

PRESIDENT MAY CLOSE THE DOOR TO VOLUNTEERS

Army Chiefs Urge End of Recruiting Pending Registration.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Washington, D. C., May 22.—[Special.]—Volunteer now serving in the regular army or national guard or be drafted after June 5.

This is the situation confronting thousands of men from 21 to 30 years old as a result of the revelation today that the selective draft probably will be applied to obtain recruits to all branches of the military service after the registration of the 10,000,000 men subject to conscription.

The military authorities in charge of the selective draft have advised President Wilson to terminate volunteering and fill the regular army and national guard to war strength from the ranks of those who register on June 5, and the general belief of the war department is that the executive will adopt the recommendation.

All Liable Must Register. This proposal was disclosed in connection with the issuance of a guide book answering a multitude of questions which will arise in the registration of men for the selective draft and subsequent exemption of more than nine-tenths of the number from immediate military duty.

The government makes it clear that all men of the required age must register regardless of disability or other reason for exemption, after which their fitness will be passed on by the exemption boards.

If the president terminates volunteering he will need from 750,000 to 800,000 men to bring the regular army and national guard to war strength as well as form the selective draft forces. Those drafted into the regular army and national guard would get into training from one to two months before the selective draft recruits.

Draft Halts Volunteering. The war department was asked what would be done with young men who register for selective draft on June 5 and who might volunteer for service in the national guard on June 6.

"The probability is," a war department official said, "that the young men who registered and then enlisted in the national guard would be exempted from conscription by one of the exemption boards, provided the national guard regiment in which he enlisted is called into the federal service. If not called into the federal service, of course, he would be subject to the draft."

No Volunteers After Draft. "I do not think this such a serious issue will arise, because it is almost certain that all volunteering will end after registration day. We feel confident that as soon as registration is over the president will apply the draft to fill up the regular army and national guard regiments, as well as the new national army. It will be entirely unwise and unpractical to try to operate a volunteer and a selective draft system at the same time."

Officials pointed to recruiting statistics of the regular army for the last few days to emphasize the necessity for application of the draft as soon as possible. Yesterday the whole country gave up 1,812 recruits, with most of the states far from filling their quota. Indiana, however, will be the first of the big states to fill its quota, having 5,331 of its required 5,400. Illinois must recruit 3,490 to fill its allotted quota of 11,276. New York needs more than 15,000 and Pennsylvania 6,000.

How We Should Celebrate. Accompanying the official guide regarding replies to registration questions, the council of national defense, through its director, W. S. Gifford, also issued recommendations to state councils of defense regarding the celebration of registration day.

Among the recommendations for celebrating the occasion are the following: "Registration day should be celebrated as a consecration of the American people to service and to sacrifice. It should be a public expression by each community of willingness to surrender to the nation the whole of themselves."

It should be celebrated in a serious spirit and kept as registration day only. Elaborate and costly decorations should be discouraged. The spirit of volunteer service should be foremost.

The celebration should be centered around the registration places and those who register should be especially distinguished.

The registration places should be decorated with the national colors and emblems.

At 7 in the morning, the hour of the opening of the registration booths, church and firebells should be rung and whistles blown.

Bands should be played near the registration places, and the parades should make a feature of stopping there. The men of the parades and should be escorted, where practical, to the registration places with patriotic music by their kindfolk, neighbors, and friends.

Badge to Men Who Sign. To those registering a badge may be given showing that they have answered their country's call. It should be given only to those who register.

After the registration booths are closed large gatherings may be held with suitable speeches, songs, music, and reading of the proclamation and of the president's message.

Communities where there are conscription groups of the foreign born should understand English posters and registration notices and should be given in foreign languages and broad-

War Department Explains Questions and Replies for Men Liable to Draft June 5

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—[Special.]—Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder today warned men seeking exemption from service in America's new, selective service army because they supported one or more dependents that they must be sure the person they have in mind is "solely" dependent on them. Otherwise they must not "hide behind petticoats and children."

Men with fifteen children or with no legs are not exempt from registration. This warning was embodied in an official guide explaining how registration questions should be answered. Exemption boards will have sole authority to relieve men from military service. Because of the general confusion the government is making no announcements relating to appointment of the exemption boards. That bridge will be crossed when it is reached, and it will not be reached until registration is over.

Use Care in Answers. Of the twelve questions which all eligibles must answer on registration day Gen. Crowder and his aids expect that the most knotty problems will arise from the last one, which reads: "Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?"

