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NATIONAL GUARD TO BE EXPANDED

ARTILLERY IS GREATEST NEED

180 Additional Batteries Are to Be Organized—Engineers Are in Demand.

Organization of scores of new regiments of National Guard artillery, engineers, signal troops and cavalry will be undertaken soon to supply the tactical formations necessary for the establishment of the 16 divisions of the Guard provided for in the War Department's plans.

In addition to these troops, immediately after the existing state soldiers have been drafted into the federal service, there must be organized divisional headquarters detachments, supply, ammunition and medical trains, heavy field artillery and signal battalions, an aero service, two cavalry divisions and many new coast artillery units and reserves. Comparison of the organization tables for the 16 infantry divisions with the existing Guard establishment shows that in the infantry, one arm of the service in which the Guard is strongest, 30 regiments and six companies must be created to provide the 144 regiments of the divisional structure.

The principle shortage is in the field artillery. Each of the sixteen divisions requires three full regiments of six batteries each, or a total of 288 batteries. There now exist in the Guard 180 batteries.

The shortage in engineers is almost as great. There will be needed 18 regiments, or a total of 96 companies, whereas there are now only 30 companies.

Each division also will have an aero squadron or balloon company, making 18 air service units. New York has one aero squadron less one company.

The first efforts of the Department is to bring up to full war strength all existing units of the Guard. When that has been accomplished and the force has been drafted the next step will be to create the new units necessary to complete the 16 infantry divisions and the Adjutant general of the states have been instructed that they should prepare for these new organizations without delay. The far Western states will be called upon to furnish in addition the following:

- Twentieth Division, Washington—One machine gun troop cavalry; one regiment field artillery, one battalion engineers, one outpost company, signal corps.
- Oregon—One troop cavalry, one battalion (less one battery) field artillery, one battalion engineers, Montana—One regiment infantry, one squadron (less one troop cavalry).
- Idaho—One regiment infantry, Wyoming—Six companies infantry, one battalion field artillery.

CHINA OFFERS TO BRING 500,000 COOLIES HERE

Declaring that China might not be able to aid in a military or financial way, but is desirous of "assisting in every way possible in the world war for democracy and humanity," the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent association, familiarly known as the Chinese Six Companies, has sent a lengthy telegram to the council of national defense offering to introduce Chinese labor into the United States to replace farm workers who go to war. The association, it is said, is ready to bring 500,000 or more coolies, to the United States. In the telegram, it is stated that the organization would agree to deport all of them when the period of need ceases.

The Chinese Six companies is the recognized central body of Chinese residents of this country. Its headquarters are here.

The offer then suggests that the draft of hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of men from this country to successfully maintain the obligations of democracy, will bring a serious food shortage.

"If the congress of the United States should decide that, owing to the extraordinary conditions," reads the proposal, it would be advisable to allow the bringing into this country for a limited period of such a number of experienced Chinese farmers as may be decided upon by congress, we, who are familiar with the various farming districts of China, will assist in every possible way, agreeable to your country, in selecting the men to be brought here.

"Such laborers could be brought here under strict regulations of identification and returned to their homes when congress might dictate. During the time of stay of such laborers in this country we will guarantee your government against any such people becoming a charge upon the community. It might be arranged that a certain portion of the wages to be paid to each man brought over be withheld until the time of departure to insure his return."

The telegram says that the society is aware that it is making an unusual suggestion, but remarks that "these are unusual times."

"Our people," it continues, "could be restricted to farm laborers and could be sent to different states to render what services they might in the production of foodstuffs and could be returned feeling that with the strength of their backs and willing sweat of their brows they have assisted their country in showing its gratitude to its greatest friend and benefactor, the United States."

Wool Fifty Cents.

The wool market in eastern Oregon is again approaching a deadlock. There are plenty of buyers in the field, but with bids being advanced almost daily growers are in not hurry to sell. Less than 1,000,000 pounds of Oregon wool have been sold to date. A good sized clip at Baker was bought by a local speculator at 50 1/2 cents, the highest price so far paid for Oregon wool. In the Echo section about 300,000 pounds of mixed clips were sold at 46 to 48 cents. The going quotations are 50 cents for medium and 45 to 68 cents for fine wool.

