

NATION-WIDE DRIVE FOR ARMY RECRUITS

Attempt Will Be Made to Enlist Seventy Thousand Men for Regular Service Within the Week.

Washington, June 23.—A nationwide drive of one week to recruit 70,000 men to bring the regular army up to its authorized war strength of 360,000 men began today in accordance with President Wilson's proclamation calling for volunteers.

This is the first step in the war organization of America's army. Next is the task of completing the full strength of the National Guard; then comes the selection of men for the new national army from the millions who registered June 5.

Call of President.

The president calls upon "unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 40 years who have no dependents and who are not engaged in pursuits vitally necessary to the prosecution of the war."

This means that those between the ages of 18 and 40, as well as the recent registrants, will be given an opportunity for immediate training and the prospect of early active service.

The urgency of filling the ranks of the regular army is emphasized by army officers, who declare it will be necessary within the next six months to take many of the regulars as instructors for the new selective army. It is planned to incorporate in the new regiments of the regular army portions of the already established and trained units as a framework to insure rapid development.

Draft Will Be by Numbers.

Regulations for drafting the new national army, now awaiting President Wilson's approval, contain provision for every step in the great undertaking except the actual method of the draft itself.

No official announcement has been made and official confirmation is being withheld, but it has been stated that the federal government itself will do the drafting, probably here in Washington, so there will be no opportunity for local favoritism, political or otherwise.

As the regulations stand now every registered man bears a number. The numbers will be forwarded to Washington and the drawing will be entirely by numbers. The identity of the numbered men will be unknown to those in charge of the draft machinery and can be established only by comparing a number with a printed list of the man's home district.

Question of Exemption.

The question of exemptions will go before the local boards. If a man is exempted the man bearing the number which was drawn next in order will take his place and so on until the first increment of 625,000 has been assembled. The others will be called as the need develops. It is hoped to have all the men in training by September 1.

Two Suffragists Are Arrested at White House

Washington, June 23.—The police quickly blocked another attempt today by suffragists to display a banner in front of the White House. Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia and Miss Gladys Greiner of Baltimore, who carried the banner, were arrested by a police matron before they had it entirely unfurled. They were taken to headquarters in a waiting police automobile. The banner carried a quotation from one of President Wilson's books.

The two women were released at police headquarters on their own recognizance. No date for the trial was set.

Notes from Beatrice And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Edgar C. Lucas of New Albany, Ind., has accepted the call of the First Presbyterian church in this city to become its pastor. He will assume his new duties about September 1.

Joseph W. Bickmore died last evening in a local hospital, where he had been receiving treatment, aged 50 years. He leaves a brother, A. F. Bickmore of this city, and two daughters who reside at Rosedale, Kan.

Announcement was received here yesterday of the marriage of Everett R. Filley, formerly of this city, and Miss Velma Vera Hopping, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents at Tulsa, Okl.

Mrs. Harry Wickert, formerly a resident of Adams, died at her home at Montrose, Colo., yesterday. At a patriotic meeting held at Adams Wednesday evening nine young men of that vicinity enlisted in Company F of Wynbore.

Country Precincts Give Readily to Red Cross

Fremont, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Red Cross fund in Dodge county continues to grow, Fremont having raised \$12,500, while three townships have reported more than \$5,000 to date. The campaign will be continued till Monday night. At a meeting in Maple township Thursday night a total of \$1,081 was raised in cash. S. S. Snider of Fremont addressed the meeting, composed of seventy-five farmers.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	69
6 a. m.	69
7 a. m.	69
8 a. m.	69
9 a. m.	69
10 a. m.	69
11 a. m.	70
12 m.	70
1 p. m.	70
2 p. m.	70
3 p. m.	70
4 p. m.	70
5 p. m.	70
6 p. m.	70
7 p. m.	70

Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low
1917	81	59
1916	81	59
1915	81	59
1914	81	59

Highest yesterday... 81
Lowest yesterday... 59
Mean temperature... 70
Precipitation... .01 in.
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature... 73
Excess for the day... 0
Total deficiency since March 1, 1917... 0
Normal precipitation... .17 in.
Deficiency for the day... 0
Total rainfall since March 1... 15.51 inches
Excess since March 1, 1917... 15.34 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1916... 4.68 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1915... 1.94 inches
7 indicators of trend.
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Boy Scouts Gather More Than Six Thousand for Red Cross

The Boy Scouts turned in pledges to the Red Cross amounting to \$406.33 Saturday noon, making their total collections in the campaign so far \$6,393.05. These were in approximately 2,000 different pledges.

Saturday's pledges were for amounts varying from 25 cents to \$20. One man pledged \$4.33. He obeyed literally the injunction to "give one day's pay."

"The scouts won't stop today," said Scout Executive English. "We will push our campaign right up to Sunday night. About half of our 800 Omaha scouts have jobs and they are working evenings and will work Sunday. About 200 others are on farms. The 350 or 400 we have at work are covering an enormous amount of territory and it's territory that no other persons could cover as they do."

"One of the boys put up a good argument to a woman who told him to 'go and ask' a certain wealthy individual because 'she has more money than I have.'"

