

UNCLE SAM'S NEW QUESTIONNAIRE OUT SATURDAY

War Department Begins Huge Task of Classifying American Citizens Available for Military Service.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The War department's huge task of classifying the nation's man power for army service actually began today with the mailing out of the first 5 per cent of the questionnaires at the same time, recruiting facilities throughout the country, already overtaxed with recent enlistments, threatened to give way before the rush of draft registrants eager to avail themselves of the last chance to volunteer.

Recruiting officers in many sections found themselves without means of accommodating thousands enlisted yesterday and the stream which continued to apply. The discharge of many forced upon recruiting offices means that some men of draft age will fail in their efforts to enlist before noon today, after which they may join the regulars only in their status as members of the national army.

It was announced, however, that men who do not get into the regular army through recruiting stations before noon may do so later through their local boards. Their applications will be acted upon immediately, but they will appear on the rolls as members of the national army.

Nine Million Registrants.
The mailing of questionnaires will be completed speedily by the War department and within 60 days more than 9,000,000 registrants will be divided into five classes as regards their liability for military service. In a statement issued today, Provost Marshal General Crowder said: "The plans have been made, the machine has been built, and with the loyal co-operation of the local boards, so amply demonstrated by their past accomplishments, the millions of registrants will, within thirty days, stand marshalled for their place in the world's war, each in the class to which his economic worth entitles him."

Lawyers and Doctors Assist.
"Through the governors of the states, a legal advisory board, to assist registrants to make intelligent answers to their questionnaires has been assigned to every local board; through the same agencies the leaders in medicine in every community have pledged themselves to aid and assist in medical examinations. The great majority of the men who are building the new system have offered their services without price to their government."

"The completion of the classification will practically complete the great work of the local and district boards. Thereafter, they will act each in their respective areas as the government's agents for any new registration which may occur, and will consider changes of status or transfers of jurisdiction when such may arise."

Will Examine Men After Today.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Baker today came to the relief of the thousands of men who have volunteered for the regular army but have been rejected because of the breakdown of the recruiting machinery, by ordering that all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon today should be accepted, even though their examination and other details could not be accomplished until later.

Thousands of men seeking to volunteer before the new draft regulations went into effect at noon had been turned away because the recruiting stations were swamped.

DRAFT MACHINE SETS WHEELS IN MOTION HERE

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aire within seven days from the date of mailing. Failure to do so involves a penalty of one year in prison or immediate classification in class one. State on the front of the blanks in what class the registered man believes he should be placed. If he names a deferred class he may appeal if the board puts him in an advanced class. Protect themselves in the matter of receiving the questionnaire, since failure of its delivery is no excuse.

Consult one of the committee of 40 lawyers appointed to give free legal aid to registered men.

If placed in class one appear for physical examination upon receiving a notice to do so.

The questionnaire automatically revokes all exemptions and discharges under the first draft.

The questions in the questionnaires are so framed that they will draw out all information which will be of value to the boards in determining the class to which a registrant may be assigned. No detail of the status of the registered man has been overlooked concerning dependabilities or possible or actual outside sources of income.

The legal advisory board of Douglas county has arranged that from December 17 to January 17 there will be four boards consisting of a number of lawyers at each exemption headquarters, except Sundays and holidays, to aid and advise registrants in filling out the questionnaires.

First district headquarters will be in the first station, Twenty-second street and Ames avenue.

Second district headquarters will be in the former South Omaha city hall, on the second floor.

will be at 5905½ Main street, Benson. These attorneys will assist registrants in making out their papers without charge.

Instructions to Attorneys.
Instructions will be given to attorneys at a meeting to be held tonight at the Commercial club at 8 o'clock. The attorneys will be expected to grant their services gratuitously. If the registrant states on the front of the questionnaire to which class he belongs, no further action is necessary by either party until the registrant receives his call for military service and appears for physical examination. If the board places a registrant in another class it is tantamount to an automatic appeal to the district board.

Former Russian Emperor Flees Siberian Prison

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cilities in his way, however, were recognized, as Tobolsk is four thousand miles from the Pacific coast and one thousand miles from the Chinese border.

