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### TO THE DRAFTED

To you fortunate ones who are about to go forward to that long battle line where the armies of anocracy and oppression are facing the armies of the free, congratulations and Godspeed!

You go, not as reluctant victims of misfortune or a fatal chance, but rather as our chosen ones; the pick and flower of our manhood, whole of body, sound of mind and spirit—what all of us should like to be. And we, who are too old or too weak, or in some other respect unfitted to go in body, shall go with you in spirit. We know that we ask much of you and we expect much, for we expect things in keeping with our great traditions—things born of American patriots; but we know that we shall not be disappointed.

In imagination and in sympathy we shall be there with you on the firing line, and at home we shall do all that we can to make you comfortable and content. We shall pray that you may return in safety, but even more fervently we shall pray that your courage may not flag on the edge of your determination to fight.

You are to fight in the noblest cause in which man ever took up arms, and for a nation the most generous in all the world to her blessings, for she trusts you; and be sure that whether you return or not she will hold your names in honor and grateful memory until the end of time.—Stillwell (OKla) Standard.

It is stated by those in a position to know that Little River county is producing enough feed to supply the county for the first time. It distributed and sold in the county. The chances are that those with a big surplus will sell and ship from the county. Later on those who have to buy will have to ship feed in at a higher price. A local feed mill might help to solve the problem. At any rate we would think that it would be wise to go slowly in selling off the surplus at this time.

The exemption boards in some of the counties in this state, and some in Southwest Arkansas, are said to have made a farce of the exemption regulations. In some counties all exemption claims were granted regardless of merit. These boards came awake with a start when the district boards handed the whole batch back with orders to "lick your calf over." This kind of thing is going to make it hard for the man with a just claim for exemption, if persisted in.

The I. W. W. by its own confession of principles stands for murder, arson and terrorism. There is only one thing for the government to do, and that is to class them as outlaws and treat them as such. There can be no compromise with outlaws or any form of public enemy. The citizens of Hisbee by wholesale deportations showed great forbearance, while the mob at Butte did a public service.

The News will soon announce an advance in the subscription price to \$1.50 per year instead of \$1.00. Until the change in price is made we will accept renewals at the old rate. An explanation is hardly necessary. Perhaps you have long wondered why we had not already taken that step.

The flag by all accounts in song and story is the thing that brings the patriotic thrill to Americans, and it does, but the sight of our boys in uniform getting ready to go out yonder is the thing that brings that chokey feeling mingled with a pride of country as yet unexpressed.

If by more persistent flushing of our water mains we could improve the quality of our water, even at a greater cost, wouldn't it be worth the price? Improve the water and increase the use of it; reduce the kicks and increase the patronage.

A report on Little River's cotton crop would be interesting. There isn't any question but that over some sections of the county the crop is fine.

Plant about five acres to wheat and the high cost of flour will have no terrors to you next year.

### WONT WE BE GOOD?

The following effusion of scrambled ideas is the product of one of our Socialist readers. His name is not found on our subscription list, but he reads the News:

Wilton Ark 8-20-17  
Ed of Little river news Deare sir in regards to Coment on the First Reck of the War you are Badiy mistaken or Leos under the hat one mayby Both as this war is making Socialist Faster than you can count unless you can count more corect than you write A man Dont have to have any Brains to no Patter than to write Such Stuff as you rote in regards to that First reck of the war your paper is no good your Subscription is no good and Will Be Less if you Keep up that kind of Stuff you have Several Subs in this neigh- bourhood that will never Be on your Books A gain Socialist are geting Stronger all over this Land of ours and we are not Working Against our country We are just as Loyal as you are and just as ready to fight for our country as you So Dont make any more Such Brakes thinking that no one Will call you Down for they Will Call you Down good and hard, yours J W Fraser Wilton Ark R-F-D-1 Box 116

oh Say you will pleas Find Enclored Sub card to Appeal to Reason I Will give you So you Will no more A Boud Socialist

We are glad to note that Mr. Fraser is loyal and ready to fight for his country. That statement would go alright if it meant anything. He kindly asks us to subscribe for the Appeal to Reason. We take it that the Appeal rightly reflects the spirit and purpose of his party since he is so anxious that we read it. For his edification and that of others we will quote a passage emanating from the Appeal office. If this is a sample of the loyalty to country of which he boasts he stands convicted by his own words.

