

PROSECUTION FOR BOARD SELLING DRAFT RELEASES

New York Board Accused of Corruption to Be Prosecuted—Re-examination for All Those Examined in District and Rectification by District Board Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Members of the New York local selective board who were relieved yesterday after an inquiry into the manner in which discharges from draft had been granted, will be prosecuted, officials of the provost marshal-general's office said today.

So far, the New York incident is the only one where any question as to the good faith of a local board has been raised. Officials said, however, that prompt steps to bring offenders to book would be taken on the slightest suspicion of irregularities.

To Make an Example.

Whatever action the New York board may have taken improperly in cases before it will be rectified before the district board. If it is shown that fraud or bribery was employed to obtain a discharge from the old board, both the board members and the individual would be liable to prosecution and the government would seek to make such cases an example against future attempts to evade the draft law.

Officials have in preparation a supplemental ruling as to discharge for registered men mostly naturalized aliens supporting relatives in Europe.

The difficulty is that the affidavits required cannot be obtained from any foreign country in the time allowed. This had made necessary a ruling to establish a policy.

Policy Established.

Indications are that discharges will not be granted in many cases of this kind. For one thing, officials say, the soldier will have \$25 a month at least to contribute to his family during his army service. That is more than the average foreigner sends home. It can be argued also that because of the war situation the American dollar has almost double its old purchasing power abroad.

Behind all this, however, is the fact that the nation's interests are paramount. No family in Europe can become a public charge of the United States, and it was thought likely the officials would not go behind that fact, as the interest of the individual in America is not involved, but only the interest of the government.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Three members of local exemption-board No. 99, in the heart of the East side were summarily removed last night by Deputy Attorney General Conkling acting under orders of Adjutant-General Statesbury, who is in charge of the operation of the selective draft

TUESDAY NAMED AS PAPER DAY FOR RED CROSS

The splendid result of Paper day last May has encouraged the ladies of the Greater Medford club to make another similar appeal to the patriotic people of the city to assist them for funds in behalf of the local chapter of the Red Cross. Accordingly, they have designated Tuesday, August 14, as Paper day, and on this day they will make a mighty drive to gather enough paper for a carload shipment.

All who have old newspapers, magazines, etc.—no matter how few—are requested to send them to the shed near the Washington school on Tuesday or during the week, or to give them to the collectors who will call for them Tuesday.

The ladies would ask the children to lend their kind assistance for the collecting. Much of the success of the previous campaign for paper was due to the work of the children, who so generously volunteered their services. These recruits will please come to the Washington school on Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m., so that they may do their "bit" in the paper drive.

Every campaign undertaken for the country has but the one object in view—help America. Aiding the work of the Red Cross is an admirable means to assist our country in its needs. Let all co-operate with the ways devised to increase its funds so that it may be able to do efficient service for country and humanity. Let Paper day have enlistments—but no exemptions. This will spell success.

machinery in New York state. The records of the board were placed in charge of the police.

The members of the board are Louis I. Cherry, Dr. Henry M. Groehl and Dr. S. J. Bernfeld. The formal order for their removal announced that the drastic step had been decided upon by President Wilson "because of the irregularities reported to have occurred." These charges have been under investigation for several days by the department of justice. There have been reports that efforts have been made to bribe members of exemption boards in this city to grant registrants exemption from service.

The removal order directed "that the charges now made be prosecuted to the fullest extent."

Mr. Conkling said that the charges which resulted in the removal of the board had come to his office several days ago in the form of anonymous letters alleging that exemptions were being bought by men summoned for examination. The letters were turned over to the department of justice.

All cases on which the board has acted will be re-opened by the new board, which will be appointed at once. The board has examined 666 registrants. Of this number 235 were exempted and 176 waived exemption.

PYTHIANS COMING FROM ALL PARTS TO CRATER CONCLAVE

The eyes of all Pythians in Oregon this week will be centered on the conclave to be held at Crater lake next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Advances already received indicate a very large attendance of knights from all parts of the state and many from northern California.

A load of lumber and other equipment left for the lake this morning, another load will go tomorrow and on Monday several other loads of equipment and the cooking outfit will be taken to the lake.

It is expected that the conclave, which is being held under the auspices of Talisman lodge of Medford, will be patronized and supported loyally by all local knights, not only for the good of the order, but also for the advertising that will result for Crater lake, Medford and the valley.

The undertaking is a large one for the local lodge, and taking into consideration the cost to all for the entertainment, the 170-mile ride, the trip around the lake, the five meals served on the rim and the ride around the rim as far as completed—all for \$10—the price is very low.

All knights who are in good standing will be allowed to cross the lake to Wizard island when the initiatory work in the knight rank is put on. An orchestra of nine pieces will furnish music for the occasion. The trail from the rim down to the water's edge has been altered to a more easy grade, as has also the trail up Wizard Isle to the crater.

The engineering corps of the local lodge will leave Sunday morning to prepare the grounds for the camp and initiatory work. The main body of local knights will depart early Tuesday morning for the lake.

TAFT IMPROVING BUT VERY WEAK

CLAY CENTER, Kas., Aug. 11.—Former President William H. Taft spent a good night and tonight showed marked improvement in the illness that has confined him to a hotel here since Tuesday. His physician announced that he was continuing to take nourishment, and was "feeling decidedly better."

