

READY TO EXTEND DRAFT AGE LIMIT

Enlarged Military Program Complete, Says Baker.

FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION

Age Limits To Be Extended In Both Directions—19 to 40 Forecast Not Correct—Presentation Of Bill In Congress.

Washington.—Plans of the War Department for an enlarged military program, including extension of the draft age in both directions, have been virtually completed, Secretary Baker announced.

Mr. Baker would not reveal the age limits to be recommended by the department. He said, however, that published reports that the limits were to be set at from 19 to 40 years were incorrect.

The age limits most generally discussed heretofore as being the most acceptable to the War Department were 19 and 36, inclusive, but Mr. Baker would not give any intimation that this had been accepted.

Mr. Baker said he did not intend to issue any statement explaining his plans, and that so far as the Department was concerned presentation of the bill in Congress would be the only publicity given it.

The purpose of the extension of ages for draft liability, he said, was to provide an adequate number of men in class one to meet the enlarged army program.

The Secretary would not say, however, how large a manpower reservoir it was desired to create.

Secretary Baker has heretofore announced that his policy in recommending any change in draft ages would be to seek a sufficient number of men to meet the Army's needs in such ages as would least disturb the economic situation at home.

From the purely army standpoint, this has been a boy's war from the start. The quick recuperative powers of youth have been vitally necessary to the military machine under the conditions of modern warfare.

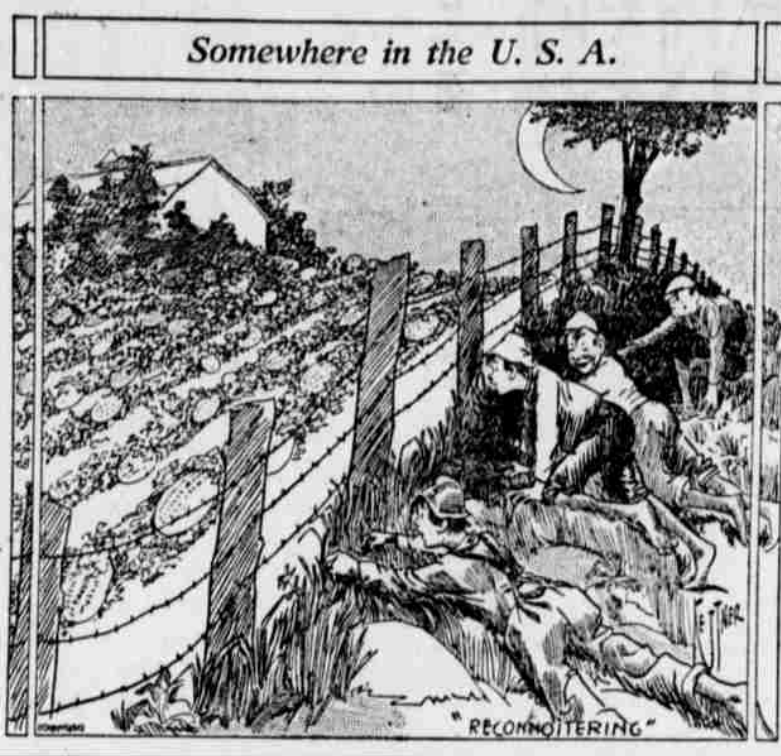
Older men are slower to recover and are, therefore, of more limited use to the Army.

On the other hand, however, there are a great number of men who could be called out of the higher ages, even up to 45.

A far greater proportion of the men between 31 and 45 have independent incomes than is true with men below 31, reducing the dependent factor for exemption to that extent.

As to the size of the army for which this increased class one is necessary, no official has dropped a hint, with the exception of General March, who in announcing the creation of a July schedule of six new divisions, followed by an August schedule for the same number, has indicated the embarkation upon such a monthly program.

At this rate approximately 250,000 men a month would be sent overseas, their places in the home cantonments to be taken by 250,000 new men. Under such a schedule, with provision now existing for the housing and training of 1,750,000 men in the United States, a full six months of training on this side, both in divisional and replacement camps, before men were sent over to complete their courses behind the lines would be possible.



AMERICAN STONE WALL STANDS

Hard Fighting But No Attack in Force

AMERICANS FOOL THE HUNS

All Efforts Of Germans To Advance Their Lines Against The American Fall—The Yankees Content.

American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front.—Efforts made by the Germans to advance their lines against the Americans on this front are fruitless.

The Americans made a pretense of retiring from a part of the town of Seringes. The Germans advanced into the town, on observing the supposed evacuation.

Both high explosives and gas shells were sprayed by the Germans over a wide area. The air forces on both sides are busy.

London.—Although the Allied gains during the last twenty-four hours may seem small, some of them have been exceedingly significant, at the American front in France.

German guns situated on the Butte of Chalmont had been able to rake the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road almost as far as Villers-Montmorency, and hurl a cross fire upon the advancing French and American troops in the valley of the Ourcq.

It will be a costly task to take the Nestles Forest but there are alternative possibilities in the comparatively open ground to the westward.

The enemy may certainly plume himself on his retirement, according to plan but it can scarcely be according to plan that he left hundreds of tons of ammunition behind him.

