

FULL PAY AND ALL SERVICE ALLOWANCES FOR U. S. SOLDIERS HELD AS PRISONERS

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY'S RULING DOES NOT INCLUDE MEMBERS OF NURSE CORPS, ARMY FIELD CLERKS, AND OTHER CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES— FULL TEXT OF DECISION.

The Treasury Department authorizes publication of the following:

Washington.—The Honorable the Secretary of War—Sir: I received your request of July 5, 1918, for a decision of questions propounded by the acting quartermaster general of the army as follows:

"(1) Are commissioned officers and enlisted men of the regular army, national army, the national guard and commissioned officers of the officers' reserve corps, and enlisted men of the enlisted reserve corps, entitled to pay while held as prisoners of war by an enemy nation?"

"(2) Are the officers and enlisted men named in question 1 above entitled to pay during the period for which they may be reported as 'missing' in action?"

"(3) Are members of the army nurse corps, field clerks, or other civilian employes of the war department, entitled to pay while held as prisoners of war by an enemy nation, or for the period for which they may be reported as 'missing'?"

"(4) Should an enemy nation at war with the United States make payments of a stipulated amount as monthly pay to commissioned officers of the United States held prisoners of war under an agreement to be reached between the United States and such nations, will the amount so paid such officers by enemy nations be deducted from pay due them for the period of their captivity or will such officers be entitled to receive from a disbursing officer of the war department the full amount of their monthly pay and allowances without regard to the amount they may receive as pay and allowances from an enemy nation while held as prisoners of war?"

Section 14 of the act of March 30, 1814 (3 Stat., 115), provides:

"That every noncommissioned officer and private of the army or officer, noncommissioned officer and private of any militia or volunteer corps in the service of the United States, who has been or who may be captured by the enemy, shall be entitled to receive during his captivity, notwithstanding the expiration of his term of service, the same pay, subsistence, and allowance to which he may be entitled while in the actual service of the United States; but this provision shall not be construed to entitle any prisoner of war of such militia corps to any pay or compensation after the date of his parole, except the traveling expenses allowed by law."

This provision has been embodied in the revised statutes, section 1288, as follows:

"Every noncommissioned officer and private of the regular army, and every officer, noncommissioned officer and private of any militia or volunteer corps in the service of the United States who is captured by the enemy, shall be entitled to receive during his captivity, notwithstanding the expiration of his term of service, the same pay, subsistence and allowance to which he may be entitled while in the actual service of the United States; but this provision shall not be construed to entitle any prisoner of war of such militia corps to any pay or compensation after the date of his parole, except the traveling expenses allowed by law."

The act of June 3, 1916 (39 Stat., 166), provides:

"That the army of the United States shall consist of the regular army, the volunteer army, the officers' reserve corps, the enlisted reserve corps, the national guard while in the service of the United States, and such other land forces as are now or may hereafter be authorized by law."

The language of section 1288 is broad enough to warrant the inclusion of commissioned officers and en-

listment which could govern as a precedent, unless these conditions are known.

The fourth question submitted involves a decision of matters pertaining to and dependent on an agreement not now in existence, and should be definitely decided only when such a condition arises. An answer if made at this time must be confined to the general statement that it is not the policy or the practice of the government in matters of pay to render a double duplicate payment for any service in its contract of employment.

Undoubtedly conditions have arisen, and will continue to arise in the present war which are not provided for by statutory enactment, and which urgently call for legislation, but until such is accomplished, the questions submitted, and all future questions can only be decided, in so far as decision can be rendered, upon the laws now in force.

Light on some of the questions submitted would be afforded if the terms of the Hague convention had been ratified and put in operation by Germany and Austria-Hungary, the countries with which the United States are at war, article XVII of the convention of 1907, declaring that "officers taken prisoners shall receive the same rate of pay as officers of corresponding rank in the country where they are detained, the amount to be ultimately refunded by their own government," but until there shall be such ratification that article can not have application in deciding the questions.

Respectfully,
W. W. WARWICK, Comptroller.

Next War Time.

The suburban housekeeper was again busy with her washday and had been busy all over town to get another load of wash. She called her Monday maid and every other day for that matter. This woman did not care to wash her clothes in a large laundry, for she had just had put in a new washing outfit in the basement. As a last resort she called up a woman on the telephone who had done her washing the summer before.

"Mary," she said, "would you come around some time next week to do my washing? I'll give you \$2."

"Go on, Miss White," responded colored Mary. "I am havin' my washin' taken out now!"—Indianapolis News.



"Bear" In Mind
CERVA
The World's Best Beverage

Banishes thirst.
Puts vigor into digestion.
Non-intoxicating.
A remarkable soft drink with the good taste of hops.
Absolutely pure.

At grocers', at druggists', in fact, at all places where good drinks are sold.



