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ARMY MAKES DRAFT RULES LESS SEVERE

UNDER CHANGES JUST ORDERED FEWER MEN ARE SUBJECT TO REJECTION

BAD TEETH ARE TO BE FIXED

First Third of New Army to Be Sent to Campments Shortly After September First

Washington, Aug. 9.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has modified the first requirements guiding acceptance and rejection in the national army draft. The modifications will greatly increase the number of men found available.

One ruling provides that if dental work will restore a man's teeth so as to meet the demands of proper mastication such men should be accepted, or allowed sufficient time to have dental work done and be enrolled later.

A reduction in minimum weights of from five to 12 pounds, according to a man's height, and in chest measurements of half inch, when a man is taller than five feet, eight inches, is another modification of the rules.

The regulations regarding ear and eye tests are modified slightly to the result that fewer men are excluded. In this connection, General Crowder quotes the surgeon general in a warning to examining boards to pay particular attention to the possibility of trachoma infection.

Washington, Aug. 9.—About 200,000 men of the selective draft forces will be sent to their divisional training cantonments about September 1. General Crowder has telegraphed governors of the various states, asking them to have at least one-third of their quota ready by the first of the month.

The messages were followed by a new ruling regarding exemptions because of dependents, which is expected to decrease considerably the loss of men from the military service for this reason. Boards are authorized hereafter to deny exemptions to married men whose wives are solely dependent on them, but where the parents or other relatives of either wife or husband are willing to assume the burden of her support during his absence. The same course is to be followed where any drafted man's employers agree to continue his salary as a patriotic duty.

A third supplemental ruling provides that, where a man has supported his dependents by his own labor on land which he owns and the boards find that the land could be rented to advantage so as to continue the support for the wife derived from the rental, exemption for the man may be denied.

COME FROM TURKEY IN PITIFUL SHAPE

Berne, Aug. 9.—Two trainloads of American citizens, all in pitiful condition, have arrived in Switzerland from Jerusalem and other points within the Turkish empire.

They were eight weeks on their way with little food and no opportunity to change their clothes or wash during the entire journey through Turkey. All report food conditions in Turkey terrible.

COUNTRY'S POTATO CROP LARGEST FOR MANY YEARS

Washington, Aug. 9.—The department of agriculture today estimated the country's potato crop as 467,000,000 bushels, or 106,000,000 bushels above the average of recent years.

SHIP CONTROL LIKE BRITISH

American Government Will Assume Same Directing Authority Over American Shipping as British

Washington, Aug. 9.—Anglo-American control of trans-Atlantic shipping was brought nearer by a conference today between Chairman Hurley of the United States shipping board and Connor Guthrie, British traffic commissioner. At the close of the session, Chairman Hurley announced that a requisition of space in American ships would probably be ordered next week.

This is expected to give the government entire control over ocean freight rates and the loading and unloading movements of American vessels. Great Britain is already exercising these powers of British shipping.

WEIGHTY CONFERENCE OF TEUTON LEADERS

Amsterdam, Aug. 9.—The kaiser has called a most important conference at the grand headquarters. Premier Michels left today for those headquarters.

Not only the leading military men of the empire, but governmental and diplomatic leaders are to participate in the conference. It is believed that the entire military and foreign policies of Germany will be under discussion in spite of the fact that a new and complete announcement of Germany's policies has been recently promulgated.

RAILROADS ORDERED USE SHORT ROUTES

Washington, Aug. 9.—The interstate commerce commission in a decision rendered today held tentatively that the practice of railroads in moving bulk commodities, especially lumber, in circuitous routes, and in this way collecting as holding charges, is both wasteful and unlawful. The commission held that any switching charges which exceeded two or three dollars were also unlawful.

MANY ARE GOING TO CRESCENT CITY MEET

The manager of the Chamber of Commerce has received word that Governor Withycombe, Chairman Benson and Commissioner Adams of the state highway commission are planning to accompany the Grants Pass party to the Crescent City road meet when the governor and highway commission of California will be present.

