for

many years with the Northern Pacific, bought the Ledger in 1892, and ran into a strike and after four years the paper was sold at receiver's sale. Mr. Perkins purchased it in 1899. John Barrett, at present at the head of the United States Bureau of American Republics, was at one time on the Ledger editorial staff, and Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane was publisher of the News from 1893 to 1898. Congressman Albert Johnson was managing editor of the News after Mr. Perkins bought it in 1900 for some years.

The Tribune has been published for 11 years. Mr. Baker gained control five years ago. The newspaper fight in Tacoma has been most bitter and the competition during recent years has been deadly. The merger leaves three newspapers in the field, the Scripps League being represented. The Ledger has sold at 2 cents for three years, and the Tribune and News each raised from 1 to 2 cents on June 1.

8 GRADUATE AT SHERIDAN

Tenth Annual Commencement Exercises Are Held in Opera-House.

SHERIDAN, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The tenth annual commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Sheridan High School were given here last night in the Fanning Opera-House. Dean Morton, of the School of Commerce of the Oregon Agricultural College, spoke on the subject of "Education in the Reconstruction Period." The valedictory was given by Sheldon Fred Sackett. Evadna Chandler gave the salutatory. The graduating class presented a play entitled "The Fascinating Fanny Brown" on Thursday evening and the proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross chapter of this city. Those who received their high school diplomas last evening were: Evadna E. Chandler, Leona S. Harmon, Pearl Turnidge, Vera Evans, Thelma Rowell, Sheldon Sackett, Oral Thornton and Hall Craft. Four of the class were absent in the service of their country.

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