

CHICAGO ROUNDS UP DRAFT EVADERS

More Than 12,000 Arrested as Result of Slacker Drive by Federal Authorities.

Chicago, July 15.—More than 12,000 alleged draft evaders are in local police stations today as the result of the first two days of the slacker drive being carried on here by federal agents. On the other hand, the drive has uncovered another type of man, of which 250 specimens have been inducted into service as a result of the drive, in which more than 150,000 have been questioned and more than 10,000 temporarily detained while obtaining evidence of registration and other compliance with the law.

This is the man who, registered and eager to enter the fray, does not display his registration card when challenged, in order to appear as seeking to evade the draft. This man reasons this way, it was shown yesterday: "If I am regularly registered, I may not get into the fight for months. If things look against me, I may be inducted immediately."

SCOTTSBORO DIVINE TO OCCUPY LOCAL PULPIT

Rev. Mack Gainer, of Scottsboro, Ala., will occupy the pulpit of the Central Church of Christ in Masonic temple at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The regular minister, E. H. Hoover, is in Portland, Me., on his vacation.

MIGHTY COBB FORGES AHEAD OF SISLER IN BATTING SCRAMBLE—WEEK'S REVIEW

(Associated Press.) Chicago, July 12.—Tytus Raymond Cobb, batting champion of the American league, after getting away to a late start in blazing the trail for 1918 batting supremacy.

Averages released today give the Detroit star a mark of .371, as against .355 for George Sisler, of St. Louis, the leader a week ago. Sisler, however, still leads the Georgian in base stealing, with 20 against 15. The averages include games of Wednesday.

The figures on Cobb and Sisler are: Cobb 48 285 42 34 30 .355 Sisler 48 285 42 34 30 .355

The remarkable batting streak which sent Cobb rushing to the top was started on June 17. His batting recovery is one of the most spectacular that even Cobb ever staged. In his last thirteen games he has cracked out 11 hits, stolen 4 bases and scored 8 runs. He passed Hooper, of Boston, for the lead in scoring, having counted 51 times against 51 for the Red Sox star.

Peekinpaugh, of New York, and McInnis, of Boston, are giving Shean, also of Boston, a race for honors in sacrifice hitting. Shean having a 1-point advantage with a total of 23. New York is showing the way in team batting with 267, and Boston in team fielding with 270. Other leading batters are: Baker, New York, .341; Burns, Philadelphia, .332; Fipp, New York, .317; Milan, Washington, .314; Walker, Philadelphia, .311; Hooper, Boston, .306; Ruth, Boston, .302; Heinis, Groh, the Cincinnati infielder, pushed ahead to maintain his batting

lead in the National league, averages, including games of Wednesday, giving him a mark of .352. J. C. Smith, of Boston, drove Merkle, of Chicago, out of second place, with .336. Hollocher, the 31-year-old sensation with Chicago, advanced from eighth to fifth place in the list of leaders, with .339.

Max Carey, of Pittsburgh, the leading base-stealer, has a margin of 19 thefts over George Burns, of the Giants, his nearest competitor. Carey's total is 28. Burns, however, remains high in scoring, having registered 80 times in 73 games. Rousch, of Cincinnati, broke the tie for honors in sacrifice hitting, bringing his total up to 18.

Chicago and Cincinnati are on even terms in club batting, with 267, while New York has a 1-point advantage of Chicago in fielding, with 271. Other leading batters are: Merkle, Chicago, .325; Daubert, Brooklyn, .320; Hollocher, Chicago, .319; Paekert, Chicago, .309; Mann, Chicago, .304; Rousch, Cincinnati, .302; L. Magee, Cincinnati, .299; Johnston, Brooklyn, .298.

BASEBALL NOW INTERNATIONAL SPORT—GAMES BEHIND LINES

Sammies Playing in All Open Stretches From Paris to Firing Lines.

(Associated Press.) Washington, July 12.—Baseball promises to become, through the agency of the war, an international sport, according to Harry R. Stringer, of the war commission on training camp activities, who has just returned from

making a survey of recreational and relief activities among the American overseas forces. He accompanied Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission.

