

Adjutant General Has Not Yet Received List of Nebraska Slackers

Adjutant General Paul of Nebraska and state headquarters have not yet received the certified list of slackers who, called to duty from this state, failed to report or otherwise escaped military service in the late war. A number of bulletins and letters have been received, however, explaining just what these lists will contain and the opinion of the military authorities as to what constitutes desertion, says the Midwest Veteran.

It is asserted by the department that while it was not required to do the eliminating that it has been engaged on by rechecking and by other means and which resulted in reducing the list certified from the original records from 459,000 to 155,000, it has gone as far as possible in the elimination, and that those who have not taken advantage of the widely-advertised opportunity to demonstrate that their names should not be there cannot now claim to be required to prove their innocence since service afterwards will not excuse previous flagrant misconduct. One of the bulletins says in part:

"Although as has been repeatedly explained, the publication by the war department of the lists of men charged with desertion from the draft is in response to a widespread demand from patriotic societies, from the relatives of men who did their full duty and who, in many cases, gave up their lives in the service, from the press, and from the general public, nevertheless, now that the lists are actually being published, the department, strangely enough is being subjected to a constant fire of drastic criticism for having adopted this means of bringing to trial the men who succeeded in evading their duty to their country in its hour of peril. It is now insisted that the lists should never have been published at all until the department was absolutely convinced that there appeared thereon the name of no man who actually rendered either military or naval service during the period of the world war.

"In this connection, attention is again invited to the definition of the term 'Deserters from the draft.'

"Deserters from the draft are men who registered under the provisions of the selective service law and who

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failed to report for military service at a specified time and place, although ordered by the draft authorities to do so.

"Under the law these men are held to have been inducted into the military service of the United States as of the date on which they were ordered to report, and, since they have never been discharged from such service, they are still under military jurisdiction and hence are liable to trial by general court-martial for their offense of desertion.

"As a matter of fact, therefore, the department would have been entirely warranted in including in the published lists of men charged with desertion from the draft the name of every registrant who failed to report for military service at the time and place specified in the notice sent to him by his local board, and whether or not he subsequently served honorably in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States or in the naval or military forces of the allied powers. Under the law and the selective service regulations every person whose status is that of a deserter from the draft, within the terms of the foregoing definition, is a deserter from the draft, regardless of any subsequent honorable service which he may have rendered."

June 1 Crop Report Shows Decrease in 1921 Wheat Crop

A winter wheat condition indicating slightly less than an average yield, reduced acreage of spring wheat, slight increase in acreage of oats with a condition seven points below the average, rye and barley in satisfactory condition, no change in the acreages of clover and alfalfa and an extremely short fruit crop are the main points in the June 1 crop report released by A. E. Anderson of the bureau of crop estimates and Leo Stuhr, secretary of the Nebraska department of agriculture.

Winter wheat lost 17 points in May. The June 1 condition is 75 per cent as compared to 92 per cent a month ago and 84 per cent the ten year average for this date. This condition indicates a crop of 48,525,000 bushels as compared to 58,029,000 bushels last year. A normal or full crop on present acreage and date would be 64,700,000 bushels. Most of the reports upon which his estimate is based were made previous to the recent rains and any moderate decline in condition that may follow between now and harvest may be absorbed by the improvement in condition since the rain. Red rust is general, but light. An early harvest is expected.

A decrease of 10 per cent in the acreage of spring wheat is reported. The total of 232,000 acres in spring wheat is one of the lowest on record. The growing of spring wheat is limited now largely to the northern and western sections of the state. The condition of 88 per cent promises a crop of 2,858,000 bushels as compared to 2,451,000 bushels last year. The forecast for all wheat is 51,383,000 bushels compared to 60,480,000 bushels last year.

The acreage of oats is slightly larger than a year ago and is estimated to be 2,424,000 acres as compared to 2,400,000 acres last year. Some oats were damaged by the spring freezes and the growth checked somewhat by insufficient rainfall in a few of the counties. However, the condition has improved and is now 86 per cent which should give a production of 69,835,000 bushels as compared to 83,040,000 bushels last year.

Corn was damaged in some sections by heavy rains, but in general the

stand and condition are very good. A report on acreage will be made next month.

The acreage of barley is reported to be the same as a year ago, or 256,000 acres. The condition of 87 per cent indicates a crop of 6,120,000 bushels as compared to 7,424,000 bushels a year ago. The condition of rye is 90 per cent, forecasting a crop of 4,113,000 bushels as compared to 3,722,000 bushels last year.

The acreages of alfalfa and clover are reported to be the same as last year. Some of the alfalfa was plowed up but has been replaced by seeding of new fields. Last year Nebraska had a total of 1,233,000 acres in alfalfa, which was not only the highest on record, but unexceeded by any other state. The condition of the first crop is 89 per cent. The yield is not as good as last year's yield. The condition of alfalfa is 89 per cent, pasture 84 per cent.

The condition of field beans is 86 per cent; cabbages, 88 per cent; onions 91 per cent; watermelons, 88 per cent; muskmelons and cantaloupes, 87 per cent; sugar beets, 90 per cent. The sugar beet section was short of rainfall this spring, but the condition is improving.

The fruit crops are rather light outside of some small fruits. The farm apple crop condition is 15 per cent as compared to the ten year average of 69 per cent for this date. The commercial crop is very light also. The heavy crop of apples diminished the prospects of three weeks ago, very materially. The other tree fruits are nearly failures. Strawberries, blackberries and raspberries and grapes are quite promising.

Estimates on important crops for the United States are as follows: The condition of winter wheat is 77.9 per cent as compared to 88.8 per cent last month and forecasts a production of 578,196,000 bushels as compared to 577,763,000 bushels last year. The acreage of oats is 44,829,000 acres, compared to 43,323,000 acres last year and the condition of 85.7 per cent forecasts a crop of 1,404,922,000 bushels as compared to 1,526,055,000 bushels last year. Spring wheat is estimated at 18,023,000 acres compared to 19,419,000 acres last year and the condition of 93.4 per cent indicates a crop of 251,289,000 bushels compared to 209,365,000 bushels last year. All wheat, 829,485,000 bushels against 787,128,000 bushels last year. The forecast for barley is 190,661,000 bushels compared

to 202,024,000 bushels last year. Rye production is estimated to be 70,977,000 bushels compared to 69,318,000 bushels last year. The condition of apples is 41.8 per cent; all hay, 85 per cent; clover hay, 81.5 per cent; alfalfa 87.8 per cent; peaches, 45.5 per cent; pears, 43.8 per cent and pasture, 90.1 per cent.

Miss Avis North and Miss Maude Wilcox are visiting in Chadron this week. They expect to return Sunday, after which Miss Wilcox will teach in the summer school here, having charge of the grade work.

The summer term of the Alliance schools will start Monday, June 13, and continue for eight weeks as usual. Prof. F. C. Prince will have charge of the high school students and Miss Maude Wilcox of the grades. Any students desiring to make up work or make an extra credit may attend.

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