

NEW DRAFT RULE ANNOUNCED; SINGLE MEN WILL GO FIRST

Next Draft Will Take No Married Men With Dependants

Washington, Jan. 3.—Provost Marshal General Crowder, reporting to Congress to-day on the progress of the draft, expresses for the first time a definite promise and aim of the government not to take for army duty any other men than those listed in Class One of the new draft questionnaire.

This classification excludes married men entirely, whose wives or families are dependent on them for support and other men with dependants. General Crowder does this on the estimate that 1,000,000 men physically fit for Army duty will be available from Class One. This number, he thinks, sufficient for the present military needs of the nation, but to assure the future supply for those he recommends that men who have become 21 years

old since June 5, 1917, (the first draft) and who become of age hereafter shall be added to Class One as they become available. This will insure, the general estimates, a supply of 700,000 men a year.

General Crowder outlined the new policy in this language:

"Whether this guess (1,000,000 available men) be justified in practice or not, it can be announced now as the policy and belief of this office that in all probability it will be possible to fill our military needs without invading any class more deferred than Class One; and this is the promise, the standard, and the goal, here for the first time announced, toward which every administrative effort of this office shall be directed."

LATE NEWS

NORWEGIAN STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, Jan. 3.—The Norwegian foreign officer reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid (1,617 tons gross, built in 1915 at Bergen) was torpedoed and sunk while on her way from Bari to Rouen, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen to-day. Five men on the Vigrid were killed. Thirteen of the crew were rescued.

COMPULSORY RATIONING IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 3.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England soon, it was announced officially to-day.

HIGH COST OF REGISTER IN DELAWARE

Washington, Jan. 3.—An exhaustive report on the operations of the draft law was laid before Congress to-day by Provost Marshal General Crowder. It contains definite information brought down to detail for every state of the results in every industry, agricultural pursuit, profession and trade, and it shows clearly that no class of men has been singled out particularly to bear the military burden. The large document is replete with maps and charts. Even the cost per men enrolled in each state is figured out. Delaware showed high cost at \$19, and South Dakota low at \$1.38.

THREE HIGH SCHOOLS CLOSED

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 3.—Three high schools in the heart of the anthracite fields were closed to-day and others may have to ban pupils because of a shortage of coal. Authorities of the schools, which are in Pittston and vicinity, have been unable to obtain even a small supply of fuel.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION ON AISNE FRONT

Paris, Jan. 3.—"Heavy artillery fighting occurred during the night, especially on the Aisne front, in the region of Landricourt and Cavaliers De Courcy, in the sector of Maisons de Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse," says to-day's official report. "Two enemy raids, one south of the Oise, the other near Carnillet, were repulsed completely."

MORALE OF SUBMARINE CREWS GOOD

Washington, Jan. 3.—Admiral Benson, chief of operations told the House Naval Committee to-day it was folly to believe there was any loss of morale among German submarine crews and that from information gathered from German prisoners he believed their morale was the best in the German navy.

ASH COLLECTORS ARE FINED

Harrisburg—Fine aggregating \$250 have been imposed upon the Pennsylvania Reduction Company, representing 50 violations of ash collecting regulations, it was announced to-day.

STOCKS TAKE UPWARD TREND

New York, Jan. 3.—Stocks took another decided upward spurt to-day, the reason most generally advanced being the further signs of a collapse of the Russo-Teutonic peace negotiations. Rails, which were sluggish at the opening soon bounded forward, leaders gaining 2 to 3 1-2 points.

HOSTILE RAIDING PARTIES REPULSED

London, Jan. 3.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south and southwest of La Bassee, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports. The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Epehy."

TWO SOLDIERS FREEZE ON GUARD

Newport News, Va., Jan. 3.—Two soldiers while doing guard duty here are reported to have been frozen to death Saturday and Sunday night. Their death certificates say they died in discharge of duty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel Lightner, Deodato, and Rebecca A. Marburger, Palmyra; Charles M. Kelley and Mary Graft, Newton Hamilton; Basler Patterson, Salunga, and Susan L. Lefever, Millersville; Christopher A. Lindsay, Harrisburg, and Selma C. Leister, Huntingdon; Steve Zambich, Allentown, and Mary Okum, Steelton.

HALTED PEACE CAUSES GREAT MISGIVING TO GERMAN RULER

Reported Break in Negotiations Responsible for Sudden Change; Teuton Envoys Revise Offers

MAY UPSET PLANS ON WESTERN FRONT

Formidable Attack in Cambrai Region Is Unlikely While Russian Situation Remains Unsettled

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, declared to-day that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

A crisis is nearing in the Russo-German peace negotiations and indications are that a definite break is not far off. The Russian government has demanded that the conference which was to have reconvened on January 4, be transferred to Stockholm and has protested against the German attitude regarding occupied territory. A resumption of hostilities is not improbable should the Germans decline to meet the Russian demands.

Emperor William and the rulers of Germany apparently are aroused over the sudden change in the situation and the German and Austrian foreign secretaries are reported hurrying back to Brest-Litovsk with new instructions. German military and political leaders conferred yesterday with the emperor and there is a widespread demand throughout Germany that the Reichstag be convened immediately.

Reichstag leaders at a conference with foreign Secretary Von Kuehl-

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HUNDREDS RISK LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA COAL RIOT; 150 TONS ARE TAKEN

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Coal riots, which began here yesterday, were resumed when several hundred men, women and children raided cars on a Pennsylvania Railroad siding and stole more than 150 tons of anthracite. Railroad detectives were powerless before the women, many of whom risked their lives when an attempt was made to remove eight of the fuel laden cars. For three hours the raiders carried off coal and could not be dispersed until a riot call brought a detail of police who arrested the ring leaders.

