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## SPLENDID SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

### Green Troopers and Seasoned Officers Show Enthusiasm For Service.

American Training Camp in France, July 21.—"Whenever you write home, whether in a private letter or to any newspaper, tell them we are doing finely, and that no army ever had a finer spirit or was more confident of winning."

"I have handled troops for a good many years, and under varied conditions, but never had a finer set of men, never a more enthusiastic lot than now. It has been a revelation to me to see the splendid spirit that has prevailed since we landed, and it augurs well for the part America is to play in the war that her initial troops take hold with a vim that is going to prove irresistible."

The first quotation is from a comparatively green trooper, the second from a seasoned officer. Both were made independently to the Associated Press within a few moments of each other yesterday.

Both illustrate the wonderful esprit de corps prevailing throughout the first American contingent—an enthusiastic approval of the French. The American soldiers, as one mingles with them, do not appear to underestimate in the slightest the seriousness and earnestness of the task before them, but from the newest rookie to the oldest sergeant they are going through their daily drill, performing their daily work with dash, vim and cheerfulness and willingness that has come as genuine to the correspondent who spent the first two years of the war on the German side, and with ample opportunities to witness the perfunctory qualities of the German spirit.

Thus far there has not been one single soldier who undertakes to underestimate his opponent, but likewise no one has made his appearance who is not supremely hopeful and confident in the final outcome. The fine spirit prevailing is evident on every side. The discipline is excellent, and there is an absolute lack of complaint. The troops are taking their training with cheerfulness and are adapting themselves to the novelty of billeting and living under unprecedented conditions necessarily imposed by living in a stranger's house.

The troops are engaged in work almost entirely strange to them, yet the officers say they have made entirely unexpected progress, which not only is a good augury for the balance of the army, but is due largely to the enthusiasm pervading each company and regiment.

## TWO AMERICANS SHOT

### Attempted To Kill Kaiser, Says Report.

London, July 20.—The Reuter Amsterdam correspondent sends the following:

"According to information available here, which must, however, be treated with necessary reserve, two Americans were shot recently on the charge of having attempted to take the German emperor's life."

## WHAT NATIONAL PROHIBITION MEANS

From the noise that is made about it among the wets, one might think prohibition meant murder.

It doesn't.

It simply means more food, and that means lower food prices.

It means more efficient labor, and that means greater output, and that means lower prices again.

It means that the men who are now making beer and whisky will begin to make the equivalent of what they consume, and that, again, means more car space for legitimate commodities, and that means faster handling of freight, and that means lower prices.

It means more ship tonnage to be used in transporting material for our boys in France and for our allies, and that means not only lower prices for our allies, but the lives of American boys saved for America.

Incidentally, it means less crime, and that means less taxes. It means less pauperism, and that means less taxes. It means less insanity, and that means less taxes. It means less disease and death, and THAT means infinite myriads of things for the good old U. S. A.

## TOMPKINS ADMITS GUILT, SAY POLICE

### "I Killed Those Three People" Jailer Declares He Told Wife and Father.

Johnstown, Pa., July 20.—George C. Tompkins, of Philadelphia, held in connection with the shooting to death of Edmund I. Humphries, prominent coal operator; his wife, Mrs. Carrie Humphries, and their 15-year-old son, Edmund I. Humphries, Jr., on a country road near Carrolltown, this county, last Sunday, confessed to the three murders today, according to announcement by the police. The confession was made in the presence of Jailer Edward Kneeb, of the county jail, and Tompkins' attorney.

According to Jailer Kneeb, Tompkins was sitting in the office of the jail talking to his wife and his father, George C. Tompkins, Sr., of Clifton, New Jersey, when he burst forth, saying:

"I killed those three people. I killed them all. I killed Humphries in the corn. I bought the pistol in Johnstown."

Mrs. Tompkins began to cry and became hysterical and her husband said no more. Later, it is said, he made a detailed verbal confession to the Rev. B. F. Henry, pastor of the Ebsburg Presbyterian church, but this confession was not made public.

