



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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Let Us Know.

Do you know one ex-soldier or several ex-soldiers who are in bad shape as a result of their war service...

From Adjutant Sawyer.

Ben M. Sawyer of Columbia, adjutant of the South Carolina Department of the American Legion writes the past commander of Meech Stewart Post...

Newspapers and Magazines.

Said a member of Meech Stewart Post the other day: "I wish the officers of the post would subscribe for a few newspapers and magazines for the club rooms..."

Fort Mill Interested in Bonus.

Fort Mill Times: World war veterans in the Fort Mill community are watching the progress of the proposed bonus legislation now being considered by a committee of congress...

Of Interest to Veterans.

Because he had not his commitment papers, Wallis D. Willis, a disabled soldier, was turned away from government hospitals to wander in the streets of Washington until overcome by exposure...

Money received by the United States from foreign countries in payment of debts would go to ex-soldiers under a bill introduced in the house...

The 43,262 good deeds to unfortunate buddies performed by American Legion posts of Minnesota in 1921, cost \$75,000. The list does not include 21,000 cases wherein hospital treatment, back pay, vocational training, and compensation were secured for disabled men...

Slackers and draft dodgers will not escape punishment through the operation of the statute of limitations if the house passes a bill to continue the military status of deserters...

States which pay adjusted compensation to their ex-service men now include: Minnesota, Maine, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Washington...

Gun play between the chamber of commerce and the American Legion post at Arkon Colorado, resulted in the death of 936 rabbits, which were distributed to needy families in Denver...

Legionnaires throughout the country have been invited to join the second annual ascent of Mount Hood by the American Legion post at Hood River, Oregon...

Twenty hospitals in three years is the record of one disabled fighter discovered by the American Legion. Physicians at Fort Lyon, Colorado, where this patient is now being treated, say that he at least will never suffer from getting in a rut...

Due to Ignorance.

The following statement by Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, in the New York World, will be of interest to York county members of the American Legion: The American Legion feels that op-

position to the adjusted compensation bill lies principally in ignorance of what the bill really calls for. We have yet to meet the man who has read the bill who opposes it. A brief study of this legislation appears in nearly every case to be a very happy antidote for the hue and cry raised against the cash bonus...

There is a cash option, it is true, but it is taken care of by small payments several months apart. The other four features of the Legion bill include home and farm aid, paid up insurance, vocational training and land settlement...

When it was a matter of passing the Dent act to pay for war contracts never fulfilled, some \$3,000,000,000 more than this act would cost if every man takes the cash payments of \$50 every three months, there was no such hue and cry...

The man at home had the opportunity to intrench himself in a permanent position, and, whether he took advantage of it or not, to save and fortify himself for such conditions as encounter the veteran today.

You would not take one or two men equally paid in your employ and send one out on a particularly dangerous mission, which he gladly undertakes out of his loyalty to you, risking his life, leaving his family, ready to encounter any difficulties to serve you...

It is not a question of sentiment of paying for a man's service or his patriotism, because no man can put a price on that, nor can any man pay for it. It is an insult even to suggest it. But there is no reason for penalizing the man for offering his life to his country in dangerous days...

Public Behind Bill.

You will be interested to know that those men who dictate the affairs of the Federal Reserve bank of the Chicago district are in great majority unqualifiedly for this measure. They must be given credit for a fairly clear vision of the economic and financial conditions in the part of the country most affected by depression...

There is no question as to how the American public feels about it. Whenever and wherever submitted to a popular vote it has carried by an overwhelming majority. No man can doubt our motives toward our country and no man can question our right to be heard...

Ex-soldiers who have lost their discharge papers will be able to obtain duplicates from the Secretary of War under a bill introduced into congress at the request of the American Legion.

STUDENTS NOT INTERESTED

Heroes Of Diamond Are Not So Well Known.

Supposedly national heroes of the diamond, the gridiron and the silver sheet do not stand so high as might be supposed with the high school and college students. This was learned when the Institute for Public Service of New York made public some results of a national current history test taken by more than 200,000 pupils...

Some of them thought Mlle. Lengien was a French chemist and some others identified her as Japan's representative at the armament conference.

As for Christy Matthewson, his picture elicited the answer that he was the man who sold out the world series in 1920. Thirty-five per cent. of the boys did not know who won the last world's series; 50 per cent. did not know Babe Ruth's home run record and seventy per cent. of the girls did not know the name of the only woman member of congress...

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THE SOLDIER BONUS

Details of Bill Now Practically Certain of Passage.

MANY WILL GET LARGE SUMS

Maximum of \$958 for Full Period Service Overseas—Those in Longest of Course Get Most.

By J. Bart Campbell.

Washington, Feb. 11.—To the "Yank" who got into the war early and stayed late the soldier, bonus bill, which now seems certain to pass the senate speedily, would mean a sum sufficient to set him up in business in a small way and to secure his future independence if he invests it judiciously...

If he served overseas the full period of war he could draw a maximum in cash of \$958.25. If he served at home he could draw a maximum of \$755. This is figured on the full period from April 6, 1917, to June 30, 1919, inclusive, the maximum period for which a soldier will be able to draw adjusted compensation if the bill is passed...

Five different plans of compensation are provided. The four, in addition to the cash plan, are the "adjusted service certificate" or paid-up endowment insurance plan; the "vocational training aid" plan; the "farm or home aid" plan and the "land settlement aid" plan.

"The adjusted service certificate," or insurance plan, is in the nature of a twenty-year insurance policy. At the end of twenty years the veteran would receive in cash 140 per cent. of what he would receive if he took a cash payment at once, plus 4 1-2 per cent. interest...

