

STEPS TO SPEED ALLOTMENTS TO DEPENDENTS TAKEN

Delay in Past Due to Rapid Organization of Clerical Force, Special Committee Finds.

WRONG ADDRESS BLAMED

Many Soldiers Fail to Give Facts and Confusion Causes Delay; Situation to Be Improved Soon

Washington, D. C., July 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Causes of delay in the receipt of allotments and allowances made by soldiers and sailors for dependent relatives are described as various in the report of the special committee appointed by the secretaries of war and the treasury to investigate the subject and suggest changes to bring about quicker action.

The report reveals little that is new in the matter, and confirms the analysis heretofore made in The Oregon Journal as to the existing conditions. Savings of days and perhaps of weeks may be effected in the war risk bureau by mechanical aids and increased experience of an immense office force, which had to be hastily recruited, the report says, but these delays are small in comparison with the months which must be charged against officers of the army, and some in the navy, who simply neglected to forward applications to Washington.

Delay of Five Months Shown

"Even at this late date," says the report, "applications are being received from different camps, the blanks having been executed three, four or five months previous to the date of receipt in the bureau. In one instance the application blanks for the entire enlisted strength of one division, 23,000 men, although executed in this country in November, 1917, were taken to Europe, deposited in the care of the bureau, held there several months and were not received in the bureau until April 30, 1918."

The adjutant general since that time has issued instructions to all commanders, whether of divisions, departments, recruit depots, depot brigade or port of embarkation, to give personal attention to the forwarding of applications without delay.

The report explains that enlisted men are required to file a declaratory statement, in the form of a questionnaire, which is designed to disclose whether or not they have dependents in any of the degrees named within the war risk act, showing the amounts which they have ordinarily contributed to the support of dependents in the past.

Dependency Facts Not Given

Out of 2,313,880 statements on file on June 15, the answer returned in 1,371,150 cases was that there are no dependents. In many such cases, it is stated, facts

later revealed show that the soldier has, in fact, dependents, and he either willfully or from some misunderstanding did not report accurately. Numerous instances are said to have been found where the dependent wife, mother, or other relative has been misled by a letter saying that part of the pay had been allotted.

Cases of this kind have caused many letters and complaints. Where wives write that they have been disappointed as to checks they had expected from the government, special blanks are forwarded to them, and upon her statements, duly supported by witnesses, an award is made and the commanding officer notified to withhold part of the man's pay.

Voluntary Allotments Urged

Where the complaint comes from a mother or father, where allowance is dependent upon the voluntary action of the son, notice is sent to the commanding officer to bring the matter to the attention of the soldier and urge him to make a suitable allotment.

One of the remedial steps decided upon by the investigating committee is to have a more forcible and definite warning given to enlisted men, calling attention to the penalties for making false statements and also urging voluntary allotments for those who need them.

On the score of exemptions claimed by enlisted men from making allotments to their wives, alleging desertion, unworthiness, or other cause, 23,653 claims have been filed, \$350 allowed, 4530 denied and 10,773 are pending.

Incorrect Address Causes Delay

Incorrect address is reported as one of the most frequent causes of delay. Six thousand checks are returned each month because the address is not found. The soldier is notified in such cases, so he may assist in securing a correct address.

The war risk bureau has issued no order requiring identification of the addressee before checks are delivered, but the postoffice authorities are said to have enforced this rule, following the practice of the pension bureau, and thus caused many delays. This trouble is being cleared up, it is said.

Lack of organization and the haste involved in putting such vast machinery in motion with an inexperienced force of clerks is declared to account for much of the earlier confusion. Between the passage of the act on October 6, 1917, and its effective date on November 1—three weeks—when applications began to pile in, quarters had to be secured and furnished, supplies printed and distributed, regulations issued, a big force of clerks recruited, and an office system put into operation.

