

U. S. ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL FOR FIRST BIG ARMY

War Department Fixes Details for 528,659 Men and 18,538 Officers

CONGRESS CONFEREES DEBATE DRAFT BILL

Committee Starts Sessions to Consider Age Limit and Exemptions Problem

ROOSEVELT ISSUE TOPIC

Revised List of Officers Reserve Training Camps Published

WASHINGTON, May 5.—After poking along for more than two weeks, House and Senate developed signs today that they might clean up the question of raising America's armies within a day or two.

Sessions of the conferees' committee started this forenoon. The Roosevelt division issue, the age-limits matter and the exemptions problem were the big difference in the House and Senate bills to be smoothed out.

America's first half-million army, consisting of 528,659 men and 18,538 officers, the War Department announces, will be divided thus:

- Sixteen infantry divisions of 918 officers and 37,548 men each.
- Sixteen divisional hospitals of twenty-four officers and 222 men each, to care for the infantry divisions.
- Sixty-four infantry camp infirmaries, two men each.
- Two cavalry divisions, 607 officers and 16,021 men each.
- Two divisional hospitals, of twenty-four officers and 222 men each, to care for the cavalry divisions.
- Six cavalry camp infirmaries, two men each.
- Coast artillery corps, with a total of 660 officers and 36,000 men.
- Sixteen brigades heavy field artillery, forty-eight officers and 1,919 men each.
- Eight aero squadrons, ten officers and 154 men each.
- Eight balloon companies, nineteen officers and 154 men each.
- Six field hospitals, six officers and seventy-three men each.
- Ten ambulance companies, five officers and 150 men each.
- Twenty-two field batteries, one officer and 215 men each.
- Six telephone battalions, ten officers and 215 men each.
- Sixteen pack companies, fourteen men each.
- Six ammunition trains, four officers and 52 men each.
- Six supply trains.

Virtually every detail of plans of raising, training, equipping and organizing this force has been worked out by the War Department and the selection of the men will begin as soon as the selective measure becomes law. Conference of the Senate and House hope to agree upon disputed features tomorrow and to send the bill to the President for his signature early next week.

TRAINING CAMP DISTRICTS

A revised list of officers' training camp districts, issued today by the department, indicates that the divisions of the first 500,000 new fighting men will be formed as follows:

- First division—Troops from all New England States.
- Second—New York congressional districts One to Twenty-six (including Long Island, New York city and a strip north of the city).
- Third—Remainder of New York State and Pennsylvania congressional districts Ten, Eleven, Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty-eight.
- Fourth—Remainder of Pennsylvania State, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.
- Fifth—New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia.
- Sixth—North and South Carolina and Tennessee.
- Seventh—Georgia, Alabama and Florida.
- Eighth—Ohio and West Virginia.
- Ninth—Indiana and Kentucky.
- Tenth—Illinois.
- Eleventh—Michigan and Wisconsin.
- Twelfth—Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.
- Thirteenth—Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska.
- Fourteenth—Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.
- Fifteenth—Oklahoma and Texas.
- Sixteenth—Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

Each infantry division will consist of three full regiments of infantry, three regiments of field artillery, one regiment of cavalry, one regiment of engineers, one division hospital and four camp infirmaries. The total strength of the sixteen will be 18,522 officers and 429,792 men.

The two cavalry divisions combined will have 1214 officers and 32,062 fighting men, including mounted engineers and horse artillery units, and each will have also its divisional hospital and camp infirmaries. The proportion of coast artillery troops to be 660 officers and 36,000 men, with requisite medical troops.

Rich Hill Man Kills Himself

Quaker, sixty-six years old, of Rich Hill, committed suicide by shooting twice through the head. Ill health is said to have been the cause.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled this afternoon and tonight; Sunday generally fair; continued cool; fresh northerly winds.

