

AMERICA TO HAVE 3 MILLION ARMED MEN BY AUGUST 1

Provost Marshal Crowder Makes Announcement to Members of Senate Military Committee.

800,000 ARE NOW IN FRANCE

General March Talks to Newspaper Men and Explains How Germans Have Been Checked.

Washington, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—Three million American soldiers will be under arms by August 1, according to information given the senate military affairs committee this afternoon by Provost Marshal Crowder. Of this number 2,000,000 will represent men of the selective draft and 1,000,000 volunteers.

It was learned after the meeting that unless the draft ages are extended and the call upon draft class one continues to be heavy, it may be necessary next year to extend the call to class two, older and younger men than the present ages will be registered under a new law.

Drift Extension Proposed

Senator France of Maryland presented to General Crowder his bill proposing regulation of all men between 18 and 45 years of age.

The provost marshal, who recently issued the "Work or Fight" orders to Senator France he favored the principles of the bill and an enlarged enrollment. Through registration of the men who have become 21 since June 5, Mr. Crowder has been able to secure 1,000,000 draftable men who have been secured. In addition to these men now available for draft are:

- Class 1.....2,428,729
- Class 2.....503,666
- Class 3.....427,870
- Class 4.....3,483,326
- Class 5.....1,839,456

Total.....5,689,447

The announcement of General Crowder that there would be 3,000,000 men under the flag inside of six weeks attracted much attention and gratification at the capitol. Various senators have been pleading for the bill. Yesterday Senator Fall put in an amendment making it mandatory that there be at least 3,000,000 in the future, and Senator Reed has a like amendment. Senator McCumber of North Dakota wants to make it 5,000,000. The army appropriation bill is based on an army of 3,000,000.

Army May Be Even Larger

Whether the army may be still further enlarged this year is a subject of intense interest in senatorial circles. This, under the present draft rules, would necessitate a very large call in draft class one. There have been statements that nearly 1,000,000 men would be called. There is also talk of new draft registration in the winter in order to take in all men who have become 21 years of age since June 5 of this year. This, if done, would add about 300,000 to 500,000 men. Troop movements to the other side continue heavy and the wastage as a result of battle must be made up.

The president is said to be in favor of enlargement of the enrollment, while Secretary Baker has just declared no change in the draft age is now under consideration.

Washington, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—There are now more than 800,000 American troops in France.

The numbers we are sending are limited only by the ever increasing capacity of shipping that carries them. The German drive has been stopped.

There are the striking messages conveyed to the American people today by Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the American army, in the first of his weekly talks with the Washington newspaper correspondents.

Fighting Front Extended

He said:

"The four drives, one beginning March 21, the next April 9, the third May 27, and the present one beginning on June 5, all parts of the common scheme of offensive."

Looking at the map you see this red dotted line of the interior running down to the Swiss frontier which represents the allied line when the Germans began their advance on March 21. Considering as a whole the succession of attacks the first penetrated this line some 33 miles into Picardy; the second some 13 miles into Flanders and the third a distance of 31 miles further along the Marne. Under the present drive the line has been penetrated on an average distance of from five and a half to six miles. One very striking feature in connection with this advance is the extent of front which the allies have had to cover as a result of the German advance.

"The total stretching of the line from Rheims to the sea is 66 miles. In order to hold that extra line the allies have had to have more troops than they had at the start."

All Drives Have Been Stopped

"Obviously the objectives of the German advance is first the channel ports which make it necessary for England in shipping troops to France to go further out to sea and a longer distance, making the turn around longer and slowing up the movement and making it more dangerous. Second, Paris which, of course, is a great strategic objective because of its importance sentimentally and practically to the people of France.

"All of these drives have been stopped. The last advance, the advance which we are now considering in the daily press, is a great strategic advance inasmuch as more to straighten out the German line than it is an advance, considered as a military movement with a definite objective. The important objective like Paris, for instance.

"Taking the general location of the advance along the Oise, you will see that between the Picardy and Marne advances we have been holding a reentrant angle which furnishes the danger in which a dangerous attack could be made on the flank of the Marne advance and the most desirable thing which Germany could have at this stage would be straightening out of the line. That is apparently what she had in mind when beginning her advance on June 5. She

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George B. Thomas and George M. Orton, selected for school board

succeeded in that, moving forward a distance of six miles, and the last information which we have indicates that west of Soissons she is still attacking with the idea of finally straightening out her line along the general front which I have indicated to you.

Allies Gaining in Strength

"In a condition of this kind where a new line has to be held, where the attacks of the Germans have been made with such large forces as they have, the importance of getting American troops to the front is more and more prominent. We now have passed the \$90,000 mark in troops shipped overseas."

