

GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO DISABLED HEROES IS BEING FULFILLED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The number of ex-service men entered in training during the past fiscal year has increased from 3,606 to over 48,000 it was announced today by R. T. Fisher, chief of the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education, in commenting upon the board's fourth annual report to congress.

"This is a record of conscientious endeavor," he declared "to fulfill the nation's duty to our disabled soldiers, sailors and marines."

"There has been much adverse criticism," he continued, "but it is only fair to say that much of this has originated either from lack of knowledge on the part of critics of from conditions over which the board had no adequate control, and that these conditions have now been largely corrected."

Men Are Instructed.
"The work of the board, he said has been conducted on the theory that these men who had offered their lives in defense of the nation and who returned disabled, should not be abandoned to unthinking charity, but should be instructed in such trades, professions or commercial pursuits as would completely re-establish them in civil life."

There are at the present time, he said, about 1,700 schools and colleges throughout the country giving training to men in courses approved by the board. Selection of men for training now rests entirely with the 100 district and local offices, he said and there is rarely occasion for referring cases to the central office here. This decentralization policy has greatly eliminated the "red tape" formerly attendant upon these selections, he claimed.

On Dec. 1, he said the records showed that 94,000 men had been approved as eligible for training, with maintenance pay, and 66,000 without such aid.

Civil War Veteran Is Brutally Killed

ROCKAWAY, N. J., Dec. 20.—Another brutal murder today was added to New Jersey's mounting list of crimes. William H. Lewis, an 85-year old civil war veteran, was found in his little home here, his head beaten in with an axe and cudgel by an assailant who the police believe sought his monthly pension. As far as could be determined, a child's bank containing three dollars was the only article taken. Walter Hedding, a neighbor, was held for examination because of bloodstains alleged to have been found on his clothes.

Infantrymen in the Japanese army are to have a rifle of larger calibre. At present a rifle of .255 calibre is used, compared with the British .303 and the French .314. The gun barrel of the machine gun is also to be shortened.

Seven Men are Drowned When Skiff Overturns

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 20.—Seven men, employees of the United States naval ordnance plant at South Charleston, were drowned when a skiff, in which they were crossing the Kanwha river, overturned near Springhill here yesterday. Eleven others who were in the party were rescued.

The skiff was used as a ferry between Dunbar and Springhill, towns on opposite sides of the river, about 12 miles from here and was carrying the men to Dunbar, after they had completed their work at the ordnance plant for the day.

Masonic Calendar

Monday, Dec. 20.—Richmond Commandery, No. 8, K. T. Special convocation; work in the order of Red Cross, 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, Dec. 21.—Richmond lodge No. 196, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in the Master Mason degree, at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 22. Webb lodge No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in Entered Apprentice degree. Beginning at 6 o'clock.

Thursday, Dec. 23.—King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting; work in Past and Most Excellent Master's degree.

TWO ARMY AIRPLANES SEEK LOST BALLOON

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Two large army de Havilland airplanes, equipped with wireless were ready to hop off from Mitchel field today in search of the missing Naval balloon A-5698.

The only word from the three missing airmen since the balloon took the air Monday was a message brought back by one of the four carrier pigeons taken on the flight reporting all was well.

Telegraphic communication with

points along the route supposedly followed by the balloon having failed to reveal the fate of the occupants of the aircraft and the search of certain parts of the Adirondacks having proven futile, army officials told the two airplanes to search every dell and hillside between here and Albany. This search will be concluded before nightfall, army officers declared last night.

May Search in North.
If the balloon is not found between here and Albany the season will be extended north to the international boundary, and northwesterly over Lake Erie and through Canada as far as Ottawa.

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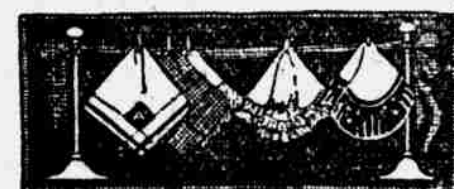
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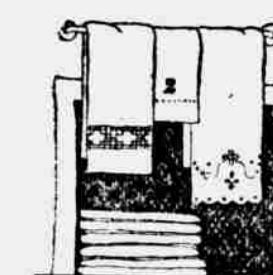
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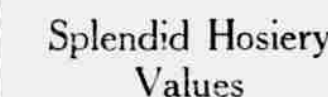
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