Short On Cattle Food.

"Shortage of food for animals due to lack of shipping resulting from German submarine warfare threatens to put the cattle, sheep, horses, swine and poultry of the British farmers on compulsory rations. Warning that the farmer must be prepared for a ration this year of 1,000,000 tons in the amount of feeding stuffs for animals has been given by R. E. Prothero, president of the board of agriculture. He declares that unless the farmers heed his warning and place their animals on restricted rations the compulsory ration system will be applied. This system has been in force in Germany for two years."

FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS THE LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

The First National Bank of Athena will receive subscriptions for the Liberty Bonds in amounts of \$100 and up, absolutely free of any cost to the subscriber or the government. Inasmuch as the young men of the country are offering their services, this particular community is in a position to "do its bit" in a financial way.

The following summary of facts regarding the Liberty loan bonds now being placed to finance America's war operations has been given out by Archibald Kains, governor of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank:

Purpose—This loan is a bond issue authorized by Congress to pay cost of the war against Germany, to make advances to the allies and, above all, to bring about a speedy and successful end of the world conflict.

Amount of loan—\$1,000,000,000.

Pacific Coast share—\$166,000,000.

Size of bonds—\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and upward.

Rate of interest—3 1/2 per cent per year.

Term of bonds—The bonds run for 30 years. The government reserves the right to buy them back at face value after 15 years.

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- Sixth—The government guarantees to pay you more income if future loans carry higher interest rates.
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- Eighth—Your money will be spent wholly in America.

How to buy these bonds:

Every bank is authorized to take subscriptions for the Government. You can subscribe now by paying to your bank only 2 per cent of your purchase and the balance is as follows:

- 18 per cent on June 25.
- 30 per cent on July 30.
- 30 per cent on August 15.
- 30 per cent on August 30.

This is an opportunity to combine a patriotic service with a good investment.

Girls Conservation Club Will Be Organized Here.

E. W. Montell, county club leader, working under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Agricultural College, was in the city Wednesday with the intention of enlisting interest of the boys, girls and young men and young women in food preparedness.

He was successful in interesting the Red Cross organization in the work, with the result that Mrs. Hill, the president, has appointed Mrs. Ferguson chairman of a committee of four consisting of herself, Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. Schenbly and Mrs. Radtke, to organize the young ladies and girls of Athena and vicinity into a club, having for its object systematic canning and evaporating of fruits, vegetables, etc.

In the near future, Miss Butler, of the domestic science department of the Pendleton schools will visit Athena for the purpose of instructing the members of the club in its work. Later, Mr. Montell will instruct the club in the process of drying and evaporating of fruits. He is in a position to find a ready market for the product of those desiring to engage in the work commercially.

Weston Won, 5 to 2.

Weston came over the hill Sunday, and won the game from Athena in the first inning, when they scored four runs off Pambrun. Andre, who succeeded him on the mound, stopped the scoring, and was very effective, allowing but one more score for Weston during the rest of the game. The game went to Weston by a score of 5 to 2.

For next Sunday, the fast White-house team of Walla Walla, is scheduled to play on the Athena diamond, and with favorable weather, a good game is anticipated. The game will begin at three o'clock, instead of 2:30 as heretofore.

WILL REGISTER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5 UNDER THE SELECTIVE SERVICE

Full Provisions Under Which Registrations Are to Be Made Throughout the Nation.

