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M'ARTHUR FOR PENSION BILL

SPANISH-AMERICAN VETERANS LAUDED.

Union County Veterans Much Interested in the Outcome.

Spanish-American war veterans in Union county are much interested in the bill now before congress concerning pensions for soldier widows. "Pat" McArthur of Portland, recently made a speech defending the measure. The Congressional Record says in this connection:

The House in committee of the whole house on the state of the Union

had under consideration H. R. No. 54, authorizing pensions for widows and minor children of officers and enlisted men who served in the war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, or the Boxer uprising. Mr. McArthur, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, this bill is designed to pension the widows and minor children of volunteer soldiers and sailors and of certain soldiers and sailors of the regular establishment who served in the war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, or the Boxer uprising. It proves that such widows must have been married to the soldiers or sailors prior to the passage of this act and it establishes automatically a pension of \$12 per month, upon satisfactory proof of the death of the soldier or sailor, provided the widow has a net annual income of less than \$250 a year. It also provides that widows may draw \$2 per month additional for each minor child of the deceased under the age of 16 years. If such widows remarry, their pen-

sions will automatically cease or will be divided among the children of the deceased until they attain the age of 16 years. There are numerous other provisions as to details, but they have been pretty thoroughly explained by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Key), the author of this bill and the chairman of the committee on pensions, of which I have the honor of being a member.

Resemble Existing Law
In a general way this bill resembles the existing laws relative to pensions for widows of men who fought in other wars, although these other laws do not contain the restrictive clause prohibiting the payment of a pension to a widow whose income is more than \$250 per year. This restrictive clause, however, will confine the operation of the proposed measure to cases where widows and orphans are practically destitute, but will deny benefits to those who are in reasonably good circumstances. In this respect the pending measure is an improvement over the existing laws, as it can not be charged that pensions will be paid to widows who are not really in need of financial assistance. There have been many criticisms to our pension system, but these criticisms have been directed at the abuses of the system rather than at the great mass of just and meritorious cases. There have been some fraudulent claims in the past, but these have been the exception rather than the rule, and I do not believe that there exists in this country any person so narrow or penurious who would withhold pensions in meritorious cases.

Men Ask Nothing for Themselves.
Although nearly 18 years have elapsed since the outbreak of the war with Spain, this is the first legislation that has ever been urged by the United Spanish-American war veterans. These men, you will observe, are asking nothing for themselves, but only for provision and protection for their widows and orphans. For a number of years many of these widows and orphans have been cared for by the United Spanish-American war veterans and its subordinate branches, but is it fair to ask those who risked their lives for our country to make this financial sacrifice when the burden should be borne by the great body of the people who are enjoying the blessings of life, liberty, and property under our flag and by virtue of our constitution? All fair-minded people will agree that there is but one answer to the question.

Victims of Tropical Disease.
I was very much interested in the remarks of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. Miller). I well remember the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and the splendid fashion in which the young men from my state volunteered and went to the front. The regiments from Oregon and other western and northwestern states were ordered to the Philippine Islands, and were there for more than a year. These young men were taken from a mild, temperate into the intense heat of the Tropics, and required to undergo strenuous campaigns in a country which was reeking with malaria and other tropical diseases disastrous to the health of people who are accustomed to the climatic conditions of the temperate zone. Many of them fell on the field of battle, others died from disease, and many more were so shattered in health that they died within a few years or became permanently disabled. They represented the very best type of our young manhood and the patriotic citizenship of our Republic, and to refuse to pass this bill in the interest of their widows and orphans would be a wanton disregard of our public trust and our country's obligations. The small amount of these proposed pensions will not seriously embarrass the public treasury, but even if it should prove a burden, it will be borne ungrudgingly, for the American people will not deny or evade the payment of their just debts and obligations.

Must Define Our Pension Policy.
The passage of this bill will add another chapter to our general pension policy and will further establish and define the attitude of the government toward our soldiers and sailors and their widows and orphans. We must make this policy clear and well defined, not only for those who have already defended our country, but for others who may fight for us in the future. In this connection, however, I hope and pray that we will never again be engaged in a war of any character, although we should prepare ourselves for any emergency which may arise and be ready to defend our country from invasion.

We Must "Care for his Widow and His Orphans."
Our country has never maintained a large standing army. I do not say this with any reference to the program of preparedness, which I intend to support, but only as a matter of history. In time of war we have summoned large numbers of men to the colors. They have left their homes, their loved ones, their vocations, their all; in many instances, never to return; and in others, to be crippled and maimed for life. It is the history of all wars in this and every other country, that the brunt of work falls upon the men in the ordinary walks of life—the great body of the common people who are the

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for his orphans." Spanish-American War Developed New Patriotism. I honor and revere the brave men, living and dead, who fought through the great Civil War and wrote an epoch-making page in the world's history. They belong to a distinctive class and their deeds of valor and

bravery will never be erased from the memory or the affections of the American people. The Spanish-American war drew together and healed all elements of discord that existed in this country by reason of the Civil war, and the courage and patriotism of the

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