

15 PER CENT OF HARRISBURGERS REGISTERED ARE IN CLASS ONE

ENGLAND IS DEMANDING NEW TROOPS

Between 420,000 and 450,000 New Recruits Must Be Raised at Once, Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, Tells House of Commons; This Estimate Is Declared to Be an Absolute Minimum

London, Jan. 14.—Between 420,000 and 450,000 troops must be raised at once in this country, Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, told the House of Commons to-day. The minister said this was the absolute minimum, and that it might be necessary during the year to take men from civil life for the army. Sir Auckland said the government had decided not to introduce conscription in Ireland for the present, nor to change the military age limit. Great Britain and the colonies, he added, had raised 7,000,000 men. "Plain facts," said the minister, "do not support the statement that the armies are melting for the lack of recruits and that recruiting has broken down. "The withdrawal of Russia means that not less than 1,600,000 men will be made available on the western front," said the minister. "Notwithstanding Russia's defection, the resources of the allies and America are sufficient to assure victory, and nothing but a psychological catastrophe can save the central powers."

15 PER CENT OF REGISTERED MEN IN FIRST CLASS

Local Boards Expect to See This Number Classified For First Call

Harrisburg will have a good percentage of its 6,000 registered men classified in the first class for future calls for the National Army, to judge by the figures arrived at to-day by members of the three local draft exemption boards, who are working on the questionnaires, much of which have been returned. Owing in great measure to the vast number of industries in this section there were many single young men "without dependent relatives," and much unskilled industrial and farm labor. Members of board No. 3 estimated that from 15 to 20 per cent of the registrants, out of a total of 2,559 were fixed in the class from which the first troops will be taken. About the same average prevailed at board No. 1, out of a total of 1,678, and as for board No. 2, of Paxtang, it is impossible to give any approximate guess for the members of that board have not been able to get through with their list of 2,757 registrants. Only 150 have been passed on owing to the fact that some members of the board have been so pressed for time that they could not attend to the job. Many Appeals If this estimate of 15 to 20 per cent is correct it does not mean that that number will eventually go, for the district board up at the Capitol was flooded to-day with appeals. From board No. 1, alone a bundle of

FIRST LIEUTENANT WOULD BE DRAFTED INTO SERVICE

There must be a lot of men in the Army suffering with toothache and yet in Harrisburg is a first class dental patriot who cannot get down to the camps to lend a hand. Since last August this expert with the drill and forceps originally from a western state but widely known here, has been waiting in Harrisburg, armed cap-a-pie in his uniform of first lieutenant, with no place to go. Convinced that there would be an emphatic call for men of his profession he applied last summer to enter the service and received a

KREIDER PLANS TO AID MOTHERS OF U. S. SOLDIERS

Seeks Amendment of Insurance Law That Works Inequity to Aurands

POINTS OUT INJUSTICES Dependent Parents Have a Right to Government Aid For Sacrifice of Support

Congressman Kreider has introduced in the House a bill which if reported favorably by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce and passed, will correct what appears to be a grave inequity in the present war risk insurance law. When this law went into effect the general pension laws automatically became obsolete. Under the old pension laws, a mother who depended on her son wholly or in part for support and who lost that support because of the death of her son in line of duty was entitled to a pension. Under the war risk insurance law, this mother would not be entitled to a pension unless she was a widow; the law only taking care of a "widowed mother."

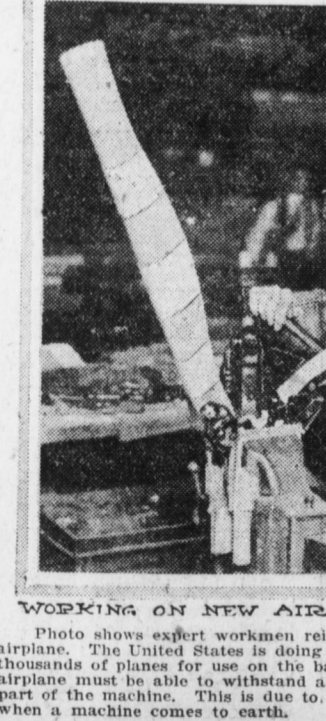
To Aid Aurands

Congressman Kreider first noticed this inequity in the law when he endeavored to obtain relief for the mother of Earl Aurand, the first Harrisburg boy to give his life in France, in order that "democracy might live." Earl Aurand contributed to his mother's support and during his service in the Army he made an allotment of his salary to her. During the last few months the allotment was not so large, because he was buying Liberty bonds, but nevertheless he was assisting in no small way in the support of his mother and invalid father. Earl Aurand was a good soldier and a good patriot, and has been highly commended by his superior officers for the splendid showing he made at the front and for the soldierly qualities and bravery displayed in the engagement with the enemy which cost him his life. It is without doubt the intention of the government to aid parents of boys like this and yet under the war risk insurance act Mrs. Aurand is not entitled to a pension because she is not a widow—yet she is doubly entitled to a pension as she must not only care for herself but also her husband who is helpless because of almost total blindness. The bill makes no provision at all for a "dependent father."