"The matter of the number of troops on the western front is a question that must be considered with reference not only to the divisions which have been known to be there all along, but with the potential increase which might be obtained by bringing divisions from the eastern front. It is impossible to predict a day—a month ahead, or any other definite time—when a mastering superiority will be in the hands of the allies. But the number of troops we are sending across now is limited only by the capacity of the ships to carry them, and we intend to keep that up.

"The activities of the Germans now are toward Paris, but as to the importance of the objectives from a military standpoint, the capture of the channel ports would have a more immediate effect upon the prosecution of the war than the capture of Paris. I have seen it stated in the press that the German advance had gone forward further at some points than the original advance in 1914. That is not the fact. The nearest German point to Paris is some 20 1/2 miles further back than it was in the original advance along that line.

Gas Attacks Win for Huns

"Referring again to the number of men we have shipped abroad, the 800,000 includes combatants, medical service, service of the rear and all the number of units which go to make up an entire army, and is not confined only to combatants, and in making any announcement about troops shipped abroad the war department will always include in such announcements every category of troops necessary to carry on the campaign, the number shipped from all points of embarkation and those either in France or on the high seas, en route to France, has passed the 800,000 mark."

General March told members of the senate military affairs committee that though American troops had been sent over seas to make up the wastage caused in the recent German drive, the troop movement in June is expected to equal that of May, which was a record month.

It was learned that much of the German success during the drive was due to a new and revolutionary method of using gas. The Germans used gas so effectively that in some places they were able to withdraw many troops and in their stead send gas across to the American trenches. However, it was said that the Americans had discovered a scheme of neutralizing this strategy.

Registration Added 744,865 Men

Washington, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—A total of 744,865 men were enrolled for military service in the registration on June 5 of those who had attained the age of 21 since the original registration June 5, 1917, according to an official tabulation made public by Provost Marshal Crowder. This figure falls short of official estimates by 266,724. On the basis of census bureau statistics Geneva Crowder had hoped for a registration of 1,011,589. Of the available number of 21-year-old men in the United States, 298,588 were not subject to registration by reason of their having voluntarily enlisted in the navy, army or marine corps.

New York state led in the registration with a total of 69,529. Pennsylvania was second with 63,237 and Illinois with 46,842.

The registration by states includes: California, 18,834; Montana, 4225; Nevada, 5617; Oregon, 4701; Washington, 7708; Wyoming, 7853.

Harding Fears for Decline of Parties

Columbus, Ohio, June 15.—(U. P.)—Ohio Republicans will hold no pre-primary conclave. Instead, a rally of Republican committeemen, candidates and leaders will be held at the time of the platform convention late in August.

This was decided late today, when the state central and advisory committees met here.

Senator Warren G. Harding presided. In his opening remarks, he scored President Wilson's statement to subscribe to a great strategy during the war, saying that no president had ever been so partisan and that no president from Washington to now ever had such support of the minority party in congress.

The great menace to this country today, said Harding, "is the drift from government by political parties to personal government."

Advocates of the "Work or Fight" orders argued that the German advance is first the channel ports which make it necessary for England in shipping troops to France to go further out to sea and a longer distance, making the turn around longer and slowing up the movement and making it more dangerous. Second, Paris which, of course, is a great strategic objective because of its importance sentimentally and practically to the people of France.

POISON OAK OR IVY NO LONGER TO BE DREADED

ANYONE who has ever experienced the tortures of poison oak or ivy will be grateful for the information that this extremely irritating annoyance is no longer to be feared. The pain, itching, fever and irritation disappear almost like magic with a few applications of Santiseptic Lotion, and the eruption and redness of the skin soon follow. Timely use of Santiseptic will even prevent the poisoning in many cases. Santiseptic kills other skin irritations, such as sunburn, windburn, chafing, fever

MAN POWER OF NAVY IS TO BE MUCH INCREASED

Permanent Authorized Enlisted Strength, Exclusive of Reservists, to Be 131,485 Men.

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Secretary Daniels Recommends Passage of Senate Amendment and Chairman Padgett Assents.

By H. H. Stansbury
Washington, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—A great United States navy as a permanent establishment is guaranteed in a change of policy announced by the administration today.

A minimum permanent enlisted strength of 131,485 men for the sea forces, exclusive of naval reservists, who have entered for the period of the war, will be immediately authorized by congress.

The present authorized enlisted strength of the permanent establishment is only 87,000. The increase desired, and now assured, will be required to man the new fighting ships which will be ready for service within the next 12 months.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, in a letter to Chairman Padgett of the house naval affairs committee, has made known the change of policy. The communication was accompanied by letters from Admiral Benson and Admiral Palmer showing the necessity for the permanent increase.