## JOHNSON'S SUGGESTION ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT

### No City of Washington—Proclamations Will Be Dated "In City of Washington."

Says the Washington Star: There is no city of Washington on the map. There has been no city of Washington since February 21, 1871. Representative Ben Johnson of the committee on affairs of the District of Columbia says so. The President concurs.

For the first time in history a proclamation by the President is dated "in the District of Columbia," and not "Washington, D. C." It is significant. Probably every other proclamation issued by the President will bear the same date.

It is to be assumed that Representative Johnson's views prevailed. He says, in a letter to the President:

"For some years now I have noticed that the President, in issuing proclamations and commissions, says: 'Done at the city of Washington, D. C.'"

"Since February 21, 1871, there has been no 'City of Washington.'"

Charter Repealed in 1871. "On that date Congress repealed the charter of Washington, Georgetown and the 'levy court' and created instead the one municipality of the District of Columbia."

Therefore I suggest that the proclamation should state: 'Done in the District of Columbia,' and not in the 'city of Washington,' as there is no city of Washington."

The President, in his proclamation of July 14 putting German insurance concerns out of business in the United States, "done" it in the District of Columbia.

By order of the President this form will be followed for commissions, as well as proclamations, after the present supply of blank forms has been exhausted. So there is no city of Washington hereafter.

## FREAKISH EGG.

L. B. Bennett brought to The Herald office Saturday an egg that borders on the freak, though it is only one of a cycle that had been laid by a hen of Mrs. R. P. Bennett, of Route 3. The egg is perfectly shaped in every respect, but the shell is crumpled, resembling very much an egg of the soft shell variety that had swiveled. The hen that produces these odd-looking eggs has laid out one cycle and has started on the second. None of these eggs have been set by Mrs. Bennett, and it is not known whether or not they will hatch.

## LIGHTNING FREAK.

During one of the storms the past week lightning struck Milam Keelings field of tobacco near Fairview. Sixty hills were completely destroyed.—[Todd County Times.

## What Young Men of Ohio County Must Do To Claim Exemption Under the Selective Draft Law

Washington, July 20.—The following classes of persons will be exempted from the national army by local exemption boards:

Officers of the United States and of the several States and Territories and of the District of Columbia.

Regularly ordained ministers of religion.

All students of divinity preparing for the ministry on May 18, 1917.

Persons in the military or naval service of the United States.

Subjects of Germany residing in this country.

All other resident aliens who have not taken out their first papers.

The following persons will be discharged by local exemption boards, upon investigation:

County and municipal officers.

Custom house clerks, persons employed in the transmission of the mails.

Workmen employed in the arsenals, navy yards and armories of the United States.

Persons employed by the United

States designated as exempts by the President.

Steamship pilots, marines actually employed in sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States.

Any married man whose wife or child is solely dependent upon his labor for support, any son of a widow solely dependent upon his labor for support.

Father of a motherless child or children under 16 years of age solely dependent upon his labor for support.

Brother of a child or children under 16 years of age who has or have neither father nor mother and is or are solely dependent upon his labor for support.

Any person who is a member of a well recognized religious sect, organized or existing May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids its members to participate in war.

All persons morally deficient, such as criminals.

All attempts for exemption must be supported by affidavits.

## IS YOUR NAME FOUND HERE?

### Lennis J. Brown, Centertown, First Name In Ohio County Drawn Under The Selective Draft.

## COMPLETE QUOTA FIRST DRAFT

Below will be found the names of Ohio county citizens who get first call under the selective draft. Ohio county quota is 157, and double that amount was drawn with the idea that every other one would be exempt. So we publish the names of the full number (314) drawn on first call, from which the quota of 157 will be taken.