The Appeal (Socialist) of Girard, Kan. got out two varieties of envelopes with highly inflammatory matter, printed in red ink on the backs. One was headed "A Pledge," and the pledge was:

"I refuse to kill your father. I refuse to kill your mother's son. I refuse to plunge a bayonet into the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slay your sweetheart's lover. I refuse to murder your wife's husband. I refuse to butcher your little child's father. I refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my stained fists in the folds of any flag.

"I refuse to be flattered into hell's nightmare by a class of well-fed snobs, crooks and cowards, who despise our class socially, rob our class economically and betray our class politically."

The other entitled "Those Who Want Blood," and signed by G. R. Kirkpatrick, said:

"If the masters want blood, let them cut their own throats.

"We don't want other people's blood, and we refuse to waste our own.

"Let those who want great victories GO TO THE FIRING LINE AND GET THEM."

"If war is good enough to VOTE for or PRAY for, it is good enough to go to—UP CLOSE, where bayonets gleam, swords flash, cannon roar, rifles crash, flesh rips, blood spurts, bones snap, brains are dashed—UP CLOSE, where men toil, sweat, freeze, starve, kill, groan, scream, pray, laugh, howl, curse, go mad and die; UP CLOSE where the flesh and blood of betrayed men and boys are ground and rounded into a red mush of mud by shrieking cannon balls, by the iron-shod hoofs of galloping horses and the steel-bound wheels of rushing gun trucks.

"They say 'WAR IS HELL'— THEN LET THOSE WHO WANT HELL GO TO HELL."

A small notice at the bottom told that these envelopes could be obtained at very low prices from the job printing department of the Appeal.

Isn't that enough? Isn't it a heap plenty, as it were? If not we could quote extract after extract and column after column of disloyal rantings from Socialist organs scattered all over the nation, but what's the use. We might quote from Russel, Sinclair and other leading Socialists, who have repudiated their party as disloyal and pro-German. Socialists who love their country have quit and are quitting the party if reports in the "Capitalist" press be true. If the Socialist press reflects the opinions and feelings of such men as Mr. Fraser we are going to leave it to him and others whether or not he is in harmony with this country. Always willing to be fair we are even willing to suggest like Mr. Fraser that the columns of the Appeal to Reason and other Socialist organs be read for the evidence.

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## MOBILIZING INSTRUCTIONS

Men Enter Government Service When They Start for Concentration Camp in Charge of Inspector.

Little Rock, Aug. 19.—On the day of mobilization of the men selected for service in the National Army, the local boards will be required to furnish board, lodging and transportation to the mobilization camp for each man according to mobilization regulations, copies of which have been received by each local board.

In addition the local board is required to provide an inspector, and if necessary, an assistant inspector, whose duty will be to see that the meals served at the lodging house to which the men are assigned are satisfactory and the sleeping quarters sanitary. An hour before entraining, the inspector will assume charge of the men and accompany them to the railroad station. He will be given charge of the railroad and meal tickets and will make a thorough inspection of the cars in which the men are to ride to see that no honor is furnished. The person in charge will accompany the conductor through the train and identify the men of his party, and will see that none is left along the road. Upon the arrival at the mobilization camp the men will be examined by an army physician.

Will Be Mobilized.

Cards notifying selected men to hold themselves in readiness to report to their local board for service and meal tickets have been furnished the local boards by the adjutant general. As soon as the men selected for service are certified back to the local board by the District Board, the notices to report will be sent to the men. This will be the government's first order to the men subject to service. In ample time they will be sent another card notifying them the day and the hour to report to the local board for entraining. The men will then be in the service of the United States, and any man failing to report to the local board to be transferred to the mobilization camp will be treated as a deserter from the army and tried by court-martial.

Registration Cost \$7.38162.

The cost to the government for the registration of the 150,000 Arkansians subject to military service under the selective draft law will be \$7.38162, according to figures compiled in the office of Adjutant General Lloyd England.

Expenses of the Exemption Boards will be much greater. Each member receives \$4 a day for each day he spends at board meetings, in addition to incidental expenses and the salaries of clerks and stenographers.

