

BILLIONS ARE SPENT BY U. S. TO AID WAR VETERANS

CONGRESS HAS ACTED OFTEN TO GIVE CARE

Chief Among Assistance Methods Is Insurance Plan.

400,000 GET HELP

Payments to Disabled Also Provided by Law-makers.

BY JOHN M. GLEISSNER, Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Agitation for immediate cash payment of the soldier bonus has revived interest in measures the government took to protect veterans during and after the war.

So far five and a half billion dollars have been spent for insurance, health care, and as compensation for injuries.

Next year it is expected close to a billion dollars will be used by the veterans administration.

Congress year after year has given the veterans greater benefits.

Some 400,000 former soldiers or their relatives are getting help of some kind or another, and there are in addition 464,000 pensioners of the Spanish-American and Civil wars on the rolls.

Aided With Insurance

Chief among the ways in which the government already has sought to help ex-soldiers is through insurance.

When war broke out in 1917 policies were offered all men in the army and the navy at low rates, and most of the 4,000,000 veterans took advantage of it. Policies ranged up to \$10,000, and were paid for by deductions from monthly pay.

Men in service thus were given the same sort of protection as civilians, which they could not otherwise have had.

Policies were made payable in installments over a period of twenty years.

The government hoped with its war risk insurance act to avoid fastening a new pension system on the country, like that which followed the Civil war.

Many Claims Paid

William C. McAdoo, then secretary of the treasury, supported by President Wilson and others, led the fight for the insurance law.

The policy decided upon was that the dependents of any person killed in the war should be cared for amply and that any one wounded or injured otherwise should be supported.

But there was to be no system of service pensions.

Those supporting the bill got their ideas largely from workmen's compensation laws.

World war casualties were 233,000, of whom 37,568 were killed in action and 12,942 died of wounds.

There were 182,674 wounded, all of whom had the protection of the compensation feature of the law.

Most of those killed had insurance. The records show that 5,722 insurance claims were paid as a result of death in 1918, that 98,675 were paid the year following and 32,799 the next year. The average were a decided result of the war.

Disabled Men Helped

McAdoo said "this scientific, balanced, equitable and comprehensive measure will be a substitute, or should be a substitute for the pension system as applied to the present war and ought to make impossible, as it certainly will make unnecessary future pension legislation with its inequalities and favoritism."

Congress frequently has made it easier for veterans to reinstate their insurance where they have allowed it to lapse. About \$50,000 policies still remain in force.

Payments to injured veterans and widows and children under the compensation section of the act now amount to \$190,000 a year. About 275,000 veterans benefit and 90,000 dependents.

Congress also has provided from \$12 to \$40 a month to those who are disabled, whether their trouble came as a result of the war or not. About 325,000 veterans have applied for this help.

It is estimated that 150,000 will benefit this year and that by 1935 the number will have grown to 380,000.

ANGLER SENT TO FARM

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 3.—Loris Coffman, Indianapolis, is under sentence of 288 days at the state penal farm as a result of dynamiting a stream north of here to obtain fish. He was fined \$250 and costs last spring when he admitted to the charge, but three local men signed a bond liberating him on condition payment would be made. This was not done and Coffman was brought into court and sentence imposed.

The court found that the bond staying the fine was insufficient. One of the signers is serving a sentence for liquor law violation; the second is a fugitive from justice and the third not financially responsible.

