

# MUST BE NO IDLERS

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL ISSUES DRASTIC ORDERS

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Men of Draft Age Must Engage in Useful Occupation or Fight—Solves Labor Problem.

Washington.—Every man of draft age must work or fight after July 1. Provost Marshal Crowder announces. Not only idlers, but all draft registrants engaged in non-useful occupations are to be given the choice of a new job or the army.

Gamblers, race track and bucketshop attendants and fortune tellers head the list, but those who will be reached by the new regulations 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.

Local boards are authorized to use discretion only where they find that enforced change of employment would result in disproportionate hardship upon his dependents.

Both the military authorities and department of labor officials believe that it will go a long way toward solving the labor problem for farmers, shipbuilders and munition makers, and will end for the present at least talk of conscription of labor. The announcement today gives notice significantly that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity requires.

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 bath houses.

(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 performances.

(d) Persons employed in domestic service.

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

The regulation makes plain the determination of the war department. The local and district boards may be relied upon to catch the spirit of the movement and sorely needed manpower will soon be flowing into the fields of useful endeavor or into the military strength.

Washington.—Predicting that the United States will have between four million and five million men under arms before July 1, 1919, Representative Charles Caldwell, New York, member of the military committee, gave the house an official summary of America's fighting strength.

Within one year after the first Americans left for France, this nation will have one million men on the west front, Caldwell, who is close to the war department, asserted.

"During the first ten days of May the troop movements totalled 90,000 men," he said.

Caldwell quoted official figures showing that the army by June 1 will have 1,889,894 and 148,388 officers in the service, or a total of 2,038,282.

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British aviators and anti-aircraft guns battled with the Hun squadron, bringing down the enemy commander's machine. Huts about the hospitals were in splinters. One half of the entire hospital, where the greatest death toll was posted, has almost entirely disappeared. Nearby is a crater, fifteen feet across and ten feet deep, where a large bomb fell on the nurses' quarters. Those who witnessed the attack say they have never seen anything so wonderful as the courage of the women during the raid, which lasted for two hours. Dugouts were provided for them in case of danger, but none deserted the patients.

Throughout two solid hours, while an endless chain of German planes dropped high explosives on the helpless victims, women went smilingly from one critical case to another, laying gentle hands on fevered heads.

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