

OVER TEN MILLION RESPOND TO PRESIDENT WILSON'S CALL

But Little Trouble Encountered as Young Men Between 21 and 30 Years Register—Organized Opposition to Conscription Conspicuously Absent.

Reports From Governors Throughout Country Indicate That Enrollment is in Excess Of 10,000,000. Quiet Reported Everywhere.

Washington—More than 10,000,000 young Americans enrolled themselves Tuesday for war service.

Registration day, with but a few weeks of preparation, saw the first military census ever taken in the United States completed without a single untoward event of consequence.

The manhood of the nation obeyed the President's call and volunteered en masse, setting at naught all the schemes and plotting of German sympathizers and the few cranks who have agitated against registration.

From virtually every state reassuring messages came to Brigadier-General Crowder, Provost Marshal-General, Federal supervising officer of the great enterprise.

In some precincts the late comers forced officials to keep the polls open until long after the 9 P. M. closing hour set in the regulations.

The early reports, showing a full turnout all over the country, indicated that the estimates of the Census Bureau as to the number of men within the specified age limits would be verified by the count.

A typical message received was that from Idaho: "Registration will be 100 per cent," it said.

The situation was so clear and the response so ready throughout the country that Governors of 46 of the 48 states had sent similar assurances long before registration had closed.

A feature of the registration was the refusal of hundreds of thousands of men to make any reply to the question, "Do you claim exemption?"

Many Yet To Register. There remain several supplementary steps to be taken. Tuesday's registration included only continental United States.

General Crowder made it clear, however, that registration acted as a bar against no man who wished to enlist in the army, navy or marine corps.

Four Arrests Reported. Only four arrests were officially reported to the Department of Justice—at Hamilton, Ohio; Hartford, Conn.; Richmond, Va., and at a small place near St. Louis.

Quieter Than Election. Official reports showed that the registration passed without even such exciting disturbances as mark a general political election.

Cards Ran Out. There was some delay in Gary, Ind., and in some Chicago districts because the registration had to be stopped to permit the printing of more cards.

No Disorder and Every Evidence of Willingness Shown. New York—Without a semblance of disorder and with every evidence of willingness to serve, approximately 600,000 of New York's sons went to 2,123 registration places and inscribed their names upon the nation's roll of honor.

600,000 NEW YORKERS ON ROLL. The monitor Weehawken was built in Jersey City in 1862, and in January, 1863, was attached to the South Atlantic squadron; she was sunk during the attack on Fort Wagner, in September, 1863.

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THE SLACKERS' TOTAL IS SMALL

But Exemptions Are About Half of Registration.

SOME STATES FINISH COUNT

The Secretary Enthusiastic Over the Work Of Provost Marshal Crowder and State and Municipal Officials.

Washington.—Seven States have made complete reports on Tuesday's war registration, showing 816,407 men registered, compared with the census estimate of their aggregate quota of 848,917.

Governors of states in which the compilation of registration figures were completed, reported as follows: Wisconsin—Registration, 211,401, divided as follows: White, 210,897; colored, 504; alien, 5,588; alien enemies, 28,709; indicated possible exemptions, 115,189; state's estimated eligibles, 239,897.

Rhode Island—Registration, 43,478, divided as follows: White, 37,442; colored, 867; alien, 15,043; alien enemies, 126; indicated possible exemptions, 22,149; state's estimated eligibles, 60,979.

Arkansas—Total registration, 147,522, divided as follows: White, 102,383; colored, 44,476; alien, 5,588; alien enemies, 98; indicated possible exemptions, 99,196; state's estimated eligibles, 158,573.

South Carolina—Total registration, 128,039; divided as follows: White, 60,629; colored, 66,905; alien, 447; alien enemies, 58; indicated possible exemptions, 85,381; state's estimated eligibles, 137,861.

Connecticut—Registration, 159,761, divided as follows: White, 97,126; colored, 2,990; alien, 58,519; alien enemies, 1,126; indicated possible exemptions, 61,590; state's estimated eligibles, 158,287.

Exemptions 50 Per Cent. Slow registration returns prevent anything approaching a conclusive estimate as to the number of men actually enrolled.

A feature of the few complete returns is the high percentage of indicated exemptions, averaging approximately 50 per cent. of the total registration.

