

DRAFTED MEN MAY BE KEPT IN ARMY FOR FULL PERIOD

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Through Decision of War Department Told by Secretary.

CAN BE HELD FOUR MONTHS

Duties Manifest Pending Recruiting Standing Strength of 500,000; Enlistments Are Slow

Washington, April 2.—Large numbers of drafted men in the army who have been looking forward to early demobilization are doomed to disappointment. Many of them are to be kept in service for the full period allowed by the law, which holds four months after peace has been declared.

The war department desires to keep these men in service until a satisfactory number of enlistments have been obtained under the general staff plan of increasing the regular army to 500,000 men.

The decision to this effect is contained in a letter by Secretary of War Baker to Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, made public today. The letter was written just before Secretary Baker left Washington for the trip to Europe.

Retain Large Number
Secretary Baker says in the letter that enlistments are coming in slowly and adds, "as enlistments can be made only up to the authorized strength of the regular army and this strength is not sufficient to meet the necessities existing for troops, it will be necessary to retain a large number of selective draft service men in the army until such time as the war department may be empowered by congress to raise by voluntary enlistments a sufficient number of men to perform the duties required by the army."

This announcement by the secretary of war is the first intimation that officials have had that the men were not to be discharged from service as rapidly as transport from abroad could be provided for them.

In explaining the war department's delay in demobilizing the men, Secretary Baker, in another part of the letter, places the blame partly upon the British shipping interests which have taken their ships away for use in trade and for the transport of British colonial troops. The letter says:

Transport Facilities Cut
"Practically one half of our troops sent abroad were carried in British ships, the use of which we cannot have at the present time, as they are employed in returning British colonial troops to their homes and in recharging the world's food stocks elsewhere."

Senator Reed made this the topic of a speech in the senate recently.

Secretary Baker said the troops are being returned to the United States as rapidly as possible, with due regard to the transportation facilities and the necessity of maintaining an armed force in Europe. He explains that it has been necessary to retain in the service a great many units of the demobilization force and of the motor transport corps to facilitate the movement of troops which are to be demobilized. Members of the medical corps have had to be retained, also, in order that the sick and wounded may be properly cared for. On this point, Secretary Baker says:

251,000 Return in April
"It is no more possible to discharge men who have been retained for the

purpose of performing the necessary work connected with demobilization, demobilization, convalescent centers, hospitals, domestic guard duty, aviation fields, government stores, border police, guarding insular possessions, etc., than it would have been in the midst of the war to have moved men out of trenches where they were facing the enemy before others were in their places to relieve them."

Secretary Baker adds that General Pershing has decided for and against the United States 221,000 for April, 248,000 for May, 270,000 for June and that the execution of the schedule depends upon the available shipping. This would leave remaining in Europe September 1, the army of occupation, approximately 215,000 men. As to the probable date of their return, Secretary Baker says:

"It cannot at this time be stated when the last American troops can be returned to the United States, because some of the troops may have to remain indefinitely in France, to discourage any attempt by Germany to renew hostilities and to form part of such temporary army as may be required as a result of the treaty of peace."

AMERICANIZATION TO BE CONSIDERED BY COMMERCE CHAMBER

Second Attempt Will Be Made to
Secure Sanction of Plan by
Portland Firms.

Americanization of employees in the various plants and business houses of Portland, advocated some time ago by the public schools but which failed to gain the support of local business men, will again be brought up for discussion tomorrow before a meeting of the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

During the war a national movement was started in Chicago and New York to demand the Americanization of aliens who intend to stay in this country. The movement proved quite popular in these sections and soon spread all over the country. The policy of the Chamber of Commerce supports such a movement and an effort will be made to get the business men in line on this proposition.

Four special points have been bulletined in many factories and manufacturing plants in the East and one of the notices has been received by the Portland chamber from the Chicago Association of Commerce, which is cooperating with the board of education in successfully carrying out the Americanization plan.

The points outlined in this bulletin are as follows: First, that manufacturing plants will promote citizens of the United States or those who have applied for naturalization before the alien employee; second, that new employees, which are to be taken on in the future must be American citizens; third, that those applying for naturalization are urged to attend classes which will give instruction in English and citizenship; and fourth, that all intending to become citizens of this country attend public night school.

The intention of this movement is to give citizens of the United States preference over aliens and to bring the citizenship standards to a higher basis in this country. Secretary W. D. B. Dodson of the Chamber of Commerce expresses himself as being highly in favor of this movement and believes that the business men in this district will line up favorably for its institution.

Ailing Man Dies in Broadway Drugstore

F. J. Haner, about 55 years old, Portland representative of the United States Steel Ware company of Canton, Ohio, dropped dead in Redd's drug store in The Journal building at about 9:30 o'clock Monday night. Mr. Haner, complaining of indigestion, stepped into the store and asked for a glass of soda for a sour stomach. Mr. Redd noticed his condition and started to call a physician when Haner dropped dead. The coroner was notified and the body was taken to the morgue. The coroner is endeavoring to get in touch with the dead man's family.