TEUTONS RUSH NEW DIVISIONS TO SAVE LAON

Terrific Battle Raging on Champagne and Aisne Fronts

GERMAN ATTACKS BROKEN

Capture of Craonne Opens Serious Menace to Entire Enemy Line

PARIS, May 5.—Violent fighting on the Champagne and Aisne fronts with German counter-attacks everywhere checked, was reported in today's official statement. The German attacks were made with large numbers of fresh divisions. More than a thousand prisoners have been taken by French troops in the fighting here.

Germany is pouring fresh divisions into desperate fighting along the Soissons-Rheims front in a determined attempt to stop the French offensive and retake positions lost in General Nivelle's recent drives. Four new German divisions, approximately 160,000 men, were called on by the Teutons to aid in their violent counter-attacks.

The German counter-thrusts furnished the greater part of the fighting, but around Mont Cornille and east of Blond Mont the French again succeeded in gaining ground in the face of violent resistance.

South of the Oise a German attack was checked with our curtain of fire. Near Courcy forest and Chemin-des-Dames artillery was most active.

During the night north of the Aisne the Germans violently counter-attacked our Craonne positions captured yesterday, but all efforts were broken by resistance of our infantry and by our barrage fire. The enemy was unable to reach our lines anywhere.

At Berry-au-Bac, after violent fighting German attacks toward our positions east of Hill 108 were repulsed.

On Friday morning, following yesterday's attacks, the Germans again attempted counter-attacks northwest of Rheims, toward evening bringing up great reserves from Agulcourt. They utterly failed in all attempts to advance, being smashed by the French heavy field artillery, with huge losses to them. Two new German divisions were identified. We took 925 prisoners, including a German major.

COUNTRY TOLD TO BEWARE OF STEAL IN COAL

Federal Board Exposes Unwarranted Increase in Rates

PLANS TO BLACKLIST GRAFTING DEALERS

People Urged Against Panicky Buying, Which Will Nullify Official Efforts

SPECULATORS ARE BUSY

Senate Gets Report, Upon Which Action May Be Taken to Balk Thieves

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A "buying panic" which will play into the hands of retailers and jobbers and cost the American public millions is imminent in the anthracite coal industry. The Federal Trade Commission today took steps to check it by placing the facts in the case before the United States Senate.

There is absolutely no excuse for the panic, the commission says, nor for any increase in price. On the contrary it declares the present prices are in no way warranted by the cost of production.

The commission takes sharp issue with jobbers who have declared that they could not make summer discounts. The larger anthracite operations, it finds, will make the usual reductions and it says there is no reason why these should not be passed on to the consumers.

The commission promises to create a "black list" of all who take undue advantage of the necessities of the people.

In its report the commission also finds that there is an adequate supply of coal; that it will be taken out as usual during the summer and that mine prices will be reasonable. It declares the situation now, without any legislative action, Congress must see to it that coal cars are kept moving to their destinations and not held up for speculative reasons.

SENATE ADVISED

After reviewing the resolution which authorized the investigation and declaring that the 1916 buying panic was unnecessary, the report continues:

"The commission finds that, at the present moment, the symptoms of the former unwarlike panic are recurring. This is in fact a repetition of the same situation as in 1916, to complete its report on past conditions, is moved to call the attention of the Senate to the dangers threatening consumers of anthracite coal."

"The commission is able to say there now exists no good reason for a panic in the anthracite market, nor for any increase in the present selling price to consumers. On the contrary, the retail prices generally obtaining today are unwarranted. The wage increase agreed upon on April 26, 1917, will involve an increased cost of production of from 24 and 39 cents a ton. The price at which leading operators have announced that they will sell will not exceed this increase. There is no justification for a larger increase to be passed on to the consumer and these mine prices will not justify present retail prices in any instances."

WAR WILL AID U. S. BUSINESS, RHONDDA SAYS

Calls Peril of Disaster Disproved by British Experience

HEAVY PROFITS REALIZED

By LOWELL MELLETT



LONDON, May 5.—"American business has nothing to fear from the war. The profits of England have been above normal since the war began," Lord Rhondda, president of the local government board and a member of Lloyd George's Cabinet, in making this statement today declared the American business man need not be alarmed by the war.

