LARGE PERCENTAGE OF MEN NOT PHYSICALLY FIT FOR ARMY SERVICE

Startling Figures Presented by Expert Who Advises Health Preparedness.

ILLNESS COSTS MILLIONS

Dr. Frank C. Wells, Medical Director, Sounds Warning to People of Democratic America.

With the great cry for industrial, agricultural and military preparedness now comes a greater cry for health preparedness. The United States is waking up to the need of a health conservation program, for it is just beginning to realize the meaning of the fact that in San Francisco 80 per cent of the applications for enlistment are not allowed because of physical disqualifications.

This is the argument of Dr. Franklin C. Wells, medical director of the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York, who is traveling in the interests of the company and speaking before all employes of the Union Pacific system, from its head offices in Omaha and Portland to its smallest way stations.

Democracy Has Its Shortcomings

"The hint of this war," argues Dr. Wells, "has demonstrated the difference between monarchial preparedness and the democratic unpreparedness and inefficiency. A great army and fleet are only efficient when backed up by a great industrial army and by a strong manhood. Consequently the question of health is one which the American people have got to face.

Compelled to Lower Requirements

"Conservation," he says, "is one of the biggest problems America has got to face. The cost of living is going up, as shown by the waste in our lumber camps. Flour, too, has gone up. Our fathers have been taking out of the soil recklessly and not replenishing it, until today the average yield per acre in America is the lowest in the world.

"Conservation has been preached for years, but it has always been a matter of dollars and cents. Now the government asks for conservation of our resources, not on the basis of money, but on the basis of patriotism. We are now preparing for a great national emergency, and we find we are up against the question of the health of a great people. America has asked for 1,000,000 men to be her bulwark. As we ask for these young men we find that 75 per cent have been physically unfit, failing to meet the standard of health that the government has maintained.

"Eighty per cent of the men enlisting in San Francisco have been rejected for physical reasons, so that the government has been forced to lower its standard of health requirement in order to get an army.

Millions Paid for Illness

"Last year in this country we paid over $960,000,000 for sickness—quite an important sum. Three fourths of it was unnecessary, because three fourths of the illness was avoidable. Last year the 33,000,000 wage earners of the nation lost an average of nine days apiece due to sickness, one half of which was absolutely unnecessary and preventable.

"The United States government vital statistics as well as those of large life insurance companies show that the mortality in middle life is increasing faster than it should, while that of children is decreasing. The causes of this increase in middle age mortality are chiefly heart disease, kidney disease and hardening of the arteries.

"There is only one explanation to all this: The American people are burning the candle at both ends. They must come to the point when they shall watch their physical condition by periodical examinations of the machine comprising the human body. The human body is nothing more than an intricate machine, and needs constant care and frequent testing of parts to be sure that all are in good working order. In this way can the great question of health be met.

Companies Offer Advice

"Many large life insurance companies are realizing this and are offering their policy holders free annual examinations and expert medical advice. It is to everyone's advantage to live longer, and this method of examinations will meet the problem."

The Union Pacific company, which takes out life insurance policies for all its employes, has asked Dr. Wells to lecture to all the men, and in every shop men are given a recess to give them an opportunity to hear him. At the meeting here in Portland in the Albina shops of the O-W. R. & N. Co., 700 men were present.

Dr. Wells will go to Spokane tonight and then over the Union Pacific lines through Eastern Oregon, thence returning to New York.

ENGLAND DEPRESSED BY RUSSIAN DEFEAT AND U-BOAT MENACE

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The immediate cause is Russia's sudden reversal of form after a totally unexpected and spectacularly successful offensive. But, secondly, the suspicion is prevalent that there has been no appreciable reduction of the submarine menace.

America Causes Disappointment

Thirdly, there is disappointment over America's slowness in entering whole heartedly into the war, as exemplified by congressional obstruction of President Wilson's food program, the shipping board muss and so forth.

Fourthly, there is the increased cost of the war and the prospect of higher taxes.

Fifthly, there is a general weariness of war.

One must not suppose that the whole country is irrevocably plunging into pessimism. On the other hand, it would be equally a mistake to conclude that Premier Lloyd George's cheerfully optimistic public speeches correctly reflect the general popular attitude.

West Front Regarded Safe

If only the west front were considered, there would be no reason for uneasiness. Although England has so far not erected any "wooden statues" to Field Marshal Haig—as Germany has done to Hindenburg—the British commander-in-chief holds public confidence even more than the Hindenburg of Germany's most successful days. England is thoroughly convinced that Haig has taken the Germans' measure, that the enemy is unable seriously to dent the British line, even if reinforced by his whole eastern army.

