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Wilson Classes Men to be Exempted.
Washington, D. C., July 2.—By a proclamation of draft regulations the president today started the labor of singling out the manhood of the nation for America's armies.

The regulations fixed the general classes of men free from military service, set up the exemption boards that sift out the men and defined their duties.

Only a small group of classes of men are exempt from bearing arms. All others must appear before the tribunals. Upon hearing of evidence they will be discharged or drafted into the army, as the case may be. Every action of the boards is hedged with double safeguards against unfairness and wide open to the public gaze.

The skeleton of human lottery that fixes upon the men is constructed in the rules. The exact method of the lottery is left for a later proclamation.

Draft Within Few Weeks.
Within a few weeks the draft will be made. In military quarters it is stated that 1,000,000 men will be drawn in the first levy.

Upon proof of their status the following classes are exempt:

Men indispensable to industries that are necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment of the national interest.

Men with wives, children, parents, brothers or sisters dependent solely upon them for support.

Members of well recognized religious sects whose creeds forbid

bearing arms, students of divinity and ordained ministers.

Legislative, judicial and executive officers of the United States or the states of the union.

Men in the army or navy of the United States.

Aliens who have not taken first citizenship papers and subject to Germany.

Workmen in the armories, arsenals and navy yards of the United States and men engaged in the transportation of the United States mails.

Pilots and mariners in the merchant marine of the United States.

Criminals convicted of felonies and the morally deficient.

The most vital power—that of deciding which men are indispensable and the necessary industries—is placed in the hands of the district boards. One or more board is created for each federal district in the country.

Burden of Proof on Claimant.

The burden of proof for exemption is put upon the claimant.

Appeal from the rulings of the tribunals is provided for in the regulations.

As outlined in the rules, the following are in the steps leading up to the ordering of the men into camp:

A local exemption board of three members for approximately each 30,000 of population is set up. Most of these tribunals are formed. In many

cases they are the registration boards.

Other higher boards for each federal judicial district are formed. They are composed of five men of the highest standing, and known as district or appellate boards. Any member of either board may be removed by the president.

On a day to be set, the lower boards meet and organize. The registration cards are secured from the registration boards, which then cease to exist. The cards are numbered serially from one up and the names and numbers posted in a public place and given to the press for publication. At the same time a copy is sent to Washington.

When every card is numbered and posted in every precinct in the nation, the stage is set for the actual drawing.

Drawing In Washington.

Although the method is left for another proclamation, it is known that the drawing will take place in Washington. After the order in which the men are called up for service is determined, the quota that each state must yield up to the armies will be announced.

The state governors are directed to divide the quotas among the counties and cities on the basis of population.

The numbers will be drawn in Washington. Each number drawn will strike the men of the number in every precinct in the nation.

These numbers and names will again be posted and published and the men called will be notified by mail.

Next the "honor men" will be summoned for physical examination before the local boards. One member of each board is a physician. He is ordered to make the examination in the presence of another member of the board.

To guard against any unfairness in the physical examination the president makes an ingenious provision. In case the physician designates any man unfit the board will call in another physician. He will make another examination in ignorance of the first report. If both make the same diagnosis a certificate will be issued. Members of the board are barred from passing upon any relative's case.

Exemption of Classes.

After the physical examinations are finished the boards will take up the exemption of the classes specified in the rules.

A claim supported by affidavits must be made by men asking exemption. Claims upon occupational grounds must be made to the district board.

In making a claim for exemption on the ground of a dependent, the claimant must furnish an affidavit that the income from the support of the dependent is mainly from the fruit of his labor and not derived from property. He must bring another affidavit from the dependent affirming the dependency, and another from a head of a family stating the same grounds.

Within three days after the affidavits are filed the local board must make its decision. Either an absolute, conditional or temporary discharge may be granted.

The local boards next report a list of the men discharged and those not discharged to the district board. Again these names are posted and a notice sent to each.

Claims for exemption upon occupational grounds must be made to the district board within five days after the man is notified that he is drawn.

Proof of Necessity.

The burden of a double proof rests upon these claimants. They must prove that the industry in which they are engaged is necessary and that they are "indispensable" to its successful conduct.

The regulations provide that claims may be made upon these premises:

That he is actually engaged in a particular industrial or agricultural enterprise necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment, or the national interest, and that his continuance therein is necessary to the maintenance of that industry and cannot be dispensed with or replaced without substantial material loss and detriment of that enterprise.

Each claim must be supported by affidavits.

When in the opinion of the board the loss of the man to the industry outweighs the gain to the military establishment, a certificate of discharge will be issued.

Claims for exemption may be made by wives, parents, children, employers or another person for the man in whom they are interested.

The boards are empowered to investigate any claims for exemption with any means at their disposal.

Will Review Appeals.

After the occupational claims are passed upon, the district board will review the appeals from lower boards. Upon these appeals their decision is final. When it is adverse the man will be drafted into the army.

After all appeals are decided and occupational claims settled, the district board will report its list of eligibles to the adjutant general of the state. These are the men that are to

be summoned to the colors in the fall. They will be notified by mail.

An appeal from the district board in occupational claims to the president is provided for. But, pending the decision of the appeal, the claimant may be summoned to the army.