- 258 Lennis J. Brown, Centertown.
- 458 Lloyd Cavender, Hartford
- 1436 Layton Ross, Centertown
- 854 Chas. A. Hoover, Hartford
- 1894 Carl H. Wilson, Rockport
- 1878 Herbert Ewell Wright, Livia
- 1095 Shelby Willis Lee, Hartford
- 2022 William McHenry, Hartford
- 1455 Owen Renfrow, White Run
- 783 John H. Hobdy, Simmons
- 1813 Chas. C. Watts, McHenry
- 1858 Walter A. Williams, Rosine
- 1752 Enis Townsley, Hartford
- 1117 Delbert D. Moseley, Hartford
- 1572 Lee Stevens, Beaver Dam
- 1748 Henry Tyler, Livia
- 837 Ira W. Hazelp, Rosine
- 2036 Geo. W. Thomas, Beaver Dam
- 337 Jas. Wm. Chapman, Prentiss
- 676 Edward Free, Fordsville
- 275 Geo. W. Bellamy, Deanfield
- 509 Claudie J. Daugherty, Renfrow
- 1185 Miller E. Felix, Olaton
- 564 Eli Dennison, Hartford
- 945 Elbert Hill, Hartford
- 1913 W. A. Whobrey, Hartford
- 596 Frank Everly, Centertown
- 1267 Ben T. McDonald, Simmons
- 536 Welby Daugherty, Baizetown
- 1495 Ed Robison, Reynolds
- 548 Geo. Davis, Beaver Dam
- 126 Robt. Clifton Burgess, Prentiss
- 1678 Cody Lee Stewart, Fordsville
- 1237 Malle Midkiff, Fordsville
- 784 Elbridge Gerry Hagerman, Centertown
- 1732 Rigdon Torrence, White Run
- 755 Thomas Hill, Beaver Dam
- 107 Bert B. Barnard, Rockport
- 1546 Willie B. Southard, Hartford
- 1563 Clarence Stits, Whitesville

- 1369 Ernest Patton, Hartford
- 616 Forrest French, Prentiss
- 373 Vernon M. Crowder, Horse Branch
- 1676 Ray Stephens, Cromwell
- 1265 Oscar McKinney, McHenry
- 1891 Jno. A. Wilson, Rockport
- 775 Elmer P. Hunter, McHenry
- 486 Ernest M. Dodson, Centertown
- 692 Luther W. Galley, Simmons
- 600 Aretus Evans, Deanfield
- 1986 Jas. L. Burch, Beaver Dam
- 810 John Haynes, White Run
- 1539 Thos. F. Smith, McHenry
- 1632 Roy St. Clair, Dundee
- 507 Barty N. Dempsey, Livermore
- 309 Isaac Foster Bennett, Hartford
- 437 Millard H. Carahan, Equality
- 1324 Gilbert H. Phelps, Prentiss
- 604 Roscoe Embrey, Beaver
- 43 Homer Albin, Rosine
- 1763 John E. Tooley, Rockport
- 1548 Henry Stevens, Centertown
- 1264 Francis E. McIntyre, McHenry
- 1066 Jesse A. Lee, Beaver Dam
- 924 Mack Henshaw, Hartford
- 420 Harrison C. Cox, Echols
- 1014 Leda Keith, Olaton
- 1178 Con Midkiff, Olaton
- 514 Wm. R. DeBruler, Fordsville
- 433 Willie Colyer, Whitesville
- 1329 Otha Payne, Reynolds Station
- 10 Herman A. Ashby, Centertown
- 1045 Hiley Kissinger, Cromwell
- 1031 Wm. Costis King, Dundee
- 1705 Jesse H. Torrence, McHenry
- 1331 Kyle Plummer, Beaver Dam
- 1685 Era Staples, Fordsville
- 487 John Ditzer, Whitesville
- 1282 Arva McCarty, Philpot
- 1323 John Bullock, Prentiss
- 1847 Chas. W. Williams, Beaver Dam
- 797 Ellis Hinds, Whitesville
- 140 James M. Boone, Whitesville

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## 500 SHOTS FIRED; TWO MEXICANS KILLED

### American Border Patrol Drives Off Bandits After An Engagement.

Mission, Tex., July 20.—Approximately five hundred shots were exchanged across the Rio Grande today at Ojo de Agua, eight miles southwest of Mission, between a small American border patrol and a number of unidentified Mexicans. There were no American casualties, but latest reports say two or three Mexicans were seen to fall during the engagement which started at 11 o'clock this morning and ceased at 5 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 outpost at Ojo de Agua, hearing the Americans returning the shots, immediately sent reinforcements under Sergt. J. C. Henderson. The fighting continued six hours. Late today Col. B. F. Delamater reached the scene with one hundred men from K and M companies of the Second 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.