On the other hand, there are mighty few Englishmen so rash as to believe England will be able materially to force back the Germans until millions of American soldiers arrive. And this, despite the fact that the British have never been so tremendously supplied with munitions as now.

Russian Situation Cause of Worry

The hope of effective Russian military assistance is now practically abandoned. But this is not the most serious feature of the east. There the prospect of a German victory means the opening of vast resources of food and war material, rendering the North sea blockade useless and giving the enemy an economic advantage, even if it granted that the submarine menace can be gradually subdued.

But so far there has been no official denial of the German official and detailed claim of over a million tons of allied and neutral tonnage gunk by submarines in June — with several commanders' reports still to be received.

U. S. Expedition Disappointing

Regarding American participation, public enthusiasm has been considerably dampened since it has learned that earlier reports as to the size of the first American expedition were widely exaggerated and since it realizes the American people do not yet appreciate the magnitude and the seriousness of the task ahead of them. Moreover, Britishers point out that America has done little or nothing to circumvent German propaganda and spy activities, which those well informed here assure everyone are more extensive, more dangerous than ever.

U. S. IS RUSHING WAR MEASURES TO HELP ALLIES

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seized at the opening of the war, is now ready.

Twenty-six other German vessels have been repaired and pressed into service against the kaiser, it was learned.

The shipping board, reorganized under Chairman Hurley, took under advisement contracts for scores of wooden and steel cargo ships.

Food bill conferees hinted that they might be ready to report to the house and senate Monday.

Action taken by the allied governments abroad again emphasizing their determination to wage unrelenting war until autocracy is crushed, met hearty response in Washington in continued development of the government's war plans.

The regular army was brought to within 20,000 of full war strength by a rush of men desiring to "beat the draft."

Today's reports showed 2556 recruits. New York completed its quota with 262 new enlistments.

To Gain Fresh Ships

Provision for cargo ships and transports was discussed at a meeting of the government shipping board, at which Edward N. Hurley was formally elected chairman and R. B. Stevens, vice chairman.

The board elected Admiral Capps general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation.

Reorganization of the subordinate committees under the National Council of Defense into the war industries board will be announced "very soon," Secretary of War Baker stated. The council's advisory commission probably will not be disturbed, but broad powers will be delegated to a body headed by Frank A. Scott, Cleveland, Ohio, present chairman of the munitions board.

Want Aggressive Sea Policy

In the meantime reports from Russia were being eagerly scanned. Unofficial pressure from official American sources was also launched to induce Great Britain to adopt a more aggressive sea policy. This matter has not been broached officially, but underground influences are at work, and in addition England is being shown that the American public is not entirely satisfied with merely a defensive method of fighting U-boats. Admiral Sims is expected to be aligned with those favoring a strong offensive policy.

As a further step toward increasing America's available fighting forces and equalizing conscription, the senate military affairs committee agreed to recommend the passage of a resolution for the draft of aliens.

And He Apologized, Too

Chicago, July 27.—(I. N. S.)—Two good looking women jostled N. Nilo as they left a streetcar today. Nilo apologized for being in their way. His $80 wad is gone.

EXEMPTIONS NOT TO BE EASY TO OBTAIN, STATES GEN. WHITE

Men Who Should Serve Are Not to Be Permitted to Go Free on Flimsy Excuses.

ALL MUST BE EXAMINED

Men Who Can Show They Have Relatives Dependent on Them Will Not Be Drafted.

It is not to be the simplest task to obtain exemption or discharge from the conscript army when the actual selection of men comes with the receipt of the official list of numbers, Adjutant General White announced today.

Although the government has no desire to draft men whose dependents would be put to privation, it has no intention of allowing the men who should be drafted to go free, the adjutant general stated. The statement follows:

Exemption will not be regarded as claimed because of any statement made on the registration card. A new claim, supported by affidavits must be made in each case.

Incidentally, no claim for exemption or discharge may be made by any man until he actually has been called up by his county exemption board for physical examination.

For example, a man who expects to be called at some future time cannot make his claim for exemption now. The exemption boards are strictly forbidden to receive or consider claims from men who have not been called up for examination.

Must Appear for Examination

For another thing, whether a man files a claim for exemption or not, he positively must appear before the local board for physical examination on the day set in the notification sent him by the board.

A man has seven days from the mailing of this notice in which to make application to his board for exemption. He then has ten more days in which to file proofs.

Following are the only grounds for exemption:

1. That you are an officer, legislative, executive or judicial, of the United States, a state or territory, or the District of Columbia. And in every case exemption will not be granted unless specifically claimed.
2. That you are a regular or duly ordained minister of religion.
3. That you were on May 18, 1917, a student preparing for the ministry in any recognized theological or divinity school.
4. That you are in the military or naval service of the United States.
5. That you are a subject of Germany, whether you have taken out first papers or not. In such case, you will not be accepted for draft even if you desire to enlist. The regulations on this point are positive.
6. That you are a resident alien who has not taken out first papers.