In a later proclamation, President Wilson will create a national board to hear the occupational appeals.

The regulations give the president authority to determine from time to time what general classes of industries are necessary to maintenance of the military establishment. These classes will be announced by proclamation. The district boards are ordered to ascertain the existing conditions of industry in their districts to aid in making equitable exemptions.

To Issue Another Proclamation.

Another proclamation to follow within a few days will make the laws governing the final step of the draft— assembling the men and calling them into camps.

On any disputed decisions of the boards a majority rules. Members are barred from taking part in any hearing that concerns any relative closer than a second cousin.

In case of doubt in physical examinations as to whether the man is unfit, the government is given the benefit of the doubt and the man is certified as "fit."

To guard against partiality, every case of an exemption by a lower board is appealed automatically to the upper tribunal. Unless new evidence is presented after a short time, the higher board will affirm the decision. This method gives the public in general an opportunity to present evidence favoring or opposing the decision.

Heavy penalties are imposed for making false statements or any evasion of the requirements of the regulations. Imprisonment for not more than one year without the alternative of a fine, is provided for evasion.

MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

The semi-annual apportionment of the temporary school fund, for the support of the public schools, just made by the state superintendent allows Holt county \$7,365.08.

Possibly no Fourth of July celebration ever held in O'Neill drew any larger crowd than was here yesterday to celebrate. From as far west as Valentine, Rushville and Winner, S. D., east as far as Norfolk and Scribner people came in great crowds to celebrate the nation's birthday, and they come where they knew it would be celebrated right. No one, we think, was there who went home disappointed or who did not find enough to do to keep them busy.

Restaurants and hotels did a thriving meal business and rooms were at a premium. Soda fountain, and sandwich men all enjoyed a good business. The festivities opened at ten in the morning with a parade, after which came the exercises and speaking on the court house lawn. Hon. Arthur Mullen, of Omaha, delivered the address of the day which was along patriotic lines and which met with a sympathetic response from the large and enthusiastic audience. After dinner the sports were pulled off at the fair grounds and consisted of a base ball game, band music, all kinds of foot and horse racing and jumping. The large grounds were fairly alive with people. Long before time for the program to open the grandstand was filled and the choice auto parking places had been taken. Automobiles formed in a great semicircle around the ball diamond and were lined up and down the track on both sides for a block or more. The Bassett band furnished the music at the grounds between and during the other activities. Conservative estimates place the number of people in town at around 10,000. Everything was absolutely free, no charge being made for a thing in the amusement line except at the carnival grounds which is independent of the celebration.

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Information Requested.

The officers of the local Council of Defense have received the following letter from the members of the State Council. The information requested will be very valuable to the State Council as it will enable them to arrange for seed wheat for those who desire to plant winter wheat this fall.

On account of the hard winter a great deal of the winter wheat in the state has been killed and it is estimated, by those who have been studying the matter that there will not be more than enough wheat raised in this state this year than to furnish seed for the farmers to plant next fall.

The letter follows:

Lincoln, Neb., June 21, 1917.
Mr. R. R. Dickson,
O'Neill, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—

The State Council of Defense is requested by the National Council to ascertain as nearly as possible the stocks of wheat, corn, oats and rye now held in Nebraska.

Will you please supply the information asked, so far as it applies to your county, as quickly as possible. We would suggest that each precinct member of your Council be asked to make the survey of his particular precinct. This means grain stocks in farmers hands, mills and elevators.

In this connection we urge upon you to secure a list of your farmers who may have winter wheat for sale, and also of those who are needing it, and that you make the endeavor to bring them together.

Should your county fail to have sufficient seed wheat for next fall's requirements, if you will list those who desire seed wheat, this Council will assist in securing it at the least possible cost.

There will be no more important or imperative duty devolving upon the several County Councils than the securing of the planting of as large

wheat this next fall, and the State Council cannot urge too strongly the absolute necessity of vigorous effort by the local Councils upon this particular object.

We are confidently relying upon your hearty co-operation and patriotic endeavor to help us accomplish this task.

STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE,
George Coupland, Vice-Chairman.

Hay Growers Organize.

On Friday, June 29th, the hay growers of the Elkhorn Valley met in the court house in O'Neill and organized "The Elkhorn Valley Hay-growers Association."

Hay growers from Ewing to Newport were present and a board of seven directors elected. T. V. Golden was chosen president, C. M. Daly, secretary and James F. O'Donnell, treasurer.

The board of directors as elected is composed of the following well known men of Holt and Rock counties: T. V. Golden, O'Neill; Geo. W. Davies, Inman; John Carr, Stafford; J. L. Fisher, Ewing; G. C. Funk, Atkinson; Anton Wallinger, Stuart; Frank Keller, Newport.

The company has incorporated for an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.00 and may begin business when \$5,000.00 or more has been subscribed and paid up. The company will build hay barns for storing hay at the various towns where most needed.

W. F. Porter, of Lincoln, and T. V. Golden, of O'Neill, were the organizers and Mr. Porter will have charge of the stock sales as fiscal agent of the company. O'Neill will be the principal place of business.

An opportunity will be given to all growers and shippers of hay to join the association and to subscribe for stock. Another meeting will probably be held about the middle of August of which due notice will be given.

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