"It really takes a trip to the front to make one realize that baseball is the national game of America," said Mr. Stringer today. "I saw our boys playing from London to Paris right up to the front line trenches. Most of the units have their own teams, and in some places leagues have been formed. Rivalry is keen and the men take as much interest in the fortunes of their respective nines as they do in the big league races at home."

CANDY MAKERS MUST USE ONLY BROWN SUGAR

(International News Service.) Atlanta, July 13.—Candy makers and soft drink manufacturers will now only be allowed to use brown sugar and in limited quantities by an order just issued by the Georgia food administration. First call on the limited sugar supply is given to the retail grocers for home consumption and canning and preserving purposes. Refiners of the south are not now permitted to ship sugar into territory north of a line running through Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville and the northern boundary of North Carolina.

TEMPERATURES BELOW NORMAL ARE FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK

Washington, July 12.—There are no present indications of much warmer weather in the southeastern states, and temperatures will average somewhat below normal during the first half of the week beginning Monday, and nearly normal during the second half.

The weather bureau's weekly forecast says there are no indications of rain of consequence.

CALL FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE MEN ISSUED

Gen. Crowder Wants 11,989 White and 154 Colored Men in August.

(International News Service.) Washington, July 13.—The first August call for selective service men was issued today by Provost Marshal-General Crowder, and is for 11,989 white and 154 colored men having grammar school educations. They will be trained as gas engine men, electricians, blacksmiths, carpenters, automobile mechanics, gunsmiths and sheet metal workers. Twenty-eight states are included in the call and the men will be mobilized on various dates between Aug. 1 and Aug. 28.

Sunday School to Reward Children on Time Tomorrow

As an inducement for punctuality in attendance, all young people of the Sunday school of Highland Park M. E. church, south, under 18 years of age, who are on time Sunday morning at 9:30, will be given tickets to an ice cream festival Tuesday night. The festival is to be held in the vacant space on Kirby avenue in the rear of the fire hall. Efforts are being made to have a large Sunday school attendance. J. F. Holbert is the superintendent.

Advertising Fills Breach

Manufacturers Hold Jobs Open for Men "Gone to War."

(International News Service.) Washington, July 13.—A heavy tax on advertising in the new revenue bill will "destroy the motive power of American business," the way's and means committee was told by Jesse H. Neal, executive secretary of the Associated Business Papers' organization, representing postponed trade papers.

"With the scarcity of salesmen and the difficulties of travel, advertising stepped into the breach in substitute," Neal said. "It is keeping the manufacturer and the consumer in close touch with each other without the use of salesmen. The jobs for salesmen who have gone to war are thus being held open for them by manufacturers who are putting a little additional pressure on advertising."

"Advertising is comparable only to the telephone and the telegraph as a means of communication," he said. "It has attained its highest development in the United States and foreigners come to our shores to study its methods."

"It is the motive power of business," he added, "and you will destroy this force by heavy taxation."

PRESS OF FINLAND ASKS FOR MONARCHY

Only Pro-German Papers Allowed to Appear—Sovereign Must Be Pro-German.

Stockholm.—Finnish reactionary (white guard) newspapers are again appearing, under German and white guard protection. The leading red guard paper in Finland, the Helsingfors Tyomies, has been suppressed.

All the papers now allowed to appear declare for a monarchy instead of a republic in Finland. One, the Svensk Tidning, says:

"A German prince is the only possible sovereign for Finland."

Most other papers are openly pro-German, but make no suggestion as to the nationality of the coming king.

In Abo, second Finnish city, a monarchist association has been formed, which has issued an appeal blaming the absence of a permanent head to the state for the Russian upheaval, and pleading for a monarchical arrangement similar to Sweden's.

Opposition to the monarchy plan is certain from the Finnish socialists and the defeated red guards who return to their country. Opposition to a German monarch is also developing among Swedish liberals, who are circulating propaganda in Finland against the Germanizing of that country and the choice of a German king.

Judge Cummings Answers His Critics

Shows from the Records Why Hamilton County and Davidson County Cannot Be Compared. A 40% Assessment Here and a 75 Per Cent. Assessment There. Hamilton County Provides All the Cost of the City Schools, While Davidson County Provides But Half of Such Cost.

