

Details of Draft in City and Nation

City's Exemption Boards and Their Headquarters

to whom the capsules will be handed in turn as they are drawn.

Will Break Capsules The announcers will break the capsules as they receive them, extract the tiny slip of paper, on which a number will be stamped, and call the number to three tally clerks. The slip will then be handed to an official in front of the bowl, who will verify the announcers' report, and on his verification another man, stationed at a great blackboard, will write the number in its order on the board.

The board will hold 1,000 numbers. When it is filled it will be taken out of the room, photographed, cleaned off and returned, the drawing continued meanwhile with a second board in use. The official record of the drawing, which will be furnished to the local exemption boards and in accordance with which they will call on the men to fill each district quota, will be made up into books of eleven pages, each page being a photographic fac-simile of the blackboard. The exemption boards will take no action toward summoning their men until these books reach them through the mails.

Jersey Causes Change The telephone message referred to by General Crowder in his statement came from the adjutant general of New Jersey. When that officer learned through publication of the system of double drawing, announced earlier in the day, he saw immediately that a great injustice would be done in his state because of the way in which the local boards had given serial numbers to the cards from the registration precincts.

The New Jersey officer promptly communicated his discovery to the official in charge of the drawing. A hasty conference of officials was called behind locked doors and a quick search made in the local board records of many states which have been recently made. A similar situation was found to exist in many parts of the country. In some lists colored and white registrants had the serial numbers separated groups and in other cases were separated and given their own group of serial numbers.

It was a hopeless tangle. If the double drawing system were carried out in one election district in any exemption division might be swept clean of all its young men to fill the quota, while the other election districts in the same exemption area furnished no men whatever. In other cases it might be necessary to pass on and exempt a thousand aliens before a single American was called to service. In others a thousand negroes might be examined for examination before a white man was called, or vice versa. There was only one way out, and the War Department promptly announced that the whole system of double drawing would be abandoned in favor of the simple, direct plan of drawing serial numbers to fix the place of the last man in the largest district, and last. It was intended for weeks to draw in that way, but the enormous amount of labor and the time involved prompted the effort to develop a short cut that would be fair all.

Glad of Early Discovery Officers of General Crowder's office congratulated themselves to-night that the difficulty in the way of the double drawing was found to-day rather than after the drawing. It was certain to have been discovered immediately after the drawing, and then it would have been necessary to declare its result cancelled and draw again.

The difficulty that forced abandonment of the elaborate method proposed in the detail of the plan. It grew out of the fact that the drawing was proposed to list all registrants in each district by thousands of fractions of thousands. Men whose serial numbers were in the hundreds of thousands were to be put in one group, those with numbers less than a thousand in another, those with numbers in the four thousands in another, and so on. The first drawing would have placed these groups in the order in which the numbers 0 to 10 were drawn. The second drawing would then have fixed the order of liability of the individuals in each of the thousands as among themselves, a thousand numbers being drawn to that end.

The result would then have been that if the 3,000 group were first drawn the 3,000th would have been called for duty first and in the order in which their serial numbers came out in the big drawing. The result of the big drawing would then have been applied to the other thousands in the order fixed by the little lottery. Each exemption district is composed of several election districts, which were the registration precincts in the first registration system. The registration cards were turned over to the exemption boards, with instruction to shuffle them before placing on each its serial number. In some districts, however, instead of the individual cards, it was packs of cards, each representing a complete registration precinct, that were shuffled. The first pack was opened then and the serial number 1 placed on the first card. Serial numbers were placed in rotation until the pack was exhausted, then continued with the next pack picked up.

Supposing that a pack contained a

The following list gives the number of exemption boards, their headquarters and the number of election districts included in each of the 189 exemption boards in greater New York.

To find out where the headquarters of your exemption board is located look down the right-hand column till you find your Assembly district number and your election district number. Your name and serial number will be posted at the headquarters named opposite.

In two or three cases board headquarters may be changed. In this event apply to any police station for information regarding the location of your exemption board.

If you don't know your Assembly district and election district numbers ask your precinct police station, or call up the Board of Elections, Worth 1807.

THE BRONX

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for the Bronx.

BROOKLYN

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for Brooklyn.

MANHATTAN

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for Manhattan.

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for Manhattan (continued).

QUEENS

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for Queens.

RICHMOND

Table with columns: BOARD NO., HEADQUARTERS, A. D., E. D. Lists exemption boards for Richmond.

Redfield Explains Why Draft Quotas Showed Variance Concentration of Munitions Workers in Certain Sections

Washington, July 19.—In response to Senator Brandegee's resolution calling for an explanation of the Census Bureau's population estimates to establish quotas for the forthcoming army draft, Secretary Redfield to-day submitted a report to the Senate showing that the estimates were based upon actual registration figures in each state and subdivision.

He pointed out that the large estimates for certain localities, particularly industrial centers, were accounted for by the abnormal gathering of men of draft age at those places to work in munitions plants.

The resolution was introduced after several Senators had charged that the population of Northern cities had been "padded" and the Southern estimates correspondingly reduced.

