

TREATMENT GIVEN DISABLED VETS AT SCHOOL IS SCORED

"Conditions Intolerable," Says
Major; Food Poorly Cooked,
Water Infected, Claim.

By Universal Service
Washington, June 25.—Existence of frightful conditions at the government training school for disabled soldiers at Pascagoula, Miss., as exposed by veterans attending the institution before the special senate committee investigating the government's treatment of ex-service men was fully corroborated today.

Major Thomas Willett, a surgeon of the public health service who spent several weeks at the place as a special educator, presented the commission with a description there, verified by the shocking stories told by the ex-service men.

"Intolerably Bad" was the sentence in which Major Willett summed up the situation.

"The men were quartered in places without proper plumbing or sanitation facilities," the witness continued. "Many of the rooms which they occupied were dirty and no effort was made to keep them clean. Their food was good in quality, but poorly cooked, and their water was bad. It was infested with germs and bugs, and was absolutely unfit for drinking purposes."

Major Willett informed the committee that he had reported the conditions at Pascagoula both to New Orleans, where the regional office of the federal board for vocational education is situated, and also to Washington, with urgent recommendations for their immediate improvement, but they had been completely ignored. He also said his effort to obtain relief became so objectionable to the officials in charge of the school that he was ordered to leave.

Treatment of the incapacitated veterans at the school as well as the exorable conditions under which they are compelled to live likewise drew the censure of the witness. They are built, crowded, insulated and made to feel like objects of charity, he asserted. He added that if an outsider interfered to demonstrate in behalf of the men he received the same treatment.

"I begged the officer in charge to make improvements, but he met my suggestions with insolence," Major Willett testified. He named the officer as E. W. Ludtke.

It was the culmination of this treatment, together with other abuses which he asserted the men had been subjected to caused them to strike two weeks ago, according to the witness.

He absolved the veterans from all blame of acting unjustly, saying they had every provocation for the course they took.

HARDING PRODS UP
HIS SLOW CONGRESS

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should have done early in his administration.

The situation today is strikingly parallel to that which existed a few months after Mr. Taft was inaugurated. Congress was then led by Messrs. Aldrich and Cannon, who had pronounced violence on the tariff with which Mr. Taft felt hesitant to take issue. There are no two leaders in congress who wield as much power as Aldrich and Cannon, but in their places have arisen strong groups representing class interests. The danger to Mr. Harding's legislative program lies in the inability of the Republican leaders in either house to adjust the differences between the various groups. The leaders, therefore, are really anxious for executive help.

SEE TROUBLE AHEAD

So tangled has the situation become that these Republican leaders, who forebode trouble at the polls a year from this fall when the present house is up for re-election, have discussed among themselves the advisability of sending steering committees to the White House to ask for help. Meanwhile, at virtually every meeting of the cabinet the president has been urged to take a hand vigorously and insist that congress concentrate on the tariff and taxation to the utter exclusion of every other legislative proposal, however important.

Thus the situation has been drifting without tangible results. Mr. Harding has about decided to do a little driving first, with a gentle hand, and later with a firmer appreciation of executive pressure, if necessary.

He realizes that the possible loss of congress to the Democrats, in the middle of his own term would mean certain disaster for his own political fortunes. The impatience of the country for action by congress on its legislative program has been so pronounced that it is not exaggeration to say that evidences of real worry over the political outlook are beginning to accumulate on every side. Unquestionably Mr. Harding will seek to convince members of congress that their fortunes are inseparably bound up with those of the executive in the common problem of satisfying the demands made by the people in the last election for a restoration of normalcy.

HOUSE MORE RESPONSIVE

Thus far the house has proved itself more responsive to popular feeling than the senate.

By slashing military and naval appropriations considerably, money has been saved which a generous senate would otherwise have appropriated. But while both houses have been struggling with appropriation bills—which is after all a routine matter—no bill has been completed on the tariff or taxation.

Business men who had hoped to know what the tax rate would be for the next year have been disappointed. Many business men run their books from July 1 to July 1 of the next year. It had been confidently expected that

congress would at least bring the tax bill to the committee stage by July 1, but the bill has not gotten that far, and nobody in congress has an accurate idea of just what kind of a revenue measure will eventually be passed. Judging by the legislative tangles which have arisen in handling the tariff, there will be considerable delay in getting the tax bill through both houses.

