



SEEK MORE LIBERAL PAY FOR DISABLED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Further changes in rating methods and rulings of the United States Veterans' Bureau in the interest of disabled veterans are being sought by the American Legion, it was announced at the office of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee here today.

A special study of bureau rating methods and schedules has been made by the committee. At present, bureau rules do not permit payment of compensation for injuries disabling to a degree less than 10 per cent, even though the claimant may have a number of such injuries, each of less than 10 per cent, but in the aggregate totaling considerably more than that.

Under the terms of the World War Veterans' act, the Legion points out, such combinations should be taken into account and compensation paid to the veterans with disabilities totaling more than 10 per cent. The change sought by the Legion would permit many more hospitalizations for the treatment of minor disabilities to be paid hospital compensation in full while so hospitalized.

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Veterans' Bureau hospitals where veterans of the world war addicted to the use of narcotics will be given treatment have been designated, according to information received by the rehabilitation officials of the American Legion here.

The hospitals are United States Veterans' Bureau hospital No. 24, Palo Alto, California; No. 78, North Little Rock, Arkansas; No. 88, Sheridan, Wyoming, and No. 109, Camp-Custer, Michigan.

The Veterans' Bureau is now mapping out plans for a special course of instruction to be given by Dr. Lambert of New York city, to physicians and staffs of the hospitals named that they may be thoroughly acquainted with the Townes-Lambert treatment for morphinism and its administration.

HELP BOYS GET START

COLUMBIAN, O.—If the kids of Columbus don't "turn out right" when they grow up, it won't be the fault of the American Legionnaires of Franklin Post here. The post has organized and equipped a Boy Scout troop in a community where the formation of a scout troop was given up by everyone else as too hard a job. The post has a "Big Brother Committee," which is working with the local juvenile court. A member of the "Big Brother Committee" is present at every session of the juvenile court to help the kids who made a bad break.

WANT PATRIOTIC CENTER

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Appropriation of \$200,000 by the city for a memorial shaft or monument commemorating the men of the city who served in the world war was condemned in a resolution passed by the executive committee of Providence Post of the American Legion. The legionnaires want a memorial in the form of a centrally located memorial building which could be used to quarter veteran organizations and as a patriotic center where war relics and mementoes could be displayed publicly.

"Such a memorial would be well-being of 10,000 living war veterans as well as fittingly commemorating their dead comrades," say legion officials.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—To

provide for the teaching of the constitution in the public schools of the country is the purpose of the Graham-George bill, recently passed by the house of representatives. This measure was fostered by two American Legionnaires of this city and Vivian George of Norman. The bill provides that the constitution of the United States shall be taught in all schools of the states, starting with the seventh grade in the public schools.

Finnish Women Train

For Exigencies of War HELSINGFORS, Finland (AP).—Two hundred thousand Finnish women are organized into Lotta Svastid clubs, auxiliaries to the voluntary military organizations of men, and are in constant training to support the standing army in cases of emergency. The women are organized on a military basis and participate in the maneuvers of the volunteer forces so that they may be prepared to carry on all work for which women are qualified in time of war. During the drills the women wear coarse gray garments and sleep on straw, just as the men volunteers do, so as to accustom themselves to the hardships of military service.

The fighting between the red and white forces which followed the establishment of the Russian soviet government saw much of Finland involved in the bitterest sort of civil strife. Railway communications were severed for months and the entire population was involved in a conflict which taught all Finns many lessons in modern warfare.

Only the Rich May Read

In Unlettered Portugal LISBON (AP).—So many people in Portugal cannot read, the percentage of illiterates is given as 78, that were it not for Brazil and the colonies, the book industry here could scarcely survive. Also Portuguese authors rarely live on the income derived from literary production; they all do something else.

The government is seeking to overcome the lack of primary education by more schools, but progress is very slow. In the larger towns there is a certain literary culture, but in the provinces the people live much as they did in past ages, isolated from the progressive world.

Books are so expensive that only the relatively wealthy can afford to buy them.

Beethoven Original Manuscript, Long Lost, Found by Publishers LEIPZIG (AP).—The original manuscript of a Beethoven wedding song was recently found attached to another manuscript in the possession of the firm of Breitkopf & Haertel, Beethoven's musical publishers.

The song was composed on the occasion of the marriage, Feb. 4, 1815, of the daughter of Glanztanz del Rio, principal of the boarding school attended by Beethoven's nephew, Carl. All traces of the song had been lost until an employee of Breitkopf & Haertel searching for Beethoven's piano concertos written in the master's hand. The song was fastened to one of them by a clip.

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LUMBER TRADE MOVES FASTER

Increasing activity in the lumber market has been noticeable during the last week and the volume of trade is generally reported to be fully up to seasonal normal, though retailers are not buying for spring stocks on the accustomed scale, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The reason for the recent increase is undoubtedly the mild weather which has prevailed in the north and

large sections of the middle west, and which has stimulated building activities and other outdoor work. The continued excellent building situation in the south, the good industrial demand and the briskness of export markets combine with the first factor in creating a satisfactory situation.

Douglas fir is the only wood which can not be said to be in good position, due more largely to the heavy production in which the mills have been engaged than to actually poor demand. Double shifts have now been abandoned on the west coast and many mills have restricted their running time to four or five days a week; and this curtailment of output is expected to have a strengthening effect on the market. There is very little fir in stock, and the

larger mills, which have not lost their confidence in the future, continue to hold their prices firm. It is mostly among the smaller mills, removed from tide-water and are not getting the benefit of cargo business, that prices have softened. Any improvement in the rail market will quickly bring a strengthening of prices.

Western pines, on the other hand, are among the strongest woods. While current demand for these has dropped off a little, until recently the call was so heavy as to decrease stocks of many items to a point of absolute scarcity. Southern pine demand is on a par with output, and the market remains very strong. Prices have shown no reportable changes for some time, but the tendency is

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upward, and further development in demand may be expected to push values to a higher level. Stocks at the larger operations are low and badly broken, while the small mills have virtually no lumber on hand following heavy shipments early in the year and shutdowns forced by rains and high water. There are few unsold cars in transit.

The hardwood market remains brisk, with most consumers buying rather more than ordinarily at this time of year. The furniture industry is the best purchaser, and flooring and interior trim makers are still factors of considerable importance. Better business from the automobile and agricultural implement industries is reported, and prospects in connection with both are said to be much brighter. Exports are also of encouraging volume. Stocks are popular items are meager, in many cases short, and prices are strongly maintained.

ILLINOIS MAN FAVORS 13 FREESPORT, Ill. (AP)—Friday the 13th had no terrors Friday for Chetus Leroy Hiltman, one of a family of 13 children, who deave 13 miles to Freesport to be married to Miss Lilia Whitbacker, who resides on North Thirteenth street. The ceremony was performed at 2:13 p. m. by Justice of the Peace O. E. Hildner who remarked equally that it was his 13th marriage of the year.

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