

Rehabilitation Red Tape Scored By Legionaire

Co-Ordinated System for Car-ing for War Victims Neces-sary to Avoid Suffering, Chairman Says.

By COLONEL ABEI DAVIS, Chairman of the Committee on Hospital-ization and Vocational Training of the American Legion.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Beneath the soil of France and Flanders and our own land there have been laid to rest nearly 100,000 of the flower of our nation, whose memory we cherish, believing that they have not died in vain.

But thousands have come back maimed, wounded, insane, tubercular, aged in their youth. Moved to sublime heights, the republic declared it would not rest until as far as possible, these heroes were restored to health, rehabilitated, assisted financially while unable to maintain themselves and their families, and finally made self-supporting. What has actually happened?

Over nearly \$300,000,000 expended annually, ostensibly for their benefit, our maimed and disabled, with occasional exceptions, are scattered through inefficient, ill-equipped, private and public hospitals, poor houses and institutions for the criminal insane and shamefully neglected. The work of rehabilitation has been unscientific and incomplete.

Operation Slow.

The operation of compensation is slow and unsatisfactory.

The public health service looks after the hospitalized soldiers, the federated board for vocational education trains the disabled soldier; the bureau of war risk insurance looks after the compensation of ex-service men.

The result is that men who need hospitalization, compensation and vocational training are treated by three separate, distinct and totally unco-ordinated governmental agencies, just as though each case was three separate cases.

Each bureau has its own involved system and, when the activities try to do business with one another, they speedily become tangled up in their own red tape, to the detriment and suffering of the subject of their concern. Men who, undaunted by wire entanglements, braved the enemy shot and shell and paid the price, found it easy compared with getting through the tape entangle-ments.

80,000 Applications Pending.

At the time of last inquiry (June 1) there were pending in the war risk insurance bureau 80,000 applica-tions. There are hundreds of in-stances of men in hospitals who have been waiting for a decision for a year or longer.

The papers do not quite satisfy the apothecary and tape measure ex-perts in Washington; and the doctor who has examined him, or who is attending him, is not present when his papers are examined by the bureau at Washington.

There are many instances of record where the man died while his application for compensation was pending.

Let us consider another phase of the situation no less important: A man receiving compensation while in the hospital makes sufficient recovery to receive vocational education, and soon as he becomes a charge of the board of vocational education, he ceases to be a charge of the bureau of war risk insurance, the latter bu-reau drops his compensation and he is supposed thereafter to draw com-pensation from the board of voca-tional training. Hundreds of cases may be cited where months have elapsed during which the man had been deprived of his compensation while he was being taken off one pay roll and put on another.

New Scheme on Trial.

Only within the last month, after a two years' barrage by the Ameri-can Legion, has an executive order been issued co-ordinating the activi-ties of the public health service and the bureau of war risk insurance. The scheme is being tried out now, but legislation will be required be-fore there is actual consolidation.

The American Legion and the Dawes committee submitted to the president a plan for unified activities embracing all the present activities, to be in charge of a director general with broad authority and powers.

The plan recommended war risk field decentralization so that a dis-abled man can have the most trying phys-ical drill ever devised by a Swede, or anyone else, to bring the marines who have experienced it.

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Lightning Strips Clothes From Shepherd; He Escapes Paris, June 26.—A bolt of light-ning completely stripped Louis Mar-tin, a shepherd, who was caught in a thunderstorm in the mountains near Levens, but he escaped with only a few burns.

Eleven Fiances Await Her



Who are the 11 men, New York is asking, whose ardent suits have won Miss Virginia Lee's "Yes" and who expect on her return from abroad to become her husband? Undulant, slender-hewed Miss Lee, whom Howard Chandler Christy enthused over as "the ideal Christy girl," has confessed to friends in Paris that she is afraid to return "because I've got 11 fiances, and they'll all be waiting at the pier." But none of her friends can list the entire 11. And perhaps their names will remain a mystery until her vessel docks. Miss Lee was born in Mexico City and educated in New Orleans.

George M. Cohan Leaves Stage After 25 Years

Closed Shop Policy of Equity Association Causes Comedian to Retire—Bids Broadway Good-Bye.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, June 26.—George M. Cohan said goodbye to Broadway.

For the last time he appeared in "The Tavern" at the Hudson theater, and the Friars and all the rest of the famous actor were there.

Retiring after 25 years on the stage because of the closed shop policy of the Actors' Equity association, Cohan today wrote his farewell to friends as "dear old fond Broadway."

"Just a few words before I leave. Thanks a thousand times for all you've done for me and mine," he wrote.

"I've certainly enjoyed my visit and I intend to tell the folks back home all about the good time you gave me and how much I appreciate your many kindnesses.

"I don't suppose the folks will know me back home now that my hair is gray. I was a blonde when I first met you. Do you remember how I used to look? That hat cocked on the side of the head, the plaid vest and the cream-colored dancing shoes. And, oh! yes, the 'switch cane'!

