FRENCH SMASH CROWN PRINCE'S LINES ON VERDUN FRONT

the civil courts upon the habeas corpus writ.

PRESIDENT CAN SUSPEND WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

The legal charge to the War Department maintains that the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the army, has the power, in time of war, to suspend the habeas corpus writ. This would be equivalent to putting the country under martial law. We are undoubtedly in a state of war. Any off-hand decision as to the legal status of the tangle which has been created by the usual procedure of conscription would be worthless at this time.

The War Department takes the ground that the percentage system used by the Census Bureau, which used the registration rather than the actual population as a basis for the quota allotment, is the only fair system that could have been devised short of an actual census of the United States. That was frankly stated in the explanation of the plan given out by the Provost Marshal General's office and published in The Evening World last Monday.

Whatever the situation may be as to the jurisdiction of the military authorities or the judicial branch of the Government, there is trouble ahead. The forces in Congress that worked openly against a war with Germany prior to the declaration of war and have been hampering the operations of the War Department by underground methods since will immediately line up behind the Senators and Congressmen who are maintaining in all truth that the communities they represent have been unjustly treated as to quota allotments.

DRAFT WILL GO ON DESPITE THE PRESENT OPPOSITION.

The draft will go on irrespective of what happens about the contention that the North has been discriminated against in favor of the South in the allotment of forces for the army.

It is probable that the time of the draft and the method to be followed in drawing the numbers will be made public this afternoon.

In preparation for the event a rehearsal of the draft has been held. This was to determine the time necessary and to develop any possible weak spot. The scheme is more complex than has been indicated, but its details have not been revealed.

The department originally contemplated holding the drawing today, but owing to the absence from the city of Secretary Baker, who will play a prominent part in the lottery, and because of the tardiness of some of the States in reporting, it has been decided to postpone the date until Thursday or later.

The States from which reports of complete exemption arrangements were received yesterday are Utah, Alabama, Ohio and Virginia. Reports still are to come from Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New York Missouri and Pennsylvania.

EACH MAN MUST ASCERTAIN HIS SERIAL NUMBER.

Meanwhile the Provost Marshal General's staff is urging every board in the country to take up the matter of making public the list of red ink serial numbers. Officials want every man in the country to make himself familiar with his serial number. If registrants do not know their serial numbers, they may have to wait several days to find out whether they have been drawn.

When those who intend to file exemption or discharge claims with the local boards find out they have been drawn, they should go immediately to the headquarters of their local board and obtain the proper blank forms for affidavits and affidavits. They will get either the discharge or exemption blank and a careful study of these two forms will tell them which they must file. Then they will await notice to appear for physical examination.

Within seven days after this is mailed to them they will file notice of their claim with the board. Within which they will fill out the affidavit blanks to support their claim, have them sworn before a notary public and file them with the same board no more than ten days after they file their notice of claim. The only other obligation is to appear for examination at the time appointed.

Those who have only industrial or agricultural claims to make will wait until they receive notice of certification to the district board before filing their notice of claim for discharge.

CONGRESS DEBATE MAY DELAY ACTION ON THE DRAFT.

As soon as the lottery has been completed the local boards will begin the notification of those selected in the draft. The machinery for putting the National Army will then start, and officials hope to have the work of selection completed before the 1st of September.

Hops were taken yesterday in both branches of Congress to get legislative action for relief from the alleged unfair apportionment of quotas of men to be drafted in the National Army. Senator Chamberlain, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, began the draft of a joint resolution to provide that the draft apply to all aliens except alien enemies. Chairman Dent of the House Military Affairs Committee sent Secretary of War Baker a copy of the legislation proposed by Representative Rogers, which would exclude aliens from the draft quotas.

Department officials fear that the discussion in Congress, if it develops into action, may indefinitely postpone the raising of the National Army.

Senator Chamberlain said his plan could be passed by Congress in a few days. It would make the draft apply to all aliens just as to American citizens, exempting only those affected by treaties with other nations. These would be exempted on the application of the diplomatic representatives of such countries. Aliens who refused to serve would be deported.

Massachusetts Draft Quota Too High, Governor Declares.

BOSTON, July 18.—A protest against the Federal estimate of 3,929,561 as the present population of Massachusetts, on which the State's quota of the draft army is to be based, has been made by Gov. McCall in a telegram to United States Senator Lodge at Washington.

"Doubtless the Federal authorities desire a just basis," said the message, "but this basis of estimate upon registration for draft seems to me unsound, as it penalizes States where registration was complete and thorough in comparison with States where registration was incomplete."

Connecticut Quota 4,000 Too High, Governor Says.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 18.—In explanation of his attitude toward the draft, Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb today said:

"I am disgusted with the work of the National Board in allotting to Connecticut a draft quota of 10,977, which is absolutely unjust to this State, with its thousands of munition workers and foreigners who have arrived within a few years. The State's population has been overestimated 300,000, and we are asked to furnish 4,000 more men than is fair, without any credit for enlistments since June 30."

GET YOUR DRAFT NUMBER NOW AND PREVENT TROUBLE

Organization of Military Exemption Boards Here About Completed.

Provost Marshal General Enoch H. Crowder has almost completed his task of organizing the military exemption boards for conscription. There are only minor details to be picked up here and there and every local board, if it wishes, may be in complete shape to-morrow and every local board, if it wishes, may be in complete shape to-morrow and every local board, if it wishes, may be in complete shape to-morrow