

DRAFT AGE LIMITS SET AT 18 TO 45

War Department's Man Power Bill to Be Submitted to Congress Monday and Pushed Along.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—Draft ages of from 18 to 45 years will be recommended to congress in the bill embodying the War department's new man-power program which will be introduced in both houses of congress Monday and expedited by committees with a view to prompt consideration when regular sessions of the senate and house are resumed late this month.

Boys to Come Last.

Secretary Baker said all the possible combinations of age limits were carefully studied and it was found that in order to get the men into Class 1 for the program proposed, 18 to 45 was necessary. He said the bill as recommended to congress will contain a provision authorizing the president to call men out of Class 1 by classes according to ages, so that if it is found possible the men between 18 and 19 will be called out later than the older men who are found eligible to Class 1.

The War department program, the war secretary said, is purely a military one and cannot be called a conscription of labor, although it will have the effect of putting at useful labor or in the army all able-bodied men within the age limits.

In recommending this extension of the age limits, Mr. Baker said, the department had in mind simply to get for the army the number of men which it is believed necessary to defeat Germany. The secretary was not prepared to say how many that would be, nor to give an estimate as to the proportion of males between the ages of 18 to 45, inclusive, which would be found eligible.

Former Exceptions Retained.

In making up the list and classes, the same rules would be followed that had governed in the first draft, with the same exceptions from the first call of married men with dependents and those engaged in essential industries. He said so far about 1,500,000 had been taken from Class 1.

There has been considerable opposition in congress, to lowering the minimum age, many members being reluctant to draft youths before these attain their majority and come into full citizenship. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military committee, said that he expected opposition on that score, but expressed the opinion that there would not be unusual delay in passing the bill.

CONQUERING ARMY ADVANCES UPON FOE

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sign bears, a hand pointing to where a house once stood.

At a cross roads near Saponay lay five saddled horses, apparently killed by the same shell. Beside two of the horses lay dead Germans, just as they fell from their saddles.

The roadways are littered with ammunition, wagons and dead horses, some of them with their drivers as they fell when struck by the big shells of the Franco-American allies. Many of the wheat fields are partly harvested with the wheat stacked, the Germans having reaped what the French peasants planted. Here and there dots can be seen from the roadway, indicating where some German dropped. At one place a German killed by shrapnel had fallen head first into a shell hole filled by a down-pour of rain.

Valley of Death.

It was into this valley of death that the French infantry came Friday morning, as the Germans withdrew through the valley north of Saponay. The French and American shells followed the Germans as they went. From the hill to the west and northwest of Saponay, the French came from woods in a rainstorm from clouds so low that the tree tops and clouds seemed to meet, and under their barrage the French came into Saponay.

To the northeast the Americans are advancing under the same conditions to the woods east of the forest of Nesles and to the valley running north of Saponay. It was here that the French and Americans met. Wounded Left to Starve.

When the French came to Villeneuve Wednesday they found 25 wounded or dead Germans in cots in the village church. Several of these apparently had died of starvation, so hurried was the German retreat.

The Germans had been using the church as a hospital with 60 iron beds, all German-made.

In another village the Germans had the church filled with mattresses taken from homes of the people. There were great piles of brass and copper and church vestments all boxed ready for shipment to Germany. The brass and copper apparently had been assembled from other villages and included kitchen utensils, faucets and other articles.

General Kenly Makes Tour Of Inspection by Airplane

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Maj.-Gen. William L. Kenly, director of military aeronautics, arrived here today in an airplane, piloted by Maj. R. H. Fleet. General Kenly and Major Fleet flew from Mather field, near Sacramento, where the latter is in charge of flying instruction. They made a stop at Camp Fremont, 30 miles south of here, and made their final landing at the Marina, near the Presidio of San Francisco.

"I made the trip by airplane because it was the quickest way to get here," General Kenly said.

Omahan in Charge of Large Motor Corps at Army Camp

Howard Horne, native Omahan, who went from this city with an organization which was known as "Omaha ambulance company, No. 35," is now holding a responsible position at Camp Taylor, near Louisville, Ky. He has charge of the maintenance of 150 motor vehicles with a staff of mechanics and assistants under his supervision. His work includes instruction in the use of ambulances. Mr. Horne specialized in the automobile branch of military service and his efforts have been rewarded. He expects to receive overseas orders soon.

He was chauffeur three years for J. B. Hummel during the latter's service as city commissioner. Mr. Horne's father is William Horne, head of a department in Thompson, Belden & Co.'s store.



Howard Horne

OMAHA AUTO THEFTS BY ORGANIZED BAND

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dealers who have an outlet for used cars out in the state.

Identity is Lost.

By the time these cars get to Omaha, all trace and identity of them are lost and the persons who buy them ask no questions as to previous ownership and are satisfied with any specious tale that is told them.

Omaha cars stolen from streets and garages are either driven to "plants" maintained in nearby towns, such as that discovered at West Point, where a dozen cars were located, or are kept hidden in many of the numerous barns or secluded garages in the city and are driven north or south from here by the same chauffeurs who bring stolen cars from other points to Omaha for final disposal.

Oklahoma City, Wichita and Topeka are points to which Omaha and northern cars go for ultimate distribution.

The operations of the syndicate which deals in stolen cars are almost identical in means, methods and personnel, as far as investigations show, as that of the great gang of white savers who trafficked in human flesh and immorality several years ago, and which went unscathed until the United States government passed a drastic law which proved an effective means of restraint and which has almost abolished the system in this country.