LEMP Manufacturers ST. LOUIS
EVERETT COOK
Distributor
Alliance, Nebraska

Home Town Helps

GOOD TREE FLOWER BASKET

Latest Idea in Outdoor Ornament Will Help Enhance Attractiveness of Any Place.

A feature which has been termed "The Tree Flower Basket" is one of the latest things presented in the western part of this country for the beautifying of the home property. The owner of the home place knows that almost any kind of flower holders, if they are put to work, serve to add to the appearance of the property. Furthermore, where a novelty, in the way of a flower basket, such as is seen in the accompanying illustration, is erected, it does more than merely serve to enhance the attractiveness of the place—it adds individuality to the dwelling.

Surely this feature adds the "individual" touch to the home fit adorns. Altogether there are eight trees that



By Nailing a Few Branches of Equal Length Around the Trunk of a Tree, Fastening Them Together With Wire, and Lining With Moss, an Attractive Tree Flower Basket is Formed.

have been treated in this manner, these running along the parkway beside this home. The idea is especially valuable when used in connection with trees that have tall, plain trunks, for the little baskets serve to break the trunk's plainness.

These baskets are simple in construction and inexpensive. A number of branches are cut in uniform length; palm branches being used in this instance, and the length being 18 inches. These are arranged around the tree about three inches apart and are held in position by wires run around their lower ends, fastening them tightly to the tree. A lining such as moss is then secured for the baskets, after which earth is placed in them. Flowers can then be planted in the earth. While many kinds of flowers may be grown in these baskets, vines and ferns which hang down against the trunk of the tree are very acceptable.—World's Advance.

How About Your Roof?

A city may have the reputation of being a "clean town," and its citizens may be prone to boast of this fact, but nearly any "clean town" would lose self-respect if seen as the workers in the upper ozone view it. If your office happens to be located on one of the upper floors of a tall building, take a look at your town and see what you think of it. Look down and see the dirty alleys, roofs littered with everything from old lumber to paper, tin cans and cheap signs. Awful, isn't it? Now go up and examine your roof. There must be a man higher up, and, too, aviators are a discriminating class.—Building Magazine.

Neighborhood Parks Needed.

All of our cities need more small neighborhood parks. The masses must have breathing places and small parks or squares best meet these requirements. The development of cities should be controlled by the municipalities, and no tract put on the market except a small area for a park is first donated to the city. This is a justifiable hold-up. There should be a neighborhood park within ten minutes brisk walk of every home. All should have an educational value for the district school and general public, therefore each tree or shrub should be labeled with proper and scientific name and country of nativity.

For Next Year's Garden.

Why not start a good lot of hardy perennials if you have a cold frame in which to winter the plants? Any sort of a crude frame will do; if you haven't glass covers, boards or mats will do. Nearly all the hardy perennials can be sown at this time and will flower next season; they simply require some very light protection over the winter. This is also the accepted time to sow those two showy biennials, the foxglove (Digitalis) and cup and saucer (Campanula). Winter in a frame and set out in very early spring.—Harper's Bazar.

HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backsachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salts.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Get quick results by advertising in THE HERALD WANT Ad Department.

**Speak Slowly
When You
Telephone**



Never before has the demand been so insistent for speed in telephone service.

In days like these, when things are done in a great rush, there is a tendency on the part of telephone users to attempt to hurry their calls and give numbers rapidly. Some people ask for numbers so hurriedly the operators cannot understand them correctly and time is lost repeating the call.

In order to conserve your time it is urged that undue haste in telephoning be avoided. Always call the numbers slowly and distinctly and talk directly into the telephone.



NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Save Food
Buy War Savings Stamps
and Liberty Bonds



Ford
The Universal Car

Another Car Load of

Fordson Tractors

Can be secured about September 1st. Orders must be signed before tractors can be secured. The contracts must be signed and in De Moines before delivery will be made. Any one who wishes a tractor for the fall work should have their order at the garage not later than August 1st.

HERMOLINE OIL

recommended by Henry Ford for the Fordson Tractors and Ford cars. This is a high grade oil suitable for all Tractors. On sale in small lots or barrels at

FORD GARAGE

COURSEY & MILLER



Insure Your Tractor Investment

Keep your tractor properly lubricated and it will serve you long and well. It will give you bigger returns from your labor and fuel—bigger crops and a bigger share in winning the war.

STANOLIND Gas Engine Tractor Oil

exactly meets the severe lubricating conditions that arise when you burn kerosene or other heavy fuel in your tractor engine. Follow your tractor manufacturer's directions and use this real tractor oil that keeps compression tight, saves cylinder wear and gives adequate, even lubrication most economically.

Use Stanolind Gas Engine Tractor Oil and you will insure your tractor investment.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(Nebraska) OMAHA