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WORK OR JOIN ARMY ORDERS UNCLE SAM

DRAFT LAW CHANGED TO HIT IDLERS

Every Man of Draft Age Must Be In Useful Work or Fight After July 1—Registrants In Non-Useful Occupations Must Get New Jobs or Join Army—Whether Married or Single—Gamblers, Loafers, Fortune Tellers and Pool Room Loungers Head List

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Every man of draft age must work or fight after July 1, under a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations announced today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Not only idlers, but all draft registrants engaged in what are held to be non-useful occupations are to be baled before local boards and given the choice of a new job or the army. Gamblers, race track and bucket shop attendants and fortune tellers head the list, but those who will be reached by the new regulations also include waiters and bartenders, theater ushers and attendants, passenger elevators' operators and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, etc., domestics and clerks in stores.

Deferred classification granted on account of dependents will be disregarded entirely in applying the rule.

Classifications Changed.
A man may be at the bottom of class one, or even in class four, but if he falls within the regulation and refuses to take useful employment he will be given a new number in class one that will send him into the military service forthwith. Local boards are authorized to use discretion only where they find that enforced change of employment would result in disproportionate hardship upon his dependents.

It had been known for some time that some form of "work or fight" plan had been submitted to President Wilson, but there had been no intimation that it was so far reaching in scope. Both the military authorities and department of labor officials believe that it will go a long way toward solving the labor problem for farmers, shipbuilders and munition makers and will end for the present at least talk of conscription of labor. The announcement today gives notice significantly that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity requires.

"Work or Fight."
The statement of the provost general's office follows:

"Provost Marshal General Crowder today announced an amendment to the selective service regulations which deals with the great question of compelling men not engaged in a useful occupation immediately to apply themselves to some form of labor, contributing to the general good.

The idler, too, will find himself confronted with the alternative of finding suitable employment or entering the army.

"The regulation provides that after July first any registrant who is found by a local board to be a habitual idler or not engaged in some useful occupation shall be summoned before

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PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO ITALY

WASHINGTON, May 23.—A message to the Italian people from President Wilson will be read tonight at a mass meeting here under the patronage of the president, to celebrate the third anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war. With another great Austrian campaign against Italy impending special significance is attached to the event in official and diplomatic circles.

BATTLES IN AIR DISTURBS QUIET WESTERN FRONT

Infantry Operations at Minimum and Neither Side Shows Signs of Renewing Struggle—Artillery Fight In Aene Valley—Lull Is Unbroken and Even Raiding Quiets Down.

LONDON, May 23.—Heavy artillery fighting in the Aene valley southeast of Lens, and in the Flanders salient is reported in today's official statement.

PARIS, May 23.—There was intermittent shelling south of the river Aene, on the Amiens front, the war office announced today. A German raid on French positions in the Bois Mongival failed. French detachments patrolling in the Champagne brought in a number of prisoners and some war material.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
May 23.—Infantry operations on the western front continue at a minimum and neither side gives any indication that intensive fighting is about to be resumed immediately. In the air the hostilities are at a high pitch.

Between Arras and the Somme, where there has been no heavy fighting in six weeks, the British and Germans are carrying out raids. North of Albert, the Germans have been repulsed in an attempt to rush the British positions southeast of Meuni. Further north Field Marshal Haig's men continue their raids and have penetrated the enemy lines near Hebuterne as well as at other points southwest of Arras.

On the French front and on the American sectors, as on the British front, the lull is unbroken and even raiding has quieted down.

British airplanes are harassing seriously German airbases and billets behind the lines in Flanders and Picardy. The Germans are seeking unavailingly to check the British and in aerial fighting Tuesday 18 enemy machines, 16 of which were destroyed, were accounted for by the British. Lively fighting continues in the mountains of northern Italy, in which the British and Italian troops are on the offensive.

PRICE OF COPPER FOR THREE MONTHS

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The price-fixing committee of the war industries board probably will recommend to President Wilson that the present price of 23 1/2 cents a pound for copper be continued for the three months beginning June first.

Representatives of the copper industry yesterday conferred with the price-fixing committee and asked that they be allowed an increase for the next three months, declaring that with the present price many smaller producers were operating at a loss. Most of the producers have contracts with the smelters which have several years to run. They say that at the time these contracts were made they were able to make a fair profit but under present conditions an increase is necessary or a readjustment of the unexpired contracts must be effected.