These acceptances, however, were based on the thought that the road meeting at Crescent City would be held on the 15th inst. The date has been changed to the 19th and 20th. It is hoped that the Oregon representatives, governor and highway commissioners can arrange to be present at this later date. Word is expected from them shortly on this point.

"BLANKET" INDIANS NOT WANTED IN THE ARMY

Washington, Aug. 9.—It is not likely that "blanket" Indians from reservations will be drafted into the army. Officials here believe that the original Americans are of little use on a modern battle front. However, many modern American Indians have already enlisted and are expected to prove first class soldiers.

DRAFT ESCAPES GERMAN PLOT IS UNEARTHED

SEATTLE IS CENTER OF SCHEME TO INDUCE MEN TO EVADE ARMY DRAFT

CONSCIENTIOUS SCRUPLE PLEASE

Tentons Also Planned to Meet German Agent Head of British Columbia, and Gain Control

Seattle, Aug. 9.—A United States agent has uncovered a gigantic plot to break down the army draft, by engineering wholesale exemptions.

The propaganda is believed to have a German origin. Letters are being mailed to all men called for first class examination, urging upon them and showing them how they may evade service on the ground of conscientious objections.

No arrests have as yet been made, but are expected hourly.

District Attorney Allen declared today that Canadian authorities have information showing conclusively that German plotting was at work before the war to make Alvo von Alvensleben, arrested yesterday in Portland, as the governor of British Columbia. With this accomplished, Allen declared, the Germans were prepared to broaden their activities until they had obtained political control of the entire province.

HOOVER READY WITH FOOD CONTROL PLANS

Washington, Aug. 9.—Herbert Hoover is awaiting the president's work formally designating him as the man to have charge of the machinery putting into effect the most sweeping law in the history of this country. Mr. Hoover, more than a month ago, anticipated the passage of the law and has been planning accordingly. Throughout the country, agencies created by him are awaiting orders from Washington. Mr. Hoover and President Wilson conferred quite at length today.

ROOT MISSION MAKES REPORT TO PRESIDENT

NEW RUSSIAN REPUBLIC IS IN GRAVE DANGER FROM GERMAN AGGRESSION

WANT AMERICANS SENT RUSSIA

General Scott Tells of Thrilling Nights on Battle Front When Russians Took Offensive

Washington, Aug. 9.—Elihu Root and the other members of the American mission to Russia reached this city yesterday. Mr. Root's report to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing was to warn against the possible effects of a clever propaganda on the part of Germany or immense forces of troops thrown against the Russians while their new democratic government was still in the process of formation.

None was stronger in his conviction that there is the greatest hope for Russia than Mr. Root himself.

Other members of the party who shared his optimism and discussed their views were Charles Edward Russell, a former socialist; James Duncanson, a labor leader; and Major Stanley Washburn, a man of long experience in Russian affairs.

Mr. Russell went a little farther than the others by declaring emphatically in favor of sending American troops to the eastern front immediately. He said that the success would be of the greatest value in strengthening the morale of the Russians.

The military members of the mission, headed by Major General Hugh Scott, had a thrilling story to tell of experiences on the Russian firing line. They were under fire during one of the great offensives launched after the new government took the reins.

The work of the commission now is virtually ended.

HOGS TOUCH HIGH MARK IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Hogs sold here today for \$16.75 a hundred. Highest price ever known in this city. This is \$6.15 higher than a year ago.

TOO GOOD FOR HIM.



—Robert Carter in Philadelphia Press.

ROAD WORK ON NINE PROJECTS

Highway Commission Definitely Arranges for Work at Nine Places, Mostly on Columbia Highway

At its meeting in Salem yesterday, the state highway commission made final arrangements for prosecuting work on nine road building projects.

Contracts were let for two projects: Grading and paving with bitulthitic, five miles of the coast highway in Tillamook county, \$110,000; and paving with bitulthitic two and three-fourths miles of Columbia River highway in Columbia county, \$38,000.

Contracts were let on a force account basis with profit allowance on the following projects: (1) 17 1/2 miles of macadam on the Columbia River highway in Columbia county. (2) Crushed rock macadam on 3 1/2 miles of the John Day highway in Wheeler county. (3) 1 1/2 miles of macadam on the Columbia River highway in Clatsop county. (4) Broken stone and macadam 5.7 miles of the Gosdon road in Gilliam county. (5) Two and one half miles grading on Pacific highway in Clackamas. (6) Volcanic slides road from Bond to Lepine, 17 miles to be built by the Crook county and force account.

