

**EXHAUST CLASS ONE THROUGHOUT U. S.**

According to the report for the month of August issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder, Class I men of the original draft list in the nation are practically all in service and the September calls will take all the remaining available men in this class.

The report shows that but 216,570 men still remain in Class I in the entire country, and the statement is made that these will be necessary to fill the new quota called, so that the registration boards of the nation are urged to use all possible speed in classifying registrants who are listed on September 12.

The provost marshal's report shows that 9,586,508 men registered in the first draft call, June 5, 1917; the first deduction from June 5 to Dec. 15, 1917, took 863,195 of these; questionnaires were filed by 8,723,313 men on Dec. 15, 1917, and the second deduction, or deferred classification, took 6,322,912 from this list.

The total number of men placed in Class 1 on Dec. 15, 1917, was 2,400,401; the third deduction from Dec. 15, 1917, to May 1, 1918, 1,344,498.

The fourth deduction from May 1, to August 1 of this year took a total of 1,253,613, leaving the balance of Class 1 available for service Aug. 1, 1918, totalling 90,885.

Added to these figures the estimated probable addition to Class 1 men from correction of classification is 125,000; the addition of Porto Ricans not listed in the above, 15,000; full service Class 1 men estimated to be added from the second registration on June 5, 1918, 350,000, leaving a total of 580,885 men estimated as available August 1.

The calls of August, rejections and other defections from this number are placed at 365,315 men, leaving only 216,570 Class 1 men available for general service on September 1.

The report is a comprehensive one and shows how rapidly the United States has prepared its man power for service in the world war.

**CORPORATION SABOTAGE**

Director General of Railroads McAdoo has issued an order to the 2-

000,000 officers and employes of the railroads, that they shall remember their manners. In the course of his appeal for a more ready courtesy and helpfulness on the part of the railway staff, he says:

"For many years it was popularly believed that the 'public be damned' policy was the policy of the railroads under private control. Such a policy is indefensible under either private or government control. It would be particularly indefensible under public control when railroad employes are the direct servants of the public.

"There are many people who for partisan or selfish purposes," says McAdoo, "wish government operation of railroads to be a failure. Every employe who is discourteous to the public or makes excuses or statements of the kind I have described, is helping these partisan or selfish interests to discredit government control of railroads."

In this language he confirms the reports that have been rife in Washington for months past—that a continuous campaign of sabotage against government operation has been carried on by the enemies of that policy throughout the country, wherever they were in railroad employ or were in touch with employes who could be made to aid their plans. McAdoo has been fighting this influence quietly. Now he fights it openly.

**ANTELOPE FARMER HURT WHEN TEAM RUNS AWAY**

Winn Clark, who lives about a mile from Antelope, while driving to his farm with a tank load of gasoline or kerosene oil from town, was thrown from his seat and run over when his horses became frightened and ran away late last week. Dr. Steele was called on the case and found that Mr. Clark's ribs were fractured and he was quite badly bruised up. At the present writing, however, we are glad to report that Clark is getting along nicely.

**TO CALL 150,000 MEN IN SEPTEMBER, PLAN**

Approximately 150,000 draftees will be called up during September, if plans of Provost Marshal General Crowder remain unchanged. Part of the September calls are already out.

**MINN. GANG TARS AND FEATHERS**

**JOHN MEINTS TORTURED BY A MASKED BAND IN THE BAD LANDS OF ROCK COUNTY, COMES TO ST. PAUL SMEARED WITH FEATHERS AND SHOWS HIMSELF TO THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS.**

St. Paul, September 11.—The final flare-up of the mob violence which has characterized the administration of Governor Burnquist in Minnesota came just three weeks after the proclamation of President Wilson condemning ruthlessness at home and urging governors to enforce law and order. Another Minnesotan was tarred and feathered Monday, August 19.

John Meints, a well-to-do retired farmer of Luverne, was the victim. Just after the state primaries, when a gang in Rock county announced that it would run every man who voted for the League out of the state unless he repented, Mr. Meints was forcibly deported over the Iowa line. For more than a month he remained in Iowa, visiting relatives. Then, toward the end of July, feeling that the authorities had had plenty of time to crush the outcropping of lynch law in Rock county, he returned to his home. There he first called on Rev. Bedford, one of the leaders of the gang which deported several Americans from their homes, to see if he could stay. He told this minister-politician that if he had violated any law he wanted the sheriff to arrest him, that he might have a trial. Shortly after, one of the county officeholders came to his home and warned him that mob spirit was rising again, and that they would injure him this time.