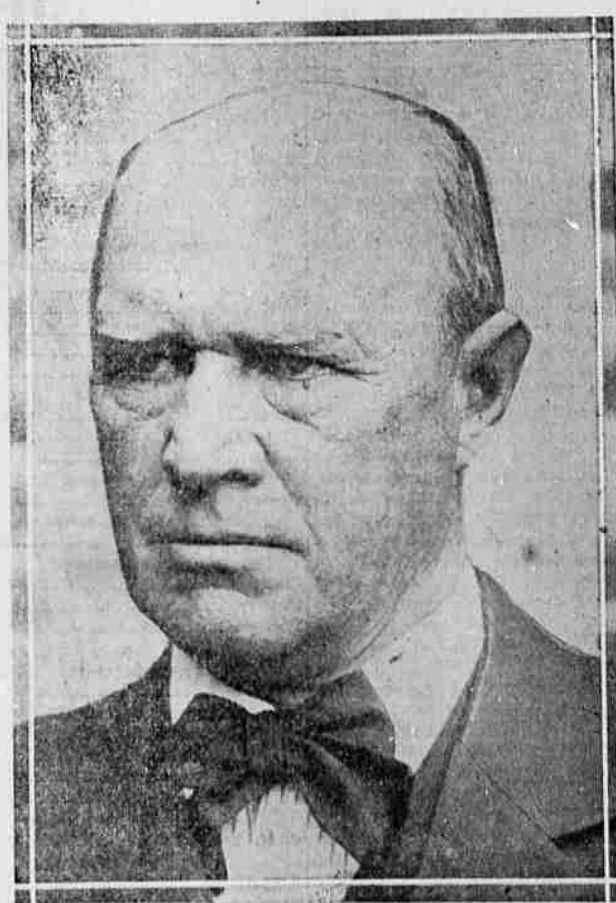
GERMAN RETURN WALKING DEAD MEN

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Arrival at Petrograd of the first contingent of 1,500 Russian prisoners to be exchanged under the recent Russo-German agreement, was reported to the state department today. The men, the dispatch said, "were veritable walking dead men."

DEMOCRATS NOMINATED FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR AND GOVERNOR OF OREGON AT RECENT PRIMARY ELECTION.



Oswald West, democratic nominee for senator.



Walter M. Pierce, democratic nominee for governor.

SEEKS HORNER AS SUSPECT IN TRIPLE MURDER

KELSO, Wash., May 23.—Efforts of the authorities investigating the murder of three members of the Horner family in a tent by the Pacific highway near here, presumably last Sunday, were directed today to tracing William Horner, who has not been seen since his wife, son and daughter were shot to death. A theory that the man was killed and his body hidden, is held untenable. The investigators are working in the belief that Horner, traveling in the auto in which the family had come from Snoqualmie, headed south when he left here.

Horner is reported to have said before leaving Snoqualmie that he was going to Texas to enlist. His wife, however, is said to have written to a friend in Walla Walla that they would be there in a few days. Several indefinite clues from points south of here seem to indicate that a man answering Horner's description passed that way within the last few days.

SERIOUS FIGHTING REPORTED AT KIEV

MOSCOW, Sunday, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Serious fighting in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, is reported. The residence of the newly appointed Ukrainian dictator, General Skoropadsky, has been besieged several times by troops which remained faithful to the rads. All the forces at the disposal of the rads are being mobilized and concentrated near Kiev.

TRYING TO FORCE DRYNESS OF NATION

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Dry forces in the house today won a second skirmish in favor of national prohibition during the war when on a preliminary vote an amendment was approved refusing any of the \$11,346,400 appropriation in the food production bill until President Wilson issues a proclamation prohibiting the use of food in the manufacture of intoxicants.

PUNISHMENT FOR SLACKERS LEAVING TO ESCAPE ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Slackers who leave the country to escape the draft will be prosecuted under the selective service act on their return, Attorney General Gregory announced today.

"It has been brought to my attention," said the attorney general's statement "that a number of men of conscription age have left, and that even now that others are leaving the country to evade military service. Slackers are presumably laboring under the delusion that by securing a temporary residence in another country for the duration of the war, that they may escape their obligations and upon termination of the war may return here to enjoy the fruits of sacrifice in which they had no part.

"When this struggle is completed, however, such men on seeking admission to the United States, will find that it will be necessary for them to stand trial on indictments charging them with violations of the selective service act. These trials will be vigorously prosecuted and the maximum penalty provided by the act will be urged upon conviction.

"The passage of time will not prevent the bringing of prosecutions. Such non-registrants and delinquents must return for military service or become permanent expatriates with all future rights of United States citizenship denied them.

"It should also be clearly understood by the general public that who ever assists another to escape from this country to evade military service or whoever assists to maintain in a foreign country one who has fled there to escape military service is guilty of a violation of the espionage act and upon conviction upon the charge is liable to the full penalties imposed thereby."

CHINA-JAPANESE TREATY SATISFACTORY

LONDON, May 23.—The British government, Reuter's limited says, it learns, has now received the main terms of the agreement between China and Japan and they are regarded with satisfaction by the British government. The convention, it is declared, is a purely military one with the object of the effective co-ordin-

I. W. W. EXPELLED FOREVER MEMBERS JOINING COLORS

CHICAGO, May 23.—Instead of adding a new star to a service flag when a member enlists for service, according to the practice of every patriotic organization, the I. W. W. expels forever its members who join the colors.

This fact was disclosed today at the trial of 112 I. W. W. officials before Federal Judge Landis, when Frank K. Nebeker, special prosecutor for the government, read a letter written by G. J. Borg, an organizer to Vincent St. John in Chicago, advising him that C. Deal had been expelled from local branch No. 61 of the I. W. W., enlisting in the British army.

