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Register early! That's the request of the officials. Registration places are open until 9 p. m. Weather Forecaster Salisbury says: "Fair tonight and Wednesday."

Our Difficulties Today Are Nothing Beside Great Britain's, Writes Mary Boyle O'Reilly, Who Acted As a Registrar There

BY MARY BOYLE O'REILLY (Star Correspondent Lately Returned From Europe.)

UNCLE SAM has just one-third of the job to do today that Britain tackled on Sunday, August 15, 1915, when THIRTY MILLION men, women and youths registered under the national service act. I was one of the 30,000 woman volunteers who helped conduct the registration.

My station was in the village of Merlyn, 20 miles from London, and I nearly went to jail because I forgot to register MYSELF until just before the closing hour.

There were 24 questions on the pink or white papers which every person in England over 12 years of age had to answer

on registration day. A spinster of certain years appeared before me.

"What is your age?" I inquired diffidently.

Her lean hand reached to pencil figures upon the form. "I never told any one before," whispered the rebellious voice. "Can the government be trusted not to tell what it knows?"

Across the schoolroom the chief registrar filled forms with an air of amused perplexity.

"Married or single?" I heard her say, smiling upon an old green-grocer she had known all her life.

His bullet head thrust at her anxiously. "Blessed if I know," rasped the husky reply. "Fact is, the



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questions wrote on that registration paper has most killed my Ellen.

"After this lifetime?" says she, "and us with 11 children!"

"War is war," says I, "when all must grin and bear it."

"You see, Miss, me and Eliza Mack kept company in Leeds six years. I 'ad banna called, and a cottage ready, when, just as we were starting for church, her and me 'ad a bit of a rumput."

"I wouldn't marry you if you was the only man on earth," she cries.

"Wouldn't means couldn't, my girl," I tells her, "but your bridesmaid is willing and ready, Ellen, will you 'ave me?"

"Will I?" laughs my Ellen. "Dennet, will a duck swim?"

"And parson, not caring about poor folk, never bothered to find out the difference. Now, Miss, what would you say? AM I married to Ellen?"

"We don't want to make a mistake when it comes to this registration."

Cautiously, one by one, the villagers of Merlyn told their bald life stories to the "government."

Before sunset the official forms, safely sealed, were on their way to Whitehall.

"Well-a-day," chirped an old dame in the school porch, "what wouldn't most anyone give to know all that is on them papers! Even in Merlyn hamlet the best of us have our secrets."

Big Ben was booming the 11th hour of registration day as I crossed Westminster and recalled suddenly that I, an alien in a foreign land, was still unregistered.

The grim little list of pains and penalties which I had so glibly recited to dawdling slackers took on acute interest.

Helter-skelter I dashed home. In the hotel foyer a London bobby stood guard over the day's registration.

"I am late * * * But I have been 'doing my bit,'" I told him. His nod conceded.

"Sign here—and here—and here, full name, real age, and income," Roberts instructed.

"Better take care to tell the whole truth. * * * No one who knows you will read it."

OFFER SELVES TO U.S.

Twenty thousand of Seattle's young men, almost half the city's quota of 48,000, had registered early Tuesday afternoon for select military service, officials estimated. The estimated number who will register in the state is 212,624. The registration was much heavier in the afternoon than during the morning hours, although at some precincts there was a struggle among the men to sign the first card.

There was patriotism evidenced at the registration places, but it wasn't the "shouting kind." It made its presence known by the limited number of cards claiming exemptions for light or trivial reasons.

The patriotic meetings held on the streets Monday night had their effect on Seattle, concentrating enthusiasm into a desire to serve and inspiring the young men of the city to approach the registration places with a smile instead of a frown.

Altho anti-conscriptionists were busy posting new stickers in the downtown district Monday night, reports of resistance to registration or disturbances of any kind were made to the authorities.

Sheriff Stringer sent deputies to Newcastle to round up 200 slackers who voted Sunday to avoid registering.

If anti-drafters had plotted trouble or demonstrations in Seattle on registration day, their plans did not materialize during the forenoon.

Altho the police force was in readiness to handle any trouble which might come up at registration places from those who oppose select service, not a single complaint was made to headquarters Tuesday morning. More than 100 extra patrolmen were posted in

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A Troop of the Guard Rides Forth

There's a trampling of hoofs in the busy street. There's a clanking of sabres on floor and stair, There's a sound of restless hurrying feet, Of voices that whisper, of lips that entreat; Will they live, will they die, will they strive, will they dare? The houses are garlanded, flags flutter gay, For a Troop of the Guard rides forth today.

O the troopers will ride and their hearts will leap When it's their shoulder to shoulder and friend to friend— But it's some to the pinnacle, some to the deep, And some in the glow of their strength to sleep, And for all it's a fight to the war's far end, And it's each to his goal, nor turn nor sway, When a Troop of the Guard rides forth today.

CONVICTS RIOT WITH MILITIA

JOLIET, Ill., June 5.—Three hundred convicts, herded together in one corner of the Joliet prison inclosure, armed with heavy clubs and pieces of scrap iron, were still defying prison authorities and the state militia late today.

JOLIET, Ill., June 5.—Three companies of Illinois militia and the combined fire and police departments are engaged in a desperate fight with 800 convicts in the Joliet state prison.

Five buildings in the interior of the prison are in flames, having been ignited by the infuriated inmates.

At noon the fighting appeared to be increasing in fury. At that time five convicts had been seriously wounded and a score more slightly wounded. None of the prison guards, soldiers or police had been reported injured.