"Take good care of children of the theater while I'm away, kid, and don't let them play too hard and tire themselves all out. In case they break the toy, (the closed shop) and start crying, take my advice, Broadway, and don't scold them too hard.

"Is the meantime, good-bye Broadway, take care of yourself."

Physicians registered include: Dr. E. Pfeiffer, Nelson; Dr. C. E. Barr, Tilden; Dr. R. C. Richards, New castle; Dr. R. B. Campbell, Frank-lin; Dr. R. H. Sawyer, Lincoln; Dr. C. E. Protzman, Garland; Dr. R. H. Burrell, Creighton; Dr. H. A. Briggs, Paxton; Dr. A. R. Downing, Merna; Dr. R. F. Mullen, Bellwood; Dr. O. H. Margaret, Papillion; Dr. A. W. Hawkins, Omaha; Dr. C. A. Lay, Wahoo.

Among the faculty of the medical school giving instruction for the week are Dr. B. B. Davis, Dr. John E. Summers, Dr. LeRoy Crummer, Dr. W. N. Anderson, Dr. John F. Allen, Dr. G. A. Young, Dr. C. A. Hull, Dr. E. W. Christie, Dr. F. Con-ling, Dr. J. Goetz, Dr. J. C. Keegan, Dr. C. R. Kennedy, Dr. J. C. Moore, Dr. J. R. Nilsson, Dr. C. W. Pollard, Dr. George Pratt, Dr. C. O. Rich, Dr. R. D. Schrock, Dr. A. C. Stokes, Dr. R. C. Tomlinson.

Post-Graduate Medicine Course of University Is Proving Popular

The post-graduate course for practitioners in medicine being given at the University of Nebraska college of medicine and hospital is proving most popular. A series of courses, covering physical diagnosis, diseases of the stomach and intestines, frac-tures and neurological examinations, are being given. In addition, there are medical and surgical clinics daily and demonstrations covering cases of interest from the out-patient depart-ment of the hospital.

Portly Congressmen Reduce In House Gym By Drills

Washington, June 25.—The con-gressional belt measure is expected shortly to undergo drastic reductions if present plans continue to progress.

Under the rasping voice of a marine corps physical instructor, fresh from his duties of putting the leathernecks through their paces, members of congress daily twist through the throes of the famous Swedish drill, the most trying phys-ical drill ever devised by a Swede, or anyone else, to bring the marines who have experienced it.

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Baptists Would Suppress Dance, Censor Movies

Committee Outlines Extensive Program of Social Reform—Warns Against Prohibition Let-Up.

Des Moines, Ia., June 26.—Sup-pression of dance halls as a menace to the moral life of the nation and a "united strike on moving pictures by church people" was advocated by the social service committee in its annual report to the Northern Baptist convention here.

A far-reaching program of social reform, including national as well as international relations, was outlined by the committee.

Recommendations provided that there be a continuance of the temperance education and amendment to the Volstead act to make easy the enforcement of the law; that there be vigorous supervision of dance halls and moving pictures and, if nec-essary, the elimination of the dance halls; that the social service work among the Baptist churches be ex-tended so amusement features in the church may be included to keep young people from following the degenerate trend; that there be a re-duction of the crushing burden of taxation included in the program of armaments and the declaration of a naval holiday between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and that there be formal action by the United States to limit the sale of liquor by American citizens in China and other non-Christian countries.

The following persons were chosen, without opposition, to serve during the coming term as members of the Northern Baptist board of education:

Mrs. F. W. Ayer of Camden, N. J.; Professor E. D. Burton of Chi-cago, Rev. E. R. Curry of Bozeman, Mont., Professor E. I. Price of Chi-cago, Professor Henry E. Robins of Rochester, N. Y., A. L. Scott of Newton Center, Mass., Rev. Dr. H. F. Stillwell, Cleveland, O., Rev. Dr. F. M. Goodchild of New York City and C. R. Brock of Denver, Colo.

Messages of appreciation were sent to President Harding, Secretary of Labor Davis and Secretary of State Hughes thanking them for the fraternal greetings.

Snake and Lizards Now Stylish Mascots in London

London, June 25.—Reptilian mas-cots are the latest fad of fashion.

The familiar lap dog will soon have to look to its laurels, for snakes, chameleons and other lizards are being carried by women when they walk or drive.

Pythons, boas and alligators, which are stocked by many of the larger London stores, are, too, out-ing the domestic cat from the hearth-rug, and there is no doubt that the keeping of harmless reptiles is be-coming a fashionable hobby.

Hatchet Women Hurt When Replace Men As Wreckers

Smith Center, Kan., June 25.—The men folks were too slow in tearing down a frame church building that had been superseded by a new struc-ture. Women members of the con-gregation armed with hammers, hatchets and crowbars flocked in to do the work. After one day's work the casualties included three wrench-ed backs, eight pinched toes and 11 smashed fingers. Mrs. Walter Lewis was the most seriously in-jured. She struck at a nail with her hammer and broke her nose.