Needed Amendment

As soon as Congressman Kreider discovered this apparent flaw in the law he prepared and introduced a bill, the purpose of which is to amend the present law so that a dependent mother, whether she be a widow or not, a dependent father, or both parents shall be entitled

WORKING ON UNCLE SAM'S NEW AIR FLEET



HICKOK LOOKS TO U. S. TO TAKE OVER ALL FUEL

Local Fuel Administrator Says Situation Grows Worse in This City

COAL YARDS ARE EMPTY Light and Power Company Plant Gets Only Temporary Relief

Snow to-night and to-morrow was forecast to-day by Weather Forecaster Demain for this district. Slightly warmer weather was said to be due this evening. Zero weather was averted yesterday, the mercury falling only to twelve.

With little letup in the cold weather promised, the coal shortage in Harrisburg and vicinity remains as serious as ever. Eight per cent of the dealers in the city are without coal to-day, the Retail Coal Dealers' Association announced this morning, and the rush on the dealer remains as strenuous as ever. In place of the thirty cars of coal promised by the Pennsylvania railroad for to-day, Fuel Administrator Hickok was able to announce the arrival of only three cars of coal from that company and two from the Reading. Gates Coal Company and J. E. Dare Company each received a car of coal this morning from the Reading. Joseph E. Rhoads Coal Company received one car of coal. These offices were besieged with eager buyers, and their deliveries are expected to consume the entire supply during the day. The Gates Company announced that one hour after the arrival of a 27-ton capacity car of range coal this morning, fourteen tons of it were in the hands of the consumers.

The Harrisburg Railway Company also is reported to have received two cars of bituminous coal this morning. Mr. Hickok said that there might have been arrivals of coal other than the few cars that were reported to him, but the Retail Coal Dealers' Association could report no other shipments. Mr. Hickok said that the coal shortage is assuming a worse aspect than any time during the winter. He visited several yards this morning, finding

GET AWAKE

To the fact that Thrift Stamps at \$4.12 NOW Will mean \$5.00 January 1, 1923. Call up the Postmaster.

BREACH IN PARLEY IS NOW LIKELY

Russo-German Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk Are Again Broken Off, Apparently; Final Break Not Unexpected in Petrograd; Armistice Extended Till February 18; German Military Leaders Hold Hurried Conferences

London, Jan. 14.—Warning of the possibility of a final breach in the Russo-German negotiations is the outstanding feature of the current news from Petrograd. Meanwhile, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail in the Russian capital, the armistice had been extended until February 18 and the Russian delegation returns to Petrograd to-morrow, but the peace negotiations will be resumed after an interval at Warsaw.

Premier Lenine has returned to Petrograd, and is reported to be taking an important hand in guiding the negotiations with the central powers, although avoiding the limelight. The correspondent of the Daily Mail says some extremists are dissatisfied with Foreign Minister Trotsky's conduct of the negotiations, thinking he is too willing to meet the German views, and they suggest Lenine take his place at future conferences.

German Confiscate Newspaper The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News reports that the Germans are doing their utmost to stop fraternization at the front. He interprets that to mean that the Bolshevik propaganda is having its effect among the German soldiers. The Germans confiscate all copies of the Fackel, a Russian newspaper printed in German, containing a full account of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations and other propagandist literature. Notwithstanding this he adds, the German soldiers crawl across to the Russian lines every night to obtain copies of the paper secretly.

COUNCIL HOPES TO PUT END TO TREASURY SNARL

City Commissioners to Ballot on Appointments at Tomorrow's Session

Appointment of a city treasurer, city solicitor and city assessor and action on the bid for ash collections received by Commissioner Hassler on Saturday, will be the important business before Council to-morrow morning. The ordinance providing regulations for garbage collections and another authorizing appointment of five more patrolmen and one sergeant on the police force, also will be called for final passage. The city treasurer appointment may necessitate a number of ballots because of the failure of the commissioners and the mayor to agree on anyone for the post. With the elimination of the names of a number of candidates because of private conferences and the decision of some of the members of Council to make an appointment from a business in-

GERMANS MELT STATUES FROM BELGIAN CEMETERIES

Washington, Jan. 14.—Bronze statues in Belgian cemeteries have been taken for war purposes by the Germans, according to official dispatches here to-day. A semi-official estimate of the economic deprivations of German invaders in Belgium places the damage at more than eight billion francs, of which 1,400,000,000 was in cash up to last August.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow and somewhat warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Tuesday snow or rain and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow to-night, warmer in west portion; Tuesday snow in north, snow or rain south, probably increasing by Tuesday.

