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The utmost precautions against favoritism or misuse of power in the workings of the draft are included in instructions to the local registration board sent out by the government.

So far there has been no official announcement of the Government's purpose of conducting the final lottery in Washington to avoid any chance of local influence affecting the drawing, it only awaits the President's O. K.

Every board is required to make four duplicate copies of the registration list. One of these it retains. A second must be posted in a conspicuous place, accessible to the public. A third copy must be kept available for the local press, which is requested to publish. The fourth copy must be sent by registered mail to Provost General Crosby at Washington.

This list will show each man's number. When the drawing is held the

number, not the name, will be taken from the wheel, the number will be telegraphed back to the town from which John Smith, Jr., comes, and he will then know he has been elected to serve his country on the field of battle.

Subsequently he will have a chance to appear before the Exemptions Board and show cause why he should not be required to perform this service. But the draft comes first, and the granting of exemptions afterward.

The purpose of the public posting and the publication of the lists is twofold. First, in order that every man subject to the provisions of the draft may know that he is properly registered—the burden of getting his name on the list rests on the man himself of errors or omissions by the board—and second, in order that shirkers and slackers may be detected. The Government figures that if John Jones' son is registered and his neighbor Frank Smith's is not, John Jones will insist on Smith's coming up to the scratch.

In order that there should be no excuse for failure on the part of the local boards to follow the instructions ten simple rules have been prepared by the Provost Marshal General. The first of these deals with the organization of the boards taking the oath and telegraphing the fact of the organization mailing the oaths of office and their acceptance by the members of the boards to the Governor of the State.

Then come provisions concerning the examination of the registration cards and the elimination of those that appertain to some other board. Then comes the order to the board to number the cards and the copies in red ink.

The President's regulation explains that the cards are to be numbered consecutively and expressly prohibits their being arranged alphabetically. These numbers are to be known as serial numbers. They are the numbers that will go into the jury wheels. Copies of the cards must be mailed at once to the Adjutant General of the State. In cities of over 30,000 the copies go first to the Mayor, who is to forward them to the Adjutant General.

The boards are enjoined to make it certain:

That the serial number of every card corresponds with that on its copy.

That there are no duplicates, either in the originals or in the copies.

Copies must all be verified by the signature of at least one member of the board.

Provision is made for reinstruction subsequent to the regular registration. These are to be numbered in the regular order following the first list.

Minute instructions are given even as to erasures and alterations as a further guard against anybody's pull, that might induce a board member or a clerk to change the record. The board is instructed that, should it be necessary to alter any number, ink-lines must be drawn through it and the substitute number must be written in the lower left hand corner of the line.

Change of any number is forbidden after the cards have been sent to the Adjutant General of the State.

All of this work is supposed to be accomplished within four days after the organization of the local boards. If there is any delay the members of the boards will have to explain to Washington.

The President has the power to alter these regulations if they need revision.

Reference to the exact method of making the actual draft from registration lists is carefully avoided in the instructions of the local board. This would be puzzling if it were not for the intention of the Federal Government to do that part of the work itself. The only thing that appertains to what is to happen after the lists have been prepared and mailed is provided in a clause that states the intention of the President to prescribe a method, place, and time for each local board to determine the order in which the registered men are to be called before them for examination to determine their fitness or liability for service.

When the big drawing takes place fit and unfit will be represented alike in the unidentified numbers in the wheel. If the man whose number comes out of the box early enough to make him part of the first army is

unfit or exempt the next man drawn takes his place. As every number is to be drawn out this procedure will be followed down the line until the army is complete.

ANOTHER LIBERTY LOAN IN SEPTEMBER

Liberty loans in Medina county have brought a great amount of work to the bankers, who are busy checking up names, making out lists for future use and getting everything ready to exchange temporary receipts for actual bonds when the bonds arrive from Washington.

Bankers will be busy with affairs of the loan for several weeks, in fact probably with some of the loans until September. This is due to the fact that some of the Liberty bonds were purchased on the installment plan through courtesies extended by manufacturing companies, who will reserve small sums each week from pay envelopes. These small sums will be forwarded to any bank, where credit will be given the subscriber. This bookkeeping will be continued until the bond is paid for.

Each committee working under a reserve is urged to preserve its organization for usefulness in future loan campaigns. Committees are asked to preserve their organizations "in order that they may be prepared to

render signal services of like character to their government when it is called upon again to seek an additional credit."

This machinery will be used next September to float the second loan of three billion. Bonds of this issue will be of as low denomination as \$10 and it is highly probable they will be sold over the counter he same as one buys a pound of butter or a dozen of eggs. This feature alone will have a stimulating effect and the government officials have every expectation that the new loan will be oversubscribed as was the first.

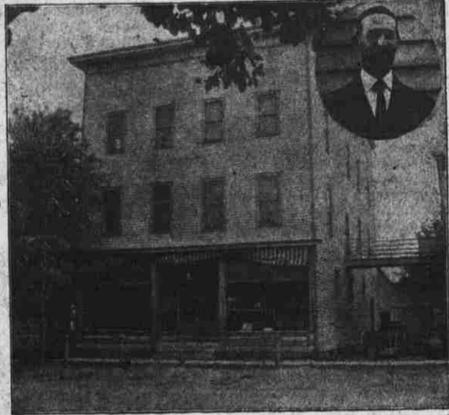
Medina county's quota in the new issue will probably be slightly over a half million and judging from the good showing made in the first loan, she can be counted on to come up to the scratch.

FOOD PRESERVATION GUIDE

A 16-page war food preservation guide has been issued by the Ohio Branch, Council of National Defense. The best practical methods of canning, preserving and drying of fruit is explained, as well as the preservation of eggs. The bulletin was prepared by the Department of Home Economics of the Ohio State University College of Agriculture. Copies may be had without cost on application to the Council at the State House, Columbus, O.

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