Service Is Now Improved

Time-saving machinery is being rapidly introduced, which the investigating committee relies upon greatly to facilitate the work. It believes that with the steps recently taken in various directions, including greater concentration of an office force now divided between 11 buildings, 10 days can be saved between the time of receiving an application and issuing a check.

The committee finds that under all the circumstances the service has been efficient as could be expected. The present force of the bureau, numbers 7388, with a night shift of 776.

Accused Man Released

Tom Smith, driver of a for-hire car, indicted for an alleged statutory offense and lodged in the county jail since the night of July 3, was released on his own recognizance this morning. Smith has denied stoutly all knowledge of the offense, declaring that he never saw nor heard of the girl he is charged with having attacked.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANS FOR M'ADOO, SCHWAB ARE BEING HELD UP

McAdoo's Trip to San Francisco Delays Visit Here and May Be Entirely Canceled.

Portland's plans for the reception and entertainment of William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and director general of railroads, and Charles M. Schwab, famous steel manufacturer and head of the Emergency Fleet corporation, are being held in abeyance awaiting information as to the definite time of their arrival.

The news from San Francisco that Secretary McAdoo has called an important transportation conference there has cost a doubt upon whether he will reach Portland at all. It is considered assured, however, that he, at least, will get here until after July 15.

Mr. Schwab is expected the latter part of the week. It is anticipated that his visit will be followed by the placing of additional industrial contracts, this having been the result of his visits to other shipbuilding centers.

If Mr. McAdoo comes to Portland, arrangements will be made under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce to submit for his consideration exhaustive data bearing on the exceptional advantages of this port as a transcontinental terminus and trans-shipping point for oriental trade. There is particular desire to learn his policy as to the western movement of wheat produced in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Mr. Schwab will visit the shipbuilding plants and a great mass meeting is planned, together with a luncheon, to which function admission is to be by ticket only.

Wife Dies; Husband At Front in France

Mrs. May Graham Lauritsen, Succumbs to Long Illness; Burial is Made in Mt. Scott Cemetery.

Mrs. May Graham Lauritsen, wife of Lieutenant Peter Lauritsen, Company D, 162d United States Infantry (Third Oregon) now in France, passed away June 23, following a long illness.

Mrs. Lauritsen was born in Elgin, Iowa, March 28, 1889. She came to Oregon with her parents, in 1907 and joined the United Brethren church in 1912. The same year she was married to Peter Lauritsen. She is survived by her husband, parents, three children, two brothers and two sisters. One brother, Sergeant Walter R. Graham, is with the American forces in France. The other brother, Leslie R. Graham, and the other members of the family are in Portland.

The funeral services at the Wilson & Ross funeral parlors June 26, were largely attended. The final services were held at the grave in Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

George Vosper Kills Self; Despondent

George Vosper of 320 Holman street committed suicide Sunday night at his home by inhaling gas. According to Chief Deputy Coroner Goetsch, Vosper extended the pipe into the fruit closet in the basement and deliberately turned on the gas. His wife found him there some time later. The wife and two small children survive.

Vosper was 30 years old and was a bookkeeper for the Willamette Iron & Steel works. It is said he was despondent over ill health. The body is at the undertaking establishment of Dunning & McEntee. Vosper left no letter stating his reasons for killing himself.

Outdoor Audience Hears Lieut. Blyth

A thousand people heard Lieutenant E. A. Blyth, Canadian, a veteran of service in France, tell the thrilling story of his experiences, speaking from the porch of Rose City Park Presbyterian church Sunday evening. Lieutenant Blyth has been permanently retired from service on account of wounds and is now at work helping the shipping board as the "next thing to fighting."

Dr. Edward H. Pence, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, and Dr. Robert H. McMan, pastor of the Rose City Park church, were also speakers. Music was directed by Professor Belcher, and the Junior Artisan band gave a preliminary concert.

