

# INDUSTRIES IN PRIORITY LIST

War Board Announces Classification for Guidance of Draft Boards

## FOUR GROUPS ARRANGED

General Crowder to Announce Appointment of Industrial Exemption Board

### Here Are Some Preferred Industries

The new preference list includes four great classes, namely:

**First.** Plants engaged in the more vital war work, such as aircraft production and ammunition making.

**Second.** Copper, brass, locomotives, steel wire and kindred industries.

**Third.** Electrical equipment, food factories and few others.

**Fourth.** Newspapers, tobacco plants, medical factories, laundries, hemp, cotton and jute bag factories, chemicals, medicine and surgical supplies.

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Sept. 8

The status of men between eighteen and forty-five will not be affected by the war industries board's selection of essential industries. The ruling of the war industries board will be sent to the district appeal boards, for their information, but the members of those boards will retain full jurisdiction over the essentiality of the services of any of the men under their jurisdiction, until possible to draft men into the industry, and by the war industries board, to regard as essential the services of men elsewhere employed.

In order to make more uniform the policy with regard to industrial exemptions, General Crowder was announced in his regulations upon the creation of an independent, unicameral advisory board which will sit with the district boards in all appeal cases. This new board will consist of three members, one from the Department of Labor, one from the Department of Agriculture, one from the district board. It will have final authority over all cases of industrial exemption and in enforcing the workmen's order.

The War Department is approaching this problem from the opposite angle from that chosen by the war industries board. General Crowder has issued non-essential, rather than essential, occupations. His list stands, though it is likely to be extended.

The preferred industries included in the four classes are as follows:

### Class One

Plants principally engaged in producing aircraft, supplies and equipment, ammunition for the United States and the Allies, ordnance and small arms for the United States and the Allies, cables for explosives, ammunition and aircraft uses. In chemical warfare, metalurgical, coal and by-products, including salol, explosives for military purposes; feed for livestock and poultry, feed, including cereals and cereal products; meats, including poultry; fish, vegetables, fruit, sugar, syrups, glucose, flour, starch, lard, bacon, ham and dried lard, lard compounds, oleomargarine and other substitutes for butter or lard, vegetable oil, beans, salt, coffee, baking powder, soda and yeast, and ammonia for refrigeration, fungicides, oil and natural gas for fuel or mechanical purposes (including pipe lines and pumping stations); toluol (gas plants), ships other than pleasure craft or vessels not built in the United States or Alaska or under license of the shipping board; steel plants, plants producing solely steel ingots and castings by the various processes; domestic consumers of fuel and electric energy for residential consumption, including homes, apartment houses, residential flats, restaurants and hotels; coal mines, arsenals, cantonments and camps of the army and navy yards, railroads operated by the United States War Department, maintenance and operation of ships, excluding pleasure craft, not common carriers, and maintenance of public buildings used as hospitals or sanitations.

### Class Two

Plants principally engaged in producing locomotive or traveling cranes, rolling and drawing copper, brass and other copper alloys, coke not otherwise classified and listed, ferro alloys, manganese, iron and wire, blast furnaces producing pig iron, steel, rail roads, construction work of the War or Navy Departments in embarkation ports, harbors, fortifications, flood protection, operations, docks, locks, channels, inland waterways, and canals; mining and smelting of various minerals, including ferro alloy minerals, street railways, electric lighting and power companies, gas plants not otherwise classified, telephone and telegraph companies, water supply companies and like general utilities, railroads not operated by the United States, excluding those operated as plant facilities.

### Class Three

Plants engaged principally in producing food not otherwise listed, not including meat, drinks, confectionery and chewing gum, ice, mining tools and equipment, animal and supplies for producing or transporting oil or gas for mechanical purposes, iron and steel chains, electrical equipment, explosives not otherwise listed, timber and lumber, hand tools for working wood or metal, fuel and electric energy for domestic consumers not otherwise listed, steel rolling and drawing mills not otherwise listed, maintenance of public buildings other than those used as hospitals and sanitations.

### Class Four

Plants engaged principally in producing hemp, cotton and other fiber, including cotton bagging, fabrics, medical and surgical supplies, fertilizers, fire brick, gray iron and malleable iron casting, food containers, insecticides and fungicides, soap, tanned leather and tanning extracts, cotton and textile spinning, spinning, spinning, weaving and finishing cotton and woolen knit goods, textile machinery, binder twine and rope, plants engaged exclusively in manufacturing boots and shoes, plants engaged exclusively in manufacturing pulp and paper, cotton compressing, plants engaged exclusively in printing, newspapers or periodicals which entered at the post office as second-class matter, plants preserving, drying, curing, packing and storing tobacco, but not for manufacturing and marketing.

