

FIRST 500,000 WILL BE CALLED TO COLORS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

Eligible Men Will Be Given Opportunity for Voluntary Registration.

NAMES WILL BE DRAWN

After Physical, Industrial and Other Exemptions Balance Will Be Immediately Placed in Training.

Washington, April 28.—(U.P.)—While congress was tonight talking its way closer to the inevitable—the writing of a selective conscription statute on books—the war department, finally assured that the house and senate would authorize the president to raise the nation's 2,400,000 men to be called to the colors about September 1 next.

Should the war last another year, two out of every five of America's able bodied men will be called out. The senate decided on age limits of 21 to 27 inclusive. The house voted for conscription men between the ages of 21 to 40 inclusive. Agreement to be reached in conference committee next week probably will set some average between the two.

Voluntary Registration First. The war machine will begin formation in embryo with voluntary registration of men eligible.

Slackers will be gone after later. Of the more than 600,000 who will register between 600,000 and 800,000 will be drawn by the jury panel system.

After physical, industrial and other exemptions are allowed, it is expected that 500,000 will remain. These will be placed immediately in training. Equipment is expected to be ready for them at once.

New Field Guns Ordered. Simultaneously it was announced the government is constructing two new foreign types of field piece—both far larger than the present big six-inch weapon.

The congressional battle today was fiercely fought. Legislation for the army; congress, all legislative departments of the government are to be redeveloped ideas; eligibility; age limits; exemptions; whether an army should be sent to Europe at all—all these questions were raised.

A feature of the day in the lower body was the vote of Miss Jeannette Rankin, among 27 others, against the Kahn amendment which returned the measure to virtually originally to the house by the president and the war department.

What House Did. Important action in the house on the army bill included: Adoption of the Kahn amendment. Adoption of an amendment to prohibit payment of bounties to men who enlist in the army or national guard, and prohibiting drafted men from obtaining substitutes.

Adoption of an amendment, by which every state must get its quota of troops for the army in proportion to its population.

Adoption of an amendment by which boys under 21 years cannot enlist in the regular army or national guard without their parents' consent.

Many Amendments Defeated. Defeat of an amendment that would have exempted conscientious objectors from military service.

Striking out, on a point of order, of an amendment prohibiting the sale or gift of liquor to army officers or privates.

Defeat of an amendment to exempt all farm workers from military service.

Defeat of an amendment to change the military age limit from 21 to 40 to 18 to 21.

Defeat of an amendment to strike out the word "selective" from the draft provision.

Defeat of an amendment to revise the military age limit to 45, 50 or 60 years.

Farmers May Be Exempted. Defeat of an amendment by which no troops would be sent to the trenches unless they volunteered for foreign service.

Defeat of an amendment by which aliens who have been in the United States for five years or more without becoming citizens would be subject to military duty.

Adoption of an amendment by Representative Lever, South Carolina, specifically authorizing the president to exempt from army service such farm workers as he may deem necessary for maintenance of the military establishment.

ROAD BOND BOOSTERS ENTHUSIASTIC



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Mr. Benson introduced. Chairman Benson of the state highway commission was scheduled to make an extensive address but he merely acknowledged an introduction by Senator W. D. Wood of Washington county, chairman of the meeting, and said that he hoped everybody would vote for the measure.

Engineering Hagarth To Deliver Lectures. Improvements in Columbia River, Proposed Grain Elevator, Shipping Industry and Bond Issue to Be Topics. The improvements made in the Columbia river channel and the proposed municipal grain elevator will be features of the lectures to be given by G. B. Hagarth, engineer of the commission of public works, before various civic and commercial bodies of Portland.

Artillery Corps Is Expecting Call

Memories Are Fresh, But Staff Officers of the Oregon National Guard Refuse to Make Comment. Intimations that the coast artillery corps and other units of the Oregon National Guard which have not as yet been ordered out have received word of a possible call soon, were prevalent Saturday.

Fire Damages House, Occupant Detained. Fire Saturday night damaged the premises at 256 Eleventh street to the extent of about \$500. Pending investigation into the cause of the blaze the police are holding H. Kentrat, the occupant of the house, which is a two-story frame dwelling, Kentrat, who was excited and speaks broken English, tried to explain how the fire started.