Unlawful Seizure of Sheep Is Charged

Klamath Falls, Or., July 8.—Declaring that the defendants unlawfully seized and have held 22 head of sheep since June 10, an action for damages has been instituted in the circuit court here by James O'Keefe, against S. B. Tarnell and R. W. Tower of Klamath county. The complaint charges that the sheep are valued at \$254 and that \$44 has already been lost by the owner through their lack of care. A loss of \$108 more for lambs from the ewes and \$75 from other sheep are claimed. The return of the sheep, or \$264 and additional aggregate sum of \$227 is asked.

New Curtiss Plane Develops Great Speed

Hempstead, N. Y., July 8.—A new type of a battle airplane, tested Saturday night by Glenn H. Curtiss and C. B. Kirkham, his gasoline expert, developed a speed of 150 miles an hour and ability to turn at an estimated rate of 100 feet per minute. The new craft carries two passengers and machine guns. The new type of battle plane will be used both by the army and navy, it was predicted. The initial flight was made with Roland Rolis of Buffalo acting as pilot.

Six Escape Injury When Auto Upsets

The automobile of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carlock ran off the road near Oswego Sunday and turned over. Six persons were in the machine, but the most serious injuries are reported to be bruises. It is said all the occupants were pinned beneath the machine. Mrs. Carlock was driving at the time.

Spruce Bud Worm Is Seen Along Columbia

Bureau of Entomology Will Cooperate With Forest Service in Carrying Out Measure to Eradicate Timber Pest.

A spruce bud worm, similar to the insect which has done a great deal of damage in the spruce stands of New England, has been found operating in the Sitka spruce stands of the Lower Columbia river, near Astoria, by Carl Heinrich of the Bureau of entomology at Washington, D. C., and J. M. Miller of the forest insect staff at Ashland, Or., in conjunction with A. J. Jaenicke of the district forest office.

The insect specialists while making a number of investigations in the Columbia basin, found a number of trees through a wide range of timber destroyed by the worm which kills by eating off all the foliage, similar to the work of the caterpillar on leaf bearing trees. At present the damage is not extensive, and it is the plan of the bureau of entomology to cooperate with the forest service in carrying on further investigations and adopting remedial measures.

New Industry Is Coming to Portland

Through the influence of the Chamber of Commerce a new and important industry is coming to Portland—or will be established here. Prior to its actual organization, the institution will be known as the Mechanical Products company, and its products will be brass and iron valves and heavy forgings. It is intended to be a supplement to established shipyards, supplying these with

such things as are required in the construction of vessels and not made by themselves. Of it the chamber's official bulletin says:

"Purchasing officials of the various government departments will be given, through this organization, definite knowledge of the latent possibilities of this district and some of the confusion that has resulted from the rapid growth of the shipbuilding business will undoubtedly be eliminated."

Funeral Arranged For Senator's Wife

Salem, Or., July 8.—The funeral of Jessie Breyman McNary, wife of Senator Charles L. McNary, will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the residence of K. P. Boise, 619 Court street. Mrs. McNary was instantly killed in an automobile accident last week. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. W. C. Kantner, pastor of the First Congregational church. Mrs. Hallie Hinges Durball will sing. Interment will take place in the Breyman family plot in City View cemetery. Senator McNary is expected to arrive in Portland at 7 o'clock Monday night, when he will be met by his brother, John McNary, who will accompany him to Salem.

Judge Tucker Presiding

Circuit Judge Robert Tucker began this morning his duties as presiding judge, succeeding Judge Robert J. Morrow, whose term as presiding judge ended automatically, in accordance with circuit court rules, June 30. Judge Tucker will exercise the functions of the presiding judge for six months, when he will be succeeded by Judge Stapleton.

NATIONAL PARKS TO BE POPULARIZED

Service Men Pleased With Step Taken by Government to Attract Tourists to Far West.

Washington, July 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Officials of the national park service are pleased over the action of the railroad administration in establishing a service office for the public in Chicago, which will be made center for the information of travelers and will be of particular usefulness for tourists who are planning trips to the Far West.