Senate Amendment Urged

Prior to this time, the secretary of the navy, acting in accordance with the policy of the administration, had recommended an increase to be authorized for the period of the war only. He now urges that the senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill, which the "little navy" men have opposed, be adopted by the house.

The following statement from Chairman Padgett, leader of the "little navy" group, is regarded as assurance that Secretary Daniels' request will be promptly granted:

"The recommendations of Secretary Daniels mean a change of policy for the United States with respect to the navy. It means the country will be committed to the maintenance of a big navy after the war."

Padgett Changes Attitude

"Heretofore I have opposed this large permanent increase in the personnel because I felt that our facilities for training would make it impossible to provide enough officers for this number of men."

"In view of the secretary's recommendation, I am willing to accept his estimate. I shall ask the house to concur in the senate amendment to increase the number of men in the navy bill and agree to this permanent increase."

The number of permanent officers in the navy at the present time is 2700. It is estimated that at least 3000 more officers will be required immediately. Admiral Benson and Admiral Palmer are certain the right sort of men for permanent commission will be obtained. In this connection it is understood that extraordinary opportunities may soon be offered to men who have served with distinction in the naval reserve.

"School Call" Is Issue

Washington, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—"School call" for 13,630 draft men, qualified for general military service, was issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder tonight. Of the total number 1259 are colored, to be furnished by five states. Thirty-five states altogether are called upon to contribute the full quota. Voluntary inductions for this call will be permitted until June 21. If the call has not been filled, then each state will be required to complete its quota by the regular draft process.

Hun Papers Distort Truth to Austrians

Zurich, via London, June 15.—(I. N. S.)—Appearing for the eighth Austro-Hungarian war loan, the Hamburg Fremdenblatt says:

"America comes too late with her threats of armaments. She will have to resume a war already lost and will lose it, as surely as the giant Russia lost it."

The Leipzig Neueste Nachrichten tells its readers, the operations of German submarines off New York have caused suspension of American freight traffic. The paper adds that the U-boat campaign in American waters will "break the allies' morale."

GEO. B. THOMAS AND GEO. M. ORTON ELECTED

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McCrillis, who polled 1874 votes. M. B. McPaul received 1007 votes, William F. Stiltz 898 and George E. Hamaker 167.

The vote cast at yesterday's election was the highest cast at a city election in years, voting population considered. But 6097 electors, out of the thousands in the city entitled to cast their ballots, took the trouble to go to the polls. At the election of 1917 there were 9808 votes cast.

One of the noticeable and significant incidents of the voting was the close vote between Thomas and Orton, not only in the totals but in the precincts as well. In precinct after precinct the Orton and Thomas votes were either identical or within a vote or two of being so, giving some hint of the effective work done by those interested in the campaign of the two candidates in lining up their support.

The election of Thomas and Orton is generally viewed as a victory for the "anti-Alderman" forces, and it is expected that the two newly elected directors, joining with Director Summers, will band together in an effort to oust Alderman from the position of city superintendent of the Portland schools.

The vote will be officially canvassed by the school board tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, in the office of the school clerk, and as soon as that formality has been seen through it will be in order for the new directors to take up their position upon the board for the transaction of business.

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Fire Leads Police To Wine in House

Fire at 271 Twelfth street Saturday afternoon led to the discovery of 29 gallons of wine by the police officers who were sent by Captain Inskip to investigate the fire and assist the firemen in keeping back the crowds. The fire burned part of the kitchen and the cover of the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews and a few boarders live in the house.

After the fire Sergeant Oelsner and Officers Heston and Gordon inspected the premises and found 29 gallons of wine in different stages in the basement. The liquor was taken to police headquarters and is being held as evidence. Charles Andrews and Steve George were arrested on a charge of violation of the prohibition law. Both are in the city jail in default of \$500 bail each.

Minnesota Is Torn By Political Fight

St. Paul, Minn., June 15.—(U. P.)—One of the bitterest political fights in Minnesota's history will reach a climax Tuesday when candidates for state offices will be nominated at a primary convention.

Activities of the National Non-Partisan league have formed the center of a pre-election political storm. The league has endorsed the candidacy of C. A. Lindbergh for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He is opposed by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, who seeks reelection.

Train Changes Ordered

Washington, June 15.—(U. P.)—The railroad administration today moved to eliminate a waste of the traveling public's time in missing train connections.

A gigantic readjustment of Pittsburgh train schedules has been ordered by the passenger traffic division of the federal office. The changes, which will affect every road and practically every city in the country, are being made "for the convenience of the public," officials explained.

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