Many conflicting interests have shown a disposition to wrangle about the tariff, but the controversies thus far over the tariff are not a circumstance compared to the trouble which is anticipated in framing a new tax bill. The chief executive alone will be able to reconcile differences of opinion. And he will have to do it largely by executive insistence on compromises which would otherwise be refused if offered by congressional leaders. In other words, congress needs executive guidance and Mr. Harding has made up his mind to fill the need.

Anglo-Jap Pact Facing Opposition

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table terms its attitude toward renewal of the alliance and this proved to be one of opposition, it is believed here that the antagonism which would be aroused in Japan against the United States for such a step would be serious.

The question of renewing the alliance is to come before the imperial conference of the British Dominions and the British government now meeting in London.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN
TO STUDY QUESTION AT ONCE

By George R. Holmes
Washington, June 25.—Charles B. Warren, newly appointed American ambassador to Japan, is going to lose no time in getting into intimate touch with the intricacies of Japanese-American relations which he will face as soon as he takes up his duties in Tokyo.

Warren will not sail for his new post until October, but in the meantime he is in New York preparatory to sailing for Europe. While he is going to Europe ostensibly on personal business, he will take occasion to call on Colonel George Harvey in London, and it would not be any surprise to official Washington if Colonel Warren showed up in the vicinity of the meeting of the supreme council of the latter part of July. One of the supreme council's most important tasks is the consideration and—if possible—the adjudication of the controversy between the United States and Japan over the island of Yap.

Whether Colonel Warren is the bearer of any specific instructions from President Harding or Secretary Hughes on his European trip is not known, but his going at this time, on the eve of the meeting of the supreme council and while the new Anglo-Japanese treaty is making, looked on here with considerable significance.

NO. 1 WHEAT BASIS OF GRAIN DEALERS

North Pacific Millers' Association
Adopts Rule for Purchase of
Milling Grain of Future.

Acting upon recommendations of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers' association, the North Pacific Millers' association, meeting Saturday in Portland, adopted No. 1 wheat as a basis for the purchase of milling grain in the future.

The dealers met Friday in Spokane. They agreed to use No. 1 rather than No. 2 wheat as a basis in keeping with the state laws of Oregon and Washington.

L. E. Baumann of Seattle was elected president of the millers' association. Otto Kottenbach of Portland was chosen vice president and W. C. Tiffany of Portland was named secretary-treasurer. J. W. Ganong of Portland, F. P. Burke of Spokane and E. H. Leonard were elected to the board of trustees.

The millers brought their convention to a close with a banquet at the Maitland hotel Saturday night.

The association represents 85 per cent of the flour milling capacity of Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho. Seventy-five prominent mill operators from various points in this territory were in attendance at the convention.

E. L. McCoy of The Dalles, retiring president, in opening the convention Saturday morning, predicted a prosperous year for the flour milling trade in the Northwest.

It was denied that price fixing was discussed. Neither were further purchases discussed, it was said.

Drugless Institute
Leases 3000 Feet In
Columbia Building

Floor space aggregating 3000 square feet on the second floor of the Columbia building, 365 Washington street, was leased last week by the Portland Drugless Therapeutic Institute. Work of remodeling the offices for the new tenants is under way and the institute will be opened about August 1, according to Dr. C. F. Easter, president of the new concern. Other officers are Dr. Virgil McKie, vice president; A. H. Tasker, treasurer, and Frank C. Jackson, secretary.