A number of Folk and Yamhill county residents appeared before the commission and argued the question of routing the Westside Pacific highway, which has developed a sharp fight among various towns in these two counties.

BUTTE SMELTERMEN GIVE STRIKE NOTICE

Butte, Mont., Aug. 9.—The smeltermen's union today gave the Anaconda mining company 24 hours in which to decide whether it would grant a two dollar per day raise in wages to the 3,000 members of the union. A strike of these men would tie up practically all of Butte's copper mines.

The first street car was operated here this morning since declaration of a strike last week.

MANY DRAFT ARRESTS MADE IN TEXAS

Emery, Texas, Aug. 9.—Over a score of men were arrested today in connection with the general movement to resist draft which had been going on in this state and Oklahoma for several days. Eighteen were arrested last night. Some of the men were armed with regular army rifles.

LOCAL SOLDIER BOY DIES AT ARMY POST

Turner Dellinger, 25 year old son of S. S. Dellinger of Dryden, died at the Vancouver army barracks at 5 a. m. yesterday.

Young Dellinger enlisted at the recruiting station in this city about July 1 last, and was assigned to the hospital corps of the regular army. He has been ailing for some time. Last week, his father telegraphed the surgeon in charge of the hospital at Vancouver barracks, asking as to Turner's condition, and received a reply stating that he had recently undergone a mastoid operation, following which manifestations of spinal meningitis had developed and that he was in a serious condition. The next word received told of his death yesterday morning.

The remains will arrive on the early morning train tomorrow and will be taken at once to the Deer Creek cemetery where the funeral services will be held at noon. This is the second Grants Pass boy who has volunteered in the regular army since the declaration of war and his last life in the service.

FEDERAL AID GRAIN CROPS NEXT SEASON

EARLY START IS MADE TO INSURE AMPLE FOOD SUPPLY FOR 1918

GOVERNMENT TO DIRECT WORK

Definite Plans, Use of Fertilizer, Seed and Transportation Problems to Be Handled

Washington, Aug. 9.—The agricultural department foresees the need of a strenuous campaign to increase next year's wheat crop, in order to prevent a serious shortage of bread stuff in 1918.

The government intends to adopt purely as a war measure a program calling for the selection of definite areas in definite states to be planted to definite crops. This is the first time in the history of the United States this program has been attempted.

The experts drafting the program foresee a possible shortage of fertilizer, but say that there will be no general shortage of seed or farm machinery and that transportation facilities will be ample. A fair price for wheat will be established under the new legislation. The assistance of successful growers of wheat, and the government believe, is already assured.

The increased winter wheat acreage should produce 472,000,000 bushels on the basis of 10 years average yields. With conditions similar to those of the record winter wheat year in 1914, the acreage should produce 580,000,000 bushels.

NATION IS WARNED OF CAR SHORTAGE

The Chamber of Commerce and several of the larger local shippers have received from the public service commission of Oregon a warning that the country is again facing a severe car shortage due to large increases in traffic due to the war. With the movement of fall crops approaching, the transportation facilities of the country will meet a most crucial test.

The commission urges shippers to ship early, while cars are available; load and unload cars at the earliest possible hour; load cars to a weight 10 per cent above their indicated capacity.

The federal war board is distributing freight car without regarding ownership wherever it thinks they will do the most good.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Russian citizens outside the empire were forbidden to return to their native land in a document written at the direction of Premier Koresnsky, and received today by the Russian consular general here.

WILL ASK FOR PROMPT PAYMENT O. & C. TAXES

Salem, Aug. 9.—At the conference here yesterday between Attorney General Brown and the district attorneys from Oregon's land grant counties, it was decided that the counties should make a concerted effort to induce the federal government to pay without further delay the back taxes which would be chargeable against the railroad company, had not the courts declared the land forfeited to the government. This means the taxes for the years 1912-14-15.