This list is the most important division of the industries of the country and made available for purposes of the draft. The future flow of all the basic industrial elements into industries essential to the war program.

It is not coming within this class,

station must be not later than the 15th of each month with the secretary of the war industries board, Washington, D. C., a report covering its activities during the preceding month. Any plant failing to file such report will be dropped from the preference list.

It is explained by the war industries board that between Classes 2, 3 and 4 there is no complete or absolute preference class 2, but that all its requirements as to both labor and material must be fully satisfied before preference is given to the other classes.

## FORDNEY RAPS

### REVENUE BILL

Declares Measure Will Raise a Billion More Than Committee Estimates

### PENALTY ON BUSINESS

Michigan Congressman Opposes Additional Tax on Undistributed Earnings

By the Associated Press

Washington, Sept. 8.—A billion dollars more than the House Ways and Means Committee will be raised by the war revenue bill declared Representative Fordney of Michigan, ranking Republican committee member, in addressing the House today when it resumed consideration of the measure.

Mr. Fordney said his estimate was predicated on the returns of the 1917 bill, which in the basis of the present legislation, designed to raise \$1,750,000,000, he said, the present law already has yielded \$4,411,000,000, and added that the Internal Revenue Bureau estimates that undistributed earnings will be collected. This undistributed earnings tax, he said, was due to different interpretations of the law's provisions and does not include any penalties for tardy payment.

Mr. Fordney criticized several sections of the bill, saying that capital should be more liberally defined and that the 6 per cent tax should not apply to undistributed dividends.

Capital, he contended, should be regarded as the value of property as of March 1, 1912, instead of the original invested amount. Some business has particularly many smaller ones, he said, were organized years ago on small or ginal investments and since that time have increased in value by the owner putting profit back into the business.

The 6 per cent additional tax on undistributed earnings provided in the bill virtually is a penalty on business.

Mr. Fordney also opposed the provision that would impose a heavy branch of Congress to obtain by requiring the tax statement of any company or individual, including such reports unnecessary and calling attention to the fact that when sent to Congress they become public property.

### NO NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

No schools were erected during the summer and there is little prospect of anything being built during the war. Even if material and workers were available the Board of Education would not have sufficient funds for much-needed school buildings.

Of the present tax there is allowed a minimum of five mills and a maximum of six for school purposes in cities of the first class. Unless an increase is allowed for school purposes by the next Legislature, no schools will be built in the first class.

More than half a million dollars is needed for necessary repairs to schools in Philadelphia.

We desire to accomplish two very important things said Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of public schools. The first is to do everything we can toward helping to win the war, and the second is to prepare our boys and girls to meet the exceedingly complex and important problems that will follow the war."

The thieves gained entrance by forcing the front cedar door. From the cellar they broke open a door that communicated with the small room where the safe was kept.

**HAZARD PARK CLOSES SEASON**

The twenty-third season at Willow Grove Park was brought to an end yesterday, the rainy weather and the "gasless" Sunday combining to make the attendance on the closing day relatively small. Several hundred persons heard the final concert under the direction of Lieutenant John Philip Sousa, the final programs being featured by the work of the soloists with the band.

Colonel James Cack, listed as wounded in the official list, was given an address at 618 South Randolph street as his home in this city. That address is with the same number as the residence of the Fentons.

Private Albert Street, of North Wales, gassed.

Private Eugene H. Kissinger, of Chester, wounded.

### SKETCHES OF HEROES

Lieutenant Colonel Frank J. Duffy, of the 102d Engineers composed of Pennsylvania troops, is the second highest ranking American to fall in combat on the battlefields of France. His wife is in Scranton. Mrs. Duffy, who was before her marriage, Miss Bertha Henschenbruch, of this city, is now with her mother, Mrs. S. C. Henschenbruch, 3417 Spring Garden street.

Colonel Duffy was killed when a shell exploded as he was being hurried to a hospital in the side seat of a motorcycle. The driver of the machine was also killed.

Colonel Duffy was thirty-four years old and a native of Scranton. He had charge of 500 electrical employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal and Coke Co. for a year.

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