A visit to one or more of the national parks forms part of nearly every itinerary of a western summer tour having one of the Pacific coast cities as its objective. National park literature and full information as to how to reach and enjoy the national playgrounds will be features of this Chicago office, which has just been opened in the charge of a man who was for years in the Yellowstone, and is himself a park enthusiast.

There is no lack of patronage of the national parks this year, it is said by officials of the park service. There is brisk travel on the park trails, particularly the Yellowstone, the Yosemite and the Rainier. It is believed that the coast movement between California and Oregon will make a good season at Crater lake, also.

The park service believes that Crater lake park must be enlarged to give it the popularity with tourists that it deserves.

Those who visit the park are declared to be too much limited in their activities, without enough room or facilities for camping and without inducement for short trips at one side. If the park were extended to Diamond lake and on to Mount Thielsen, it is argued, grounds in that vicinity made into camping tracts would attract automobilists and lead many others to prolong their stay beyond a "one night stand."

Senator McNary's bill to enlarge the park, which has encountered the opposition of some of the livestock interests, is still in the senate committee, and no report has yet been made on it by the interior department. It is believed at the department that cattlemen generally will be satisfied with regulations under which they are permitted to graze in the parks, and that the real difficulty is with the sheepmen, who object to being excluded.

Officers and Crew To Be Entertained

Officers and crew of a government ship now lying in harbor, will be entertained tonight by the War Auxiliary central committee at the Y. M. C. A., with a program arranged for by Meier & Frank & Welfare association.

All men in naval uniform are welcomed and sailors on furlough or visiting are especially invited by the committee. The entertainment will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor George Baker will be present and the following program, to begin promptly at 8 o'clock, has been arranged for: Vocal solo, Miss Alexander; violin, Miss Harper; solo, Mrs. Fred L. Olson; reading, Mrs. Herriek; solo, W. S. Downing; quartet, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Following the program, refreshments will be served.

SOLOMON DELLAR IS DEAD AT HOME ON EAST TWELFTH STREET

Native of Russia, Aged 88, Leaves Many Descendants; 8 Grandsons in Army.

Solomon Dellar died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hannah Ruvensky, 414 East Twelfth street, at the age of 88. Mr. Dellar was a native of Russia and came to this country in 1882, and to Portland in 1899. For 15 years he conducted a cigar store at Jefferson and Front streets. Funeral services were held at the residence this afternoon and burial was in Neva Zedec Talmud Torah cemetery.

Mr. Dellar was the father of seven children, 40 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Eight of his grandsons are serving the country in the United States army. His sons are Louis, Joseph and John Dellar. His daughters are: Mrs. Ester Cartmen, Mrs. Dora Fleishman, Mrs. H. Ruvensky and Mrs. Sara Savan.

U. S. Will Pay Greeks \$40,000. Washington, July 8.—(U. P.)—The senate today voted to pay the government of Greece \$40,000 for damages caused her nationals in a riot in South Omaha, in 1909.

Pictorial Review Patterns—Second Floor

July Clearance

Mrs. Graeme is now conducting Knitting Classes, Art Needle Station, Fifth Floor.

This Store Uses No Comparative Prices—They Are Very Misleading and Often Untrue

CORSETS Clearance at \$3.95

—Nemo, Smart Set, Etoile de France and C. B. Corsets in the most desirable models are offered in this July Sale.

—Fourth Floor.

BLACK SILKS

3 Fabrics—Clearance \$1.59

—Even our scarce and most desirable black silks find their way into the July Clearance Sale. Qualities that we know cannot be duplicated again at these prices. Nevertheless we offer for Tuesday—

- 35-inch heavy, lustrous, black Duchess satin.
- 35-inch Chiffon taffeta, finest for suits, separate skirts, coats, etc.
- 35-inch Soft Charmeuse, in soft finish.