MAN AND WIFE SUED

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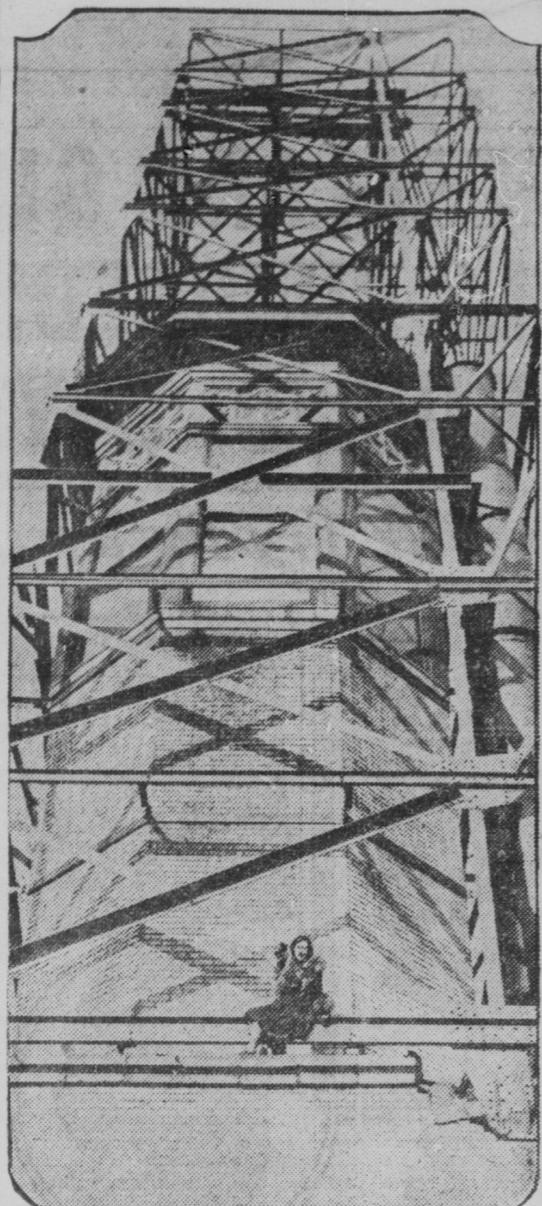
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 3.—Alexander B. Shipman, his wife and others who were interested with him in the promotion and sale of stocks in oil and gas wells in Tulsa county, Oklahoma, are named as defendants in seven suits seeking a total of \$30,830, on file in superior court by persons who allege they were the victims of fraud.

The suits charge that Shipman and his associates organized a trusteeship for the development of an oil well, falsely representing it was yielding 14 per cent a month profit.

Shipman was indicted several months ago on criminal charges in connection with the same transaction, but was acquitted.

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On Top of the Town



SEEK TO FORCE DOWN REVISION OF WAR DEBTS

Europe's Statesmen See Move Necessary to End World Depression.

BY WEBB MILLER, United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A general movement toward downward revision of European war debts or a moratorium of perhaps ten years rapidly was gaining impetus today.

Pressure from the world economic and unemployment crises, to economic experts, will force a definite emergence of the movement, which entails readjustment of German reparations payments, into the open within the next few days.

The conviction is growing among financiers and statesmen of Europe that the entire post-war economic and financial structure which was crystallized in the treaty of Versailles and the Dawes and Young plans, upon which Europe's financial equilibrium is based, requires overhauling and alteration before the world can emerge from the present economic depression.

Economist Study Problem

Several members of parliament are planning to open a campaign in the house of commons soon proposing a ten-year moratorium on war debts or an international conference for debt reduction.

Among suggestions being discussed unofficially by financiers and economists, of which several will be broached in European parliaments soon, are the following:

1. An international conference on war debts and reparations.

2. A ten-year moratorium on war debts and reparations.

3. An international conference regarding the dislocation of the gold standard, the gold shortage and gold congestion in America and France.

4. A unified economic council, similar to a war-time unified command.

5. A conference of central banks, including the United States, England and France, to readjust the world's currency arrangements in relation to the present gold shortage and the concentration of gold in the United States and France.

Alimed at United States

Demand for reduction of war debts and reparations is based on the argument that an increase in the value of gold and a decrease in commodity prices is resulting in Europe paying more in real value than the original agreements stipulated, making continued payments difficult.

It further is argued that the high tariff wall and overproduction in the United States is preventing the payment of war debts with goods, resulting in a drainage of gold to America.

3 'TAKEN FOR RIDE'

SCHOOL MEN TO HOLD MEETINGS AT HOTEL

Joint Sessions to Be Staged at Lincolen Starting Thursday.

Speakers are:

Arthur B. Moehlman of the school of education, University of Michigan; L. C. Ward, superintendent of Ft. Wayne schools; Roy P. Wisehart, state superintendent of public instruction; John Callahan, superintendent of Madison (Wis.) schools; C. C. Stetson, local schools state tax commissioner.

