

NEW VETERAN'S LAW BENEFITS 35,000 BUDDIES

Provisions Far More Liberal Than Heretofore—Free Hospital Case.

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WASHINGTON, July 8.—The veterans' bureau is beginning the big job of working out the liberalization measure for disabled service men recently passed by Congress, which will benefit 35,000 persons and will cost about \$15,000,000 this year.

The bureau is just completing the work imposed by the 1924 Congress, which resulted in addition of 9,000 new cases of permanent disability, and increased the yearly compensation about \$5,000,000.

Claim and rating boards have been established throughout the country to pass on local applications, resulting in an increase of \$2,000,000 a year to men temporarily and partially disabled.

Costs \$12,000,000 a Year

The new law is estimated to cost \$12,000,000 in increased benefits next year, and thereafter \$10,000,000 a year.

Among provisions of the law:

Establishment of a flat payment of \$50 a month to veterans whose tuberculosis contracted through service, has been arrested.

Granting of the privilege to veterans of reinstating their war risk insurances through changing the face value of their policies, when unable to pay back premiums in cash.

Extends training for disabled veterans to Jan. 1, 1927, and extends for two years educational training in schools and colleges for those now in training.

Grants free hospitalization to the veterans of all United States wars whether their ill were connected with their service or not.

Congress had previously passed a bill extending until July 1, 1927, the time for converting war risk terms insurance into other forms of insurance.

Director Hines also said he believed the regulations could be extended under the new bill to grant "service connections"—and thereby hospitalization and treatment—to men suffering from chronic constitutional diseases not now directly connected with their service in the war.

APPOINTED BOARD AID BELT WORK PROCEEDS

Dentist to Serve Temporarily on Pardon Body.

Owing to the continued absence of two State pardon board members, Governor Jackson has appointed Dr. Edward C. Batchfield, 5461 Julian Ave., a dentist, as temporary aid for Secretary Charles C. York during hearing of the July docket.

It was brought to Jackson's attention that Dr. George S. Henninger, president, will be on a lengthy pleasure trip in Europe during the session and that John C. Chaney of Sullivan, another member, has been called to Mexico. Dr. Batchfield's tenure, it is understood, will cease with conclusion of the July session.

The appointment of Batchfield is said to be an unusual procedure.

COMMENT PENSION ACT

Resolutions have been passed by the George H. Thomas post of the Grand Army of the Republic, commanding John B. Inman, commanding-in-chief of the national organization, and Mrs. Catherine McB.

Hoster, national president of the Women's Relief Corps, for their efforts in obtaining passage of the Norbeck-Curtis-King pension bill. Civil War veterans and their widows are to obtain substantial pension increases through passage of the act by Congress.

ELEVATION PROJECT DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY OCT. 1.

Elevation of the Belt Railroad tracks at E. Pratt and E. Tenth Sts.

will be completed by Oct. 1, P. J. Landers, Indianapolis Union Railway Company superintendent, announced today.

The work in progress six months, will cost \$275,000. A steam shovel and thirty dump cars were added to gravel hauling equipment Wednesday.

TWO CHARGED WITH THEFT

Arthur Clements, 16, of 1306 W. Thirty-First St., is held today on a grand larceny charge and Carl Grammen, 17, of 1329 W. Thirty-First St. is charged with receiving stolen goods. Detectives say the lads were found with sporting goods recently stolen from Culver Military Academy. Police recovered \$163.75 worth of the loot.

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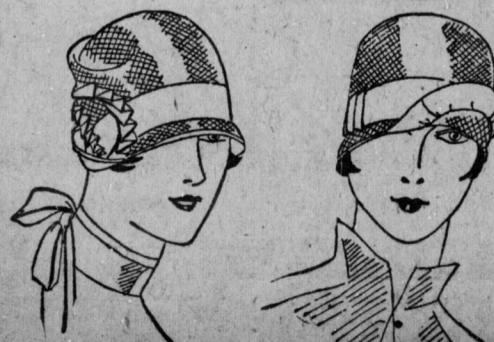
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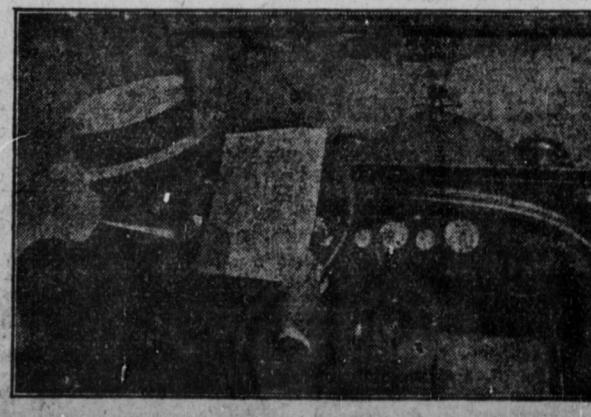
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