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## MORE BATES COUNTY BOYS GO

Another Contingent for the National Army Left Monday Night. This Time to Camp Pike, Arkansas.

Bates county is getting more or less accustomed to seeing her boys leave for the war. Monday night forty-three more of our best young manhood left for Camp Pike, Arkansas, where they are now in training, which will make them the best soldiers in the world.

The Elks Club was open to them all day and in the evening they were entertained with music arranged for by the Commercial Club Committee, after which ice cream and cake was served to them and their friends. The entertainment was rather informal, as no set program had been prepared, but it was all the more enjoyable for that reason. Each man was presented with a khaki covered Bible by Rev. Scroggs on behalf of the Bates county Sunday school association. About 9:30 the boys, led by the band, marched to the depot, where a special car had been set out for them. Soon after boarding the car the special train, made up of coaches with contingents from Monticau, Pettis, Saline, Lafayette, Johnson, Jackson and Cass, pulled in and the Bates county car was attached and amid the cheers, some tears, of those left behind, the boys departed on their mission of humanity. A box filled with a bountiful supply of sandwiches to be eaten as lunch en route, was placed aboard by the Red Cross. The following composed the party: Grimm, Henry Wilkinson Jones, Harrison Elmer Daugherty, James Daniel Campbell, John Howard Williams, Charles LeRoy Blow, Glenn Clarence Simpson, Benjamin Franklin Sivils, Francis James Payne, Horace William Smith, Emmett Henry Davis, Gilbert Clare Neison, Arthur Troy Coleman, Lawrence Garard, Charles Wesley Pitt, Orza Otis Griggs, Sylvester Earl LaFever, Perry Arthur Polson, Ralph G. Wilson, Roy G. Garfield McChesney, Herbert Glenn Adams, Oliver Ray Woodfin, Virgil Oliver Vodry, Harlan Louis Berryhill, Melvin Buford Franklin, William Wirt McPheron, Herman Francis Epley, Cleve Adelbert McChesney, Harry Renwick Pittman, Harvey Lynch, Ray Rhodes, Daniel Matthew Wagner, Ernest John Campbell, Rufus Clay Young, Ray Damm, Oscar Rhodes, John Leslie Burton, Milburn Ellis, Alfred George Thomas, Roy D. Tame, Cecil Cavanaugh, John W. Rice, Clarence, transferred to Kimberly, Idaho Cochran, Wade T., transferred to Oakland, Calif. Thomas, Otto M., sent for Kansas City Board No. 15. Yarrick, Albert, sent for Cassia county, Idaho, board.

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## NUMBERS IN DRAFT DRAWN THIS WEEK

To Determine Order Number of 744,865 Men Enrolled June 5.

Washington, June 24.—A second national lottery, to determine the order numbers of the 744,865 men enrolled on June 5, last, under the selective service law, will be held here this week. The drawing probably will be on Thursday or Friday, depending upon the time the final complete records are received from the district boards.

The procedure to be followed, it was stated officially today, will be similar to that of last year when nearly 10,000,000 men were given their respective places in the draft. The same bowl will be used with capsules containing numbers up to the largest number of registrants in any district in the country. It is expected the drawing will be completed much more quickly this year.

The lottery system is based on the selection of master numbers, each of which governs similar numbers in every one of the 4,500 local districts over the country. Under the system of classifying registrants, adopted since the first drawing last year, however it does not necessarily follow that the men holding the first number drawn would be the first called for service.

The law provides that the 1918 registrants shall be placed at the bottom of the classes to which they may be assigned by the local boards on the basis of their questionnaires. A very large proportion of the nearly 800,000 registered are expected to go into class 1.

## Michigan Has Big Frost.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 24.—Damage estimated at \$500,000 was done to crops in southwestern and western Michigan by a heavy frost which swept this region south to Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday morning.

Indianapolis, June 24.—Unofficial estimates of the damage to the Indiana corn crop caused by Sunday's frost place it at several million dollars.

## MAY TRY ATLANTIC FLIGHT

British Air Officer in Washington to Co-operate.

Washington, June 21.—Big American air and seaplanes should be flying across the Atlantic to reach the front by next summer, Maj. Gen. W. Brancker of the British air ministry said here today in a formal statement to the press. He is in Washington to co-operate with American air-craft officials and believes that a pioneer Trans-Atlantic flight should be attempted without delay.

"An enterprise which must be carried out as soon as possible," General Brancker said, "is the flight of the Atlantic. There is really no reason why a considerable number of big airplanes and seaplanes should not cross the Atlantic during next summer." "The sooner a pioneer proves the flight not only is possible but comparatively safe," General Brancker said, "the better can the wonderful resources of America be employed toward winning the war. Once this has been established, America's output of big bombing machines can proceed to Europe by air and so save the shipping that is so invaluable for other purposes."

He told of Great Britain's struggle both with production and administration problems of the air forces, resulting finally in the formation of the air ministry, of which he is a member.

General Brancker disclosed the fact that the British air council had definitely decided upon Trans-Atlantic aircraft flights in order to find a route for the movement of American-made aircraft to the front. His mission in this city has to do with arrangements for the pioneer flight in which it is hoped the United States government will co-operate.

It is expected the initial trip will be made this autumn in a machine of British make, probably a seaplane, starting from Newfoundland and touching at the Azores and Portugal, before arriving in Ireland.

It has been estimated the trip can be made in forty hours of flying. Plans under consideration call for crews of four men, composed of an engineer, a relief of pilots and a navigating officer.

## AUSTRIAN TROOPS STILL IN FLIGHT

Heavy Casualties Are Inflicted on the Teutons as They Flee Wildly.

According to associate press dispatches the Italians at last have cleared the remaining Austrian rear guards from the west bank of the Piave river and now are in possession of the entire river from the Montello plateau to the sea. At last accounts their forces, which crossed the stream in pursuit of the retreating Austrians, were still harassing them, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the enemy to continue his disorderly retreat.

Fate, however, has turned somewhat its balance in favor of the Austrians, for the Piave river again has risen and some of the pontoon bridges the Italians had thrown across the stream have been carried away, making impossible a quick pursuit and the crushing of the Austrians, which General Diaz had counted upon. The Austrians are declared to be rushing up reserves from the east in an endeavor partly to retrieve the situation.

The Austrian war office admits a reverse along the Piave, but announces that the retrograde movement has been carried out in accordance with plans and without loss of material. It is added that the Austrians have taken more than 50,000 prisoners from the Italians since June 15, and that the aggregate losses of the Italians in the fighting at the lowest estimate is 150,000 men.

## President Given Power to Call All Available Men.

Washington, June 22.—Approval was voted by the Senate Military Committee today of the provision in the \$12,000,000,000 army appropriation bill as it passed the House empowering the president to call to the colors all men of draft age who can be trained and equipped.

## Scully Lease for Sale.

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## J. P. ARNOLD DIES IN FRANCE

The First Bates County Soldier to Die on the Battlefields of France.

Mrs. J. P. Edwards received a letter from a nurse attached to a military hospital in France informing her that her grandson, Lieutenant J. P. Arnold, had died as the result of wounds received in battle and that he had been buried Friday, June 7.