Our Rural Population Outside the City Exceeds That of Davidson County. Davidson County Has a Floating Indebtedness, Due to An Insufficient Tax Rate, While Hamilton County Is on a Cash Basis Without Floating Debt. A Few Points of Interest to the Taxpayers Enumerated

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS:

My attention has been directed to an advertisement signed by my honorable opponent for County Judge in which he seeks to make comparison of the tax rates in Shelby, Davidson and Knox Counties with the tax rate in Hamilton County.

I ask the attention of taxpayers and voters for but a moment.

Mr. Conner begins with Shelby County and ends with Knox County. I shall take the middle comparison he makes, that of Davidson County.

In comparing the tax rate of Davidson and Hamilton Counties, Mr. Conner in his advertisement uses this language:

Why should Hamilton County collect on a Tax Rate County of \$2.20 when the larger county of Davidson has a levy of \$1.60? Davidson County, with a population of 141,478, pays an annual interest and sinking fund budget of \$73,400. Hamilton County, with a population of 89,267, pays \$242,000.

This statement is not only erroneous, but is deceptive and misleading.

The facts are:
Davidson County's tax rate is not \$1.60, but is \$1.70.

Davidson County with its lower tax rate, is piling up a floating debt which must sooner or later be paid by bond issues or a high tax rate. In short, Davidson County is expending more than it collects.

Hamilton County, with our \$2.20 tax rate, does not spend more than we collect, and does not owe one dollar in current floating indebtedness.

Only one week ago, in my annual report submitted to the County Court, it was shown that Hamilton County last year not only stayed within its income, but had a surplus saved by rigid economy, in fourteen of our department budgets aggregating \$85,000. After giving \$85,000 of this sum to our public schools we still had a net surplus exceeding \$9,000.

I submit this question: Which is the business-like policy, that of making a low tax rate, insufficient to pay the legitimate expenses of the County, and piling up a floating debt as Davidson County is doing, or, levy a tax rate sufficient to meet these necessary expenses and pay as we go, without an annual floating debt, as Hamilton County is doing?

If It Were Your Private Business, Which Policy Would You Adopt?

Suppose Davidson County has a population of 141,478, as Mr. Conner says it has, and Hamilton County a population of 89,267, as he says. Out of this population of 141,478 in Davidson County must come the population of the City of Nashville. Deduct Nashville's population of 110,804 (U. S. Government census figures), and Davidson County has a population outside the City of Nashville of 31,714 for which that County must provide.

Suppose Hamilton County has a population of 89,267, as Mr. Conner says, the population of the City of Chattanooga, 44,604 (U. S. census figures), must be deducted, leaving 44,663 population outside our City limits for which number Hamilton County provides government.

Mr. Conner refers to "the larger County of Davidson," when, as a matter of fact, Hamilton County's population, outside the City's limits, exceeds that of Davidson County by 18,149.

Again, every well-versed man on real estate knows that the average assessment on our property in Hamilton County does not

exceed 40 per cent. of its actual cash value.

I have before me a telegram from the County Judge of Davidson County saying that the average assessment of property in that County is called up to pay, which in the case of Davidson County with a tax rate of \$1.70 and a 75 per cent. assessment, can collect a great deal more in taxes than Hamilton County does on a \$2.20 tax rate and a 40 per cent. assessment.

An Illustration:

Let us illustrate for a moment. Just suppose for instance that your home or your farm is assessed at \$1,000. Suppose that home is in Davidson County and assessed as property there is assessed at 75 per cent. of its actual value. Under the \$1.70 tax rate of Davidson County you would pay on it \$17.00 in taxes.

Suppose that home is assessed at 40 per cent. of its value as our property is assessed in Hamilton County. It would be assessed at \$532.00, and under our \$2.20 rate you would pay on it \$11.70 in taxes.

This illustrates the difference between the situation in Davidson County and in Hamilton County.

At Any Time Our Property Owners Want a 75 Per Cent. Assessment of Their Property They, Too, Can Have a \$1.70 Tax Rate, or Even Less.

