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THE DRAFT AGE LIMIT.

Saturday's dispatches from Washington contain the important information that the draft age has been fixed at the ages between 18 and 45. With class 1 practically exhausted, the country and authorities are beginning to realize that the question of the draft age is one of great importance. It is clear, too, that the decision should have been reached several months ago. The situation as it has developed surely ought to have been foreseen and provided against. The secretary of war and chief of staff knew exactly how things were going, and that there was great need for new legislation if the cantonments were to be kept continuously full, with as little disturbance as possible to the ordinary activities of the country. But no plan was ready when congress took its recess.

Of course, it was never intended that any of the other classes should be exempt from service if needed. But it was meant that the conscription be selective, and that men be taken who could be most easily spared from the ordinary pursuits. In other words, we should take men from class 2 as much as possible, which will probably yet be done, and draw from the enlarged class until it is exhausted before taking men with dependents, and men who are performing important service. But the demand now is that the draft age be changed from 21-31 to 18-45.

There will be opposition to this policy from many sources. That much seems highly probable. If there is, we shall have more delay—delay which will make it necessary to take men who ought not to be taken till an effort has been made to keep the draft up with men less useful to society, or less burdened with obligations.

The practical certainty of opposition to any plan is another thing that should have influenced the secretary for an early decision. Some time is sure to be lost under the most favorable conditions, more will be lost through the failure of the secretary to act with promptness. The new plan of making the conscription ages between 18 and 45 seems a good one, for in the present class 2 are many who would be much more useful in their present occupations than in the army—some indeed who are indispensable. It would be very foolish to conscript these while millions of men could be taken without any interference with necessary business activities. The whole theory of selective conscription is involved. It is greatly to be regretted that the secretary of war did not have a plan ready weeks, if not months ago.

WAR ANNIVERSARIES.

The past six days has been a period of anniversaries. It was on August 1, 1914, the German government ordered mobilization, and declared war on Russia. On the same day France mobilized, and on the day following Germany began war on France, without a declaration, by sending troops into France through Luxemburg. On August 1 the German ambassador to France and the French Ambassador to Germany received their passports, and on August 4 Germany made formal declaration of war on France. The same day Great Britain came into the struggle after Germany's rejection of her demand that the neutrality of Belgium be respected.

All this happened just four years ago—happened because the Kaiser and his advisers wanted it to happen. As a result the whole world is writhing in the throes of a war started by men who are either maniacs or the greatest criminals that ever trod this earth. For every life lost, for every home destroyed, for every sigh and tear and groan, these wretches are directly and solely responsible. They thought that they would have a quick and easy victory. Had not everything been arranged? It was inconceivable that German efficiency could fail.

For more than forty years Germany had been preparing for the war, planning for it, hoping and praying for it. The only fear of her rulers was that Sir Edward Gray and other lovers of peace might succeed in averting the

catastrophe. Germany did not believe that France would be able to stand against her, and had no idea that Great Britain would come in. Belgium's gallant resistance, which gave the allies two sorely needed weeks to gather their strength, was utterly unanticipated. Germany knew how fundamentally weak and rotten Russia was, thanks to German corruption. But even Russia surprised the war lords, and rendered invaluable service to the allied cause. So Germany rushed into war with a joyous heart, a war absolutely of her own making.

For four long and weary years the German people have been waiting for victory. Yet it has taken their armies four years to get back to the Marne, from which they were driven in the second month of the war, and from which they are being driven again. And today the German people find themselves fighting the whole world. The men opposing them have determined that this war shall go on 'till it is made impossible for the German rulers to repeat the crime of which they were guilty in 1914. It is intolerable that such men should have vast armies and great fleets at their disposal. The judgement has been pronounced, and the sentence will be executed.

The present generation doesn't know that moonlight nights were utilized in nearly all the cities thirty years ago. Street lighting was on a moonlight schedule and the lamps were lit only when the moon was not shining. Many thousands of tons of coal were not used in making gas and "juice" was just beginning to be used. The same economy could be practiced again, and in a hundred other ways that the people practiced them when the present young men and young women were little babies.

Those 10,000 Smith boys in the army prove that all the Smith boys of the last generation got married. And there are times when we suspect that nearly all the Smith girls marry boys named Brown or Jones.

Things may be tight and the future look discouraging, but a country that spends over \$300,000,000 in attendance upon picture shows isn't upon the verge of applying for a receiver.

We are beginning to hear about the "Franco-Yankee" and the "Yanko-British," but if we ever hear of a "Turko-Yankee" something is going to get tangled up with our angora.

Does anyone notice how hard it is for some men to stand up before a counter and not begin pawing like a steer with his left foot for something that isn't there?