"I have never been inclined to urge that America 'come in,'" Lord Rhondda said, "and this notwithstanding the fact that I was aboard the Lusitania when the Germans torpedoed her. I have consistently believed that America would do the right thing, but that it was America's problem."

"Now that America has taken the step I feel free to assure American businessmen that the war will not do them any harm. I have a great number of friends, that possible fears for business disaster through the war are likely to prove unfounded."

"The latter fact is one of the reasons why traders have not suffered as perhaps they expected."

BRAVE COP COMMENDED

Coroner and Jury Praise Policeman Tobin for Risking Life in Saving Others

Policeman Michael J. Tobin, of the Fourth and York streets station, today was commended for bravery by both Acting Coroner Frank Paul and the Coroner's Jury. The jury suggested that the policeman be publicly commended for bravery by Director of Public Safety Wilson.

QUICK NEWS

MAY PUNISH EVERY MAN THAT WASTES FOOD

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Authority which will permit the Government to reach into the home of every American citizen and punish preventable waste of food will be sought of Congress by the Department of Agriculture.

PHILADELPHIANS NAMED TO CHARITY MEETING

Governor Brumbaugh today appointed the following Philadelphians to represent Pennsylvania at the forty-fourth annual meeting of the National Conference on Charities and Corrections in Pittsburgh June 6: Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Bromley Wharton, Edward Wilson, E. D. Sollenberger, H. B. French, Louis Wolf, Norman MacLeod.

U. S. LENDS \$125,000,000 MORE TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The Government today announced further loans of \$125,000,000 to Great Britain and France. A \$25,000,000 loan was closed with British representatives, and a \$100,000,000 loan to France will be consummated within a few days.

U-BOAT TOLLS INCREASE SIXFOLD, BRITISH EXPERT SAYS

LONDON, May 5.—H. A. Pollen, British naval expert, is authority for the assertion that Germany is sinking six times as many ships now as at the beginning of the ruthless submarine war. This statement was made at the American Luncheon Club.

CHILI RECEIVES RESIGNATION OF ENVOY IN BERLIN

SANTIAGO, May 5.—The resignation of the Chilean Minister to Germany was received by the Foreign Office today. It was explained the cause was personal.

AMERICANS IN GERMANY MUST REPORT DAILY

THE HAGUE, May 5.—It was reported from Berlin today that orders have been issued for all Americans remaining in Germany to report daily to the authorities.

URGES INCREASED RAILROAD EFFICIENCY

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Fairfax Harrison, through the American Railway Association, has issued a statement to the railroads of the country urging them to institute every possible operating reform as an aid to efficiency during the war.

EVERYBODY "SHOULD HAVE" \$45.61 TODAY

Your share of the total amount of money in circulation in the United States on May 1, based on the per capita circulation, was \$45.61, according to figures given out by the Government today.

BERNSTORFF IN CONFERENCE WITH KAISER

BERLIN, May 5.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, is at German Great Headquarters conferring with the Kaiser. Rumors were current today that the former Ambassador is to be trusted with an important mission.

BERLIN JUBILANT OVER RUSSIAN EVENTS

COPENHAGEN, May 5.—Hopes that a separate peace may be made with Russia are higher in Germany today than ever before. Advices from Berlin today said that official circles in Germany are jubilant over the events in Russia for the last few days.

MEMORIAL AT VALLEY FORGE

Celebration Tomorrow of Alliance With France

SCHWEHM WILL SETTLED

Half Million Estate Probated After Long Legal Battle

Appointed to City Positions

City appointments today include Albert W. Turner, 1300 Rockland street, inspector, Bureau of Highways, salary \$1300; Newton R. Frame, 2239 North Uber street, engineer, Bureau of Surveys, \$1200; Leon G. Davis, 819 East Chelten avenue, chauffeur, Department of Transit, \$1000; Bryant Kennedy, 239 South Uber street, caretaker, Board of Recreation, \$840; William Orman, 519 South Sixth street, telephone operator, Department of Law, \$1000; John J. Dempsey, Jr., 13 North Farmington street, welder, Bureau of Surveys, \$1100; George Palmer, Longwood street, street cleaner, Bureau of Surveys, \$800.