Percentage of Units Computed In computing the population the Secretary explained that the total registration, as shown by the preliminary telegraphic returns, 9,659,382, was divided by the total population of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, as estimated by the Census Bureau, 103,635,300, in order to obtain the proportion which the registrants represented of the total population.

The resulting figure, 9.32 per cent., said the report, was assumed to represent the proportion which the registrants in each geographical unit represented of the total population. In other words, the number of registrants reported for each city, town or village, in each city of 30,000 inhabitants or more in 1917, according to the official estimated population made by the Bureau of Census prior to the registration of June 5, 1917, was multiplied by 103,635,300, to obtain the estimated population of each city, town or village, and the total population of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, as estimated by the Bureau of Census prior to the registration of June 5, 1917, was multiplied by 103,635,300, to obtain the estimated population of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, as estimated by the Bureau of Census prior to the registration of June 5, 1917.

Proportion Varied Naturally "The proportion in 1910 varied considerably in different parts of the country, being greater as a rule in the newer than in the older sections and greater in cities than in rural localities." "Since it was impossible in any event to estimate precisely the population of cities, counties and states on the basis of the registration, the simplest and most accurate method that could be used

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N. Y. City Boards Ready for Draft, Crowder Is Told Last of Exemption Bodies Completes Preliminary Work of Listing Names

"The city of New York is ready." This message was flashed last night to Provost Marshal General Crowder in Washington by Deputy State Attorney General Roscoe S. Conkling, who has been in charge of preparing greater New York's 189 exemption boards for the enormous work ahead of them. It means that New York City will not hold up the draft of to-day, as had been feared in Washington, because of the clerical work which had to be done in those exemption districts of the city which were most densely populated. The preliminary work in New York City is finished, and the exemption boards are ready to go into session at once, according to Mr. Conkling.

Seven Boards Work Late Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Conkling said all but seven of the boards had cleaned up their work, and it was only a matter of a few hours till they would be ready. The serial lists of nearly all the boards had been sent to the provost marshal in Washington, and the others were ready to be mailed. The Bronx completed its preparatory work during the morning, and only Manhattan and Brooklyn remained. At 6 o'clock following seven boards had not finished:

Table listing boards that had not finished: Board, Headquarters, A. D., E. D.

Working Under Handicap "These boards have been working under a very severe handicap," said Mr. Conkling. "Most of the officers and volunteer workers have been on the job, virtually night and day, since Sunday. The drawing can begin at any time, however. The lists in the seven last districts can be protected, and it is not absolutely essential that they be in Washington and Albany before the drawing begins."

Mr. Conkling yesterday warned all men of draft age not to confuse the numbers in the upper right hand corner of the registration cards with the numbers that will figure to-day in the draft lottery in Washington. The numbers on the registration cards will not figure in the draft lottery at all. All men of draft age are therefore urged to get in touch with the headquarters of their exemption districts, consult the list of names posted there and find their names and their new serial number—the red number.

The bulletin of information for registrants, issued by the War Department, states that all persons of draft age must present themselves for physical examination whether or not they intend to file a claim of exemption. The exemption claim must be filed within seven days after the registrant is called for examination.

Attention is also called to the fact that while the exemption boards will immediately notify registrants whose numbers have been drawn in Washington, and who are subject to call, the posting of the list at the office of the registration board will be deemed sufficient notice. If the registered person, whose serial number has been drawn, does not receive the mailed notice, he cannot make that an excuse

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Chicagoans Against Friday as Draft Day U. S. Troops Clash with Mexicans at Border

Mission, Texas, July 19.—Approximately five hundred shots were exchanged across the Rio Grande to-day at Ojo de Agua, eight miles southwest of Mission, between a small American border patrol and about one hundred Mexicans.

There were no American casualties, but latest reports say that two of three Mexicans were seen to fall during the engagement, which started at 11 o'clock this morning and ceased at 4 o'clock, when the Mexicans withdrew. The Americans were under command of Corporal Kent, and the fighting started when several shots were fired from the Mexican side. The report returning the shots, immediately sent reinforcements under Sergeant J. C. Henderson, and the fighting continued for six hours. Late to-day Colonel F. Delamater reached the scene with 100 men from Companies K and M of the 24 Texas Infantry, from nearby posts. A strong patrol has been thrown out along the Rio Grande in the affected section as a precaution against a possible attempt at border raiding. Few details of the engagement reached here to-night. From the information there were about 100 Mexicans participating, and one report says three distinct bugle calls were heard, indicating that the Americans were backed by an organized force. The last of the attackers disappeared in the brush at 5 o'clock just before Colonel Delamater reached Ojo de Agua.

Will Draft Russians London, July 19.—A convention made between the British and the Provisional Russian Government was laid before Parliament to-day, to the effect that British subjects of military age in Russia and Russian subjects of military age here must either return to their own country or serve in the army of the country in which they are residing. Russians who remain in Great Britain will be subject to the operations of the military authorities by an Order in Council which it is expected will be issued on August 20.

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