

### Increase in Members Aiding Legion to Get Legislation Required

The continued increase in the enrollment of veterans into the ranks of the American Legion, at the rate of about 35,000 a week added to the hundreds of thousands of paid up members for 1930, is placing the Legion in a strong position to succeed in the legislation it is requesting of congress for the relief of disabled comrades and for a consideration of universal service in time of war. More than 35,000 were added to the rolls for the week ending January 31, according to a report just received from National headquarters, sent here to be available for the information of representatives and senators.

Legislation for the disabled continues to hold the center of the stage in Washington, so far as veterans' legislation is concerned. The leaders in the House are frankly in a quandary, and are looking this way and that for an out—the "out," of course, meaning how to stand from under at a minimum of cost, and at the same time satisfy the overwhelming sentiment in the congress for amendments to the World War Veterans' Act, which will bring actual relief to the thousands of disabled veterans who are calling upon their congressmen for action. Congressmen and their secretaries are swamped with disability claims against the Veterans' bureau, and they are determined that an adequate relief measure shall be enacted.

The legislation in behalf of the disabled, totalling \$15,950,000, passed just before Christmas, is less than half what the Legion is urging for the relief of the disabled.

The continued increase in Legion membership is regarded as an indication also of the sincerity of the veterans throughout the country in urging the adoption of the Reed-Wainwright resolution, which provides for a competent commission to study the Legion's universal service proposal to take profit out of war. Members of the Legion's National Defense committee have called upon Chairman Bertrand H. Snell of the House Rules committee and urged a prompt committee report upon the new Wainwright resolution, H. P. Res. 220. This measure is a privileged resolution and can be brought to a vote in the house upon motion of this chairman.

### Former Lake Co. Man Leaps Eight Stories

Dropping like a plummet for eight stories to land in a life net, uninjured, was the experience of Cecil McDonough, 32 years old, former well known resident of Libertyville, in escaping from the flames that wrecked the upper floors of the Gunther building at 1018 South Wabash avenue, Chicago, Monday evening.

McDonough, who landed in the net after the eight story plunge in a manner that rivaled that of a veteran fire fighter, came up smiling and without a scratch. Two others, who made similar leaps, did not fare so well. One man suffered a broken leg and a girl was more seriously injured.

### GRAND AND PETIT JURORS ARE NAMED

Former to Meet March 3 and  
Petit Juries March 3  
and March 17

Grand jurors and two panels of petit jurors for March were announced today by Circuit Clerk L. J. Wilmet. The grand jury, with the exception of a few petty cases, has little to look forward to.

Those who are to serve are as follows:

Grand jury, returnable March 3—Paul Sewart, Benton; Ralph Bull, Benton; George A. Thompson, Newport; Nels Nelson, Antioch; Clayton Wirtz, Antioch; J. J. Barnstable, Lake Villa; William Tonyan, Grant; Claire Doolittle, Avon; Fred W. Worth, Andro Pucin, Waukegan; J. C. McLean, Waukegan; William Kemp, Shields (Lake Forest); Joe Masteron, Shields (Lake Forest); Gordon Schanck, Libertyville; Albert Behm, Fremont, Dennis Putnam, Wauconda; Frank Hartjen, Cuba; Ed. Umbdenstock, Ela; Charles Wickersheim, Vernon; John Zahnle, West Deerfield; Roger Moore, Deerfield; Carl Grant, Deerfield.

Petit jury, returnable March 3:

Fred Schleter, Benton; Fred Strahan, Newport; Tarry Willett, Antioch; Ben Cribb, Lake Villa; Elmer Beckwith, Avon; Durley Curran, Avon; Ed Read, Avon; John Brosier, Warren; W. F. Flood, Warren; Ralph Stuart, Waukegan; Harold Cameron, C. F. Dunkin, H. M. Anderfuren, Math Siana, Axel Lindgren, Frank Suhadolnik, Walter Brenton, Joe Farlan, Waukegan; Harry McKinney, Juel H. Barlow, Edward Jahnke, Godfrey Nichols, Kent S. Clow, John Kerrigan, H. Hutchins, J. D. Sumner, Shields; Wm. Albrecht, Charles Schroeder, Libertyville; John Brown, C. E. Wilcox, Charles Thompson, Wauconda; Walter Gossweiler, Vernon; A. J. Johnson, W. Deerfield; Fred Jacobs, George Lynch, Joe Genest, Deerfield.

Petit jury, returnable March 17:

S. R. Wamsley, Chas. Krapf, Paul Mayhad, Dester Bereiter, R. B. McCreight, P. W. Shaw, Benton; Barney Neuetier, Antioch; George Beck, Urban Steffes, Avon; Floyd Wilbur, Wm. Traynor, Gus Metz, Robert Leaf, Ernest Baade, Waukegan; John Dugan, John H. Bradley, Wm. J. Logan, Jas. Kelley, Harold Sweeney, Leo Kapheim, R. D. Duncanson, C. W. Young, Shields; Roy Gimes, Libertyville; Albert Baseley, Wauconda; R. R. Hammond, Cuba; Louis Lindstrom, C. M. Herschberger, Stanley Johnson, Vernon; J. H. Natz, West Deerfield; Fred Mau, B. F. Fritz, E. F. Pratt, Clarence Shetzley, Elois Lindstrom, John Stryker, Harry Paul, Deerfield.

