

# ARMY DRAFT ISSUED

### Methods to Govern Work of Exemption Boards Made Public.

## EACH CASE ON ITS MERITS

"Be Fearless and Impartial," is Final Admission of President Wilson—No Class Exemptions Will Be Permitted.

### MEN WHO ARE EXEMPT

- Officers of United States, states, territories and District of Columbia.
- Ministers of religion and students of divinity.
- Persons in military or naval service of United States.
- Subjects of Germany and all aliens who have not taken out first papers.
- County or municipal officers.
- Customhouse clerks and workmen in arsenals and navy yards.
- Pilots, merchant marine sailors.
- Married men with dependent wives or children.
- Sons of dependent widows, sons of dependent, aged or infirm parents, or brothers of dependent orphans under sixteen years of age.
- Men morally deficient.
- Members of recognized religious sect existing prior to May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war.

Washington.—The drafted armies of the United States will be drawn with "the least inequality and personal hardship."

President Wilson, in issuing regulations for the working of the draft, urged upon every member of every draft board "impartial and fearless performance of the delicate and difficult duties intrusted," in order that "our armies at the front may be composed of men free from sense of injustice in their mode of selection."

To Fix Date for Board Meetings. In the near future a date will be set by Brig. Gen. Crowder, provost marshal-general, for the meeting and organization of the boards. At the same time it is expected that the selection regulations will be promulgated so that the process may be put under way without delay. The present intention is to call the men selected to the colors about September 1.

All Forces on Equal Footing. President Wilson's statement following the regulations which I am today causing to be promulgated, pursuant to the direction of the selective service law, cover the remaining steps of the plan for calling into the service of the United States qualified men from those who have registered; those selected as the result of this process to constitute, with the regular army, the National guard and the navy, the fighting forces of the nation, all of which forces are under the terms of the law placed in a position of equal right, dignity and responsibility with the members of all other military forces.

The regulations have been drawn with a view to the needs and circumstances of the whole country and provide a system which it is expected will work with the least inequality and personal hardship. Any system of selecting men of military service, whether voluntary or involuntary in its operation, necessarily selects some men to bear the burden of danger and sacrifice for the whole nation. The system here provided places all men of military age upon an even plane, and then, by a selection which neither favors the one nor penalizes the other, calls upon the requisite number for service.

Urges Boards to Act Impartially. The successful operation of this law and of these regulations depends necessarily upon the loyalty, patriotism and justice of the members of the boards to whom its operation is committed, and I admonish every member of every local board and of every district board of review that their duty to their country requires an impartial and fearless performance of the delicate and difficult duties intrusted to them. They should remember as to each individual case presented to them that they are called upon to adjudicate the most sacred rights of the individual and to preserve untarnished the honor of the nation.

Our armies at the front will be strengthened and sustained if they be composed of men free from any sense of injustice in the mode of selection, and they will be inspired to loftier efforts in behalf of a country in which the citizens called upon to perform

Wasted Time. We don't miss the little here and the little there. Yet in a year the amount of time wasted is enormous. Learning that he was always called to dinner several minutes before the dinner was really ready to eat a certain man started and wrote a book in the spare minutes between the call and the actual dinner time. It only shows how much wasted time. If you want to be among earth's benefactors you will begin now to conserve your time and see it to profit.—Exchange.

Agricultural Education. Agricultural education is one of the essentials to the betterment of country life. The prevailing thought in this movement is to add dignity to farming by placing it on the high plane to which it has ever belonged.—Exchange.

Getting There. There's a prominent woman who has the reputation of an avid caller. One day she called on a friend. We were sitting in the parlor to get all the

High public functions perform them with justice, fairness and impartiality.

Methods of Working the Draft. Upon organizing the local boards will take over from the registration boards all registration cards, which they will number serially and list for posting to public view. Then, after having been advised of the method by which the order of liability for service shall be determined and of the quota to be drawn from its territory (minus credits for enlistments in the National Guard or regular army), each board will prepare a list of persons designated for service in the order of their liability, post the list, give it to the press, and within three days send notice to each designated person by mail.

As the men so notified appear the boards first will make a physical examination in accordance with special regulations to be provided, hearing in mind that all persons accepted by them will be re-examined by army surgeons. If the physical examination is passed successfully, then comes the question of exemption.

Those Entitled to Exemption. Persons who must be exempted or discharged by the local board include: Officers of the United States, of the states, territories and the District of Columbia; ministers of religion, students of divinity, persons in the military or naval service of the United States, subjects of Germany, all other aliens who have not taken out first papers, county or municipal officers, customhouse clerks, workmen in federal arsenals, arsenals and navy yards, persons in the federal service designated by the president for exemption, pilots, merchant marine sailors, those with a status with respect to dependents which renders their exclusion desirable (a married man with dependent wife or child, son of a dependent widow, son of dependent, aged or infirm parent, or brother of dependent orphan child under sixteen years of age), those found morally deficient, and any member of any well-recognized religious sect existing May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with the creed.

