

FIGHT OR WORK, CROWDER'S ORDER

Ball Players, Bartenders, Golfers, Clerks, Gambler, Must Find Useful Employment.

ACTORS ON EXEMPTED LIST

Sweeping Edict, Effective July 1, to Make Nation Efficient in War, Takes Registrants Out of the Deferred Class.

Bulletin.
Washington, May 23.—General Crowder's new "work-or-fight" regulations may require professional baseball players either to engage in some useful occupation or to join the army. Baseball players, as well as jockeys, professional golfers and other professional sportsmen, General Crowder said today, will be affected by the regulations if strictly enforced. General Crowder said he did not desire to make specific rulings at this time and would make rulings only when cases came to him from local boards after July 1.

Bulletin.
Washington, May 23.—Theatrical performers have been exempted from the new draft regulations at the direction of Secretary Baker, who is said to feel that the people cannot do without all amusement in war time and that other amusements could be dispensed with more readily.

- THESE ARE HIT BY ORDER TO FIGHT OR WORK.**
- Idlers.
 - Gamblers.
 - Bucket shop employees.
 - Race track attendants.
 - Clerks in stores.
 - Professional golfers.
 - Professional baseball players (probably).
 - Elevator operators at clubs and stores.
 - Club and hotel doormen.
 - Waiters in hotels and clubs.
 - Ushers in theaters.
 - Attendants at sports.
 - Persons in domestic service.
 - Clerks in stores.
- Special Exempt.**
- Actors.

Washington, May 23.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today announced that every man of draft age must work or fight after July 1. The order is under a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations. All draft registrants, besides idlers, in what are held to be nonuseful occupations, will be given an opportunity before local boards to choose a new job or join the army.

Gamblers, race track and bucket shop attendants and fortune tellers head the list, but those who will be reached by the new regulation also include waiters and bartenders, theater ushers and attendants, passenger elevator operators and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, etc., domestics and clerks in stores.

Deferred classification granted on account of dependents will be disregarded entirely in applying the rule. A man may be at the bottom of class 1, or even in class 4, but if he falls within the regulation and refuses to take useful employment he will be given a new number in class 1 that will send him into the military service forthwith. Local boards are authorized to use discretion only where they find that enforced change of employment would result in disproportionate hardship upon his dependents.

May Solve the Labor Problem.

The statement of the provost marshal general's office is as follows: "Provost Marshal General Crowder today announced an amendment to the selective service regulations which deals with the great question of compelling men not engaged in a useful occupation immediately to apply themselves to some form of labor, contributing to the general good. The idler, too, will find himself confronted with the alternative of finding suitable employment or entering the army."
This regulation provides that after July 1, any registrant who is found by a local board to be a habitual idler or not engaged in some useful occupation shall be summoned before the board, given a chance to explain and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, to be inducted into the military service of the United States.
"Any local board will be authorized to take action, whether it has an original jurisdiction of the registrant or not; in other words, any man loafing around a poolroom in Chicago may be held to answer to a Chicago board even though he may have registered in New York and lived there most of his life."
"The regulations which apply to idler registrants will be deemed to apply also to gamblers of all description and employees and attendants of bucket-shops and race tracks, fortune tellers, clairvoyants, palmists and the like, who for the purpose of the regulations shall be considered as idlers."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Chinese alphabet consists of 214 letters.
Oil has been discovered at Bell Island, Newfoundland.
Ecuator has a tree producing berries which can be used as soap.
Only a third of South America's population is of pure white blood.
In 1566 New York city, then New Amsterdam and ruled by the Dutch, had 1,000 inhabitants, 120 houses and 17 streets.

"The new regulation will also affect the following classes:

"(a) Persons engaged in the serving of food and drink, or either, in public places, including hotels and social clubs.

"(b) Passenger elevator operators and attendants, doormen, footmen and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and bathhouses.

"(c) Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in, and in connection with, games, sports and amusements, excepting actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performance.

"(d) Persons employed in domestic service.

"(e) Sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and other mercantile establishments.

"Men who are engaged as above or who are idlers will not be permitted to seek relief because of the fact that they have drawn a later order number or because they have been placed in class II, III or IV on the grounds of dependency. The fact that he is not usefully employed will outweigh both of the above conditions.
"It is expected that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity will require so as to include persons in other employments.