## 1,032,800 KILLED, TOLL OF GERMANY

### More Than 2,000,000 Wounded Since War Began—600,000 Prisoners Taken.

London, July 20.—The German casualties reported in the German official lists during June, but not as having occurred in June, are given out by the war office as follows:

Killed and died of wounds, 28,819.  
Died of sickness, 3,215.  
Prisoners and missing, 38,606.

The totals of the German official lists since the war began are as follows:

Killed or died of wounds, 1,032,800.  
Died of sickness, 72,960.  
Prisoners and missing, 591,966.

Wounded, 2,825,581.  
The naval and colonial casualties are not included.

## "LID ON TIGHT."

"Yes, sir, the lid certainly fits very tight on Sunday," said Chief Wilson yesterday to a Hustler reporter. "Why it's so tight that I had to go all the way to Earlington last Sunday to get me a cigar. But I sure did enjoy that smoke," he continued. —[Madisonville Hustler.

Our observation is that every bride loves, honors and obeys; but not all at once.

## Honor The Drafted Man

The highest honor that can be conferred upon a citizen is to be chosen to defend his country, says the Chicago Tribune.

This truth has been obscured by our use of the volunteer system parallel with the compulsory system. A comparison is inevitable between the men who voluntarily have made the great sacrifice and those who have waited to be designated to serve under the new law. This is one of the evil effects of the volunteer system as we employ it. When we have established the system of universal service we shall have no comparisons. All who are called to service will enter on the same terms.

But now we have the volunteer and the drafted man. Let us not do injustice to the latter because of the former. We all honor the volunteer. He is of the flower of our nation. But it does not follow that the drafted man is not of the same breed. There are honorable considerations which have held men back from volunteering. There are duties at home as well as abroad and the conscientious citizen, knowing that the draft was coming, could honorably wait for its operation.

We honor the volunteer. Let us honor the drafted man, and let the drafted man honor himself. When he receives the summons of the gov-

## HOLLWEG PRAISED BY HIS SUCCESSOR

### German Chancellor in an Address Says U-Boats Invoked To Shorten War.

Copenhagen, July 20.—Dr. Michaelis the new imperial German Chancellor, in his address to the Reichstag Thursday afternoon declared his adhesion to Germany's submarine campaign, asserting it to be a lawful measure, justifiably adopted and adapted for shortening the war.

Dr. Michaelis opened his Reichstag speech with a hearty tribute to Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, the retiring imperial Chancellor, whose work he said, history would approve.

The Chancellor declared that the war was forced upon unwilling Germany by the Russian mobilization and that the submarine war was also forced upon Germany by Great Britain's illegal blockade and starvation war.

The faint hope that America, a head of the neutrals, would check Great Britain's illegality was vain. Germany's final attempt to avoid the extremity by a peace offer failed and the submarine campaign was adopted, said the Chancellor.

The submarines, the speaker continued, had done all and more than had been expected and the false prophets who had predicted the end of the war at a definite time had done a disservice to the Fatherland.

## "IS YOUR BOY GOING?"

A writer in the August Woman's Home Companion says:

"Close to me lives a man whose interests have been separated from mine by more than a mere ivy-grown stone fence—to be exact, by several hundred thousand dollars. The other day he leaned over the fence and inquired:

"Your boy going?"

"Yes."

"Mine, too. Had a notion he didn't want to wait for conscription. By the way, those eggplants of yours are not coming on very well. May I send my man over with some fertilizer that has helped ours?"

"The fence is still there—but not the barrier. Our boys and our country leveled it."

"There's bound to be a lot of such leveling from this time on. Some of us who have been too busy to get acquainted are going to know each other. Some who have been too absorbed by money-making and reputation-seeking to make friends will suddenly feel the need of comradeship. Some of us who have worried because our neighbors dressed better than we did, had a finer phonograph, or ran a faster car are going to have our eyes opened to the falseness of the standards by which we have judged ourselves and each other. We're going to like each other a great deal better and to need each other a great deal more."