

RELIEF GATES OPENED WIDE FOR VETERANS

Disability Allowance Is Given for Defects Dating From Birth.

Major development have taken place in the veterans' relief situation since Talcott Powell wrote a series of stories for The Times several months ago. They are expected to have important bearings on the government's future policy.

To explain these developments and their probable effects, Powell has written a series of three more stories of which this is the second.

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Veterans suffering from cross-eyes, near-sightedness, far-sightedness, inferiority complexes, and defects they have had from birth have been added to the pension pay roll as eligible for disability allowance.

This form of compensation permits a former soldier of the World war to receive from \$12 to \$40 a month for permanent disability received in civilian life years after the armistice.

A veteran run over by a taxicab today or contracting tuberculosis next week is eligible for this compensation, just as though his disability had resulted from the hardships of war. The only requirement is that he shall have paid no income tax in the year previous to his injury.

This form of veterans' relief is mounting most rapidly, both in cost and number of cases.

400,000 on Pay Roll

There now are more than 400,000 men on this pay roll. The United States had a total casualty list of 327,883 individuals wounded and dead from all causes during the conflict.

There are fewer than 350,000 men and women veterans being compensated for disabilities directly connected with their war service under the most liberal interpretation of what really constitutes service-connected disability.

In February, 1931, there were 115,246 veterans getting these disability allowances, at a cost of \$3,234,714 a month. The following February the figures had mounted to 338,744 men, costing \$6,618,541 a month.

On June 1 last there were 396,000 individuals on this pay roll at a monthly cost not yet made public by the veterans' administration. The figures still are soaring.

The provisions of this disability allowance law further were liberalized by the veterans' administration when on May 18 last, Administrative Regulation 2006 became effective.

Gates Are Opened

This regulation stated: "Eye defects resulting from myopia (short sight), strabismus (cross-eyes), presbyopia (far sight), diplopia (double sight) producing defects of visual acuity uncorrectable to 20-40 by proper lenses hereafter will be regarded as disability, for disability allowance purposes, though not resulting from disease or injury.

"Similarly, in proper cases, mental deficiency and constitutional psychopathic inferiority may be regarded as disability, for disability allowance purposes.

"Disability allowance also may be based upon defects other than the above, even though of congenital origin, if there is convincing evidence of reduction in ability to earn a support."

The regulation adds that pensions shall be paid only when these disabilities exist in a pronounced form. Experts point out that the possibilities in this regulation are enormous.

Easy for Veterans

The average age of a World war veteran today is 40. As the ex-soldiers grow older, eye defects will grow more numerous, and more serious. Constitutionally psychopathic inferiority is one of the common concomitants of criminality.

Giving pensions for congenital defects—disabilities which existed at birth—means simply that men are receiving taxpayers' money for something which happened long before anybody even knew there was going to be a World war.

There is nothing in the law to indicate that such was the intent of congress when it passed the Disability Allowance Act in 1930.

Next: Rising Winds of Protest.

BOYS TO VISIT PLANT

Overnight Camping on Schedule of Y. M. C. A. Program

Overnight camping on Eagle creek Wednesday and a visit to the Ford Motor Company plant Thursday afternoon are on this week's schedule of the boys' summer program of the Y. M. C. A.

So far the 2,000 boy members of the "Y" have visited thirty factories and during July more than one hundred took camping trips.

In addition, the swimming pool and gymnasium are open to the young members.

Why Fat Folks Stay Fat

"The trouble with me, and I guess this applies to 99% of the men and women who are putting on weight, I didn't have the energy or "pew" to keep it off. Lost all interest in any healthy activity and just lazed around accumulating the old pounds."

Start taking Kruschen Salts—that's the common-sense SAFE way to reduce. This is what they do—they clean out the impurities in your blood and keep the bones, kidneys and liver in splendid working shape and fill you with a vigor and tireless energy you'd most certainly had existed.

As a result instead of getting yourself in an easy chair every free moment and letting fatty fat accumulate, you feel urge for activity that keeps you moving and active. And you've always wanted to do and needed to do to keep yourself in good condition.

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Watch Out for Two of These



Here's the fourth group of photos to appear in The Times-Circle theater \$3,000 Vacation Contest. We think you'll have to be rather careful with two of these. However, the "stickers" in this group that we are speaking of, might not be "stickers" at all, if you occasionally read the movie magazines. The stars in question are enjoying an amazing

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