Thursday members of the clubs will visit the state legislature. Reports of legislative committee will conclude the convention Saturday afternoon.

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LIFE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON SLAYER OF DAUGHTER.

Richard Guiry, 62, of 4916 Carondelet avenue, confessed slayer of his daughter, will be taken to the Indiana state prison Wednesday to serve a life sentence. The judgment was imposed by Criminal Judge Frank Baker when Guiry pleaded guilty Monday afternoon.

Guiry shot his daughter, Isabelle Fern Guiry, in front of their home Nov. 1, and then attempted to end his own life. He believed his daughter "was out of her mind" because she had written a fraudulent check, he told authorities.

Before Baker Monday afternoon, he was permitted to plead guilty to a charge of second degree murder. He was under indictment for first degree murder.

Leo Rappaport, his attorney, and Prosecutor Herbert Wilson arranged with Baker to have Guiry examined for sanity after his confinement in the state prison.

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Motor Trouble Prevents Start From Canaries.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Feb. 3.—Flight of the Dornier flying boat DOX from Las Palmas to the Cape Verde Islands was delayed again today by motor trouble.

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The dead men were David Hoffman, East St. Louis pawnbroker; J. F. Carroll and Theodore Kaminski. Carroll and Kaminski were said by police to have been involved in a kidnapping ring.

Club to Hold Road Meeting

By United Press

GREENSBURG, Ind., Feb. 3.—Secrecy today shrouded the investigation of the slaying of three men whose bullet riddled bodies were discovered in an isolated district near Granite City, Ill.

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It was decided that it would be impossible to reach Porto Praia, in the Cape Verde Islands, during daylight today.

The departure, therefore, was postponed and set tentatively for Wednesday morning.

QUIZ CIVIC CHAIRMAN

Valentine's Day Massacre Probe is Revived.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Possibility of a review of investigations of the St. Valentine's day massacre of 1929 was considered today after Albert R. Brunker told newspapermen he had been bound to secrecy by a grand jury which questioned him.

Brunker, chairman of the civic safety commission, was questioned for more than three hours regarding his Boston address.

Brunker was quoted in Boston as saying the police knew who killed Alfred Lingle, and that policemen were responsible for the St. Valentine's day massacre, in which seven Moran gangsters were killed.

Brunker's testimony was demanded by Judge John P. McGroarty, who asked for proof of a reported remark by Brunker that "80 per cent of the judges in Chicago are criminals."

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Would Take Volume to Answer Religion Query, Says Einstein.

By United Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 3.—Professor Albert Einstein is working on a new unified mathematical theory which will encompass gravitation, light, electricity and electro-magnetism, according to his California host, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, who produced the German scientists' answers to fifteen questions proposed by the Yale Daily News.

All but two of the questions were scientific, on such as the nature of the cosmic ray and possible acceleration of the velocity of light as it approaches a field of gravitation.

Asked if science could do anything to prevent the possible disintegration of civilization as it was known before the World War, Einstein was quoted as saying, "Only man's determination can solve this problem."

The question of whether there is any basic conflict between science and religion, he turned aside with:

"It would take a whole volume to answer this."

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ALLISON WILL PROTEST FILED

GRANDSON STARTS ACTION TO PREVENT PROBATE.

Estate of Mrs. Myra J. Allison, who died last week at Miami, Fla., became the center of a court battle today with filing before Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers of a protest against probate of the will of H. Allison, grandson of Mrs. Allison.

The protest is based on the alleged unequal distribution of the property, valued at about \$800,000, among children and grandchildren of Mrs. Allison.

Under terms of the will, the property is to be divided into six equal shares. One share is to go to three children of the late Herbert C. Allison, a son of Mrs. Allison; one share to three children of Delmore C. Allison, a deceased son; two shares to Mrs. May Adkinson of Orlando, Fla., a daughter, having three children, and two shares to a son, Cornelius Allison of Indianapolis, who has one daughter.

The protest was filed by a son, Herbert C. Allison, Jr., who argued that the will was unfair to his mother.

Figures collected recently by statisticians in