French Critics Ask Pertinent Questions. Paris, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—In the Anglo-French offensive too limited and untimely and is there a lack of unity of action between the British and French armies?

Villistas Dynamite Troop Train, Report. El Paso, Tex., April 28.—(U. P.)—Two hundred Carranzista soldiers are reported killed in the wreck of a troop train which was dynamited near Guzman, eight miles south of the border, by Villistas commanded by Salazar.

Volunteers for Red Cross Reach Paris. Paris, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Seventy-four volunteers for the American ambulance service, all American college men, arrived today. Among them are 32 men from Cornell, five from the University of Chicago, three from Princeton and three from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Chicago Is Prosperous. Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Bank clearings today were \$78,265,478, against \$76,519,027 last Saturday and \$59,252,958 a year ago.

Van Kluck's Retreat Subject of Lecture

Capt. Carleton Speaks Before Large Audience in Lincoln High Auditorium—Will Recount Englishman's Heroic Deeds. A technical discussion on the battle of the Marne and the defeat and retreat of Von Kluck's army was listened to by a large crowd which filled the Lincoln high school auditorium and west by Capt. D. E. Carleton of British Columbia, Saturday night.

Suspicious Fire Is Reported by Guard. The military guard at the Standifer-Clarkson shipbuilding plant near St. Johns reported a fire in the blacksmith shop Saturday night. The guard stated that he extinguished the blaze with the hand extinguisher. He said that ten minutes before he saw the flames he heard a man's footsteps but could not see him. The guard did not make any investigation into the cause of the fire nor the amount of damage done.

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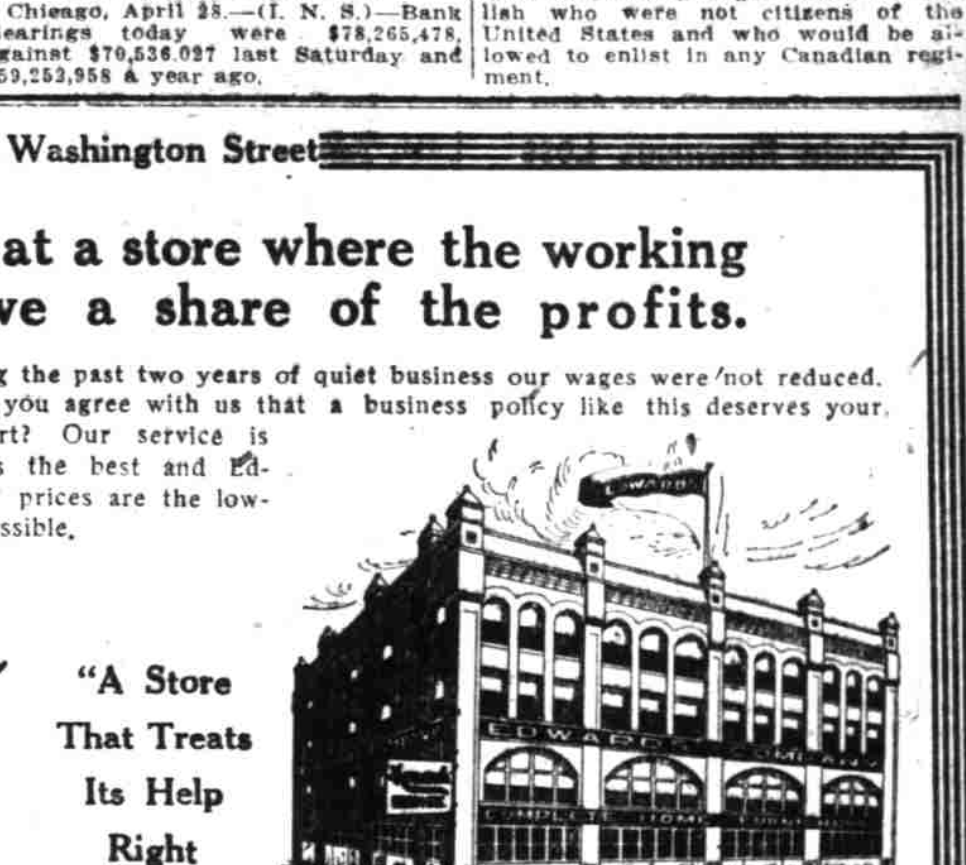
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