Man or Wife May Make Claim. (Claims for exemption because of dependents may be made by the man himself, his wife or other dependents, or by a third party who has personally investigated the case. A claim made by the husband must be accompanied by supporting affidavits signed by the wife and by the head of a family residing in the same territory. A claim by the wife or a third party must be accompanied by two supporting affidavits signed by heads of families. Similar rules govern claims on the grounds of other dependents when the dependents or third parties being authorized to file claims with supporting affidavits. In each case the board must be satisfied before it grants exemption or discharge that the dependent or dependents actually are supported mainly by the fruits of the man's mental or physical labor.

Local boards are required, subject to appeal, to pass upon claims for exemption or discharge within three days after the filing of affidavits.

Must Decide in Five Days. District boards must decide appeal cases within five days after the closing of proofs and their decisions are final. If the ruling of a local board is affirmed the person in question stands finally accepted for military service.

In passing on claims for exemption on the ground of employment in necessary industrial and agricultural occupations the district boards must be convinced that the particular enterprise affording such employment actually is necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment of the country during the emergency.

The evidence must also establish, the regulations say, "even if the particular industrial enterprise or particular agricultural enterprise is found necessary for one of the above purposes, that the continuance of such person therein is necessary to the maintenance thereof and that he cannot be replaced by another person without direct, substantial material loss and detriment to the adequate and effective operation of the particular industrial enterprise or agricultural enterprise in which he is engaged."

May Designate Certain Industries. Later the president may from time to time designate certain industries or classes of industries that are necessary and the district boards will be so notified. It will be the duty of each board however, to ascertain the available labor supply for such industries outside the men called for military service and to take the result into consideration in determining such things.

If, in the opinion of the district board, this section of the regulations concludes, "the direct, substantial, material loss to any such industrial or agricultural enterprise outweighs the loss that would result from failure to obtain the military service of any such person, a certificate of discharge may be issued to him X X X."

## PERSHING INSPECTS GUARD OF HONOR IN ENGLAND



General Pershing, preceded by General Pitcairn Campbell of the British army, inspecting the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, the guard of honor which greeted him on his arrival in England.

## CALIFORNIA TOWN RUINED BY FIRE



Scene in Ojai, a pretty little town in California that was partly destroyed recently by fires that raged for three days in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Five lives were lost and the property damage was great.

## FOR WOMEN WHO WILL SAVE FOOD

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This is the house card furnished to the women who sign the food-conservation pledge of the food administration board. It is to be hung in the window of the house of each member as a personal advertisement of the owner's intention to conserve food. The design is in colors, red, white and blue.

### FROM FAR AND NEAR

In Alaska fish are caught by means of a wheel which works with the current of the stream. Trinidad is the home of the orchid. Since the outbreak of the war electric steel cranes have been growing in number. The only form of prayer given for perpetual aid in the Old Testament is the one in Deuteronomy (38:5-15), connected with the offering of tithes and first fruits. Modern attempts to perfect automobile artillery have brought to light the fact that a Frenchman invented a self-moving gun carriage in 1780. Cork strips to be fastened to the heads of beds have been patented by a New York man to hold pillow shams; they are attached by push pins. At a time when other lands are ranging short of woods suitable for lead pencils, a new wood that can be so used has been found in Africa. Controlled by four automatically operated valves, a lawn sprinkler has been invented that throws its water in different directions in turn.

### The common asparagus is a native of Southern Europe, where it grows on the banks of rivers, in meadows and bushy places, in sandy soils. Suffrage for 18,000 educated Indians in the province of Ontario is urged on the Dominion government by Scoble Logan, chief of the Muncey tribe. Nearly 15,000 trucks are scattered over the state of New York with 95 per cent of the number of cities either located on or connected by improved highways to the main artery that runs from Buffalo to New York. The hills of Palestine are rich in iron and the mines are still worked there, though in a very simple, crude manner. What practically is a miniature dark room has been invented to enable the candling of large quantities of eggs to be done in full daylight. Using electromagnets French scientists have invented a way to sustain the vibrations of piano wires to increase the sonorosity of pianos. An Illinois inventor has patented a harrow attachment for gang plows to enable a farmer to do his plowing and harrowing at the same time.

Teaching a Dog to Dance. To teach a dog to dance is not so difficult as you might suppose, but you should only try it with a dog that has learned some of the simpler tricks. The whole secret consists in getting him to keep on his hind legs. Hold a titbit so high that the dog will have to stand on his hind legs to get it. Do not let him have it till he remains on his hind legs for a second or two, and gradually increase the time. Next move along a step or two before you let him have it, so that he is compelled to hop a few paces. He will soon learn to do this, and you can gradually increase the distance till he is able to hop across the room. Be very careful that you do not attempt too much at first.—Exchange.

Caution. "Are you in favor of peace at any price?" "What's the use of discussing it?" inquired Senator Sorghum. "Before I give any thought to such a transaction you'll have to show me a responsible party who wants to make such a deal and who is competent to guarantee the goods."

## TALKING OF WAR PROBLEMS



Brig. Gen. William M. Black, chief of army engineers (on right), conferring with Maj. Palmer Pierce of the general staff corps in front of the offices of the Council of National Defense at Washington.

Just in His Line. "My sculptor friend can't do any thing at all with his back-yard vegetable patch."

Ambiguous. "Will you be in town the reformers are going on an anti-kissing game crusade. How do you think the young folks will take it?" "I am quite sure they will all see their faces against it."

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