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THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

To lay proper emphasis on the five optional provisions of the pending adjusted compensation, the American Legion will present its case before every chamber of commerce in the country. The hue and cry raised against the "cash bonus" clause in the bill has befooled the issue, Hanford MacNider, national commander, charges.

Appointment of Senator McCumber, author of the bill, as chairman of the Finance Committee, is expected to speed up Congressional action on the measure.

Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, has announced the appointment of the Legion's national legislative committee, as follows: Dan F. Steck, Ia., chairman; John R. McQuigg, E. Cleveland, O.; Earl M. Cline, Nebraska; Wm. R. McCauley, Bloomington, Ill.; James M. Hanley, Mandan, N. D.; Mat H. Murphy, Birmingham, Ala.; J. G. Cerugham, Carson City, Nevada; Wm. F. Deegan, New York; Joseph H. Thompson, Pittsburg; James A. Drain, Washington, D. C.; George L. Berry, Pressman's Home, Tenn.; Wilbur M. Brucker, Saginaw, Mich.; John Thomas Taylor, Washington, D. C.; John D. Markey, Frederick, Md.; Aaron Sapiro, Lexington, Ky.; John H. Sherbourne, Boston; Paul Edwards Seattle, Wash.

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. Roused by Willis's treatment, the American Legion is a vigorous investigation of red tape evils.

Moneys received by the United States from foreign countries in payment of debts would go to ex-soldiers under a bill introduced in the House. This measure supplements the American Legion's adjusted compensation bill.

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.

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.

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. The American Legion supporting the measure, urges unrelenting Federal warfare against slackers.

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, according to John Thomas Taylor, vice-chairman of the American Legion's legislative committee.

Gun play between the chamber of commerce and the American Legion post at Akron, Colorado, resulted in the death of 936 rabbits, which were distributed to needy families in Denver. The shooting match benefited farmers, who have been greatly troubled with rabbits.

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. The eleven-thousand foot climb will be made by the party

during the summer, in continuance of a custom started by last year's expedition.

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.

SOLDIER KEY FOR SALE

Soldier Key is for sale. The picturesque little palm-fringed dot of green in the blue waters off Miami, Fla., will be knocked down to the highest bidder at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, January 16.

Soldier Key has a history. It has had only two or three owners since the caravels of Christopher Columbus sailed in the not far distant waters. It used to belong to Spain. It is right in the sea paths of the old Spanish main and reeks with tales and traditions of pirates and adventure.

It is one of the most beautiful spots so near the American shores. The yachtsman or fisherman from Miami in a few minutes' sail brings up the flowing fronds of the coconut palms which shade its snow white beaches. While not a regular stop on any marine schedule, it is a favorite destination for the pleasure-bound yachtsman or Miami reporter. The Vanderbilts, the Whitneys and the Astors on their yachts have all stopped by.

Soldier Key has served the United States well. In the early seventies, when the rays of the old Spanish light on Cape Florida, which did well enough for the old galleons of Spain but which fell far too short for the speedy merchantman, became obsolete, the government decided to mark the dangerous reef with a more powerful light built far out in the ocean. The vicinity is the graveyard of scores of ships and seamen. In 1876 the now famous Fowey Light was set up at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition as an evidence of government progress. Then it was taken down, stone by stone, each one marked and all placed aboard ships and carried to Soldier Key. the base of operations for the building of the light. Fowey Light, manned by three trusted keepers, two of whom are on duty at all times, now flashes its warnings far out over the sapphire waters of the gulf stream to ships that pass in the night.

It's always June on Soldier Key. Rarely does the thermometer climb far into the eighties and it never reaches frost. Seventy-five degrees, as the doctor orders, is its mean temperature, the weather bureau says. It is bathed by the waters of the warm gulf stream and fanned by the strange yet never tiring trade winds.

It is only eleven miles from America's most popular winter playground, Miami.

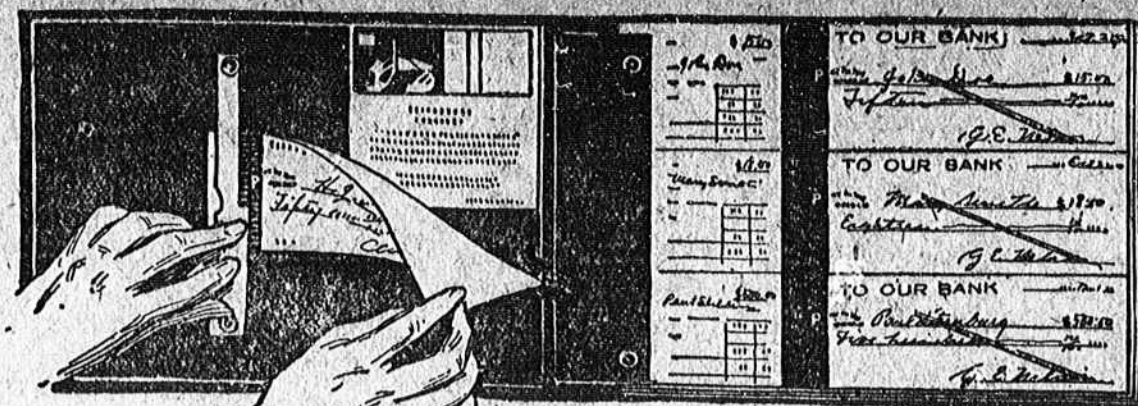
It is understood a prominent American expects to purchase it as a site for a winter home.