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JAPANESE HURRY TO REGISTER

Bereaved by Wife's Death Yesterday, Young Father Refuses to Claim Exemption SIDELIGHTS UPON DAY'S EVENTS

Grover Gilmore McClurg, 25, claims no exemption from select service, the his wife died Monday night, at the family home, 4431 Interlake ave., leaving Betty McClurg, 1 1/2 years old, motherless.

McClurg, who is a public school janitor, was among the first to register at the city hall, 3467 Third ave. W., Tuesday.

His willingness to serve his country won the outspoken admiration of the registrars.

Two hundred Japanese had registered by 2 a. m. and their precinct was busier than any other.

Italians Willing Twenty men had registered at the Olympic school at 10:30, almost all of them natives of Italy, naturalized. Fifteen of them claimed no exemptions.

In Precinct 202, 1523 Alder st., there were seven young men waiting to be registered when the 7 o'clock whistle blew.

1,000,000 Like Him If the Germans could only get a look at the man who registered second in Precinct No. 9 they might make a motion to stop the war. It was big Wayne Sutton, Washington football star, who weighs 225 and is more than 6 feet in height. He did not claim exemption.

Reports Fine Spirit D. S. Tobias, recorder in District No. 10, said at noon Tuesday: "I have just finished a thro' canvass of my district, and have been impressed with the splendid spirit with which the men are registering. Especially is this true of men of foreign birth."

Served Three Years Altho he spent three years in the regular army, Sidney Augustus Herbereich, 1705 34th ave., at Precinct No. 34, claimed exemption from service on the ground that he had conscientious scruples against armed combat.

Claim High Record There is competition between the registration precincts. At 9:30, Precinct 67, on Fremont ave., claimed the highest registration of all its neighbors, with 28 registrations.



Grover Gilmore McClurg, whose wife died Monday night, leaving a motherless little girl, Betty, age 18 months. He registered early Tuesday and said he would not claim exemption.

He claimed nine months' service in the U. S. quartermaster transport service.

Two Mouths to Feed "Giuseppe is 4 and Catarina is 5, and I'm a naturalized citizen."

This was the explanation of Modesto Colasurdo, 24, a laborer of 1405 21st S., when he registered at Precinct 236, in the Colman school.

When asked if he claimed any exemption, he said, "Well, there's Catarina and Giuseppe, and my wife is Annunziata."

He was born in Morrone, Italy.

Colored Man Ready "There's nothing the matter with me, and I'm ready for service," said Ralph Jones, 25, 426 22nd S. He was the first to register at Precinct 228, and one of the first in Seattle to tear off the lower left-hand corner of his card.

May Still Volunteer "Select service registration will not disbar a man from enlisting in any branch of the service he desires up to the time he is called," was the message received by Lieut. Udell of the Marine Corps from Washington Tuesday.

He Aids Navy in Shop A maker of naval instruments, Albert Paul Weber, 30, 716 Dearborn st., claimed exemption at Precinct 219, on account of his occupation.

First to Register The first man in Seattle to register for select service was William Clayton Sloan, 28, 8340 13th ave. N. W. He was waiting at the door of Whittier school when Mrs. A. C. Jackson, registrar, arrived, at 6:45 a. m.

She didn't keep him waiting three minutes. Sloan said he had a dependent wife and child. He claimed exemption.

Turk Registers Benson Jerusalem, 23, 103 12th ave. S., a bootblack in the county-city building, announced that he was ready to serve the United States, even tho he is a citizen of Turkey, when he registered as No. 7, at Precinct 222, early Tuesday morning.

Foreigners Informed According to A. C. MacDonald, registrar at Precinct 214, at the Tourist hotel, more than half of the men in his district were foreigners.

"They are well informed as to the questions and answers," he said, "and they register quickly and intelligently. Few are claiming exemptions."

Actor Has Asthma and Broken Thumb The first absentee card received at the Rainier school was that of Morris Schoonmaker, 24, who gave his address as 927 24th ave. S. His occupation he gave as manufacturing jeweler and vandyville singer, and claimed exemption on the grounds of asthma and a fractured right thumb.

Must Watch Kiddies Chas. A. Nelson, 30, 214 20th S., a machinist at Hendricks Manufacturing Co., claimed "no exemptions" except on account of three little children under 12, when he registered at the Colman school, Precinct 236, Tuesday morning. It

BRITISH SINK ENEMY CRUISER

LONDON, June 5.—A British light cruiser and destroyer flotilla sank one German destroyer, the S-20, and damaged another, in an engagement with six enemy destroyers at long range, the admiralty reported today.

Ostend was bombarded with "good results," the admiralty declared. Shore batteries returned the British fire, but there were no casualties on the British ships and no damage done to the attacking vessels.

FEAR DRAFT RIOTS

LANSING, Mich., June 5.—In reply to an appeal from Sheriff Newcombe, of Marquette county, Gov. Sleeper today ordered troops sent to Neegaunee, a mining town, 12 miles from Marquette, to prevent I. W. W. anti-draft rioting.

CHICAGO SCENE OF TWO ARRESTS

CHICAGO, June 5.—Twelve arrests had been made in Chicago in connection with the registration before noon today.

One of the white men arrested displayed a poster in his room near a South Side polling place urging young men not to register.

Pay for the Liberty fighters; buy a Liberty Bond.

Can't Be Fooled If there were any patriotic hap-

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