

HARDING ASKS PROBE OF GOVERNMENT CARE OF DISABLED VETS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Harding has decided to have an exhaustive investigation made of the manner in which the government is caring for disabled war veterans. Within a few days, it was announced at the White House, he will select a special committee to conduct the inquiry.

The president, it was said, is determined to lay the whole situation frankly before congress and the country for the purpose of correcting any abuses that may have developed. The investigators will be instructed to recommend legislation that in their opinion may be necessary to remedy the situation.

Five Attend Conference.

Decision to start an inquiry was reached by the president after he had conferred with Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, who served in France as a brigadier general in charge of the division of the procurement of supplies. National Commander Galbraith of the American Legion; Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian and ex-overseas officer; Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the navy department; and Mr. Harding's personal physician, Brigadier Commander C. E. Sawyer, who is conducting a survey of the government's public welfare agencies; all five had luncheon at the White House and discussed in detail with the president the soldier relief problem. Later they went over the situation with General Pershing at his home here.

No announcement was made as to the probable size or personnel of the committee, but it was indicated that no time will be lost in getting the inquiry under way.

The grounds for numerous complaints that disabled men have been denied government aid or have been improperly cared for after entering government hospitals will be determined by the investigation.

\$2,200 Maximum to Stand.

Through the investigation of the entire system of vocational training allowances to disabled war veterans is to be made by the vocational training board. Secretary Wallace, a member of the board, in a statement tonight indicated that the board's ruling, fixing a minimum of \$2,200 annually on payments to men receiving vocational training, would stand. This ruling is under fire from the American Legion and other veterans' organizations.

Secretary Wallace explained that the \$2,200 limit ruling affects about 100 or more men in government departments, who, with vocational training allowances receive up to \$4,000 per year from the government. It is this situation that the board dealt with in its order, made effective April 1.

That there are now 71,147 receiving vocational allowances as against 46,897 six months ago, was stated by Secretary Wallace.

Bird of Paradise



Florence Rockwell

The many adherents of the drama will rejoice to learn that the ever popular favorite, "The Bird of Paradise" will be seen at the Murray theater on Friday, April 8, matinee and night.

Richard Walton Tully's fascinating story of the Hawaiian Islands seems to have an everlasting appeal with theatergoers, the same people attending its presentation year after year. This will be its third visit to Richmond and its 10th road tour. Florence Rockwell, who has enacted the role of the Hawaiian princess for the past two years, will again play the title role. The same supporting company includes Robert Brister, Brandon Evans, Gertrude Walthers, Leo Curley, Rose Watson and the native singers and players.

The Theatres

WASHINGTON

Does a man love a girl merely for her exterior beauty, her paint and powder, her silks and satins, or does he care for the soul beneath all this? This is one of the interesting questions discussed in Mae Murray's newest Paramount picture, "The Gilded Lily," which is the attraction at the Washington theatre. One man takes one attitude and another takes the other, over Lillian Drake (Mae Murray), a dancer, and the scenario writer has given her decision interestingly. Lowell Sherman heads a clever supporting cast.

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COLUMBUS, March 28.—Discontinuance of salary bonuses to state employees was advocated by Governor Davis Saturday.

As a substitute for the salary bonus, the governor favors the setting aside by the state emergency board of a fund to be reserved for special cases where salary adjustments "are demanded by fairness and justice."

Abandonment of the bonus plan, he believes, should be accompanied by elimination of unnecessary positions in the various state departments.

During the 18 months' period, ending June 30, next, the bonus system will have cost Ohio taxpayers nearly \$1,100,000, the governor pointed out. This bonus has been paid state employees at the rate of \$20 per month each. The governor recalled that this plan was authorized by the last state legislature under emergency conditions, arising from the recent world war, which no longer exists.

Governor Davis expressed the conviction that there are many state employees whose services can be dispensed with, and that many others are not entitled to the \$20 monthly bonus in excess of their regular salaries.

"Of course, there are those whose salaries, with the bonus cut off, would be insufficient for supporting their families, and would inadequately compensate them for the services they render the state," the governor said. "Special provisions, necessarily, must be made for them."

New Paris, O.

NEW PARIS, O.—Frank Hawley, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cross and son, W. D. Cross, motored to West Alexandria Sunday, where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Motter....Mrs. Ernest Clerke, of Cincinnati, is spending several days with her father, Dr. C. M. Wilcox....Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Royer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lichtenfels Sunday....Twenty members of the Lookout class of the Christian Sunday school enjoyed a dish supper at the home of Miss Pet Weland recently. Games and contests, and several initiations made the evening an enjoyable one....Misses Gertrude Barney and Helen Duffield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Barney Wednesday evening....Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright have returned to their home after spending the winter in Florida....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander and Miss Bessie McCarty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clingenpeel and family Sunday....Mrs. Clingenpeel returned with them for a short visit....Misses Florence and Louise Marshall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bragg Sunday....New Paris people were shocked Friday, to hear of the death and burial of Frank H. Young, superintendent of the schools of Richwood, O., the result of a nervous breakdown. Mr. Young held the position of superintendent in the local schools during the term of 1916-1917, and had many friends in the township....Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hughes and family moved Friday, to the tenant house situated on the John O'Dea farm. The house on Cherry street, vacated by them, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McCullly and family....Mr. and Mrs. James A. King, Mr. and Mrs. George Bogan and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sherer, who have been spending several months in southern California, arrived recently. While there, the party visited Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Gabriel and Capistrano Missions, Catalina Island, Pasadena, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, and many other places of interest to tourists and travellers....Mrs. Anna Burkh, who has been spending the winter with Chicago relatives, returned Friday, accompanied by her son, Charles Burkh, who spent the weekend with her. Another son, H. W. Burkh, of Dayton, was a guest Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heermann of Cincinnati, spent a few days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kirkpatrick. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baumgardner and daughter, Lois, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baumgardner Sunday.

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GERMANS PASSIVE IN CITIES OCCUPIED BY ALLIES



German residents watching British troops in square at Duisburg, Germany.

German residents in the German cities now held by the allied troops are

causing little trouble, according to dispatches. The troops are a

matter of curiosity to those who

had not come in contact with

them during the war.

Committees of the men members of

the First English Lutheran church

who are arranging a banquet which

will be served as a courtesy to the

women of the congregation Tuesday

night, will meet at the church Monday

night to complete arrangements for

the event.

The principal speakers will be President Rees Tullus of Wittenberg college, with an address on "What the World Needs," and Secretary of State Jackson, who will speak on "Christian Service."

The committees follow:

Arrangements—Dr. F. W. Krueger.

B. C. Bartel, E. M. Haas.

Kitchen—R. R. Vansant, Ed Voss, Charles Wettig.

Kitchen helpers—Ed Feltman, Will Klobenberg, William Bartler, William Kuter.

Waiters—Emmett Bartel, headwait-

George Woehrley, Oliver P. Nusbaum.

George Robe, Clyde Gardner, Will Romeo, Gus Sudhoff, Karl Eggemeyer, Everett Ackerman, Gus Hafner.

Ushers—John Eggemeyer, Henry Deuker, Frank Hauer, Henry Knobenberg, Fred Shaw, Robert Morris.

Reception—George H. Eggemeyer, John Bartel, Roy Taylor, Evert Knobenberg.

Decoration—Howard Grotendick, Roland Nusbaum, Frank Hauer, Oliver Rohe.

MONTPELIER DEBATER WINS

HARTFORD CITY, March 28.—George Hizer, a representative of the Montpelier high school, won the joint debate here and will represent the high schools of the county in the district debate at Wabash, April 8.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes

—Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known

Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

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