GREAT TASK OF FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRES NEARLY DONE

With to-day, or possibly to-morrow, the intricate task of advising all draft men how to fill out their questionnaires will be finished in the courthouse, and the lawyers of Harrisburg are being complimented for the speed and efficiency with which they obliged the public. Other cities were not so lucky, for in many places not a single member of the bar volunteered. Spurred up to high voltage all last night, day and night, the men of law nevertheless had time to relish many a queer incident which will be quoted in years to come. For a wholesale revelation of social conditions, notions of economy and lack of intelligence, nothing like the questionnaire session was ever known. Among the incidents that set the lawyers into chuckles of genuine mirth was that of the anxious man who was evidently trying hard to provide some valid reason for keeping out of the fray. Pinned down, however, at every turn, he was about to give up when the question came up as to his wife's health. Friend was sitting right beside him and likely enough they had discussed this matter.

LATE NEWS

State Library MA 23 July 15 CLOSES HEAVY

New York—Steels, rails and shippings reacted to lowest quotations of the day in the final hour. The closing was heavy. Liberty 3 1-2's sold at 98.58 to 98.50, first 4's at 97.90 to 97.20 and second 4's at 96.60 to 96.50. Pressure, based upon unfavorable domestic conditions, was again operative to-day, leaders yielding 1 to 3 points. Sales approximated 450,000 shares.

Huntingdon, Pa.—The new garage of the Sweetbuck Soles Company in South Huntingdon was totally destroyed by fire to-day together with twenty-three automobiles entailing a loss of \$45,000.

HISTORIC MARKET HOUSE BURNED

Philadelphia—The old centennial market house which was built in 1876 and contained twenty-five meat stalls, was destroyed by fire to-day, causing a loss estimated at more than \$75,000. The property was recently purchased by the government.

SERGEANT NEWBERRY DEAD

Allentown, Pa.—Sergeant Reginald Newberry, 23, of the United States ambulance service, died last night of pneumonia. Newberry's comrades, members of Bucknell University corps, left camp last week, his illness preventing him from going with them. Two months ago Newberry went to his home and was married. The bride and his parents were at his bedside when he died.

BOLSHEVIKI IN STRONG POSITION

London—Sir George W. Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, in an interview at Stockholm with a correspondent of the Daily News, says that the Bolsheviks are in such a strong position that no other party at present is able to turn them out.

SEVERAL THOUSAND OUT OF WORK

Cleveland, O.—Several thousand men were out of work, hundreds of industrial plants and stores were without light and motive power and 15,000 homes were deprived of light power to-day when three sub-stations of the Municipal Electric Lighting plant turned off the electric current, because of the coal shortage.

FORMER PREMIER UNDER ARREST

Paris—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux who has been under investigation by the authorities in connection with the German propaganda in France, was placed under arrest this morning.

TO REQUISITION SAILING VESSELS

Washington—Requisitioning of all American sailing vessels was forecast to-day when the Shipping Board requested the Department of Commerce to report the location of such vessels. Secretary Redfield replied that 175 sailing vessels with a cargo carrying capacity of 425,000 tons now are within or adjacent to American territorial waters.

COAL SUPPLY FAR BELOW NORMAL

New York—While A. H. Smith, assistant director general of railroads, reported that more than 462,000 tons of coal were available at tidewater to-day—ample for the city's immediate needs—fuel administrators asserted that on account of the difficulty in transportation, the actual available supply was far below normal.

AMERICAN TRAWLER LOST

Washington—An American trawler, operating in European waters has been lost. Admiral Sims reported the sinking of the little vessel to the Navy Department to-day. All members of the crew were saved.

GERMAN TRENCHES RAIDED

London—German trenches north of Lens were raided last night by Canadian troops who brought back prisoners, the official statement from Field Marshal Haig to-day says. There were no Canadian casualties. Near Mericourt, southeast of Lens, British soldiers were victorious in patrol engagements. Elsewhere the night was quiet.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Philip H. Mayer, Pittsburg, and Sarah E. Brubaker, Harrisburg; William H. Healey and Hazel G. Seibert, Harrisburg; Andrew C. Kapp and Ruth S. Kapp, Harrisburg; Harvey O. Beckel, Fort Hunter, and Emma A. Snyder, Millersburg; Ira H. Welker, Akron, Ohio, and Bernice M. Saitzer, Lykens township.