

ILLINOIS PAYMENTS TO WAR VETERANS

HUGE TOTAL DISBURSED

Final Report of Service Recognition Board Shows Result of Four Years of Work; Costs Nominal

Illinois has disbursed a total of \$55,073,438.50 to the veterans of the World War in service from this state between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918. A total of 286,643 claims were acted upon by the Service Recognition board, and of this number 267,537 were allowed as coming under the provisions of the Illinois Bonus Act. Final report of the Service Recognition board is made public today by Government Len Small, chairman; Garrett De Kinney, treasurer, and Adjutant General Carlos E. Black, secretary of the board. The report is most exhaustive, giving a complete history of the bonus payments in Illinois.

Four Years of Work
The Service Recognition board of Illinois was given the duty of distributing to the Illinois soldiers of the World War compensation totalling \$55,000,000 which was apportioned to service at the rate of 50 cents a day for each day's service, with a minimum of sixty days, and the maximum payment of \$300.

The report is a compilation of four years of laborious work on the part of the members of the Service Recognition board and office personnel, in a conscientious effort to place in the hands of every Illinois soldier of the World War, or his legal heir, the amount apportioned from the \$55,000,000 bond issue as his monetary recognition of service.

Administrative Costs Nominal
Report of the Service Recognition board shows the administrative costs were nominal. Premium of \$201,686 was received on the sale of the \$55,000,000 in bonds authorized, making a total of \$55,201,686 received from all sources. Claims totalling \$55,073,

438.50 were paid to claimants, leaving a balance of \$128,247.50 on hand. But for the fact the bonds were sold at a premium it would have been impossible to meet all claims.

There was appropriated by the legislature a total of \$633,090 to meet the cost of administering the act, which proved more than amply by reason of the guarding of expenditures. This cost is placed at \$602,397.48, leaving a balance of \$30,692.52. The total cost of bonus paid to claimants and the expense of administration is \$55,675,835.98. The average cost of handling each claim was \$2.10, as shown by the official audit of the books.

Use for Balance
Under the act of the Fifty-fifth General assembly providing for the termination of the Service Recognition board all of the books, records and documents of the board are transferred to the office of Adjutant General Carlos E. Black for safe keeping and for the further administration of the act. Under section 10 of the termination act it is provided that after all payments have been made, any money remaining in the soldiers' compensation fund in the state treasury, may be expended for any form of relief for veterans in the war with Germany, or their families that the general assembly may specify and direct.

TO HELP HOME BUYER TO WORK OUT PROBLEM

Carnegie Corporation Appropriates Fund for Research in This Line

The Carnegie corporation of New York has appropriated to the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities of Northwestern University \$37,500 to make available for distribution the researches of the institute, President Walter Dill Scott announced yesterday.

This sum will be used primarily to work out the problem of how the man earning a living in the city may acquire a home, according to Dr. Henry C. Taylor, research associate in the institute. "The percentage of tenancy in the cities is very high," said Dr. Taylor,

"and an effort will be made through this research to show the way to climb the ladder from tenancy to ownership through the gradual process of saving. It involves the whole question of credit and taxes as they bear upon the problem."

Dr. Richard T. Ely, director of the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities, will devote a large part of his time to this research. He will be assisted by Coleman Woodbury, Rhodes scholar, who returned recently from Oxford university. A course in housing will be given by Dr. Ely next semester in connection with the work.

TELEPHONE IS FROM GREEK WORD; MEANING

Term "Tele" Originally Meant "Distant," but Now Seems To Indicate "Near"

The word "tele" comes from the Greek. Originally it meant "far" or "distant," but in the modern meaning of the word it has come to mean "near."

The telebolos or shouting orator of the Greeks, whose range was limited only by the power of his voice, has been succeeded by the telephone which brings near the voice of the party far away. The teleskopos for the far-seeing observer of the Greeks has been replaced by the telescope, which brings far off objects near at hand. Then there was also the telemachos or far-casting bow, the telepompes, or the man who had visited far lands, the telekleitos or far-famed hero and the telegonos or far-born foreigner.