Cars Are Denuded.

Cars in this city are stolen and driven to secluded streets on the outskirts of the city and there are robbed of everything detachable and portable that is on them. Fords are denuded of Presto tanks, master vibrators, batteries, speedometers, lamps, clocks, tires, tools and casings. Cars of the more expensive makes are similarly stripped of every detachable thing on them, including the brass of nickel robe rails.

In fact a well posted man says: "If you have a high priced car in which any of the parts are broken or injured, you can have a similar make and model car stolen and the parts you require furnished you for less than you would be compelled to pay for new parts. Many cars of the class whose price puts them out of the 'popular' class are stolen merely for their parts. They are dismantled and the parts, not including the bodies, are shipped to other points for sale or disposal."

An old French saying directed to the solving of crime problems is "Cherchez la femme." This is the French way of accusing the woman of being at the bottom of the crime, and for solution it advises, "search for the woman."

Fences in Center.

In automobile thievery this saying can be paraphrased in "search for the fence." It is the man who makes

300,000 U. S. SOLDIERS IN BATTLE ZONE

Americans Who Broke Back of German Resistance Are Under Command of Gen. Hunter Liggett.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—The First army corps, commanded by Maj.-Gen. Hunter Liggett, is still driving at the center of the retreating German lines and has reached Fismes, the enemy's main base for the Aisne-Marne battle theater, according to the French announcement tonight. There was every indication the enemy "could not halt his retirement short of the Aisne line. Within a few hours today unofficial advices showed that the whole line had surged forward to the Aisne-Vesle front and thrown cavalry patrols beyond it.

Pershing Has Over Million Men.

General March announced General Pershing now had more than 1,000,000 men under his direct command "in his own area." Presumably he referred to the section of the front from north of Verdun to the Swiss border, where American troops have been rapidly taking over the line. The First army corps, first of the major tactical American units to be formed, probably represents the mobile reserve to be contributed by General Pershing to the pooled reserves plan and is counted as a part of the 1,000,000 men.

There are eight divisions of Americans, or in the neighborhood of 300,000 men, now in the fighting zone where the great battle is going forward and General March pointed out that General Liggett had set his headquarters in the center of the line where his six divisions are assembled, together with two additional divisions. General Liggett is the first American officer to command a wide section of front and to his lot has fallen the advance that has broken the back of the German effort to halt his line within the Aisne.

Offensive to Be Pressed.

General March again described the objective of the American and allied drive as "the other army." It was apparent that he expected it to be pressed vigorously and effort be made to destroy as much of the crown prince's fighting force as possible. He read a cable report showing that vast quantities of guns, ammunition and war material had been captured and that the German dead around Fere-en-Tardenois carpeted the ground.

Total embarkation of American troops during July broke all records, it was announced officially, more than 300,000 men having been shipped.

The grand total embarked to the end of July has passed the 1,300,000 mark. The previous high monthly record was for June, when 276,000 men were sent overseas.

The Eighty-ninth division, General March said, has reached France, but no further report as to its location has been received.

"During this advance, beginning with the counter offensive," said General March, "we have had eight U. S. divisions engaged, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-second and Forty-second. We have located definitely the troops which were engaged against the Fourth Prussian division. They were the Forty-second guards, the Rainbow division."

Shot by Footpads.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—George Neybort, assistant secretary of the Gottfried Brewing company, was shot and probably fatally wounded and robbed of \$1,700, the firm's pay roll, today by two unidentified men.

SALIENT IN ALLIED LINE ELIMINATED

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back again to the lines to the north of the Chemin Des Dames.

About Soissons it is apparent the Germans are strongly posted on the hills to the north of the Aisne. The retreat of the Germans has been carried out with skill, and up until Thursday seemed to be orderly. Ever since then there have been no reports of large captures of prisoners, and there has been no mention of captured cannon. It is probable the German retreat has been a successful operation so far as men and guns may be concerned. The loss in munitions and materials will be very heavy.

The success of the allies has apparently thrown the whole German plan

of campaign out of joint. There have been large units withdrawn from the northern battle front to support the crown prince's armies and the German withdrawal across the Aisne river from Albert northward for a distance of more than three miles is considered by London to be an indication that the enemy has abandoned that section of the Picardy battlefield as the scene of offensive operations.

British Drive Foreseen.

There have been indications that the British may strike the enemy when the moment is ripe. This attack might be launched at several points along the vulnerable sides of the German salients in Picardy and Flanders. If the defeat of the Germans south of the Aisne is as complete as reports seem to indicate, the British drive may start at any time.

There are few events of significance in the other theaters of the war. In Albania, where the French and Italians have gained ground rapidly dur-

ing the last two or three weeks, the Austrians seem to have strengthened their lines. The people of Archangel, in northern Russia, have joined those of the Murman coast in a revolution against the bolsheviks. The bolshevik troops are reported to have fled from the city.

The Weather

Comparative Local Record.	
	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.
Highest yesterday	99 88 96 68
Lowest yesterday	68 64 78 58
Mean temperature	84 76 87 68
Precipitation	.00 .00 .02 1.7
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:	
Normal temperature	81
Excess for the day	18
Total excess since March 1	588
Normal precipitation	.11 inch
Deficiency for the day	.11 inch
Total precipitation since Mar. 1	8.32 inches
Deficiency since March 1	3.34 inches
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