Pres. Wilson's proclamation putting into effect the selective draft provision of the war army bill, stipulates that Tuesday, June 5, shall be the day of registration of all male citizens of the United States, between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, the hours of registration being between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

The registrations will take place in the precinct wherein those registering have their permanent homes. Those who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall have not attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named are required to register, exceptions being made only of men and officers already enlisted in the regular army, militia and naval service. Section Five of the selective draft law provides: "That all male persons between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the Pres. or other public notice given by him or his direction stating the time and place of such registration, it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the Navy and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act, and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the District court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered; provided that in the call of the docket precedence shall be given in court straying the same to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act; provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their 21st birthday and who shall not have attained their 31st birthday on or before the day set for the registration, and all persons so registering shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided; provided further, that in case of temporary absence from actual place of legal residence of any person liable to registration as provided herein such registration may be made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

The President further charges in his proclamation that those "who through sickness shall be unable to present themselves for registration that they apply on or before the day of registration to the County Clerk of the county where they may be for instructions as to how they may be registered by agent. Those who expect to be absent on the day named from the counties in which they have their permanent homes may register by mail, but their mailed registration cards must reach the places in which they have their permanent homes by the day named herein. They should apply as soon as practicable to the County Clerk of the county where in they may be for instructions as to how they may accomplish their registration.

THE RED CROSS SECURES ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS

A very interesting meeting was held at the school house Wednesday afternoon by the Red Cross auxiliary, at which about twenty ladies were present. The work on hand was finished and the chairman, Mrs. Hill, announces that there will be no meeting next Wednesday.

Much interest was shown in the Red Cross benefit pastry sale to be held tomorrow afternoon, and it is hoped that a liberal patronage will be given.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. E. W. Montell, Conservation Club organizer, who was here in the interest of food conservation. A committee was appointed to assist in the organization of a local club for girls and young women.

It was voted to give a jitney dance on the 6th of June, and the Finance committee consisting of Mrs. F. S. Le Grow, Mrs. H. I. Watts and Mrs. Ralph Cannon, will have the ball in charge.

New names added to the list of members are: Mrs. Effie Gerking, Mrs. Mary O. Parker, Walter Adams, V. R. Willaby, Jack Vincent, Mrs. E. Na Schenbly, Mrs. Lillie Gholson and W. B. Taylor.

Can Register Before June 5.

Male residents of the county between the ages of 21 and 30, who are required by the draft law to register on June 5 may be registered before that date if for any reason they will be absent from the county on that date or if they are sick. This was the substance of a telegraphic message received by County Clerk Brown from Adjutant General White. The county clerk is prepared to register these classes at once.—East Oregonian.



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ATHENA YOUNG MEN ENLIST IN CAVALRY

FULL UMATILLA COUNTY TROOP Well Known Horsemen Join This Branch of Oregon Volunteer Militia.

Dell Blanchett, well known Roundup performer and expert horseman, was in the city Tuesday evening, seeking recruits for the Umatilla county cavalry troop, and was successful in enlisting George Winship, Edward Sebasky and Samuel Starr for the service.

Most of the members of the troop have been recruited at Pendleton, but other towns of the county are represented. The organization contains some of the best horsemen and rough riders in the Northwest, men who have made the Round-up famous, and the troop promises to become one of the most popular in the service. The organization must have 70 men before it can enter the service, though this number is not the full strength of a cavalry troop. With the organization of the Umatilla county troop, there are now three troops in the cavalry branch of the Oregon volunteer militia.

Employing Women.

The employment of women in positions formerly occupied by men at the Northern Pacific stations has already begun. Several women have been hired to work in the car shops cleaning the interior of the coaches. Other jobs are open in the machine shops, but as yet no women have applied for the positions.

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Light ribbed Union Suits .49	Boys stockings black .15	Ladies Union Suits with colored silk bedice .08
Ribbed Union suits white or tan .98	Boy Scout stockings one of the best made .25	Ladies Black Hose .10 12 1-2 .25
(All of above short or long sleeves.)	Infants' cashmere Hose, colors .25	Ladies' White Hose .25-49
Shirts and drawers .25	Infants' cotton Hose colors .13 1-3	Ladies tan Hose .12 1-4 .25
Work socks .06 1-1 .08 1-4	Misses' Hose all colors .15-.25	Ladies Fibre Silk Hose .08
"Automatic" Work socks seamless less toe black or tan .10	Misses Silk Lisle Hose .25-.45	All color Hosiery .40
Black dress socks .10	Boys' Union Suits .10	Fancy Silk Hose .49-98
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