"The farm or home aid plan" would authorize the veteran to receive from the government the adjusted service pay plus an additional 40 per cent. if he applied the money toward the purchase of a farm or home...

"The land settlement aid" plan would give the veteran the preference right to take lands on the opening of public or Indian lands or of reclamation projects. He would be permitted to file on such lands as early as sixty days prior to their opening for general public entry...

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to file on such lands as early as sixty days prior to their opening for general public entry. In addition, under this plan, the veteran would be entitled to his adjusted compensation plus 10 per cent. but would have to apply it entirely in making payments "in connection with the lands" on which he has made entry.

"Majority Will Not Get Maximum." Of course, the majority of former service men would not receive the maximum amount due for either home or overseas service. The latter group would include soldiers and sailors who were on foreign service at the outbreak of the war, mostly regulars.

"The full period" home service men would be very considerable and would include, in addition to the regular army and navy men who were in the service at the time the war broke out, many national guardsmen who had not yet been mustered out after Mexican border duty and many who "jumped into the game" when it seemed that war was imminent.

If he served six months overseas he could draw \$175 cash or \$245 on any of the other four plans. If he served six months at home he could draw \$128 in cash or \$178.20 on one of the other four plans.

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THE \$150,000 DIRECTOR OF FILM LAND.



Former Postmaster-General Will Hays is evidently finding it congenial at Palm Beach. He is here shown "directing" the amusements of Will, Jr.; James Mason of Kent, Ohio; Frank Wheeler of St. Louis, and Ward Warner of New York. The genial Will is enjoying a short vacation before starting to boss the movies.

SIRIUS BRIGHTEST STAR

Brightest and Most Beautiful of Celestial Jewels.

Do you ever get out in the night to look at the stars in the winter time?

Because there has been so much rain of late there have been few opportunities to see the stars because there have been few clear nights. But if you will pick a clear, frosty winter evening you may see Sirius, the most magnificent of all the celestial jewels. Sirius is called the dog star. It is almost in line with the belt of Orion in the eastern sky and some twenty degrees to the southeast of it, scintillating and flashing lights of varied colors and far outshining any other star in the heavens.

As Sirius never attains a great height above the southern horizon in our latitudes and is, in addition, exceptionally bright, its rays are strongly refracted or broken up by the atmosphere, which exerts its greatest effect on bright objects close to the horizon. As a result it twinkles and flashes far more conspicuously than any other star. This sparkling of Sirius and its flashing lights of varied color makes it a most gorgeous object to view in the telescope but for the same reason, one of the most difficult to observe.

Almost completely hidden from view in the brilliant rays of Sirius is a faint companion star, which revealed its presence by the manner in which it perturbed the motion of its brilliant neighbor through gravitational attraction, long before it was detected visually by Alvan G. Clark while testing the 18-inch telescope of the Dearborn observatory in 1862.

The companion star is about as far from Sirius as Neptune is from the sun and the two stars complete a revolution about their common center of gravity in 48.8 years. The fainter star is one of the most feebly luminous stars known, having only twenty-thousandth part of the luminosity of Sirius. It would take twenty thousand stars as bright as the companion star, to give as much light as Sirius. In spite of its feeble light the faint star is half as massive, that is, it would weigh half as much as Sirius. The two stars combined weigh three and one-half times as much as our own sun. The light of Sirius is equal to the combined light of forty-eight suns as bright as our own.

Though refraction of the light of Sirius by the atmosphere causes it to flash the spectral colors, it is in reality one of the intensely white hydrogen stars of great brilliancy.

The Sirian system is at a distance of about eight and one-half light years from the earth and there are only two stars nearer to us. One of these is the well known Alpha Centauri and the other a faint star catalogued as Lalande 21-185. On a scale in which one inch represents the distance of the earth from the sun the Sirian would be placed about eight miles away.

Sirius belongs to a moving cluster of stars known as the Ursa Major cluster, which consists of at least thirteen members, five of which are stars in the Big Dipper and another the bright star Beta, in Auriga. These stars are all moving in the same general direction through space and are arranged in the form of a disk of a diameter of about 160 light years, and width fifteen light years. The sun lies at present in the midst of this cluster and so the various members of the cluster appear to us to be widely scattered over the sky. Sirius the nearest member is but eight light years distant, while the stars of the Big Dipper are seventy-five light years distant and Beta Auriga is at a distance of 135 light years. The cluster is now slowly overtaking the solar system and in the course of ages will pass it.

LYING IN BED

London Doctors See Great Peril in the Practice.

The peril of lying in bed is one of the latest ideas of doctors. "Get up and move about" is the new prescription.

Dr. R. F. Rowlands, surgeon to Guys hospital, is the apostle of the "don't lie in bed too long" creed. He expounds it vigorously in the British Medical Journal.

It is people who have undergone operations who are in peril if they stay in bed too long.

"It cheers a patient," states Dr. Rowlands, "to know that he may move about as much as he likes in bed from the first, have the freedom of the room after four days, of the bath after seven days, and may take short walks in the sunshine after ten days."

Here are some of the bad effects of lying in bed, as expounded by the doctor:

- The heart beats less forcibly. Breathing becomes slower and shallower. Appetite falls. Digestion falls.

Action of the Intestines becomes sluggish.

Muscles waste and lose tone. All these are reasons for not lying in bed, and Dr. Rowlands says that as regards the healing of wounds, years of observation have convinced him that complete rest is unnecessary.

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