CLEMSON COLLEGE HOLDS ITS FIRST HOG SALE

Clemson College—The animal husbandry division of Clemson College will hold its first bred sow sale at Clemson College on Wednesday, Feb. 8, according to announcer made today by Prof. L. V. Stark, of the division. Fifty purebred hogs will be offered in this sale. Of this number about thirty will be Duroc Jerseys and the other twenty will be Poland Chinas.

An invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend this sale, says Prof. Stark, whether they intend to buy or not. Because of present financial conditions it is most likely that this offering of first class purebred hogs will go at a low figure, and for this reason it will be a good opportunity for farmers to get some animals cheap.

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SIGN TOBACCO CONTRACT BY FEBRUARY SECOND

Florence, S. C., Jan. 17.—The last date for signing the co-operative tobacco marketing contract will be February 2. The Executive Committee at Raleigh, N. C., has allowed the various Campaign Committee to continue an active drive for new signers on the same basis until February 2, at which time the Board of Directors will assume control. Those signing at the meeting, or prior to the meeting, at their respective Court Houses January 30th will be allowed to participate in the election for delegates on that date.

The first lap in the race for co-operative marketing of tobacco has been won. All three states have exceeded by a liberal margin their minimum percentages. While South Carolina has twice as much to gain from the successful operation of the plan, yet Virginia and North Carolina are way ahead of South Carolina in amount signed up. The total amount signed by the three states as shown by the contracts at Raleigh January 1, give a grand total of 352,901,437 pounds. Of this amount, South Carolina had contracts to January 1, showing a total of 29,214,824 pounds. More than 61,000 contracts have been signed in the three states.

The present organization as it now stands will supervise and arrange for the election which are to be held at the various county Court Houses throughout the three states on January 30th. Each signer will vote for delegates on this date, who in turn will select directors on February 2. The delegates for the first district will assemble in Florence for the purpose of electing a director for that District, while those elected in the Second District will meet in Sumter to select director for that District.

The headquarters of the Organization Committee are now making all the arrangements for these elections in South Carolina. One of their duties being to notify each of the thousands of signers in this state by letter to attend these county meetings on January 30. Each signer of a contract, whether he receives his notice or not, is expected to attend this meeting at his county Court House on Monday, January 30, at ten o'clock, a. m. He is also requested to bring one or two new signers with him on that date. It is earnestly hoped by the Campaign Committee that each and every signer will do his duty and heed this request. Some of the tobacco growing coun-

ties in this state already have over 1200 signers. Consequently, it is expected that some of the Court Houses in these counties will be filled to capacity on that day. A few small warehouses are running in the Burley District of Kentucky to accommodate those outside of the pool. In commenting on the situation, the Lexington correspondent of "Tobacco" a New York tobacco journal, has the following to say on Jan. 9:

"Prices generally were regarded as good * * * The burley pool, in which nine tenths of the Kentucky crop is signed up, generally is credited for the increase in prices, and it is the belief that the pooled crop will bring still higher prices, as the tobacco pooled is said to be of much better quality than that outside the pool." In commenting further on the situation, he says: "As there is little tobacco outside the pool, it is expected that all the unpooled tobacco will be sold within the next two weeks."

The Kentucky Association will begin to offer theirs over their 130 warehouse floors during this month. The large tobacco companies have promised the Association a square deal, and thus dawn a new era in the marketing of tobacco by the co-operative plan.

Anyone desiring contracts for himself or his neighbor can obtain same by dropping a postal to the Tobacco Campaign Committee, Florence, S. C.

TWELVE DIE IN SEA DISASTER

London, Jan. 16.—Eleven members of the crew of the German steamer Vesta, bound from Hamburg to Lisbon, as well as the wife of the chief officer, were killed by an explosion on the ship Sunday night following a fire. Ten survivors of the crew were landed at Lowestoft by a trawler late this afternoon.

Details of the disaster as related by the captain of the Vesta are to the effect that during heavy weather Sunday night the deck cargo of the vessel, consisting largely of naphtha, shifted. An explosion occurred and a few minutes later the whole vessel was in flames with the exception of the space near the bridge, where the crew hurried for safety. A boat was lowered, but it was engulfed in the heavy seas and its three occupants were drowned. The mate, clasping his newly married wife in his arms, jumped overboard. Both perished. Others of the ship's company also plunged into the sea from the now fiercely burning ves-

sel only to sing beneath the waves. Finally only the captain and nine men were left on board. They were rescued after six hours' work and when they had almost abandoned hope. Those rescued had been scorched by the flames and partially asphyxiated by the naphtha fumes.

NOTICE

The books for making tax returns for 1922 are now open. All real estate is to be returned this year, time expires February 20th. Fifty per cent will be added after that date for any one not making a return. All returns to be made at Auditor's office.

H. A. PLOWDEN, County Auditor.

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