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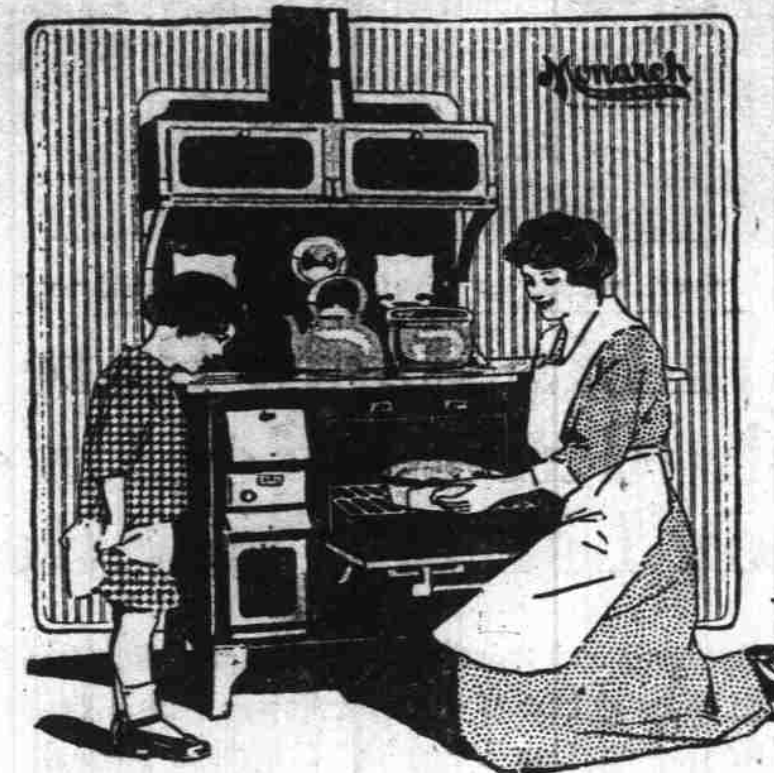
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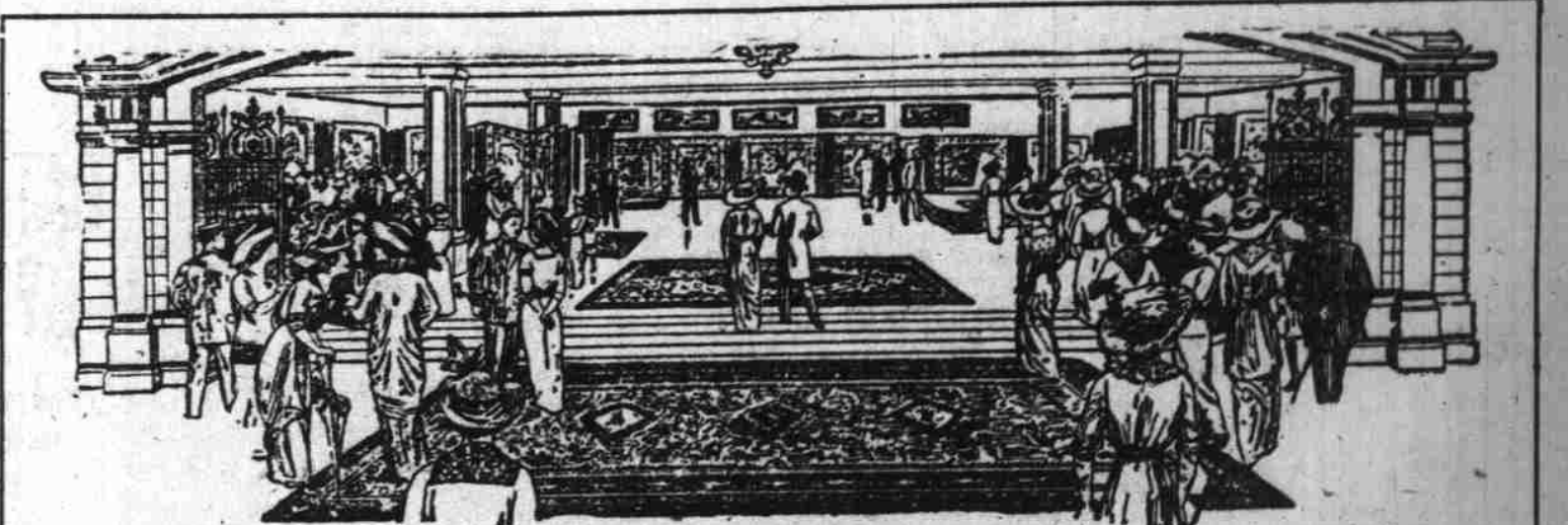
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