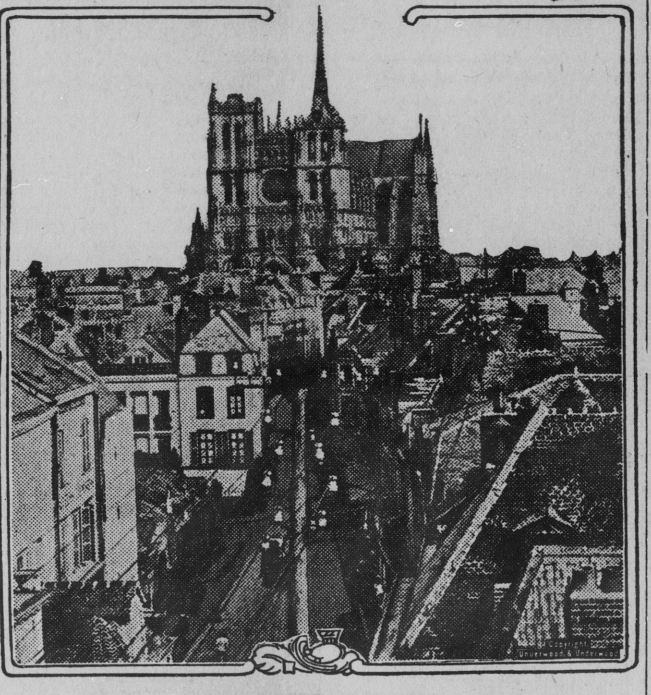
"Temporary absences from regular employment not to exceed one week, unless such temporary absences are habitual and frequent, shall not be considered as idleness. Regular vacations will not be considered as absences in this connection.
"The regulation further provides that where such a change of employment would compel the night employment of women under circumstances which a board might deem unsuitable for such employment of women the board may take such circumstances into consideration in making its decision."

General Crowder Explains Plan.
Explaining the new regulation and the necessity for it, General Crowder said:
"The war has so far disorganized the normal adjustment of industrial man power as to prevent the enormous industrial output and national organization necessary to success.
"There is a popular demand for organization of man power, but no direct draft could be imposed at present.
"Steps to prohibit idleness and non-effective occupation will be welcomed by our people.
"We shall give the idlers and men not effectively employed the choice between military service and effective employment. Every man, in the draft age at least, must work or fight.
"This is not alone a war or military maneuver. It is a deadly contest of industries and mechanics.
"Must Copy German Machine.
"Germany must not be thought of as merely possessing an army, we must think of her as being an army—an army in which every factory and loom in the empire is a recognized part in a complete machine running night and day at terrific speed. We must make of ourselves the same sort of effective machine.

"It is not enough to ask what would happen if every man in the nation turned his hand to effective work. We must make ourselves effective. We must organize for the future. We must make vast withdrawals for the army and immediately close up the ranks of industry behind the gap with an accelerating production of every useful thing in necessary measure. How is this to be done?
"The answer is plain. The first step toward the solution of the difficulty is to prohibit engagement by able-bodied men in the field of hurtful employment, idleness or ineffectual employment, and thus induce and persuade the vast wasted excess into useful fields.
"The very situation we are now considering, however, offers great possibilities in improvement of the draft as well as great possibilities for the composition of the labor situation by effective administration of the draft. Considering the selective service law, we see two principal causes of detriment of the call to military service—exemption and the order numbers assigned by lot.
"Exemptions in Two Categories.
"The exemptions themselves fall into two conspicuous categories—dependency and industrial employment. One protects domestic relations, the other the economic interests of the nation. Between the two there is an inevitable hiatus, for it is demonstrably true that thousands, if not millions, of dependency exemptions have no effect of industrial protection whatever.
"One of the unanswerable criticisms of the draft has been that it takes men from the farms and from all useful employments and marches them past crowds of idlers and loafers to the industrial basis with other grounds for exemption and to require that any man pleading exemption on any ground shall also show that he is contributing effectively to the industrial welfare of the nation."

Apparatus using electrically produced ozone has been invented by a Paris scientist for quickly purifying the interior of barrels used in breweries.
An oven has been invented to utilize for baking the smoke and hot gases that ordinarily would pass out of a chimney from a residence heating plant.
The cherry gets its name from Cerasus, an old Greek town on the Black sea, whence came the first garden cherries known to Europe.

PLAINS of PICARDY



Amiens and its Cathedral.

THE battle in which the allies and the central powers have been engaged in northeastern France often is referred to in the dispatches as the "Battle of Picardy," although as a political subdivision the province of Picardy no longer exists. Since the division into departments was made, Picardy was cut up into the departments of the Somme, Pas-de-Calais, Aisne and Oise. In the ancient days when it existed as one of the great historic provinces of France, its boundaries extended from Hamant and Artois on the north and from Champagne on the east to the province of Normandy and the English channel on the west, with a maritime frontier running from the mouth of the Aa to the cliffs of Caux, and it included within its boundaries the whole of the basin of the Somme river and a great part of that of the Oise.

Under the Romans it was inhabited by the Morini, the Ambiani, the Vermandui, the Bellovaeci and the Suessones, whose names are still preserved in the modern cities of Amiens, Vermandois, Beauvais and Soissons. It was a battleground in Caesar's day and the Romans built military roads through the province and erected defensive citadels along the banks of the Somme.
It was in Picardy, too, that the first nucleation of France as a nation took place, under the Merovingian kings in the fifth century. "The history of ancient France," says Michelet, "had its sources in Picardy." Here Clovis made his first capital at Soissons and Charlemagne founded his at Noyon. Famous battles were fought within its borders long before the first Prussian set foot upon its soil. Crecy, where Edward the Black Prince won his spurs, and Agincourt, where Henry V of England, with his bowmen, wrought such havoc with the French army—the bowmen whose spirits were said to have rendered miraculous assistance to the allies at the Battle of the Marne.