119,000 IN CITY TO BE SUBJECT TO WAR DRAFT

Number Based on Plan to Enroll Men Between 19 and 25

EXEMPTIONS TO FOLLOW

Chief Points in Army Registration Program

MAYOR SMITH will be in charge of registering 119,000 or more Philadelphia men of military age, unless Governor decides on special board for work.

Registration blanks will be received here five days after the President, in proclamation, sets the day for registering.

Registration will be made in the polling places throughout the city by boards chosen by the Mayor, or by any other local chief of registration.

Registry of all men of military age in the State will be under the direction of the Governor, who will confer with city and county officials, or create a special organization.

VOLUNTEERS IN CHARGE

Volunteer registrars to serve without pay are suggested by War Department to act at polling places.

Persons absent from home polling districts on registration day may register by mail on blanks obtained from city or county officials.

Those who cannot visit polling places because of illness may have some one get blanks for them and return them, filled in, to the registration board on registration day.

College and boarding school authorities and officials of jails and reformatories are required to get blanks from city and county officials and receive instructions six days after proclamation.

One hundred and nineteen thousand or more Philadelphia men, it is estimated, will be required to register under the selective army plan. This number is based on the enrollment of all men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five years. Every one coming within the age limits to be drafted by Congress will be required to register.

After the full quota is registered the exemptions for physical and occupational reasons and for those having dependents will be applied. Then, from those not exempt the first group to go into training will be chosen, by some means yet to be decided.

The estimates and the methods for registering are described in tentative plans announced today by the War Department.

Philadelphia registration under the selective army plan will be made at polling places under the direction of the State and city governments, according to the tentative plans given in the War Department's announcement.

Minor differences in the army plan, chiefly about age limits, which were amended into the selective service bill passed by the Senate and House, are now being studied by a joint conference committee, and the final draft will be returned to both branches for passage within a few days.

The Governor will be the chief of registration for army selection in each State, under the War Department plan. In country districts and cities under 30,000 the registration machinery will be under the direction of the county, the county physician and the county clerk, unless the Governor chooses another agency.

PSALM OF THE "STRAW" A LOUD LAMENTATION

"Do Not Grin, for I'm in Earnest, and the Aschan's Not My Goal"

"Bawl me out in mournful numbers," says the Straw; "I am 'de trop.' Wet with rain the springtime slumbers, and I shrivel with every drop."

"Down around the big broad river they've been weeping all all year, 'at politer, mornin' flivver, they would shed me with a tear."

"Down around the big broad river, where the meadow and latters grow, where the pines make you shiver, for the winter—there I get my lives of all past springs remind us, we can't make the weather rhyme with the styles we've behind us—styles are one's meat and drink."

"Let us then be up this morning with head for the old hat. If a straw you've bean's adorning, Kirkbride's ought to be that."

Jefferson Home Dedicated
The Jefferson Hospital Home for Convalescents near Wayne was dedicated this afternoon. The home was organized by the Women's Auxiliary of the Jefferson Hospital, of which Mrs. Alva B. Johnson is chairman. Dr. Frederick V. Brush, director of the hospital, presided.

Wilmington School Teacher
WILMINGTON, Del., May 5.—Miss Long, of Philadelphia, head of the Wilmington School for the Deaf, is visiting here.

Child Killed by Auto Truck
Struck by an automobile truck at Sixty-second and Reedland streets, Robert Urie, three years old, 6151 Wheeler street, received injuries that resulted in his death a short time later at the University Hospital.

Man Killed by Auto Truck
1627 Newkirk street, was struck by the Sixty-second street car on the morning of May 4.