Three-Year-Old Girl Falls Into Water Tank and Drowns

Deshler, Neb., June 26.—(Special Telegram).—Gladys, 3, daughter of Emil Ehlers, living east of Deshler, fell into a water tank and was drowned. A 5-year-old sister discov-ered the body and carried it to the house. A doctor was called, but all efforts to restore respiration failed.

Girls of Today All Right, Pastor Tells Pioneers

Reminiscences of Early Days Fly Thick and Fast At Old Settlers' Picnic.

"The young girls of today are all right. Let them shorten their skirts if they want to. Their grand-mothers were bothered with seven feet of train on their skirts."

Two score and more years have passed since most of the members of the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers, who gathered at Miller park Saturday, set foot on Nebraska soil. There were many white heads, and many more that were gray, yet these early settlers laughed and applauded when Rev. Robert L. Wheeler defended the younger generation.

"There is nothing in the world like home," continued Rev. Mr. Wheeler. "There was a time when it was considered a fine thing to have a home and babies. Most of you women can remember when you used to patch your aprons with flour sacks. But you were happy because you had your home and babies."

Aristocracy Wrong.

"I maintain the aristocracy of to-day which says the poodle dog is as good as the baby is all wrong."

Reminiscences of hardships and pleasures of early life in Nebraska flew thick and fast among these pioneer folk, who were enjoying their 15th annual picnic. Time apparently had softened the memories, for there was many a merry laugh at tales of hardship and misfortune of those early days.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, who was one of the principal speakers, told how, after a year or so in Nebraska, he and his young bride planned to go back east. Then came a great hail storm, which wiped out his entire wheat crop, and the trip was for-saken, he said.

Tells of Disappointment.

His voice shook as he told of the disappointment of the brave young wife who had followed him into the wilderness, and the elderly men and women in his audience, who them-

German Burglar Imitates Houdini Without Success

Brother Locks Him in Trunk With Burglar Tools to Rob Express Car—Officers Find Him.

Berlin, June 26.—"Spectacular methods in burglary are all right for the movies, but after this I am going to stick to the safe and sane old-fashioned second-story-man rules," sighed Max Arndt, after his attempt to rob an express car by an amateur Houdini trunk act landed him in jail. Max and Paul Arndt, Burglars Ltd., conceived the idea of Max permit-ting himself to be locked into a good-sized wardrobe trunk, accom-ppanied by a full set of burglar tools. Brother Paul then shipped Max from the Berlin railroad station to Span-dan. It was agreed that during the trip Max was to open the trunk, step out and rob the other trunks in the express car.

It might have worked smoothly, except that the Arndt brothers forgot to take the precaution of boring a couple of holes in the trunk for air. Before Max could liberate him-self he had exhausted the air in the trunk and fainted. Railroad officials became suspicious because of the weight of the baggage and forced it open. When Max had been resuscitated he stepped out smilingly and bowed, with the announcement that he was a vaudeville artist trying out a new Houdini trick.

He might have gotten away with the sleight-of-hand alibi, but his black magic didn't include a chapter on hiding burglars' kits up his sleeve, and he was told to tell it to the judge. Max did. So did Paul. The judge told them they might continue their legedemain, with a year's course in the penitentiary.

Buses Supplant Railroads.

Albany, Ga., June 26.—As a re-sult of curtailed train service on main lines and suspended service of branch lines in southwest Georgia, autobus and motor-truck lines are fast supplanting railroad service. Bus line operators state there are more than 50 successful lines in operation in Georgia.

Laura Anson Here To Visit Friends

Divorcee of Former Omaha Dentist in Motion Pictures at Coast.

Laura Anson, who was divorced recently from Dr. John F. Anson, former Omaha dentist, in Los An-geles, is in Omaha for a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Huff, 5602 Farnam street.

Miss Anson declined to discuss her divorce. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kuhlman, are on the west coast at present and Miss Anson says she expects to return there soon.

Miss Anson has been in motion pictures in Los Angeles for some time. Her recent appearances on the screen have been with Fatty Arbuckle, Conrad Nagel, Mildred Harris and Dorothy Dalton. She has worked under the direction of Cecil B. DeMille.

Her visit to Omaha at this time was made possible, she declared, by the dull season in the motion pic-ture world. Other celebrities of the silver sheet with whom she has ap-peared in pictures include Bert Ly-tell, Mary Miles Minter, Thomas Meighan, Ethel Clayton and Wanda Hawley.

Miss Anson professes enthusiasm for the motion picture profession, "but it is fearfully hard work," she protests, telling of her trainings in elocution, pantomime, riding, dancing, swimming and fencing.

An air space in the bottom pre-vents anything being cooked in an aluminum kettle burning and stick-ing to the metal.

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Pineapple Cream Filling
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