CARING FOR THE NURSES.

First Convalescent Home in England Opened By Red Cross.

KAISER'S PORTRAIT BURNED.

Oyster Bay Vigilantes In At Death Of Gift To Roosevelt.

SAMMIES WHIP THE BAVARIANS

Pershing's Men Resist Fierce Counter-Attack.

HELD LIKE STONE WALL

Whole Fourth Division Of Bavarian Guards Thrown In The Desperate Counter-Attack Against The Americans.

London.—The Americans met Germany's finest regiments in battle south of Sergey Sunday night, where the enemy threw in the whole Fourth division of Bavarian Guards in a desperate counter-attack.

The dispatches praise the work of the Americans highly, but give no details beyond insisting upon the heavy losses which the Bavarians suffered, particularly from the American machine gunners.

The fact that the Germans picked the Americans as opponents for the choicest battalions in the German Army indicated that they have learned to respect the men from the United States in the fighting of the last fortnight.

American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front.—Reinforced by two crack divisions of Bavarian Guards, the Teutons settled down to the hardest resistance they have yet displayed against the American forces north of the River Ourcq.

Although heavily hammered, the Americans replied in like along the river, and the fighting shifted back and forth through Sergey, three miles southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois.

From Rheims the line now extends almost straight southwest to Oilly-et-Violaine. The forest of Ris is now behind the Allies and they are holding Champroy, to the northeast of the forest.

When the Germans began replying to the Allies' fire in earnest the congressmen decided that it was about time to adjourn and did so, leaving behind the souvenirs they had gathered at Chateau Thierry.

U. S. FORCE GIGANTIC.

Amsterdam Correspondent Says It Can't Be Beaten.

MARINES KILL BANDITS.

Dispatch Twenty in Encounters in San Domingo.

AIRPLANE FLARE.

To Be Used in Night-bombing Expeditions.

CONGRESSMEN SEE AMERICANS FIGHT

Thrilled By Our Brave Boys' Pluck at Sergey

NOT FAR FROM FIRING LINE

Would Remain Longer Than They Did But For German Shells Bursting Over Their Heads—Visited Austro-Italian Front.

American Forces on the Aisne-Marne Front.—Six war-tired American Congressmen are on their way back to Paris after having witnessed from a hillside the tussle for possession of the town of Sergey, two and a half miles southeast of the former German base at Fere-en-Tardenois.

The Congressmen saw American infantrymen in action, witnessed the firing of Entente Allied big guns and heard the rattle of German machine guns and the crashing of the heavy cannon of the German Crown Prince.

The Congressmen who had visited the Austro-Italian front said their observations showed to them the first actual fighting worth talking about.

The first time it was invited to a dinner party on my return, I wore a long-sleeved high-necked gray-and-black gown and found myself a wron among birds of paradise.

See Their Homes Destroyed.

And then in the case of France and to some degree of Italy, the allied women have seen vast stretches of carefully cared-for ancient forest and enormous sections of softly-beautiful farming country turned into metal-riden dumps.

EXIT THE GERMAN DACHSHUND

Marine Poster Causes German Dog to Be Driven From Streets of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati.—Exit the German dachshund from the society of Cincinnati dogdom.

A United States marine corps poster was responsible for the German dog's social demise here.

Navy Bean Lauded.

Guests Provide Own Sugar.

When friends go "a-visiting" at Alton, Ill., they bring their own sugar along for sweetening the refreshments served.

FACTS ABOUT SHIP'S SPEED.

A ship increases her speed more readily over deep water, but on the other hand, the faster a ship runs the more depth of water she requires to prevent the hindrance caused by the dragging influence of the friction which is always felt when the ship's keel "senses" bottom.

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO TO WIN THE WAR

Conserve Food and Buy Liberty Bonds—Two Ways They Can Help.

WOMEN OF AMERICA, WAKE UP!

Pour All Your Savings into Uncle Sam's Lap—Keep on Saving and Pouring Until the World is Free.

By INEZ HAYNES IRWIN.

What can the women of America do to help win this war? Two things are certain; one that they can do a great deal and another that, unless they can never do so much as the French, English and Italian women have done.

When their men return on their rare leave from the front, they cover their aching hearts with as much gaiety as possible in order to send them back to the filth and the vermin and the rats and the damp and the cold and the wounds and the constant sight of death psychologically refreshed.

What Women Can Do.

It is the geographical misfortune of us women of America that we cannot possibly give the personal service that the women of Europe have given.

Women of America, wake up! Pour all your savings into Uncle Sam's lap. Then save more, and pour them into his lap. Keep on saving and pouring, pouring and saving, until the world is free.

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friends range in age from forty to sixty. Not one has a son left."

What news do you get from Frederick, a friend of mine asked of the mother of Frederick, a beautiful middle-aged English woman who was making a great success of a dance given for some convalescent Tommies.

But that is not all. In a manner of speaking, the women of Europe are fighting the war just as the men are.

What can the women of America do to equal all this service and all this suffering?

For three years, the French and English, and for two years, the Italians, have stood between us and the death of our democracy.

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