On the other hand, there were unconfirmed reports in November of a political overturn in Siberia which had made the vast province a land friendly to the former ruler. The report, which came through Finland, that Siberia had declared its independence and had proclaimed Nicholas its emperor.

"Reds" and Lenine Clash.
London, Dec. 15.—M. Lunacharski, commissar of education in the Bolshevik government, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, has resigned as the result of a disagreement with Lenine, Trotsky, Zinovieff and other militant members of the council of people's commissaries. Lenine and his adherents declared themselves in favor of the withdrawal of all the Bolshevik members of the constituent assembly so as to bring about the end of the assembly without a formal act of dissolution.

Early Morning Fire Damages Western Garage

Western, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A disastrous fire occurred yesterday morning when a vulcanizer in Will Lautenschlager's garage exploded, igniting the building and a number of automobiles. About a dozen autos belonging to private parties, stored in the building, were badly damaged. The garage and machinery were insured, but several hundred dollars worth of new repairs had just arrived the day before. The firemen succeeded in getting the burning cars out of the building, and none of the gasoline tanks exploded. The firemen did good and quick work, in spite of the cold weather.

Seven Counties to Consider Increased Hog Production

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. O. G. Smith of Kearney, district chairman for seven central Nebraska counties, for the increased hog production campaign, has arranged for a meeting of farmers at the court house in this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FREMONTERS FACE SHORTAGE OF COAL

Single Car of Fuel Arrives in Nick of Time to Be Doled Out to Those Who Are in Need of Heat.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont has been facing a coal famine for a few days, but an actual shortage has been averted through the co-operation of dealers. A carload consigned to a leading dealer was sent through to Columbus by mistake but was returned to Fremont and will be dealt out here. It will be necessary to make Sunday deliveries to supply the urgent demand of several customers.

Fair Proves Successful.
The most successful affair of the kind ever held in Fremont, the Red Cross fair, came to a close this evening. While the committee has not completed the work of checking up, it is said the net receipts will be \$3,000.

Christmas for Boys.
Every Fremont boy in training at any of the army or naval cantonments of the country will receive a "pound" Christmas package. The Women's Relief Corps of Fremont, after much painstaking effort has obtained a list of the names, numbering 140, and next Monday a box of good things will be addressed to each one. Included in the contents is a list of names of boys to whom the boxes are sent so that each will be able to tell where his friends are located.

To Join Red Cross.
Every man, woman and child in

Fremont will be given an opportunity to join the Red Cross next week when the drive for memberships will be conducted. A committee of 500 Fremont women and girls, practically one solicitor for each block, will make a house-to-house canvass to get the memberships. The towns and rural districts have been organized. The committee headed by Frank Knapp is aiming at a 100 per cent efficient campaign.

Professor Is Wedded.
Announcement of the wedding at Leavenworth, Kan., of Lieutenant Robert C. Hibben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floy Brata Radford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bradford, has been received in Fremont. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Ames Agricultural college and gave up a professorship in the Nebraska University to enter the officers' reserve training school at Fort Snelling.

Three Families Each Give Three Sons to Country
Hebron, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Three families in Hebron have each given three of their sons for the service of their country. The family of L. S. Hartman has three boys in the navy. The family of W. T. Tripp has three boys who have enlisted, two in the navy and one in the army. Three of Jacob Franzen's boys have also entered into the service of their country.

Injuries Suffered in Runaway Prove Fatal
West Point, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. W. H. Smith occurred Thursday after an illness of a few weeks. Mrs. Smith was one of the early settlers of Cuming county and lived on a farm two

Former Health Commissioner Says Nuxated Iron

Should Be Used in Every Hospital and Prescribed by Every Physician—Attributes His Own Great Physical Activity Today at Over 60 Years of Age Largely to His Personal Use of Nuxated Iron.