Mr. Hoover has promised the British 18,000,000 tons of pork next year. We are now beginning to appreciate the far-sightedness of those who are raising rabbits.

If anyone should blame the Americans for not driving ahead faster let him remember that the weather is hot and that the dead Germans smell pretty bad.

Eastern papers are already discussing the "do your shopping early" question, although four blizzards are due back there long before Christmas.

Housewives, attention! Can fruit without sugar or using as little as possible. You may sweeten the fruit when opened, after the supply has

The most cruel fate we can think of as applicable to the Kaiser is an American barber. Being talked to death is horrible to contemplate.

The chance of surprising the Germans with those 50,000 spruce air birds is a whole lot less now than it would have been six months ago.

We hope those kings the Kaiser is naming for the little nations will have sense enough to know that they will hold temporary jobs only.

Express rates will go up 40 per cent after next Saturday. Enthusiasm for government ownership will begin to thaw out pretty soon.

The quickest action that can be taken on that 18-to-45 draft law will not be as quick as if it were taken some months ago.

Arrival of American fighting units in Italy will probably be regarded by Emperor Charles of Austria as "unfair."

A good conscience is one of the things the profiteer cannot set down on the credit side of his ledger.

Reading the daily accident news ought to constitute the most potent admonition of "safety first."

That old expression, "a gentleman of leisure," was camouflaged after all. He is now a loafer.

If Hindenburg is really dead he didn't die from overeating his dinner in Paris.

The tale of German frightfulness will wag a long time after its head is dead.

NOT TAKING CHANCES.

Notwithstanding the casualty list each day contains the names of some who will never return to America from the fighting front, the fact remains that the life of a soldier in France is just as safe, or perhaps safer, than those who will have to remain at home. A facetious writer says that the soldier's chance of being killed is but 2 per cent, while the chance for death of a year-old baby is 7 per cent, and he wants to know whether one would rather be a soldier or a baby. Efforts have been made since the war began to figure out just how many chances a soldier has of coming back home. All authorities agree that most of the soldiers will get back. The Young Men's Christian Association is teaching the men in the cantonments that they ought to prepare to live instead of to die. Of course an effort is made not only by the Y. M. C. A., but by all religious organizations to improve the morals of the men and to make them feel a deeper interest in religion. But as great emphasis is placed on the fact that most of these men are coming back home when the fighting is over, so preparation for the battle of peace is just as important as planning for the battles of war.

One authority declares that a soldier will live five years longer than a civilian because the soldier gets the benefit of physical training, has to contend with less disease and gets better medical care than if he were at home. Someone attempted to show that aviation is less dangerous than many other branches of the war-fare. Figures were published some time ago to support such an assertion. Subsequent experience has tended to show that flying is a dangerous business, but that is the very reason why the average young American with real red blood in his veins, wants a chance to fly.

Mortality statistics made from army records some time ago, showed that a soldier has twenty-nine chances to come home, to one of being killed. He has forty-nine chances of recovering from wounds. He has one chance in 500 of losing a limb. The loss of life from disease has been greatly reduced, because of the efficiency of the medical corps. Every man who goes to war takes a chance, of course, but so does the man who crosses the street or starts on a railroad journey, or, in fact does anything—or nothing.

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So it happens that the little penny, like corn flour or the cabbage leaves in the tobacco of today is coming into its own, as a result of war. Formerly scorned by all except the needy or thrifty as inconvenient or of little practical use anywhere except at the postoffice, because nearly all prices were made in units of five, it is now, perhaps, the most used and useful of coins. Many articles of common consumption which formerly cost 5 or 10 cents, now cost 6 or 11 cents. So with things which could formerly be bought for multiples of the five-cent piece, from 10 cents to \$1. All require the odd cent now. Cheiving gum, cigars, cigarettes, theater tickets and many other things are no longer obtainable at even prices. The one-cent piece instead of being a nuisance is convenient and useful.

The exaltation of the cent should be educational. We have long been contemptuous of its merits and usefulness, and have suffered accordingly. When an article should have been sold for 4 cents the seller knew it was just as easy to get 5 cents, so he asked that. When it was worth 9 cents it was sold for 10, and so on up the line. The rule generally worked only one way. Not often, nor for long, was the buyer likely to get an article worth 6 cents for 5 cents. The American contempt for the odd cent has for years been a heavy tax on the consumer.

Since the beginning of the war, odd cent pieces have grown more popular. Prejudice has gradually been overcome. The result is beneficial. Prices ought to be governed, for the protection of both producer and consumer, by the cost of manufacture, with a fair profit added. Such a price will not always work out in fives or multiples thereof.

Do not let up on the saving of wheat. Use the substitutes. Remember we must build up a big wheat reserve out of the new harvest in addition to taking care of our boys at the front and the allies.

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