

LEGION DRIVE TO AID WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, READY

Endowment for Dependents of War Victims Sought — Casualty List Goes On, Though War Over — Complete Cure for Disabled Is Objective

The casualty list goes on. The World War ended November 11, 1918, for most of us. Since that date America has not seized its morning newspaper to read in haste, and in fear, that list of those "Dead on the Field of Honor." The poppies of six summers have covered the scars of Flanders Field and babies walk and talk and play, who were not born when the last shell burst beyond the Meuse. But the casualty list goes on.

During 1924 more than five thousand men died in the United States from disabilities directly originating in their World War service. These are the deaths officially recorded and certified by the government as due to war causes. There were others not so of record.

Fifteen every day. And the others not "of record." At each sunset we know that fifteen more have gone. "Dead on the Field of Honor" as surely as those who rest under the little crosses, row on row, in northern France. Not mercifully "killed in action," but mercilessly scarred and maimed and tortured these long years, going at last to a rest they have earned not once but a thousand times. And the widows and the orphans are here in more numbers today than yesterday, and more tomorrow than today.

In 1922 the deaths "directly traceable to service origin" were 4556. In 1923 they fell off to 4394. In the first half of 1924 they rose again, to 2721 for half a year. Where is the end to be?

In a hospital in Texas, built by the American Legion, the national commander of the legion stood last autumn by the bedside of a "gass" in the final stages of tuberculosis. The boy could hardly speak. To the strong man holding his hand he whispered: "I know, I am a legionnaire. For God and country. God is going along with you, commander, in your work. See the boys through."

So it is that members of the legion cannot forget about the war, and will not let America forget. Not so long as there is a disabled man who may be cured. Not so long as there is a soldier's orphan without a good American home.

The American Legion, chartered by congress, has carried during six years of reconstruction since the World war a large load, shared by governmental agencies, in the care and cure of the war's disabled men, and in the care, upbringing and education of the orphaned children of those who gave their lives in battle. This responsibility, welcomed by the legion, has been shared by the people of the United States. The legion has spent its own funds, has sometimes borrowed money, has often been unable to see very far ahead into the sources for financial needs, has received numerous gifts. The fiscal policy book of the largest war relief problem in America has been frankly "hand to mouth." Such a policy is neither just, adequate nor economical. For this work there must be nothing left to chance.

Based on this six years experience the proposal to raise in 1925 the American Legion Endowment fund of five million dollars, as a perpetual trust from which only the income shall be used as the financial backbone of the rehabilitation and child welfare work of the legion, the central generating plant for the nationwide activity of 11,000 legion posts and 6500 legion auxiliary units of women, which together throw more than 900,000 volunteer workers into this field.

The endowment plan is a practical and business-like undertaking. Happily the common sense thing to do is also the thing which appeals to every sound and worthy emotion. It is a right and sacred duty to cure the disabled man. The legion's motto of "Temporary Care—Permanent Cure" expresses the determination that every sufferer from wounds and disease should be made whole, should be restored in body and mind and spirit to become a self-supporting and self-respecting citizen, and not left to perpetual care in a public institution. That program is as sound and economical as it is appealing and humane. It is right that every child of a father who died for his country be given as good a home, as good education, as fair an American chance in life as if that father's sacrifice had not been needed. It is vastly less costly to save the child now, than to permit it to grow up in ignorance, poverty and neglect to a life of vice, pauperism or crime. Every needy child saved to healthy maturity in body and sound development in character saves thousands of dollars to society, which carries the heavy burden of criminality, pauperism and viciousness. Ninety-three per cent of criminals have a record of neglected childhood.

VAUDEVILLE BILL-AT CRATERIAN IS A-1

Orpheum Jr. vaudeville at Hunt's Craterian last night was of exceptional merit throughout and one of the best shows of the season, containing as it did variety in large and wholesome portions.

When vaudeville patrons of this town applaud a dancing act further than the courtesy clap, it must be good, and that is what they did for the "Revue Comique." The act contained classical and comedy elements and the audience liked best the burlesque features.

The entire bill from start to finish was excellent and lived up to their advance reports of being a "big time" show. Another pleasing feature was that the singing was good and the show went with a snap.

Fiske and Fallon offered "Words and Music," and the lady member of the act imitated a violin well-nigh to perfection; Claymo entertained with modeling and Armstrong and Smith in "On the Highway" poked fun at automobiles and their tinkers.

The Florensis, European poseurs and equilibrist, for the closing number presented a beautiful act, along with plenty of daring balancing.

