

**AMERICAN LEGION NOTES**

Hundreds of medals, decorations and citations, intended for veterans of the world war, but undelivered because of insufficient or improper addresses, are in the hands of the adjutant general of the army, who has appealed to the American Legion to assist in finding their owners.

There is, for example, a handsomely engraved citation from the Italian government, made out simply to "Frantz." One medal of the Black Star of France, awarded to a certain American lieutenant, has made several trips across the continent, but has been returned each time unclaimed. The greater part of the recognitions of bravery are from allied governments and societies.

Former service men, entitled to the awards, are asked to write to the adjutant general, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., giving their name, rank, organization, army serial number and the incident or service for which they think the recognition was made.

A letter of congratulations has been received by F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, from the French War Veterans society of America, in reference to the Legion head's determined stand against the efforts of German propagandists to drive a wedge between this country and France. "To a campaign of systematic calumny you made the only kind of reply which it was fitting to make and the 'pollus' approve it and thank you," the letter states. The Indiana state senate passed a resolution commending the Legion's fight against the Boche-campaign.

The talk on Americanization which B. G. Westover, member of the Lincoln post of the American Legion, was not permitted to deliver at the German Lutheran church at Emerald, was given to a Lincoln audience at the annual chaplain's night in the Emmanuel Methodist church. In introducing the speaker, Chaplain Harold C. Capsey said: "This man has been trying for some time to break into a church to make a speech." Mr. Westover roundly scored the non-patriotic group who are spreading German and other foreign propaganda, and outlined the Legion's part in the great Americanization program. The Germanic language group at Emerald, in refusing to allow the Legion representative to speak in the church after an invitation had been extended, aided in drawing attention to similar conditions throughout the state, according to American Legion officials, and assisted materially in securing the amendment to the Norval bill in the legislature as to strengthen existing language laws.

The fact that there are yet thousands of former service men who have claims against the government for compensation and other assistance, is revealed as a result of a service contest among Illinois American Legion posts, in which more than 24,000 new claims have been filed. The contest started on armistice day under the auspices of a Chicago newspaper. Similar Legion campaigns to obtain just compensation for the disabled are in progress in Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and many other Legion departments.

A summer camp for disabled service men at the state fair grounds is being considered by the recently formed Lincoln chapter of the Disabled Veterans of the World War. The organization consists of over thirty of the 160 veterans who are receiving compensation or training from the government, and is putting on a campaign to enroll all the eligible men, in which it is receiving support from the local post of the American Legion, the state university, the federal board of vocational training, the bureau of war risk insurance and other agencies.

The American Legion band of Lincoln recently played a Sunday afternoon concert for the inmates of the state hospital for insane. Band Leader John Passtor, formerly of the famous 355th Infantry band, is now an employee of the hospital. Band members agreed to play after being assured that the hospital authorities would "let them out again."

The click of the bones was heard in the headquarters of the New Orleans American Legion employment and service bureau.

"Uu, little Joe, get your papa that job!" The dice rolled noisily on the cement floor.

There are so many more men than jobs that the choice between veterans with similar qualifications has to be entrusted to the ivory cubes, Legion officials explained.

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**Nebraska Legion Favors Ali-American Meeting in New York**

The American Legion of Nebraska has sent its greetings and its endorsement of the great-All-American mass meeting to be held under the leadership of the Legion at Madison Square Garden, New York, on March 18, as an answer and a national demonstration against the revival of German propaganda activities in the United States, it was announced by Frank B. O'Connell, state adjutant of the Legion.

Col. F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the Legion has been placed in charge of arrangements for the meeting by a committee representing fifty patriotic, civic, fraternal, professional and labor organizations. Colonel Galbraith has sent word to Robert G. Simmons, state commander of the Nebraska Legion, that the meeting will be the "mightiest patriotic demonstration that America has witnessed since the armistice." Telegrams will be read from every state in the union. On behalf of the ex-service men of Nebraska, Robert G. Simmons has wired Colonel Galbraith as follows: "Twenty thousand Legionnaires in Nebraska stand squarely behind national organization of the American Legion in combating any attempt to restore the German to his pre-war status in America. The Department of Nebraska endorses patriotic demonstration to be held in New York City March 18. America must be constantly on guard. This department extends to you as national commander, invitation to hold such a meeting in this state, providing sufficient time can be had to properly arrange the same and do necessary advertising."

"ROBERT G. SIMMONS." There has been nothing like it since the wave of patriotic ardor enveloped the nation following our declaration of war against Germany. It marks the spontaneous beginning of a great All-American counter-offensive against enemy propaganda which is sweeping America. It is the natural reaction from the national wave of resentment which swept the country in the wake of the exposure by the American Legion of the projected revival of German propaganda efforts in this country the insidious objects of which were to estrange the United States and those nations which were our comrades in arms in war, and the restoration to its place of former power and influence in our national affairs of the powerful pro-German machine of which Herr von Bernstorff and others made such good use in the imperial cause before we entered the war. The cards are on the table now. The disloyalists have stated their cause and America has made its answer.

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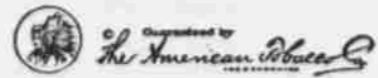
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