"Please publish this in the monthly bulletin and oblige," Borg wrote. Documentary evidence introduced by the government shows that at least nine I. W. W. members have been expelled from the organization for enlisting in the United States army or in the service of her allies.

The membership cards of several members who enlisted were found when the headquarters of the I. W. W. were raided. Across each card was written these words: "Expelled, joined the army."

The policy of expelling members for enlisting for military service was formulated at the first annual convention of the I. W. W., by the adoption of a resolution. Later the provision was inserted in the constitution of the organization. Article four, section 15 of the I. W. W. constitution, reads as follows, according to the records in possession of the government:

"The resolution adopted at the first convention of the I. W. W. relative to militiamen is a part of the organic law of the I. W. W. and automatically dismembers from membership anyone joining the militia."

FARNELL'S SISTER DEAD AT DUBLIN WORKHOUSE

DUBLIN, May 23.—A sensation was caused in Dublin today by the death in the workhouse hospital, known as the South Dublin union, of Mrs. Emily Ricketts, sister of the late Charles Stewart Farnell, the famous Irish patriot.

PYTHIANS PLAN TO ERECT LODGE AT CAMP LEWIS

TACOMA, May 23.—That Pythian soldiers of the seven states which send their draft men to Camp Lewis may enjoy lodge life while training in this country, a building may be erected in Greene park by the Washington grand lodge at a cost of \$6,000. Such a move was considered today during the second day's session of the state Knights of Pythias convention. Architectural plans for the building were referred to the committee on the state of the order, which will report tomorrow.

Erection of a home for indigent and aged Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters was brought before the convention by a committee from the Pythian Sisters, who proposed an assessment of 10 cents per week per capita on the Sisters and 25 cents on the Knights to create a fund.

Division was deferred. The lodge passed a number of amendments to the by-laws, but no fundamental change was effected, the purpose being to correct ambiguous phrases and rules.

CLOSING ARGUMENT FOR LA FOLLETTE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Counsel for Senator La Follette closed today the argument begun yesterday before the senate privileges and election committee in support of a motion to disqualify charges that statements by the Wisconsin senator in a speech at St. Paul last September were defamatory and seditious.

Gilbert M. Roe of New York, the senator's attorney, concluded with the declaration that Senator La Follette is not defamatory and to say that in his heart he desires to see the German cause succeed is unthinkable.

Two weeks were given the attorney to file a supplementary brief. Mr. Roe praised La Follette's record and asserted that the St. Paul speech bordered on the "commonplace," containing only facts which were of common knowledge and would not have attracted any attention at all, "if it had not been for the flood of newspaper misrepresentation that went on."

ASK ARMY AS BIG AS NEEDED TO WIN VICTORY

Secretary Baker Asks Congress Unlimited Authority for President to Call Out as Many Men as Able to Train, Equip and Use as Needed in Defeating Enemy.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Congress was asked by Secretary Baker today for unlimited authority in raising an army to the extent that men within the draft age can be organized and equipped.

On leaving the conference Secretary Baker said:

"I recommend to the committee an increase of the president's power so that he may call out such number as he finds himself able to train, equip and use to bring about a successful termination of the war. That is what is before the committee now."

House Adopts Report.

The house military committee adopted Secretary Baker's recommendation unanimously and there will be incorporated into the army bill. Under the law as it now stands, the president is authorized to call out only approximately one million fighting men. This, however, has not been construed to restrict his authority to call out men for the special services.

As the need for a great army in France has developed, it has become apparent that the law must be extended. President Wilson in his New York speech practically declared for no limit on the size of the army. This purpose of the amendments is to provide for an army as large as the United States needs to defeat Germany whether it be five or even ten million.

After Older Men Also.

As far as can be learned, Secretary Baker still holds to his view that there is no need of extending the draft ages beyond present limits, 21 to 31.

In connection with Provost Marshal General Crowder's plan to put all idlers to work, however, some sort of a plan to compel useful service or labor of all men of military age, that is 18 to 45, is being discussed.

BASEBALL HIT BY NEW DRAFT REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Provost Marshal Crowder's new "work or fight" regulations may require professional baseball players either to engage in some useful occupation or join the army.

Baseball players, as well as jockeys, professional golfers and other professional sportsmen, General Crowder said today, will be affected by the regulations if strictly enforced. General Crowder said he did not desire to make any specific rulings at this time and would make rulings only when cases come to him from local boards, after July first.

Theatrical performers were exempted from the regulations at the direction of Secretary of War Baker, who is said to feel that the people cannot do without all amusement in war time and that other amusements could be dispensed with more easily.

DETROIT, May 23.—"Such an order would cause us to close our park," said Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit baseball club, when told today that baseball players may be included in the amendment to the draft regulations requiring men to engage in useful occupations or join the army.

"The order would leave me Donovan as pitcher, Stanage behind the bat, Spencer at first and Jennings at short."