CITY BEHIND K. OF C. IN ITS WAR CAMPAIGN

Workers Are Given Warm Welcome in Homes Visited on First Day

Harrisburg will oversubscribe its Knights of Columbus war fund. This was the consensus of opinion to-day by team workers who completed their first day's work. Everywhere the workers were received with a welcome and contribution.

That the \$25,000 mark will be passed seemed assured from the totals pieced together by enthusiastic committeemen. Just how much the first day of the big drive brought in cannot be told until after the formal reports are made by team captains to-night.

Men and women of every religious faith are already listed on the contribution sheets. It is thoroughly understood, team workers said, that the recreation centers in the great Army cantonments here and "over there" with Pershing are open to battling Yanks of every creed. The uniform is the only credential needed to gain a glad welcome and a warm handclasp.

25 Killed, 74 Wounded in Hunting Accidents in Penna. During Season

Twenty-five men were reported killed and 74 wounded in hunting accidents in Pennsylvania during the season of 1917 by Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, at the mid-winter meeting of the Commission held here to-day.

The kill of game, except for rabbits, was much the same of last year, the storms in December preventing larger kills of deer. There were 1,680 legal deer reported killed; 31 illegal bucks and 75 does, which are also forbidden. Other game was reported killed as follows: Bear 348; rabbits, 3,500,000; squirrels, 179,400; grouse, 107,287; wild turkeys, 2,550; ring pheasants, 1,362; quail, 26,223; woodcock, 25,660; wild waterfowl, 32,967; raccoons, 13,255; shore birds 17,645.

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SEVERE WEATHER DELAYS FREIGHT ON ALL R. R. LINES

Reading Company Is Doing Only About 55 Per Cent. of Normal Business

Reading, Pa., Jan. 3.—Because of the severe cold weather, the Reading Railway Company is to-day only doing about 55 per cent. of the business compared with normal conditions in face of the fact that many trains have been annulled and the road is devoting itself more largely to coal and freight shipments under government direction.

Never before has it been necessary to cut down the tonnage of freight and coal trains for so long a period. Notwithstanding the modern locomotives that are now employed, there have been instances when they have frozen up solidly and it was necessary to draw fires.

FRENCH LOSE 9 SHIPS

Paris, Jan. 3.—Nine French merchant ships of more than 1,500 tons were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending December 29. There was no loss of vessels up to 1,500 tons or of fishing ships. Two attacks on steamers failed.

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COUNCIL PLANS CONFERENCE ON APPOINTMENTS

Commissioners to Get Together at Closed Session on City Jobs

With the reorganization of city departments and county offices next Monday, interest is centered in possible changes when appointive offices are filled.

Mexicans Protest Against Troops Crossing Border

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—The Mexican government, it was learned here, has protested against the crossing of American troops into Mexico in pursuit of bandits.

Governor W. P. Hobby, it was said, has received no advices from Washington relative to the protest and the Texas Rangers at least will continue their activities against Mexican raiders unhampered by state authorities until Federal authorities instruct otherwise.

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WORK ON SHOPS RUSHED BY PIPE MILL OFFICIALS

Burned Buildings to Be Ready For Operation in Two Weeks

Shops destroyed by fire yesterday at the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company will have been rebuilt and in operation within two weeks, officials estimated to-day from the rush with which workmen got building operations under way.

In order that no time may be lost, plans to erect fireproof concrete structures have been abandoned. As many of the 1,000 men thrown out of jobs by the blaze as want to work can secure places in the construction work.

Part of the old walls can be utilized for the new buildings which are to be of brick and wood, David E. Tracy, president of the corporation, said this morning. A revised estimate of the loss to-day shows that the damage will not exceed the \$200,000 mark.

The company will not be held up in its contracts, Mr. Tracy said.

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BRITISH AMBASSADOR LEAVES

Washington, Jan. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, who yesterday announced that he was going home on leave, saw President Wilson to-day to say farewell. The ambassador, it is expected, will not return to the United States in his present capacity.

Another Cold Wave Sweeps Down From Canadian Northwest

Washington, Jan. 3.—Another cold wave sweeping down from the Canadian Northwest was to-day centered in the Ohio Valley and Western Tennessee. The cold will penetrate to-night as far south as Florida with freezing temperatures in the north-part of that state and with a frost as far south as Miami.

A storm was reported some distance off the South Atlantic coast apparently moving northward and storm warnings were issued from Eastport, Maine, to Hatteras, N. C. Dangerous northerly gales will blow along the coast between these two points this afternoon and to-night and all shipping has been warned.

President Will Outline Railroad Plan Tomorrow

Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress, reconvening at noon to-day after its holiday vacation, planned immediate adjournment until to-morrow out of respect of Senator Newlands and Representative Bathrick, who died during the recess. The big war legislative program will begin to-morrow when President Wilson is expected to outline his plan for government operations, and for railroads in an address to a joint session.



KAISER WILHELM AS A TURKISH FIELD MARSHAL. This photograph of Kaiser Wilhelm, dressed as a field marshal of the Turkish army, was taken when he received several German nurses in the precincts of the great mosque of Sophia at Constantinople. The short left arm which he usually in his photographs makes an effort to hide is here plainly visible.