The telephone, the telegraph and the telescope, however, have entirely altered the meaning of the original Greek word "tele." Last of all comes television which, allied with the telephone, completely annihilates distances so that both the object and the voice are brought near at hand, even though they are hundreds or thousands of miles away.

URGE OBSERVANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY RULE

Motor Club Officials Declare Failure in This Cause of Crossing Crashes

The Chicago-Motor club has warned its members to observe carefully the right-of-way rule.

J. H. Braun, general counsel for the Chicago Motor club, points out that the violation of this rule is the cause of a large proportion of the collisions which occur at street intersections.

"The object of the right-of-way rule is to avoid collisions at street intersections. This object can be attained if one driver will yield to the other whenever there is a danger of a collision," says Mr. Braun. "There should be no splitting of hairs with this rule, as a slight uncertainty may result disastrously. It is the duty of the operator on the left to yield to the operator on the right, when the two are approaching the intersection at about the same time. This means at such time that if both proceed, a collision will occur."

"Many drivers think they have the right of way because they get into a street intersection a little ahead of a vehicle on the right. This is a misconception of the law," Mr. Braun states. "A decision, on which many cases since have been decided, reads: 'If a vehicle is approaching an intersection from the right, within the meaning of the statute, and entitled to the right-of-way, when, on its left, on an intersecting street, another vehicle is approaching whose driver, in the exercise of due care, would or should see that unless he yielded the right-of-way the vehicles might or would collide, the driver on the left must yield.'"

Senator Wagner, of New York, expects to travel to Washington each week by air during the sessions of Congress by air this winter. At that he is not the first statesman to get to the Senate by the air route.

VETERAN COMMITTEE MEN ARE REAPPOINTED

On National Republican Body In Preparation for the Campaign

While the committee, which is organized the day following adjournment of the national convention, is legally and technically a new committee, in many states the same national committeeman has been elected term after term. The women members whose recognition as full legal members is of very recent happenings, have as yet been unable naturally to establish any records as to length of service. But, there are quite a number of veterans among the men on the committee.

David W. Mulvane of Kansas, for example, was first elected in 1900, served until 1912, then retired, was re-elected in 1920, and when he appears at the convention next June he will have served a total period of 20 years. R. H. Todd, the committeeman from Porto Rico, is apparently second in the record of service. He was first elected in 1904, served until 1912, was re-elected in 1920, and will have a record in June next year of sixteen years' membership. T. Coleman du Pont of Delaware, William P. Jockson of Maryland, Fred W. Estabrook of New Hampshire and Ralph E. Williams of Oregon, were all elected to the committee in 1908, and in point of continuous service, they have four equal records.

PUBLIC SERVICE CO. EMPLOYEES GET MEDALS

Two of Them Receive Recognition for Prompt First Aid Work

Striking illustration of the importance of First Aid and safety training was made recently when Ivan F. Hertline, 21, of Wilmington and George Reifensuhl, 35, of Forest Park, employees of the Public

Service Company of Northern Illinois, were awarded Britton I. Budd medals for the saving of human life Wednesday evening, Nov. 30.

The presentations were made by Britton I. Budd, president of the company, on the occasion of the employees' annual meeting at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. Nearly 1200 persons were present.

Both men won their awards as a result of resuscitating persons near death from drowning.

CENSUS BUREAU GETS NUMEROUS INQUIRIES

The United States Bureau of Census receives 48,000 inquiries a year, covering practically every phase of our economic, business and social existence. The Bureau has become vital to every form of industry, and it invites the population of the nation to call on this government organization for statistics that will be helpful to any person in carrying on his contracts and affairs with the world.

WYOMING SCHOOLS HAVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

About one-eighth of the total school population of Wyoming, 6,225 school children, were transported at public expense to and from school during 1925-26. Approximately one-third of the rural pupil population of the state is thus transported. According to statement of the state department of education, 27 new routes have been established since June, 1925, made necessary by the consolidation of small schools.

To supervise construction of school houses in Cuba to replace buildings in different parts of the Island destroyed by the recent hurricane, six commissions, composed of teachers and students from the National university, have been appointed by the secretary of public instruction. The commissions travel by auto, accompanied by trucks for the transportation of building materials, tools, and workmen.

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