

VETERAN BUREAU GROWING RAPIDLY

Billion a Year Concern, With Costs Mounting.

Washington.—Renewed agitation for the passage of legislation permitting World war veterans to borrow the remaining 50 per cent of the value of their bonus insurance certificates served to focus attention on the tremendous growth in recent years of the funds expended by the war veterans' administration.

Testimony delivered before the house appropriations committee by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, disclosed that the veterans' administration is now a billion dollars a year concern with expenditures still growing. His figures revealed that in 1933 the veterans' administrator expected to expend in excess of a billion dollars on administration of veterans' matters, payments to beneficiaries, on adjusted compensation certificates, hospitalization and other activities.

During the past twelve years the independent establishment handling veterans' matters has expanded by leaps and bounds until today it is estimated it will take 40,000 civilian employees to care for the interests of the hundreds of thousands of veterans now receiving aid from the government in one form or another. During the next fiscal year this department will utilize facilities at more than 300 hospitals and furnish beds for in excess of 63,000 patients.

Build New Hospitals.

With the approximately billion dollar appropriation, which it now seems assured of receiving, new hospitals will be built, new beds provided, approximately a million veterans given treatment of some kind, or funds for some particular reason, loans made to other veterans on bonus certificates, compensation paid to disabled veterans and salaries paid to the army of employees.

In event legislation is passed permitting the veterans to cash the full value of their compensation certificates another two billion dollars would be added to the sum which the veterans' administration would handle in the next few years.

The big items in the veterans' administration bill as requested for 1933 by General Hines follow:
Administration, medical, hospital and domiciliary services, \$116,000,000.

Army and navy pensions, \$225,000,000.
Adjusted service certificate fund, \$150,000,000.
Military and naval service, \$110,000,000.

In his budget message President Hoover asked \$1,000,399,000 for veterans' administration affairs, approximately one-fourth of the entire federal budget.

Of this sum \$150,000,000 was for use in making loans to veterans on their bonus certificates. The house appropriations committee cut this figure to \$94,237,795. Virtually no cut was made at all inasmuch as the \$50,000,000 reduction was effected by cutting down the figure for bonus payments with the definite understanding General Hines can go to congress to get this sum, if it is needed, in a deficiency bill next December.

As of December 31, 1931, 42,225 veterans whose hospitalization was authorized by the veterans' administration were receiving treatment. Three hundred and twenty-two hospitals were utilized: 64 by the administration itself, 218 belonging to state and civil institutions, 17 to the public health service, 16 to the United States navy, 7 to the United States army, and 2 to the Department of the Interior.

On December 21, 1931, the veterans' administration was afforded domiciliary care for 17,210 additional veterans. During the 1931 year the department treated 850,469 out patients and gave 2,148,432 physical examinations.

As of December 31, 1931, 318,114 veterans were receiving compensation for disability incurred in, resulting from, or aggravated by military service during the World war. Compensation was also being paid to the dependents of 97,543 veterans whose death occurred in, or resulted from service in the World war. The amount of compensation payments, depending upon the degree of disability, ranges from \$8 per month for a temporary partial condition to \$200 per month for what is known as a double permanent and total disability.

General Hines said the number of active awards for disability compensation has increased by 135,024 since June 20, 1923.

A big increase in the number of those receiving benefits for disability resulting from other than military and naval service was recorded last year.

CATS AND CANARIES

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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It takes a good deal to give a young person a thrill today. They are so fed up daily upon amusement that it is only the unusual and the extreme thing which can give them a sensation of delight or interest. Once a rag doll or a branch of a tree cut into the semblance of a horse would throw a child into an ecstasy of imagination and delight. Not so today. It requires a doll that can walk and speak French, or an electric train that lays down its own track as it rushes about the nursery to get even an ordinary rise out of a young child. The high school boy might once have been in the seventh heaven if he could own a bicycle, but he yawns today unless he can have a snappy high-powered motor car which will speed along at 75 miles an hour. It puzzles parents now to devise some new amusements for their children or to find something new and startling to give them.



Far be it from me to long for the "good old days." There were many things in our youth which were crude and inadequate, but our amusements were simple and rare enough to be appreciated when they came. There were the Fourth of July celebration in the summer, and the annual visit of the circus in the fall, and these two events were looked forward to with the keenest interest, and prepared for as well. The old buggy was washed up, and the harness greased, and the horses groomed to a high polish. We saved what little money we could get our hands on, made a date with the prettiest girl available and set out to have a glorious time. The anticipation and the two events in retrospect served us for six months at least.

In winter there were occasional parties, or dances at a neighbor's house. I noticed in the account of a recent social affair held in a nearby city that the favors presented to each guest at the dinner which followed the dance were Persian cats and canaries.

Our young people must be thrilled and amused at any cost!
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But the tawny untamable, like his

Street Ensemble



A smart street ensemble for spring is selected by Ann Harding, RKO-Radio star, in this black and white Hattie Carnegie model. The coat, of corded lightweight wool, sponsors the smart button trimming. The gown, of corded silk crepe, employs the fashionable scarf tied at the throat.

America's Youngest Grandmother



Through a contest conducted by a food store exposition held in Washington, the youngest grandmother in the United States has been found. She is Mrs. Louise Skelton of Potomac, Va., thirty-four years old; and she is shown in this photograph with her daughter, Mrs. Colene Acheson, seventeen, and her grandson, who is one year old.

WILDCAT BOUNTY ENRICHES TRAPPERS

Steel Traps Click Dollar Tunes Throughout Maine.

Augusta, Maine.—Steel traps have clicked a cash register song throughout the state of Maine during the past year, reducing the number of wildcats by nearly 1,000 and enriching the trappers to the extent of nearly \$15,000.

The forest felines, wildest of the wild creatures sought by sportsmen, as elusive as shadows when stalked by the man with a gun, have suffered heavy casualties in traps because of a weakness which they share with humans—the desire for something for nothing.

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Changing to Pitcher



Mark Koenig, who has played shortstop for the New York Yankees in three world's series and is now with the Detroit Tigers, has started the extraordinary move of making a pitcher of himself. Manager Stanley Harris thinks he will make an efficient hurler.

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Use of Concrete

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Shoe Repair Champ



The shoe repair shop of Anthony Rizzo in Painesville, Ohio, was filled with flowers the other day after the reception of a telegram from New York announcing that Anthony, or Tony, as his friends know him, had been chosen national champion shoe repairman at the fifth annual shoe repairers' and dealers' exposition. Each contestant submitted three pairs of shoes, one shoe of each pair in the original state of wear and the other repaired in the contestant's best manner. Tony comes from a cobbler's family. His grandfather had a little shop in Palermo, Italy, many years ago. Tony's father learned the trade and came to America and settled in Mount Morris, N. Y., where Tony began his apprenticeship at six.

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THE MALE RHEA HATCHES THE EGGS...

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GABBY GERTIE



"Girls who go out to get the fresh air and sun generally get the fresh sun and hair."
Fox Hides in Chimney
Llanthony, England.—Br'er Fox, hard pressed by the hounds, swam the Severn, and then bolted into a private house, here and ran up the chimney.