The official guide explains this question as follows: "Because you claim exemption it by no means follows you are exempt. For the information of the war department you should make a claim now if you intend to prosecute it. Some physicians will be exempted on account of their occupations or offices, some on account of the fact that they have relatives dependent upon them for support. Your answer touching these things will be important in supporting the claim you now intend to make in your answer to the present question. Be sure, therefore, that the grounds you now state are in conformity with your answers to questions 7 and 8."

Exemption Question Replies. "In stating grounds you claim as exempting you use one of the following terms: "If you claim to be an executive, legislative, or judicial officer of the state or nation, name your office and say whether it is an office of the state or nation."

"If you claim to be a member of a religious sect whose creed forbids its members to participate in war in any form simply name the sect."

"If you are employed in the transmission of the United States mails or as an artificer or workman in an armory, arsenal or navy yard of the United States, or if you are a mariner employed in the sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States, so state."

"If you are a felon or otherwise morally deficient and desire to claim exemption on that ground, state your ground briefly."

"If you claim physical disability, state that briefly."

"If you claim exemption on any other ground, state your ground briefly."

Exemption Comes Later. The official guide, of interest to all young men of the country, also says: "The registrar in a short report which accompanies each registration card is

asked to state, 'has the person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?"

"It is not intended, however, that the registrar shall pass upon anything but the most obvious physical defects. Persons whose disabilities are so indicated by the registrar will be dropped from the lists, but others who claim exemption on account of physical disabilities are liable to draft in order that their physical condition may be passed on by army surgeons. Claims of exemptions upon other than physical grounds will be passed upon by local boards."

Warning to Slackers. "One phase of exemption is more particularly considered in question 9, which asks: 'Have you father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support? Specify which.'"

"Consider your answer thoughtfully. If it is true that there is another mouth than your own which you alone are duty to feed, do not let your military ardor interfere with the wish of the nation to reduce war's misery to a minimum. On the other hand, unless the person you have in mind is SOLELY dependent on you do not hide behind petticoats or children."

It may be noted that if there is a dependent relative not to be classed under question 9, such as a grandmother, a grandfather, or an aunt, this may be mentioned in answer to question 12.

Those in Doubt, Read! The fourth question in regard to naturalization reads: '(Are you a natural born citizen, a naturalized citizen, an alien, or have you declared your intention (specify which)?"

This question is explained as follows in the guide: "(1) If you were born in the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, you are a natural born citizen, no matter what may have been the citizenship or nationality of your parents. If you were born in Porto Rico you are a citizen of the United States unless you were born of alien parentage. If you were born abroad you are still a citizen of the United States if your father was a citizen of the United States at the time you were born, unless you have expatriated yourself."

Foreign Born Should Read. "(2) You are a naturalized citizen if you have completed your naturalization, that is, if you have taken 'final papers.' But you are not a citizen if you have only declared your intention to become a citizen (that is, if you have only 'taken out first papers') in the latter case you are only a 'declarant.'"

"You are also a naturalized citizen if, although foreign born, your father or surviving parent became fully naturalized while you were under 21 years of age and if you came to the United States under 21."

"(3) You are a declarant if, although a citizen or subject of some foreign country, you have declared on oath before a naturalization court your intention to become a citizen of the United States. Receipt from the clerk of the court of the certified copy of such declaration is often called 'taking out first

papers.' You are not a declarant if your first paper was taken out after Sept. 28, 1906, and is more than seven years old.

"(4) You are an alien if you do not fall within one of the three classes above mentioned."

Alien's Declarant's Answers. A companion question is No. 6, "If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?"

Another question in which possible confusion is cleared up in the official guide is No. 10, which is made up of two queries, as follows: "Married or single (which)?" and "Race (specify which)?"

"This does not ask whether you were once married, but whether you are married now," the guide explains.

Must Tell Present Occupation. In regard to question No. 7, "What is your trade or occupation?" the guide says: "This does not ask what you once did, nor what you have done most of the time, nor what you are best fitted to do. IT ASKS WHAT YOUR JOB IS RIGHT NOW. State briefly, as 'farmer,' 'miner,' 'student,' 'laborer' (on farm, in rolling mill, in automobile, wagon, or other factory), 'machinist in automobile factory.' If you hold an office under state or federal government, name the office you hold. If you are in one of the following offices or employments, use one of the names hereafter mentioned: 'Custom house clerk, employed in the transmission of the mails, or 'employed in an armory, arsenal, or navy yard,' 'mariner, employed in the sea service of citizen or merchant within the United States.'"