General Crowder's Statement. Provost General Crowder issued this statement: "Some published press reports are to the effect and figures received in the office of the Provost Marshal General indicate millions of claims for exemption.

INDIANS RESIST LAW. Navajos Drive Registration Officials From Reservation. Flagstaff, Ariz.—Navajo Indians drove an Indian agent and other Federal officers of the Government Reservation 100 miles northeast of here, when the latter went to register the Indians under the War Army Selective Draft bill.

Utes Take To Hills. Ignacio, Col.—Ute Indians on their reservation near here refused to register under the Selective Draft act and spent most of the day dancing war and "bear" dances in native costume.

MOUNTAINEERS REGISTER. No Trouble in the Tennessee and Virginia Districts. Bristol, Tenn.—Twelve hundred and nineteen registered in Bristol Tuesday. A considerable percentage of the men claimed exemption from liability to military service for various reasons.

CONVICTS TERRORIZE JOLIET. Fire Buildings and Attempt To Escape Prison. Joliet, Ill.—After one prisoner had been killed, eight severely injured and several others hurt during three riotous outbreaks at the state prison by a thousand convicts, a rainstorm drove the last 200 of the mutineers to the cellhouse, although they had stubbornly refused to move before the bayonets of national guardsmen who quelled the outbreak.

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GREATEST WAR MINES EXPLODED

British Strike Big Blows at Germans on Belgian Front.

OLD YPRES IS NOW AVENGED

Key Position To All the Northern Sector Of the Western Front, and Even More Important Than Vimy Ridge.

With the British Armies in France.—In one of the most elaborately planned and daringly executed maneuvers of the war, Sir Douglas Haig's forces have dealt a mighty blow against the German line in Belgium and been rewarded with notable gains in terrain and the capture of more than 5,000 prisoners and numerous guns of various caliber.

Probably never in history was an attack launched with greater preparation. For days the Wytschaete salient had been the objective of the British guns which had hurled tons of steel upon it.

U. S. TO USE GERMAN FUNDS. Millions Held Here By War May Be Put Into Liberty Bonds. Washington.—Millions of dollars in dividends and debts due to Germans from American citizens may be invested in Liberty Loan Bonds, under the Trading With the Enemy Act now pending in Congress.

MANY KILLED BY TORNADO. The Property Damage Millions In Kansas and Missouri. Kansas City, Mo.—Tornadoes spread death and destruction through rural districts of Missouri and Kansas. Reports showed 15 were killed in Missouri and nine in Kansas.

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LEAK IN MAIL TO GERMANY FOUND

Three Important Arrests Made in New York.

SUBJECT TO DEATH PENALTY

Three Men, Two Of Them Native Americans, Held In Heavy Bail On the Charge Of Conspiring To Send Mail.

New York.—Evidence that two complete high-powered wireless installations, assembled here from various sources, were shipped piecemeal to Mexico, supposedly for use of a German spy system in this country, was unearthed in connection with the arrest of three men on charges of conspiring to send mail containing military information surreptitiously from the United States to Germany, through members of Norwegian ship crews.

It was intimated by the United States commissioner before whom the alleged plotters were arraigned that it was through their instrumentality that advance news of the impending arrival in England of the American destroyer fleet was sent to Germany before it even became generally known in this country that it had sailed.

With only a scratching of the surface of the mass of evidence in the government's hands, indications have been found that the mail system was operated both ways between the United States, Germany and Mexico.

Several hundred letters have been seized, written in English, German and Spanish, and some apparently in code. They are being translated in the expectation that they will open the way to full revelations of the alleged spy plot which is said to point to other persons besides those under arrest.

The prisoners are Harry F. Perissal and Irving Bonaparte, both said to be American born, employed by a German electrical company here, and Axel E. Melcher, said to be a naturalized citizen from Sweden. They are charged with conspiring to induce members of the crews of the steamships Bergensfjord and Kristiansfjord, both chartered to carry regular United States mails, to take letters and packages from this country destined for Germany in violation of the law prohibiting competition with the United States mail.

The maximum penalties provided by the statutes under which the charges are brought are \$10,000 fine and two years' imprisonment for conspiracy, and \$50 fine and six months' imprisonment for competing with the mails, but it was said by the government authorities that the investigation would continue with a view of determining whether treason had been committed.