### Puts Out Auto Fire With Can of Milk

Morris Culp of York, Neb., placed a small oil stove beneath the motor of his automobile to make starting easier. While the stove was warming the motor, Culp went to the barn to milk. As he passed his garage later with a bucket of milk, he saw smoke and found the motor of his automobile in flames. Culp dashed his pailful of milk on the fire and extinguished it.

### Illinois Planning to Relieve Overcrowding in State Hospitals

Illinois' construction program to relieve the overcrowded condition in its state hospitals is the most ambitious ever undertaken by any state, Gov. Louis L. Emmerson today told officials of the welfare department who met here to perfect an organization designed to enable them to further improve the administration, scientific and professional work of the state's penal and charitable institutions.

The new organization is to be known as the Association of Illinois State Welfare Institutions and its membership includes all managing officers, superintendents, wardens, and members of the medical or professional staffs, the director of the department of public welfare and code members of his staff and their assistants and members and the executive secretary of the board of public welfare commissioners. The association plans to hold at least three meetings a year, to exchange ideas on the care and treatment of the state's wards.

By midsummer, Gov. Emmerson told the officials, the hundreds of mental patients who in recent months have been forced to sleep on floors will have been provided with quarters.

And, if construction proceeds as rapidly as expected, he continued, the wards will have been thinned out, and there will be a sufficient number of extra beds to take care of the normal increase of the biennium.

### Hold Orrington Hotel Bandits to Grand Jury

George Sturgen, 21 year old Lake Villa boy, employed on the Chesney farms as a jockey and one of the quartette of young men who attempted to hold up the fashionable Orrington hotel in Evanston February 9, was held to the Cook county grand jury on burglary charges and bonds were fixed at \$20,000.

Oliver Dillworth, 21, and Roscoe Kilpatrick, 19, both of Chicago, had bonds fixed at \$10,000 each while Arthur Miller, 19, also of Chicago, said to be the leader of the gang and the one who with Sturgen, opened fire on the Evanston police was held in bonds of \$40,000.

The youths were arraigned last week before Justice of the Peace Harry H. Porter in Evanston and waived preliminary hearing. Unable to furnish bonds, all were returned to the Evanston city jail and then taken to the Cook county jail in Chicago to await grand jury action.

The formal charges against the youths are two burglary charges and four charges of robbery. None of the boys were in on all of the jobs that they are being charged with, the police say.

### Hargrave to Run for Congressman-at-Large

Edward Hargrave, of Chicago, head of the detective agency that supplies operatives for State's Attorney A. V. Smith, is to campaign for congressman-at-large on the Republican ticket with dry modification as one of the chief planks in his platform.

### U. S. PATENT OFFICE SHOWS MANY DEVICES

Huge Total of Applications for  
Patents and Registrations;  
Much Activity

The stimulus of this "machine era" on the inventive genius of the country is reflected in the figures cited by Commissioner of Patents Thomas E. Robertson in his annual report. During the last fiscal year, he shows, the patent office received applications totaling 114,688, of which 92,231 were in connection with patents and the remainder applications for registrations of trade-marks, labels and prints. Extraordinary efforts are made by the patent office, it is pointed out, to cope with this vast and steadily increasing volume of work. In the case of trade-marks and design patents these efforts are successful, applications being acted on within a month of filing.

The granting of patents on inventions entails such a huge amount of work that in view of the number of applications received prompt action is impossible. As a result of increased personnel, during the last half of the fiscal year under review the number of applications awaiting official action decreased from 11,854 to 103,236, a decline of 8,618. While the reduction is extremely gratifying, Commissioner Robertson points out that the number of cases still awaiting action is so great that at this rate of gain it would take from five to six years to make the work current, or so that an applicant might obtain official action with reasonable promptness. It is manifest, he declares, that the patent office is in urgent need of a larger personnel, and he recommends the appointment of at least 100 additional examiners. If such an increase is granted and the work remains fairly constant, it will be possible in about one and a half years from the time of appointment of these new men to bring the work so nearly up to date that an applicant may receive action within two months.

Attention is called in the report to the excessively high turnover in the patent office's examining corps resulting from resignations. Forty-two resignations of experienced examiners, it reveals, occurred during the last half of the fiscal year 1929, twenty of these in the two months of May and June. The only way this steady drain can be stopped, is by offering higher salaries and he therefore recommends that examiners be placed in higher classification grades.

### London Has Miniature Skating Rink; How Used

A miniature ice skating rink, with only 36 square feet, has been built in London for private skating and ice dancing practice. Miss Freda Whitaker, international ice skating star, uses the rink in Pembroke Gardens Kensington, to give lessons.

The walls of the hall are orange, and the instructresses wear orange jumpers and berets with yellow skirts and long golden colored skating boots. Dancers slip through orange curtains to glide over the ice to haunting tunes of a waltz, fox trot or one-step.