100 Quarts Found In Lining of Hull

Over 100 quarts of whiskey, of an estimated value of \$1500, were seized by a detail of police led by Lieutenant Thacher, aboard the steamer Ernest H. Meyer of the McCormick line, at the foot of Couch street. The bootleggers had torn away the planking of the inner hull and deposited the liquor between the outer and inner linings of the vessel. With the exception of 24 pints which were found in the luggage of a fireman, all the liquor was discovered in the one cache. All the whiskey was seized, and the fireman, who had the 24 pints in his possession, was arrested on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

Sinking Ship Idaho Is Saved by Crew

Marshfield, April 2.—The steamer Idaho, which was reported Saturday to be in a sinking condition 25 miles off the mouth of the Umpqua river, is now in tow of the Rainier and is being taken to San Francisco. The crew got the pumps to working and the vessel was saved from sinking. Most of the deckload of lumber was lost. The Idaho is owned by Wilson Brothers of San Francisco, and carried 1,000,000 feet of lumber from Grays Harbor, Wash.

Will Foster Prohi Movement in Orient

Los Angeles, April 2.—(U. P.)—Dr. D. M. Candler, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, will leave Los Angeles tomorrow for San Francisco and on April 10 will sail for the Orient, to foster the prohibition movement there.

Chairman Hurley Back Soon
Washington, April 2.—(U. P.)—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board expects to be back at his desk within a week or 10 days, according to a message received at the shipping board today from St. Augustine, Fla., where he is resting.

Musicians in Seattle
Seattle, April 2.—(U. P.)—With musicians assembled from throughout the United States, Seattle's new symphony orchestra began rehearsals today. The first of the organization's concerts will be held this week.

EXCURSION RATES TO BEACHES TO PREVAIL AGAIN THIS SUMMER

Rate to Seaside, Long Beach,
Tillamook About \$5 Round
Trip; Newport Higher.

Popular recreation points on the Oregon coast, much frequented by Portlanders during the summer months, will profit by the new summer rates recently authorized by the railroad administration to be instituted after June 1, on a basis of one and one third fare for round trip tickets.

Seaside, Long Beach, and Tillamook round trip tickets will cost approximately \$5, while special week end rates amounting to about \$4 will likely be announced in a few days, according to A. D. Charlton, chairman of the northwest

district passenger committee. Newport rates will have a relative reduction. Plans are being made to extensively advertise these resorts, and beaches in the Northwest, which are frequented during the summer. In addition to Oregon points in Idaho and Washington coming under the jurisdiction of Mr. Charlton will enjoy advantageous reductions. California as another district will likewise be given substantial reductions.

Mr. Charlton expects to announce in a few days the exact fare rating, which will be given after June 1 and on week end excursions.

**Violated Draft Law,
Charge Against Boy**
Gus Miller is being held for the federal court pending an investigation to determine whether or not he violated the president's proclamation by leaving the country without securing a release from the draft. The charges have not been made against him as yet. He was turned over to the federal authorities from the state after his acquittal on the charge of killing a Hindu in a recent brawl. It is believed he may have gone to Alaska without the proper leave to do so.

NEW INDEBTEDNESS CERTIFICATE SERIES IS JUST ANNOUNCED

Half Billion Securities Issued in
Anticipation of Victory; Ma-
ture September 9.

A new series of United States treasury certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$500,000,000 has been announced by the secretary of the treasury at Washington. These certificates are issued in anticipation of the Victory loan. They are in denominations of \$100, \$100,000 and bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. They are exempt both as to principal and interest from all tax except estate and inheritance tax and graduated additional income taxes imposed by the United States government.

These certificates mature September 9 and are acceptable in payment of the first installment on the purchase price of any bonds or notes issued by the United States government after the offering and before the maturity of the certificates. Outstanding certificates of the issue due May 6 will be accepted in payment of certificates of the present issue. Banks in the Twelfth federal reserve district are requested to subscribe one and two thirds of their total resources for certificates of this issue. Subscriptions from Oregon banks, corporations and individuals will be received through the Portland branch of the federal reserve bank.

William P. Murphy Dies at Marshfield

Marshfield, April 2.—William P. Murphy, 60 years old, one of the pioneer business men of Marshfield, died at his home in this city after a long illness. He was a native of New York and started in business in this city in 1887. He founded the Marshfield Hardware company, from which business he retired a few years ago. He was a prominent member of the Elks lodge.

Postage on Bonds From Chicago \$412

Twin Falls, Idaho, April 2.—(U. P.)—It will be cheaper to send the chairman and the secretary of the new Twin Falls highway district to Chicago to sign the bonds of the \$1,250,000 issue recently voted than it will be to have them affix their signatures in their offices here. The commissioners today learned that postage on the bonds to and from Chicago will cost \$412.50. The commissioners contemplate sending the officials to Chicago.

Jetty at Coos Bay Favored by Hawley

Marshfield, April 2.—Congressman W. C. Hawley, accompanied by his wife, arrived at Coos Bay Monday. He left for Coos Bay to be present at a public gathering which will be held Thursday evening to discuss harbor improvements. Mr. Hawley says that he favors the building of a jetty at the

entrance of Coos Bay and he promises his support for the project. He will be given all data and information necessary to help further the matter in congress.

Gen. Snow Studies Foreign Condition

Washington, April 2.—(I. N. S.)—Major General William Snow was designated to make an inspection tour of foreign territory in which American troops are stationed, for the purpose of compiling a report on the progress of developments in transportation, war replacement, material, organization and equipment.

Liquor Import Charged
Two men are being held by federal authorities on charges of bringing liquor into the state. George Duros is alleged to have brought 14 quarts of whiskey by boat and George Patalides is charged with having brought in 40 pints overland. The opening hearings in their cases will be held this morning.

Storker Storkenson, Arctic Explorer
will arrive at Port Yukon, Alaska, this week on his way to the outside world.

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