Military Answers Important. Question No. 11, also regarded as important, is: "What military service have you had? Rank? Branch? Years? Nation or state?"

"No matter what country you served," the official guide says, "you must give complete information. In answering these questions, first name your rank, using one of the following words: 'Commissioned officer,' 'noncommissioned officer,' 'private.'"

"Next, state branch in which you served in one of the following words: 'Infantry,' 'cavalry,' 'medical,' 'signal,' 'aviation,' 'supply,' 'marine,' 'navy.'"

"Next, state the number of years' service, not counting time spent in the reserve."

"Finally, name the nation or state you served. If you served under the United States or one of the states of the United States, name your service in one of the following terms: 'National guard (of such and such a state),' 'militia (of such and such a state),' 'volunteers of United States,' or 'regular army (navy) of United States.'"

Phone Companies Form Signal Corps Battalions

Material progress in the enlistment of the signal corps reserves was reported on Monday by Capt. John A. Klock who is in charge of the enrollments here for the central department of the United States army. One battalion of reserves—225 strong—already has been formed by the Chicago Telephone company.

15,000 Available for Future Officers' Camps

Fifteen thousand men who passed examinations entitling them to certificates of suitability for instruction in the reserve officers' training camps in the central department could not be admitted to the camps now in session, according to a statement yesterday from Maj. Paul B. Malone, who was in charge of enrollment.



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City Clerk Igoe Charges Mayor with Playing Politics.

Chicago paid official recognition to the government's military necessities yesterday, when thirty-two men appeared in the city clerk's office and registered in accordance with the provisions of the draft bill.

Milton H. Goodhand of Philadelphia was the first to answer the questions prescribed by law. He gave his age as 29 and his address as 1129 Spruce street, in the eastern city. He is an actor, and is stopping at a downtown hotel. He once was in the military service in Philadelphia in his home precinct in Philadelphia.

Members of the White Sox ball club who are not residents of Chicago will register before the city clerk today.

Promised Row Dwindles. What threatened to become a lively row between City Clerk James T. Igoe and Mayor Thompson yesterday afternoon over certain phases of the registration question finally dwindled down to a misunderstanding, and will be explained as such today. The city clerk, minus registration cards, instructions, and a copy of the pamphlet explaining all regulations, charged the mayor was playing politics.

"He'd be a good mayor in a town of 300 persons," said Mr. Igoe. "He's running this affair just like he does the city administration."

Mr. Igoe asserted that he was without knowledge of his position concerning registration, and he added that the mayor "had this knowledge, but kept it under lock and key since May 9." A telegram to the city clerk from the adjutant general set the former to work looking for information.

Politics Charge Denied. A city hall official competent to speak for the administration declared Mr. Igoe's charge of politics was unfounded, in view of the fact that the mayor has delegated to Judge Scully, a Democrat, power to act as head of the registration board.

Registrations were begun by the city clerk yesterday on receipt of word from Adj. Gen. Dickson to get busy. An inkling of the tremendous amount of work in view June 5, registration day, was given when it was seen that from seven to ten minutes were consumed in receiving and transcribing the answers of men registering. Mr. Igoe, it was announced, will register only men who are not residents of Chicago. In this connection the registration board changed its explanation regarding the "man out of town" which appeared in THE TRIBUNE yesterday.

Revised Ruling. The latest ruling is that the Chicago man in a strange city goes to the city clerk in the municipality for his card and for the purpose of giving the required information, just as nonresidents in Chicago went to the city clerk's office yesterday.

THE TRIBUNE has received scores of inquiries for information relative to registration. Summarized, these are from aliens, persons whose religions are opposed to military service, men in the civil service of federal, state, and city governments, and others of similar nature. The one answer to all is: If you are 21 years old and not past 31 years, register.

FOOD PLENTY, IF DISTRIBUTED—GROCER CHIEF

Oscar B. McGlasson Blames Hysteria of Housewife.

"There's plenty of food, if properly distributed. Speculation and the hysteria of the housewife are largely to blame for the present high prices," said Oscar B. McGlasson, former president of the National Wholesale Grocers' association, who yesterday agreed to speak at the "food conference" tomorrow at the city hall. He was invited by John P. Garner, public service commissioner, who has charge of the meeting.

Hopes in Publicity. Mr. Garner hopes to establish equitable prices through publicity in the daily newspapers. The plan is to have men familiar with the trade decide each day what is "fair" and through publicity enlighten the public so that it cannot be swindled.