Davidson County's tax assessment is \$100,000,000. Hamilton County's assessment is \$56,000,000.

Again, the City of Nashville levies approximately one-half the tax necessary to conduct its City Schools. Davidson County levies the other one-half.

The City of Chattanooga levies not one penny in taxes for its City Schools, and Hamilton County pays every dollar of the cost of these City Schools.

Take one-half of the cost of our City Schools off Hamilton County, and we, too, can have a lower tax rate.

Again, there are numerous items of expense which Hamilton County is called upon to pay, which is the case of Davidson County are paid by the City of Nashville.

Comparison of Bonded Indebtedness.

Again, while Davidson County has a bonded indebtedness of approximately only \$2,000,000, compared to the bonded indebtedness of \$4,400,000 of Hamilton County, yet we must take note of the fact that the City of Nashville has a bonded debt of \$8,418,000, compared to the bonded indebtedness of the City of Chattanooga of \$8,796,000. Much of that bonded indebtedness of the City of Nashville was expended for the identical things represented in Hamilton County's bonded debt.

I have not gone to the trouble of comparing the other two Counties which my honorable opponent quotes, but take Davidson County, not the largest nor the smallest of the three he mentions, but the one in between the large and small Counties he cites. No doubt similar conditions exist in both Shelby and Knox Counties.

Again, no man of intelligence will compare the roads, the schools or the public institutions of Knox, Davidson or Shelby Counties with those of Hamilton County. We excel each of these Counties in these things, as well as in efficiency of government.

The United States official statistician here a short while ago told me that Hamilton County was the only County in Tennessee whose books he could intelligently glean information from.

Federal Government Approves.

My honorable opponent charges in his latest advertisement that the public must approve of the construction of "the most expensive road in the South, and that in time of war, merely for use as a scenic drive." He neglects to mention the road to which he refers. Whatever road he may have in mind in making this unwarranted assertion, it is untrue that Hamilton County has started any expensive road work since the war began. We are thoroughly in accord and harmony with the policy of our Federal Government in not starting any new projects at this time. What would my opponent have us do—leave these roadways uncompleted to go to ruin, when we already have the money in bank to finish them? I beg to call his attention to the fact that we must be in thorough accord with our National Government's policy in this respect, inasmuch as the Federal Government itself is aiding in the completion of all these roads.

The Political Headquarters.

My opponent in a moment of pique viciously charges that my office is being used as a political headquarters. We are to assume from what he says that there would be no politics discussed there in the event of his occupying the office, just as if the people have forgotten how he maintained a hot-bed of politics in the County Jail during his three terms there.

Assuredly I have no political headquarters in my office. That office belongs to the people; I am their hired man. If my employers choose to come into their own office and discuss politics or war or crops or baseball, they certainly are within their rights, just as they would be privileged to come and talk finances with Sam and 'Squire Hogan and Tom McMahon if they should happen to be elected.

I have repeatedly urged my opponent to name one single unnecessary employe or salary this County is paying. He answers by asking me to publish a "salary list." The books are open; let him publish the list.

Again, I Demand That He Name the Overpaid or Unnecessary Employe He Would Dispense With.

Charge of Extravagance.

My honorable opponent in his latest advertisement talks of "the extravagant expenditure of public money during the war"; of "the shrunken pocketbooks of people who would otherwise buy more Bonds and Thrift Stamps."

It hardly lies in the mouth of my honorable opponent to talk about "the shrunken pocketbooks of the taxpayers" and their purchase "of bonds and thrift stamps," so soon after his return from Hattiesburg, his pockets bulging with money made off his Government in its hour of peril and distress.

With a few less profit patriots the pocketbooks of the taxpayers might not be as "shrunken" as they are, and the sale of so many Bonds and Thrift Stamps would not be so necessary.

In discussing these matters, let my honorable opponent deal fairly and candidly and honestly with the public. He may be able to deceive some of the people, but only a small percentage of them.

Such arguments as he makes can only be ascribed to intention to deceive for his own selfish gain, or to ignorance, and I am inclined to ascribe it to a marked degree of ignorance of our public affairs upon his part.

WILL CUMMINGS.