Land of Beautiful Landscapes.
A land of beautiful landscapes is the land of Picardy—or was before the devastating Hun plowed up its fair fields, tore up its roads and laid low its forests and its famous avenues of aspens and poplars—as "Picturesque Picardy." It was known to poets and artists and writers and travelers. David Murray, the famous Scottish landscape painter, gave its pastoral scenery to the world in almost three score of his canvases. Many of Corot's finest landscapes are laid in the valley of the Oise or Somme. Ruskin and Robert Louis Stevenson have glorified it in art and literature. But today it is a scene of ruin, ravage and desolation. Many of its age-old towns have been made level with the plain, some of its historic cathedrals and chateaux are heaps of ruins and great craters of shell holes mark the face of the land. As Lord Byron said of Greece, "This Picardy, but living Picardy no more."

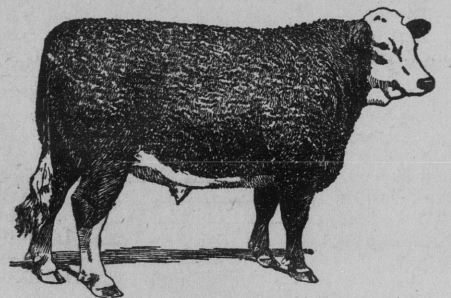
And now again the guns of the Huns have been thundering in the heart of Picardy and at the gates of its ancient capital, Amiens, the beautiful, the "Venice of Picardy," home of rare art treasures and named by the Picards themselves the "Cathedral of the Beautiful God" and by art lovers the "Parthenon of Gothic architecture."
The cathedral of Amiens is one of the largest churches in the world, being surpassed in the magnitude of its construction only by St. Peter's at Rome, St. Sophia's at Constantinople and the cathedral of Cologne. Into its sculptured stones and statues have been wrought by its builders almost a complete biblical history, both of the Old and New Testaments. Ruskin calls the cathedral "the Bible of Amiens," and in his lecture under that title he has given an interpretation of its thousands of sculptured figures and of its "sermons in stones."
The cathedral was built chiefly between 1220 and 1288. Its architect was Robert de Luzarches. It consists of a nave nearly 140 feet high, with aisles and lateral chapels, a transept with aisles, and a choir ending in an apse surrounded by chapels. The total length is 460 feet, its breadth 216 feet. The facade, which is flanked by two square towers without spires, has three portals decorated with a profusion of statuary, and over the central portal is the remarkable statue of Christ, of the thirteenth century, which has given to this entrance the name of the "porch of the beautiful God." Surmounting the portals are two galleries, and above these a fine rose window.
Wood That Leaps Like Living Flame.
Ruskin went into raptures over the wood carvings of the choir. "Whatever you wish to see, or are forced to leave unseen at Amiens," he said, "if the overwhelming possibilities of your existence and the inevitable necessities of precipitate locomotion in their fulfillment have left you so much as one quarter of an hour, not out of breath, for the contemplation of the capital of Picardy, give it wholly to the cathedral choir. Aisles and porches, lancet windows and roses, you can see elsewhere as well as here—but such carpenter's work you cannot. It is lately developed flamboyant just past the fifteenth century, and has some Flemish stolidity mixed with the playing French fire of it; but wood carving was the Picard's joy from his youth up, and so far as I know there is nothing else so beautiful cut out of the goodly trees of the world. Sweet and young grained wood it is; oak, trained and chosen for such work, sound now as four hundred years since. Under the carver's hand it seems to cut like clay, to fold like silk, to leap like living flame. Canopy crowning canopy, pinnacle piercing pinnacle—it shoots and wreathes itself into an enchanted glade, inextinguishable, imperishable, fuller of leafage than any forest, and fuller of story than any book."

Ruskin notes that the dominant tone of the sculptures that so profusely decorate the cathedral is that of peace and mercy.
Summing up his interpretation of the Amiens cathedral, the "Bible of Amiens," as Ruskin asks:
"Who built it, shall we ask? God and man is the first true answer. The stars in their courses built it, and the nations. Greek Athena labors here, and the Roman Father Jove, and Guardian Mars. The Gaul labors here and the Frank; knightly Norman, mighty Ostrogoth, and wasted anchorite of Idumea. The actual man who built it scarcely cared to tell you he did so; nor do the historians brag of him. Any quantity of heraldries of knaves and fainthearts you may find in what they call their history; but this is probably the first time you ever read the name of Robert of Luzarches."

Where Time Is Money.
In South America, near Buenos Aires, is a colony where the members make or grow everything they want and import nothing. It is called the Colonia Cosme. The workmen have seven hours' work a day and earn not money but time. Their wages are hours and half-hours. These are sometimes saved up till they have a week in hand. Then they go off on an excursion or spend their savings in some other pleasure-producing manner. If a man wants a chair or table he pays for it in hours of work which are deducted from the balance to his credit.
All Dressed Up.
Young Bob was found by his father sobbing in a corner.
"What's the matter, youngster?" he asked.
"Why, pop," blubbered the boy, "I've got a nickel, and there isn't any slot around here to drop it in."



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