Dr. B. F. Morgan said today, "Mr. Taft is very weak and it will be some time before he will be able to stand his usual work."

Mr. Taft has determined to give up all his speaking engagements for the remainder of this month in many parts of the country, and from here will go to his summer home at Point au Prince, Quebec, Can. Dr. B. F. Morgan, his physician, said today Mr. Taft might leave here within five or six days, if he continued to improve as he has recently.

TOURIST TRAVEL BREAKS RECORDS OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Auto tourist travel to and thru Medford is fast breaking all records and is increasing daily. This morning visiting autos were parked outside the city's restaurants for hours while their owners and guests were getting breakfast. Nearly all the garages have more business than they can handle in the way of repairs, and the sale of gasoline and auto accessories has long since assumed immense proportions.

"I have never seen the like of the auto tourist travel of the past week," said C. E. Gates today. "They are just simply rushing us. It is a great business asset to Medford, for these visitors spend much money in the city for supplies of all kinds, and at least half of them patronize the hotels and restaurants."

Crater lake is the greatest single drawing attraction of tourists to Medford, but not all the auto tourists come here to visit the lake. In fact, the most of them who make stops in the city are en route over the Pacific highway in both directions on general touring trips. They come from all parts of the United States.

Neither do all the tourists to the city come in autos, as there is an unusually heavy travel to the city by train. The Crater lake stages had a busy week of it taking tourists up to that famous scenic wonder and back.

This morning a party of seven women from Richmond, Va., stepped off the southbound train and at once departed for Crater lake by stage. An extra car had to be added to the stage route this morning to take ten tourists to the lake, for whom there were no accommodations in the regular stages.

OREGON INFANTRY AT CAMP FREMONT

CAMP FREMONT, Menlo Park, Cal., Aug. 11.—Four companies of the Third Oregon infantry arrived at Camp Fremont today. The battalion, in command of Major Eugene Mosberger, arrived in two special trains of ten cars each shortly before 9 o'clock.

All the officers of the 600 men in the battalion are seasoned fighters, having served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and on the Mexican border last year. The battalion is recruited to within fifteen men of war strength and all of its members are said to be from Portland.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 11.—Cipriano Castro, former dictator of Venezuela, who has landed at Vera Cruz, is reported to have engaged passage back to New York, but it is announced the government here will have no objection to his remaining in Mexico if he desires.

WESTERN GOVERNORS MEET TO DISCUSS I. W. W. ACTIVITIES

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—Governors of western and northwestern states met here today to plan for joint action in stimulating production, blocking unlawful activities of Industrial Workers of the World and settling all internal trouble.

Ernest Lister, governor of Washington, presided. The following governors expected to be present: James Whycombe, Oregon; Emmet Boyle, Nevada; Moses Alexander, Idaho; Sam Stewart, Montana, and Simon Bambrugger, Utah.

Governor Whycombe came to the conference with the announced intention of asking the governors to go on record against Food Administrator Herbert Hoover's recent decision to bar mutton from hotel and restaurant tables. Such action discriminated against western sheep men, the Oregon executive explained.

Recently Governor Alexander announced Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Utah had formed an alliance to settle internal troubles. It was expected the alliance would be strengthened at the meeting today.

RUSSIANS HALT TEUTONS (Continued from Page One.)

ians, who until recently conducted an offensive, are now losing ground at all points.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's thrust in the neighborhood of the Fokshani is the most serious of the operations being carried out by the German troops, and the furious resistance of the allies is not meeting with success.

The enemy's passage of the Suchitza, reported yesterday, is regarded as placing in immediate jeopardy the Maria Sesti Junction railroad, the possession of which is of immense importance to the Russians and Rumanians.

Attention is called here to the absence of the Russian official statement yesterday, while it is remarked that the Rumanian report does not appear to deal with the latest events.

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ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR AUSTRALIANS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 11.—Additional customs and excise duties were announced by the Australian government today. The chief increase in the customs are three shillings a gallon on exported spirits and one penny a gallon in excise duty. The excise on beer, it is estimated, will increase the revenue by 600,000 pounds.

MINNESOTA COUNTY BARS I. W. W. MEMBERS

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 11.—Commissioners of St. Louis county, Minnesota, the county in which Duluth is located, today adopted a resolution barring from employment by the county any person connected with the Industrial Workers of the World. About 200 men will be affected.

ZAPATA TRYING TO MAKE PEACE TERMS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 11.—The rebel leader, Emiliano Zapata, has sent another emissary to Colonel Reyes, formerly of the federal army, to treat with President Carranza. The former emissary, Enrique Bonilla, who failed in his mission, was expected by General Zapata on his return, it is reported. Colonel Reyes has not yet seen the president.

SINN FEINERS WIN ANOTHER ELECTION

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Sinn Feiners today won another parliamentary election when they captured the seat for Kilkenny. William Cosgrave, the Sinn Fein candidate, defeated the independent-nationalist, ex-Mayor McGuinness, by 380 votes, receiving 722 votes to McGuinness' 392.

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