LANE MAKES PLEA FOR LOAN. Recalls That Virginia Governor Gave Whole Fortune To Revolution. Washington.—Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane made a unique appeal for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan when he cited the historic fact that Gov. Thomas Nelson, of Virginia, second richest man in the Southern colonies, gave his whole fortune to help finance the Revolutionary War.

"At Yorktown, Va., there is a shrine to which repair the liberty lovers of the land. It is a simple stone marking the grave of Gov. Thomas Nelson, who entered the War for Independence as a rich man (with the exception of General Washington the richest man in the South) and died a poor man, having given his fortune for the support of the Colonial troops. The stone bears these words: "He Gave All For Liberty."

"Such men brought liberty to us and we now can repay them by lending our savings for the maintenance of liberty that 'government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth.'"

PROVIDES FOR SALVATIONISTS. French Government Sets Aside Buildings For Work. New York.—Headquarters of the Salvation Army here was advised by cable from London that the French government had set aside for Salvation Army use a number of large buildings at a port where the American troops probably will land.

NEW \$10 COUNTERFEIT OUT. Imitation Of Gold Certificate Of 1907 Series Is Deceptive. Washington.—Discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 gold certificate of the 1907 series was announced by the Secret Service. It is not as finely executed as the genuine note, but is likely to prove very deceptive, it was stated.

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VETOES BILL FOR FIREMEN'S RELIEF

Governor Brumbaugh Says Sproul Measure Doesn't Provide Extra Fund.

TAX IS A VITAL ITEM

Says Legislature Has Failed To Provide for Revenue to Take the Place of the Income Tax Is Proposed to Pay.

Governor Brumbaugh vetoed the Sproull Senate bill providing that the entire proceeds of the State tax on premiums of foreign fire insurance companies shall be paid to firemen relief organizations in various municipalities. The Governor, in the course of a long message, says the Legislature has failed to provide revenue to take the place of the income tax which it is proposed to pay to the municipalities for the firemen.

Under the present law half of the proceeds of the \$400,000 tax on premiums of foreign fire insurance companies is paid to the State fire insurance fund. The Governor says the Legislature has failed to provide revenue to take the place of the income tax which it is proposed to pay to the municipalities for the firemen.

The House bill to change the method of distribution of salaries of legislators for this session's term was approved by the Governor. The effect of the bill will be to make the salaries immediately available and \$100 at the end of the session.

The Governor also approved the House bill to increase from \$100 to \$30,000 the amount of relief to be paid in the Pittston precinct.

Money for State Highways. The question that will be decided by the Legislature is whether or not considering the scarcity of money and the high prices of materials, the State Highway Department appropriate bill, carrying \$16,647,049.38, shall be passed.

The items of the appropriation measure as it now stands are: mobile license fees for construction and repair, \$6,000,000; construction and improvement of ways within borough limits, \$7,000,000; Commonwealth's share of State roads, \$2,600,000; construction of roads, \$500,000; dirt road program, \$1,142,043.38, and damages to property caused by construction of State roads, \$500,000.

Commissioner Black, in pointing out that the license fees will amount to \$3,000,000 a year, says virtually all of this amount will be used for maintenance, as there are 10,000 miles of State highways and the average cost per mile is \$300 a year. Six million of the \$7,000,000 item, he says, will be used on construction work, \$1,000,000 on borough highway connecting roads improved up to the borough limits.

A 20 per cent increase in license fees would be permissible under existing circumstances. He estimates \$20,000 a mile for concrete roads and says the department will be able to purchase of toll roads will be on a fifty-fifty basis, the counties adding and the State paying for the balance.

Bills Passed Finally by Senate. Bills passed finally by the Senate included: House Campbell bill regulating sale of drugs; House bill increasing salaries of County Commissioners in some of the smaller counties.

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Amending sales act of 1915 providing for suit for failure to pay or pay when sales are made on installment plan; Increasing salaries of Lancaster County Commissioners and Luzerne County Commissioners to \$5000 per year; Regulating appointment of Assessor County Collectors.

Fixing compensation of township Treasurers when acting as Tax Collectors; Authorizing second-class newspapers to make connections with newspapers in adjoining municipalities; Giving Poor Directors right of eminent domain for sites for almshouses or for farms.

Regulating payment of taxes on unimproved lands owned by joint tenants; Regulating the payment of taxes on unimproved lands owned by joint tenants.

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