—Second Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Art Needle Novelties, Clearance 25c

—A host of pretty fancy work novelties, pillow tops, lunch sets, laundry bags, lace squares, fancy bags, gown cases, mostly one of a kind. These will be sold on the Sale circle, First floor.

—Main Floor, Sale Circle.

GOOD TOWELS

Thousands of them in this important

July Sale All Sold at Clearance Prices

—Buy towels now for home; country or beach use. Every towel in this sale is way below regular prices, based on today's market, and many are sold less than today's wholesale cost.

BATH TOWELS 23c

—Liberal size bath towels, splendid for seashore and country use and just the quality that will save you better towels. All white with hemmed ends.

BATH TOWELS 39c

—Splendid quality and extra large size bath towels, very heavy and absorbent. Full bleached, with hemmed ends.

BATH TOWELS 45c

—Double thread twisted yarns, the best woven towel on the market. This excellent towel is most exceptional at this low price. Pure white, or white with red or blue borders.

BATH TOWELS 59c

—Extra large and extra heavy bath towels of double twisted yarns. These are very soft and absorbent, and pure white.

UNION HUCK TOWELS 35c

—Splendid quality of hemmed union huck towels, the kind that wear so well for hard, every day use. White with neat borders.

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HUCK TOWELS 50c EACH

—Scotch huck towels in an extra heavy quality, and about 60% linen, with neat red borders. An exceptional towel at this low price.

—Second Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

July Sale of APRONS

—For the joy of feeling comfortable, as well as looking smart, one of these attractive aprons will surely solve the problem. Many new, attractive models in these house apron dresses that can be worn in the garden and for outings.

New Percales \$1.69

—Plain colors or fancy figured stripes are these new percale aprons. Button front style, large fancy pockets, full belted, V neck and kimono sleeves and finished with neat white bias piping.

Ruffle Hemmed Apron \$2.25

—An attractive model of plain colored percale, slip-over-head style, with trimming of dainty white ruffle at neck, sleeves and belt. Also another slip-over style, lace front, with trimming of black and white polka dot.

New Billie Burkes \$2.49

—The ever popular Billie Burkes in two new models. Plain colors or checked percales, one style with large patch pockets and wide belt, with collar, pockets and belt of white jean. Another model with white collar and cuffs, finished with embroidery edgings, has also a full belt of white material.

NOVELTY APRONS \$2.98

—Two distinctive new models of extra quality materials. One is of imperial suiting, so excellent for its wearing qualities, made in slipover style, with fancy yoke collar laced in front, with fancy pointed pockets and wide belt. This comes in plain pink, green, blue, with trimmings of striped material. There is also an attractive plaid apron dress of gingham in slipover style, with V neck, kimono style, wide belt and side pockets. The belt, sleeves and pockets are finished with dainty ruffles. Also other styles equally as attractive.

—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Second Day Sale of Boys' Wash Suits

\$1.29, \$1.59, \$1.98

Many Less Than Cost

—Notwithstanding a great response, our assortments are yet complete and offer a wide choice in boys' galatea, poplin, pique, linen and Devonshire wash suits. Clever suits in the smartest styles for youngsters 3 to 10 years old.

—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Georgette Crepe \$1.65

36 and 40 Inches Wide

—For your summer waist or dress this Georgette crepe will prove a most satisfactory material. It comes in a standard quality of extra weight and in such desirable colors as grey, Alice, paeon, delft, navy, midnight, wisteria, taupe and tan.

—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

"Globe" Union Suits for 50c

—These famous union suits have disappeared from the market at this price. They come in low neck, sleeveless style, with lace knee. Sizes 4, 5 and 6.

Glove Silk Vests \$1.89

—Women's glove silk vests in flesh, lace trimmed, bodice style, with ribbon shoulder straps. Sizes 36 to 42. These vests are very special and are sure to attract a great deal of attention.

—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



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