WHAT FORMER HEALTH COMMISSIONER KERR SAYS
"As Health Commissioner of the City of Chicago, I was importuned many times to recommend different medicines, mineral waters, etc. Never yet have I gone on record as favoring any particular remedy, but I feel that in Nuxated Iron an exception should be made to the rule. I have taken Nuxated Iron myself and experienced its health-giving, strength-building effect, and in the interests of the public welfare, I feel it my duty to make known the results of its use. I am well past my three-score years and want to say that I believe that my own great physical activity is due largely today to my personal use of Nuxated Iron, and if my endorsement should induce anyone, however old, young, men and women to take Nuxated Iron, and receive the wonderful tonic benefits which I have received, I shall feel greatly gratified that I made an exception to my life-long rule in recommending it. From my own experience with Nuxated Iron, I feel that it is such a valuable remedy that it ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician in this country."



Former Health Commissioner Kerr has given years of his life fighting for public health in his own and other cities. It was he who introduced Anti-toxin for Diphtheria in Chicago's Health Department. He purified the milk for the Consumers and thereby helped to save the lives of thousands of babies. He introduced the anti-splinting ordinance which has been copied all over the country and also took care of the sewers and garbage in the interest of public health. He is positive that the widespread use of Nuxated Iron would greatly lessen the worries and troubles of Health Commissioners in keeping up a high standard of public health.

NOTE—Nuxated Iron, which has been used by Former Health Commissioner Kerr with such surprising results, and which is prescribed and recommended by physicians in such a great variety of cases, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to all civilized peoples. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron that they offer to forfeit \$100.00 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 100 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious chronic trouble. They also offer to return four times your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed by Sherman & McCannell Drug Co. and all good druggists.—Advertisement.

miles north of this city. Some weeks ago she sustained an accident at her home, through endeavoring to stop a runaway team. The injuries she received at that time hastened her death. She was 56 years of age and leaves her husband and one son, Giffert Smith. She was the sister of the late Daniel C. Giffert, former mayor

of the city and a distinguished citizen. The funeral took place this afternoon at the Evangelical Association church.

O. C. Anderson, an attorney of West Point, has been appointed fuel administrator for Cuming county. He has appointed as his aide, A. L. Krause of West Point, J. S. Severa of Beemer, John Fleming of Wisner and G. H. Ransom of Bancroft.

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Old Location at 17th and Howard Is NOW Entirely Discontinued

GIFT FURNITURE



This Davenport in black leather.....\$37.50

The Yule Log will be burning just as brightly in your home this Christmas as you make it. If there is much on your gladsome Christmas list to buy and should there be your Furniture among your "later on" needs, buy it now, to serve the double purpose of a gift well chosen and for its "everyday" future usefulness and value.

Buy Another War Savings Stamp




Library Tables
This one is a fine example in design and workmanship, in mahogany; 30x50 top, \$27.50 at

Every Conceivable Style of Library and Living Room Chair and Rocker

done in leathers and all the popular fabric coverings take up the space of almost two full floors.

In Tapestries—"overstuffed" they range from \$12.75, \$18.75, \$21.75 to\$45

In velours up to the best silk coverings they are priced from \$16.75, \$18.75, \$24.75 to\$57.50

The three pieces illustrated are chairs and rockers from the best makers, and all may be matched "en suite" or sold separately.

Overstuffed davenports like and similar to the illustration from \$37.50, in black leather to silk velours and fine tapestry coverings, from \$47.50 to\$125



Duofold Suite—3 pieces, covered in the best grade of imitation Spanish leather and made of genuine quartered oak—**\$57.50**