Further Exemptions Listed

Following are the only claims for discharge that can be considered by local exemption boards:

1. That you are an elective county or municipal officer.
2. That you are a customhouse clerk.
3. That you are employed by the United States in the transmission of mails.
4. That you are an artificer or workman employed in an armory, arsenal or navy yard of the United States.
5. That you are employed in the service of the United States, under certain conditions.
6. That you are a licensed pilot regularly employed in the pursuit of your vocation.
7. That you are a mariner actually employed in the sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States.

Men With Dependent Exempt

8. That you are a married man with a wife or child dependent on your labor for support.
9. That you have a widowed mother dependent on your labor for support.
10. That you have aged or infirm parents dependent upon your labor for support.
11. That you are the father of a motherless child under 16 dependent upon your labor for support.
12. That you are a brother of an orphan child or children under 16 dependent upon your labor for support.
13. That you are a member of a well-recognized religious sect or organization, organized and existent May 18, 1917, whose then existing creed or principles forbade its members to participate in war in any form.

Claims for exemption on the ground that you are employed in a necessary industry, including agriculture, cannot be made to your local exemption board, but may be made to one of the three district exemption boards in Oregon, but only after you have passed your physical examination and have been certified as called for military service and not exempted.

Great Battle to Be Described Tonight

Campbell's American Band Will Play "The Death of Custer" at South Parkway, Jefferson and Park Streets.

Campbell's American band will play the descriptive American and Indian fantasy, "The Death of Custer," or "The Battle of Little Big Horn," tonight at the municipal band concert at South Parkway, Park and Jefferson streets.

Director Percy A. Campbell spent his boyhood days in the country of the Sioux Indians and is thoroughly familiar with the incidents and scenes of the famous battle.

The fantasy begins with an Indian dance the night before the battle in which Custer and his followers met death.

Another special feature will be a vocal solo by Hartridge Whipp, baritone, who will sing "It's Time for Every Boy to Be a Soldier."

The concert will begin at 8 o'clock and the program in full will be as follows:

March, "Aida" .....(Verdi)
Overture, "Tannhauser".....(Wagner)
Caprice Gavotte, "Spring Blossoms" .....(Capone)
Selection, "The Blue Paradise" .....(Eysler-Romberg)

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The Black Man.
Baritone solo.....(Harry Tierney)
Hartridge Whipp.
A descriptive American and Indian Fantasy "The Death of Custer," or "The Battle of the Little Big Horn."

Special Session in Illinois Is Talked

Springfield, Ill., July 27.—(I. N. S.)—A special session of the legislature to consider the Illinois coal situation and possibly to appoint a commission to investigate prices being charged by operators was being talked here today. The state council of defense is now working on the coal price situation and hopes to arrive at a solution.

The governor had so far given no indication that he intended to call the session, it was said at his office today.

Dreams of Fighting, Falls Three Stories

Los Angeles, July 27.—Manuel Silver, somnambulist, in his dreams last night joined the national army and was charging a German first line trench when enemy shrapnel exploded, hurling him through the air. Silver awoke when he hit the wooden sidewalk three floors below his room at 227½ East First street here, and other roomers, awakened by the crash, rushed out and carried him to the receiving hospital, where today Police Surgeon Byron Stookey said his chances for recovery were good.

MAY ASK FOR TROOPS TO GUARD MINES IN THE COEUR D'ALENE

Quantities of Powder Disappear From Properties Furnishing Lead for Munitions

Wallace, Idaho, July 27.—(I. N. S.)—That Governor Alexander will ask the war department for troops to protect the mines of the Couer d'Alene district, is the assertion made here today by men close to the governor.

The dangers known to exist in the Coeur d'Alene district are not entirely due to I. W. W. activities. The mines now are furnishing large quantities of lead for munition factories that have government contracts.

Quantities of powder have disappeared from the mines at frequent intervals recently. Whether troops will be sent here now is believed to depend entirely on the war department.

Two more I. W. W. arrested here gave the names Andrew Johnson and Joe Hill. Both carried I. W. W. song books. Orva Korsman, an Austrian I. W. W., also has been arrested, but the authorities refuse to say what charge will be placed against him.

Forest fires were discovered on the south side of Slate creek last night and a crew of men has been sent there.

Russian Diplomat Is Assigned to Vatican

Petrograd, July 27.—(U. P.)—For the first time in history, a Russian will soon be assigned to the Vatican at Rome as an ambassador from Russia. M. Lissakviky was named for the post.

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