### Certify Lists Wrong.

That local boards will have to change their method of procedure in forwarding to the district board the lists of men selected for service who claim no exemption, and holding back lists of men who claim exemption for investigation and other reasons, was the gist of a telegram received by Adjutant General Lloyd England from Provost Marshal General Crowder. A majority of the boards have done this. In many cases the district board has received the list of men whose exemption claims were disallowed several days after the first list of men who made no claims.

General Crowder's message said that the method is "illegal" and "unauthorized," as the men who claimed no exemption are liable to be called to report for service before men who reported to the local board ahead of them, and whose names were held up until their claims were disallowed.

### Crowder Issues Instructions.

The message follows: "Reports received concerning a few local boards are to the effect that these boards are proceeding to call throughout the whole list of persons registered, then to certify up only those who claim no exemption regardless of whether their order of obligation places them within the quota, leaving the claims of exemption undecided or merely formally allowing all of them without discrimination.

"In effect this course permits volunteering among registrants. This method is illegal and unauthorized. All registrants stand on an equality before the law except as the law decrees an inequality. The law decrees an inequality only where exemption boards, after properly excising their functions, have granted exemptions or discharges. Furthermore, the method results in calling men for military service out of their order. Local boards should certify those who claim no exemption rapidly, but they should also act on claims for exemption rapidly and within the time prescribed by regulation and certify the cases at once.

## I. W. W. LEADERS PRISONERS

Idaho Troops Arrest Local and District Officials on Eve of Strike. No Charges Are Made.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 19.—James Rowan, district secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, who has been planning a western mine strike, and 26 other alleged members of the organization were arrested at local I. W. W. headquarters here this afternoon by a company of Idaho National Guardsmen and placed in the county jail as military prisoners.

The arrests were made on the eve of the day on which a strike of I. W. W. agriculture and construction workers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana is to become effective. Strike orders advised farm workers to "let the fruit rot on the ground" and calling on construction workers "to lay down their tools" have been signed by Rowan.

Lumber workers in the four states already are on strike.

Says Strike Will spread.

"The only effect of my arrest will be to intensify the strike," Rowan said while he was awaiting his turn to be searched and booked. "I think the strike will spread further now and probably will affect industries in which no strike has been called."

Only a vote of the members of the organization can halt a strike, Rowan said, as there is no one with authority to take action. The strike ordered becomes effective tomorrow unless I. W. W. members, alleged by leaders to be illegally held in jail, are released by that time.

Rowan and William Moran, secretary of the local I. W. W. organization, were arrested at the local I. W. W. hall by Maj. Clement Wilkins in command of a battalion of guardsmen on patrol duty here. While Maj. Wilkins, accompanied by Rowan, went to executive headquarters, three blocks distant, to unlock the door 20 members of the company under command of Capt. F. A. Jeffer rounded up 22 other men who were in the hall and took them with Moran to the county jail. None of the men arrested offered resistance.

"You men are military prisoners and are not detained under civil law," Major Wilkins told the men after they had been lined up in the jail. "An investigation will be begun tomorrow and if any of you are wrongfully held, you will be released."

Later Major Wilkins said the entire proceedings were under military orders and that no charges had been placed against the men.

### Authorities Are Ready.

Reports tonight from all the states named in the strike order were that the federal, state, county and city authorities are prepared for any eventualities.

The arrests tonight were made without specific authorization. Maj. Clement Wilkins said: "I acted under general orders empowering me to take such steps as appeared to be necessary to prevent the destruction of property and the hampering of industry," he said. "The arrests were made after I had held a conference with Mr. Blaine representing the governor."

Major Wilkins said no disorders had developed and no further arrests had been made late tonight. Guardsmen patrolled the vicinity where I. W. W. speakers usually hold their meetings and prevented all such gatherings.

### I. W. W. STRIKE FIZZLES

Prompt Action By Government Brings Change of Mind.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 20.—The threatened I. W. W. strike which was to have been in effect throughout the northwest today, was a complete fizzle and dispatches from Oregon, Idaho and Montana declare that the locals in almost every instance have decided to remain at work.

The arrest of twenty-seven members of the organization in Spokane last night and announcement that any disturbances would be dealt with promptly by federal troops seemed to have a lightning effect upon the disgruntled men, according to reports from the various strike centers.

The I. W. W. dictum that all members in jail must be released by today was not complied with, but instead guards were doubled and in some places considerably more than doubled, with orders to quell any trouble that might arise.

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