"You have the American flag in your window," said the scout.

"Yes," was the reply.
"You live under the protection of the flag," he said.
"I know that," said the woman, "here's a dollar."
Sunday a number of the boys will make talks for the fund in various churches. During the Liberty loan campaign one of these boys talked in a church that produced several thousand dollars. He didn't talk from the pulpit and, either, but mounted into the pulpit and pounded the desk to drive home his argument.

There are forty church troops of scouts in Omaha and it is expected half of them will make talks in their churches for the Red Cross fund. A church in Irvington sent in a request for a scout to talk there on the fund and Mr. English will send a boy for the purpose.

The date of the Burgess-Nash picnic to the scouts who are in this work has been set for Wednesday and the boys are looking forward to it eagerly.

There is the keenest rivalry for the medals which are to go to those who get the greatest amount of pledges.

Thousands Killed or Injured by Explosion

Amsterdam, June 23.—More than 1,000 persons were killed or injured or are missing in consequence of an explosion in munitions factories at Bloeweg, according to an announcement made in the lower house of the Austrian Parliament by the minister of defense, as forwarded in a dispatch from Vienna.

The casualties were given by the minister as follows:

Dead 136; missing 170; wounded 625.

Of the wounded 520 received only slight injuries.

The minister said the explosion probably was due to lack of caution on the part of men employed in a trench mortar workshop.

GRIMES GRANTS CHANGE OF VENUE IN CHADRON CASE

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nine men, is a cousin to County Judge Shattley, who heard the preliminary trial three weeks ago and bound all defendants over.

Bonds Not Increased.

Attorney Brome asked the court to increase the bonds from \$500 to \$1,000 each. Attorney Harrington expressed his opinion that the case would be disposed of at a hearing on the demurrer against the information filed by the county attorney.

The formalities of obtaining the change of venue did not arouse any interest comparable to that which was manifested at the preliminary hearing when the court room was packed by a crowd of eager attendants.

Defendants on Way Back.

Omahans who returned on an evening train were: Stephen Maloney, Harvey Wolf, Charles W. Pipkin, William S. Dolan, Philip Winckler and Gust A. Tylee, defendants; Ben S. Baker, M. F. Harrington, F. S. Howell and H. C. Brome, attorneys; Detective Paul Sutton, Mrs. Elsie Phelps and Beasi Wilson, witnesses. The Chadron defendants are: Alton G. Fisher, Charles I. Day and Louis K. Mote.

The case has attracted state-wide interest for nearly two months and the ramifications form a peculiar combination of Omaha and Chadron affairs. Incidentally there is woven into the fabric of the affair factional politics of both towns.

The alleged attempt to execute the conspiracy was said to have been made on the evening of May 14, in the office of County Attorney Crites, and the dual role of a woman detective, Mrs. Elsie Phelps, is said to have been the keystone to the plot.

Plot Unfolds.

The woman came to Chadron in the guise of a one seeking to establish her residence here for the purpose of obtaining a divorce. At first she was known as Mrs. Ellen Lowery and it was given out for early local consumption that she had retained County Attorney Crites to represent her. The facts, as alleged by her at the preliminary hearing, were that she gained the confidence of Mrs. Robert Hood and Mr. Crites to whom she had divulged the alleged conspiracy plot. She also worked hand and glove with Philip Winckler of the Omaha Detective association, he having full confidence that she was playing square with his association.

Eventful Way.

On the evening of May 14, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Crites and Mrs. Hood were in the office of Mr. Crites, expecting the "blow up" to occur. Crites and the sheriff, mayor and United

States Marshal Stationed in an adjoining room and at the psychological moment those officials descended on Winckler, Mote and Day, a few minutes after they entered the Crites office.

It was alleged in the information filed by Crites that the conspiracy plot contemplated extorting \$500 from him, \$500 from Mrs. Hood and \$1,000 from Hood, and to require Crites to discontinue cases pending against Day, who is a hotel manager, also to require Crites to sign papers that he would not seek re-election to office.

Prominent Men Involved.

Crites is now serving his fifth term as county attorney. Fisher, one of the defendants, is political rival of Crites and when Fisher was made mayor of Chadron, Crites had occasion to remove Mote from the position of chief of police.

Chadron people are watching with keen interest the Omaha end of the affair as it is being unfolded in the city hall of the metropolis.

Brazil's Act Gives Added Force to Monroe Doctrine

Washington, June 23.—Diplomatic exchanges, by which Brazil notified the United States of the revocation of its decree of neutrality and the United States acknowledged Brazil's action in the interest of Panamerican solidarity, were published yesterday by the State department.

Ambassador Da Gama explained that he was instructed by President Braz to say that his government "recognized the fact that one of the belligerents is a constituent portion of the American continent and that we are bound to that belligerent by traditional friendship and the same sentiments in the defense of the vital interests of America and the accepted principles of law."

The Monroe doctrine, it was added, had until now been divested of its true character because of a comparative lack of reciprocity, but the present events has resulted in a greater solidarity among American nations.

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