The government's investigation of food speculation will not be dropped. I am sure that no one from my office has suggested such a thing," said Robert W. Childs, assistant United States district attorney in charge of the investigation, in discussing a published report to that effect at night.

Morrison and Pagan Confer. Charles B. Morrison, who acted as

master in chancery in the butter and egg board hearing some months ago which resulted in an injunction being handed down by Judge Landis aimed at price fixing and speculation, was in conference with Oliver E. Pagan. Mr. Morrison, acting with Frank B. Kellogg, the famous trust buster, worked out the case that resulted in the \$20,000,000 Standard Oil fine. Both Mr. Childs and Mr. Pagan said several witnesses in the food inquiry were taken before the grand jury during the day. Two at least were identified with the butter and egg trade.

8 CHICAGO MEN WIN STRAPS IN RESERVE CORPS

Washington, D. C., May 22.—[Special.]—Eight Chicago men are included in a list given out today of officers commissioned in the reserve corps of the United States army. The Chicago men commissioned were:

- John H. Dore, 5213 Cullum avenue, major infantry.
- Charles E. Stuart, 209 South La Salle, second lieutenant field artillery.
- Benjamin Carpenter, 450 Wells street, captain quartermaster corps.
- Leroy B. Boylan, 212 West Washington street, captain signal corps.
- Jules E. Onseth, 1001 West Van Buren, first lieutenant signal corps.
- Dr. John M. Dobson, 5817 Blackstone avenue, major medical corps.
- Dr. Malcolm L. Harris, 128 Dearborn avenue, captain medical corps.
- Dr. Stanley W. Clark, 31 West Lake street, first lieutenant dental corps.

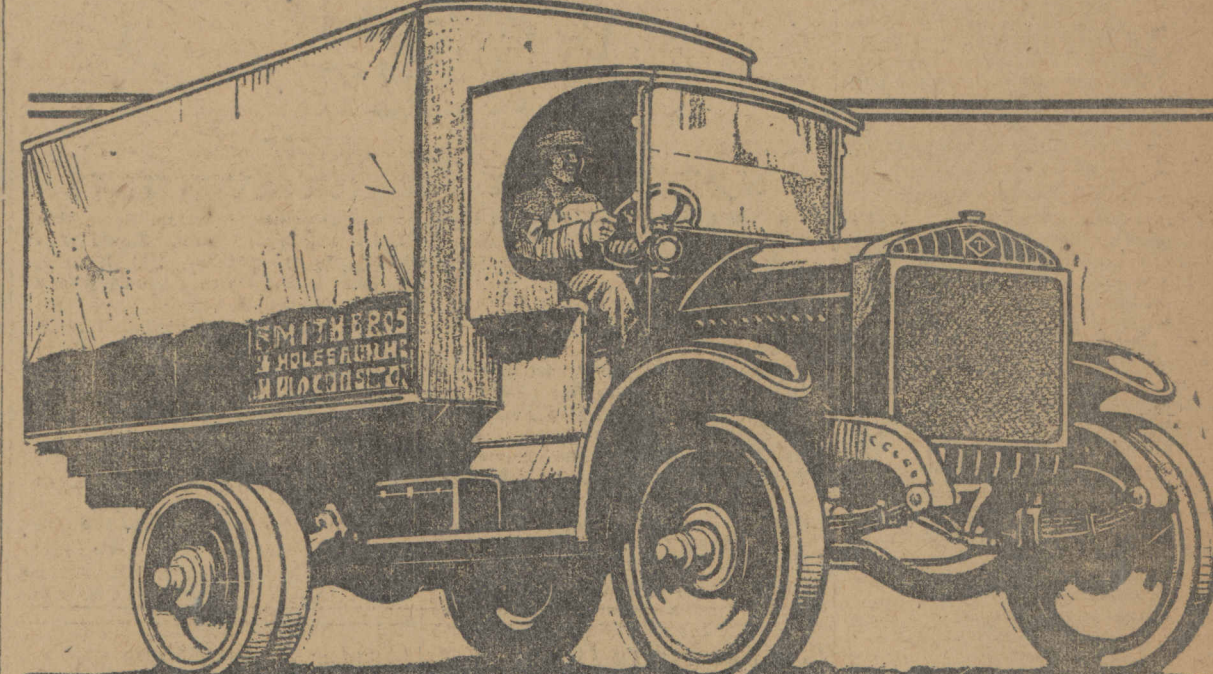
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