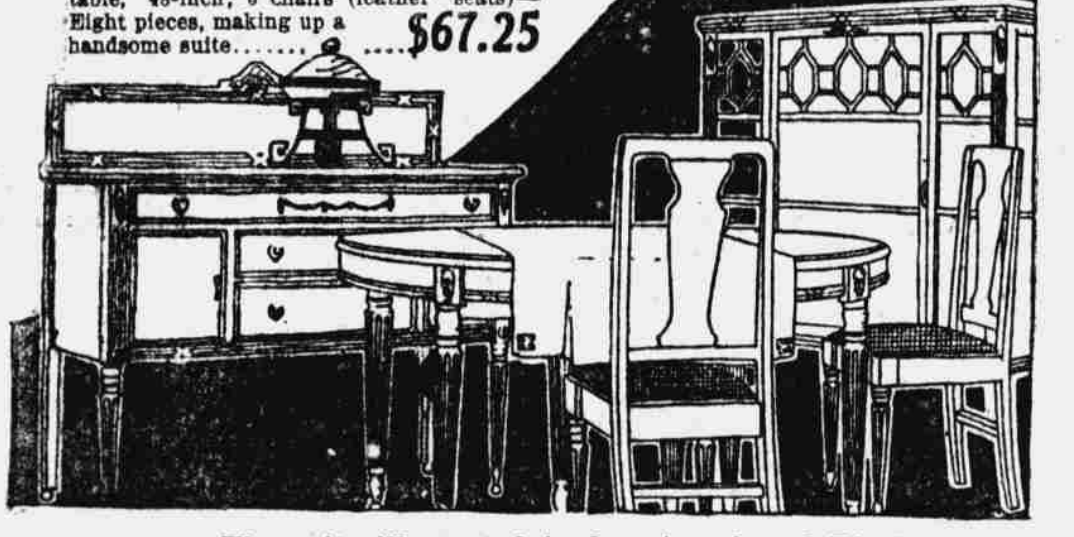
Have a Christmas Dining Room This Year

Odd Suite Tables, in fumed and Jacobean Oak.....**\$12.75 to \$35**

Odd Suite Buffets, from.....**\$15 to \$37.50**

(In Fumed and Jacobean Oak.)

An entire suite of Buffet, 60-inch length; table, 48-inch; 6 chairs (leather seats)—Eight pieces, making up a handsome suite.....**\$67.25**



The suite illustrated is done in selected Black Walnut, of rare design and beautiful proportion—consisting of 72-inch Buffet, 54-inch Table, six Leather Seat Chairs (cane backs), and China Cabinet—**\$312.50** net. Priced at.....

A very similar suite in Jacobean Oak of nine pieces, including 66-inch Buffet, China Cabinet, 48-inch Table and six Leather Seat Chairs.

Toys

For every kiddie—that both amuse and instruct.

Mechanical Toys for Kiddies' Xmas Tree

Trains and Tracks—Electrical and the little trains that wind up. Priced from—**10c to \$7.50**

Wheel Barrows.....**35c** up

Tricycles
\$1.95, \$2.10, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 up to \$6.65



Flexible Sleds.....**\$1.60** up



Racer styles, \$4.25, \$5.50, \$6.75 up

Reviewing War Increases

During the past few weeks we have employed the columns of the press to show our patrons under what difficulties electric current is now being furnished the citizens of Omaha.

It was not in a spirit of discontent that this series of articles was prepared and published, but more candidly to acquaint everyone with the fact that individuals are not making the only sacrifices in backing up Uncle Sam's battle against the monster of autocracy.

We have pointed out that since the United States went to war for the safety of the precious privilege of self-government, the wages, salaries and business incomes of nearly every citizen and merchant firm have increased, whereas your electric service company has been operating with reduced revenue, due to the comprehensive lowering of our rates on January 1, 1917.

It has been shown that while our returns on service rendered in Omaha have been materially lessened, our expenses, our price paid for the necessities of this production, have tremendously increased. To jog the reader's memory for a moment, let us review these increases in cost to us since our country took up the sword:

- "War" wages and salaries.. 25%
- "War" paper 45%
- "War" poles 50%
- "War" coal 76%
- "War" copper 100%

The government of the United States has made it very clear, in the stress of the conflict, that business must push on at top speed if the war is to be won, and it is our mission to see that electric light and power is supplied in our field; that the wheels revolved by this current still revolve; that pace is kept with the constant growth of this great city; that Omaha homes and houses are still illumined and comfortable. That is your electric service company's bit in this war—and this bit is being done!

So while there are wrinkled brows and careworn faces to be seen on the streets, and there is anxiety in the tone of every voice, we merely hope that it be recognized that this company, too, is meeting a patriotic obligation that requires many sacrifices.

For we insist, no less firmly than the United States itself, that this war must be won!

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