It was a good bill and thoroughly enjoyed by a large house.

PHILIPPINE OUTLAWS OUT OF BUSINESS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—(A. P.)—According to cablegrams received here from Manila, extermination of a band of Moro outlaws in Lanao province, island of Mindanao, P. I., was accomplished yesterday when members of the island constabulary force charged the fortress stronghold of the outlaws, killing seven. The desperadoes who were not killed escaped.

The fortress will be destroyed. Attack on the rendezvous of the Moros by armed officers came after Governor General Leonard Wood made a trip to Lanao province and, at a meeting, asked the Moro chief to surrender his disturbing tribesmen to the constabulary authorities. The request was refused and the attack on the fortress resulted.

POSTOFFICE SAFE IS A TOTAL WRECK

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 27.—Using nitro-glycerine burglars blasted the safe in the postoffice store of R. J. McIsaac at Parkdale about one o'clock this morning and escaped in an automobile with \$500 in cash and about \$100 in postage stamps.

The safe was blown into small fragments, parts being blown through the side of the building.

Entrance was made through a window. Neighbors reported hearing the explosion, which they said was terrific.

R. J. McIsaac, proprietor of the store, and also Parkdale's postmaster, is in the east on a business trip. Employees said they had been unable thus far to check the exact amount stolen.

The safe in this store was blasted about a year ago when about the same amount was stolen. McIsaac is president of the Apple Growers' association and one of the pioneer merchants of the upper Hood River valley.

SASSSED HINDY AND LOST FAT BERTH

BERLIN, May 27.—(A. P.)—Wilhelm Jaenicke, son-in-law of the late President Ebert has been suspended from his post as attache to the consulate general at Milan, Italy, pending disciplinary proceedings. It is alleged that while a guest at an Italian hotel on May 13, he wrote on the register: "In your comfortable hotel we forgot that Von Hindenburg had been made president of Germany."

Nerves All Unstrung

Medford Folks Should Find the Cause and Correct It.

I. O. O. F. RECEPTION TO GRAND MASTER OF STATE COUNCIL

The reception given Grand Master Henry Young and Grand Marshal Orren F. Steele of the grand lodge I. O. O. F. of Oregon, by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Medford and neighboring towns Tuesday evening was greatly enjoyed by the visitors and their hosts. Grand Master Young, in his remarks, stated that at no place where he had visited lodges, had there been a snappier or more lively and enthusiastic body of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs than he had come in contact with in the Rogue River valley.

Disclaiming any offering of flattery, he said it must be the environment for this valley and some of its towns need not take second place with any of Oregon's most favored sections for beauty and attractiveness. At the grand lodge session in Ashland and at the reception accorded the officials here Mr. Young found Odd Fellowship in Southern Oregon a live, militant, devoted factor in fulfilling the mission of the order.

Mr. Young stated the order in this state had made very satisfactory progress during the past year, and he outlined several plans for advancing the cause during his administration. He gave special credit to the Rebekah branch for its influence in promoting the principles of Odd Fellowship and engendering interest in the order.

The visitors were taken to the depot by the reception committee and, led by the high school band of Ashland and escorted by members of the Canton branch in uniforms, the delegation marched through Main street to the hall.

The visitors first addressed the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in joint assembly and later made addresses to the subordinate members in formal session. Refreshments were served between these features. The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated with roses and other tokens.

JURY IN LIQUOR CASE DEADLOCKS

After being out all night the jury in the case of J. O. Pierce of Gold Hill, driver of a school bus, charged with driving an auto while intoxicated was apparently hopelessly deadlocked at noon today, after deliberating since four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The state was represented by District Attorney Moulton, and the defense by George Roberts. Medical testimony was used to prove both contentions.

MILTON SILLS STARS IN CRATERIAN FILM

Milton Sills and Doris Kenyon in a "wower" of a picture entitled, "I Want My Man"; an exquisite musical program by Betty Brown and an exceptionally entertaining comedy, divide honors on the big bill at the Hunt's Craterian theatre today, tomorrow and Saturday, laying off Friday night for the graduation exercises, 1925 class Medford high school.

"I Want My Man" is described as an adaptation of Struthers Burt's splendid novel, "The Interpreter's House"—which, in turn, took its name from an incident in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," wherein Christian entered "the Interpreter's house" and saw Passion sitting on one side of the hearth and Patience on the other.

In addition to all these "goodies" the Craterian management has supplied a Pathe newreel to round out a uniformly excellent program.

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