**Back to Save Food Supply**  
Mr. Meints took the next train for St. Paul, determined to see Governor Burnquist. This he was unable to do. Attorney General Hilton also was too busy to see him. Mr. Meints was referred to a woman stenographer at the capitol. She took down his statement and got in telephonic communication with the mob leaders. The next day she informed the exile that if he would go down on his knees and pray to be allowed to go back it could be arranged.

This the farmer refused to do. He visited a lawyer and prepared to fight his case in the courts. At this time the grain on the farm that he had deeded to his two sons was threatening to spoil for lack of harvest labor. Knowing the danger he was in, Mr. Meints went directly back to Rock county. There on his farm, 13 miles out of Luverne, near Hardwick, he toiled early and late in the field.

But it was impossible to keep his presence secret. Just as he was about to sit down to supper August 19, Mr. Meints saw a mob of more than 50 men enter the front gate.

He went upstairs and got his revolver. One of his sons went to the door. He refused to let the mob in, and they knocked him down. Then the leaders told Mr. Meints' younger boy to tell his father that they were not going to hurt him, but would take him to Luverne for trial. At this Mr. Meints came down and got in one of the cars with them.

**Make It a Federal Issue**  
The gangsters first took him to a basement room in the hotel. There they quizzed him until almost midnight. They were unshaken in their belief that Mr. Meints was a member of the Nonpartisan league. This is not the case, although his two sons are members. From this hotel they took him out toward the South Dakota line. On the way they pointed out a great tree. "There's where you'll hang if you ever come back to Minnesota," they told him.

Suddenly the car stopped and six masked men ran from a cornfield, brandishing revolvers.

"Get out of the car," they ordered. Then they tied his arms behind and said to the others, who clearly were their accomplices: "You fellows go on, we'll tend to this."

After going on a short way, they came to a pot of tar. They stripped this Minnesota farmer—a man who has bought bonds and war stamps in excess of his quota—and beat him with the end of a rope. Then they smeared him from his hair down with tar and covered him with feathers.

At dawn the next morning Mr. Meints staggered to the bank of a river. There he washed the tar off his face with sand and water, leaving the skin almost raw. The rest of his body he could not clean. He caught a train from South Dakota, and came to St. Paul.

The first thing Mr. Meints did was to call on the United States district attorney, Alfred Jacques. He bared his body there in the federal building, showing the tar and feathers. The case of Mr. Meints has now become a federal matter, since it was made interstate by his deportation over the line into South Dakota.

But as one representative of the federal government remarked: "Why doesn't Governor Burnquist fire a few sheriffs who permit this violence?"

**MANY FAMILIES MOVE HERE; RENTS ARE BOOSTED**

The unusual demand for houses in Plentywood and the fact that the demand is exceeding the supply by long odds, signifies that more persons are moving here this summer than ever before. This fall Plentywood will attract people from all parts of the county on account of school facilities and the fact that it is the county seat and a metropolitan like city.

But houses are so scarce now that it is becoming a task to properly accommodate the large number of persons who are daily applying for places to rent, and as a natural consequence rents are boosted.

**BAN ON USE OF GASOLINE FOR "JOY RIDERS"**

The ban on the use of gasoline on Sundays for motor vehicles and boats will apply only to pleasure riding. Fuel Administrator Garfield announced last Friday. He said reasonable use of gasoline-driven vehicles for necessary purposes was not intended to be prohibited.

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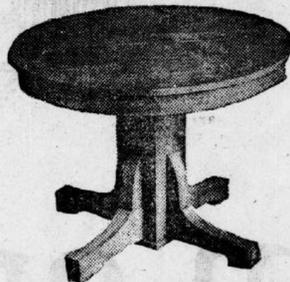
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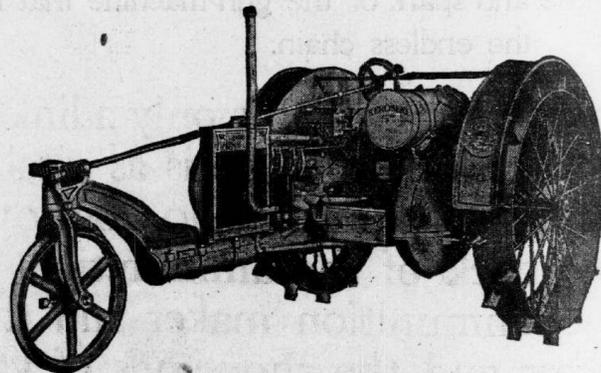
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