

RIGHTS OF DISABLED THEIR CHIEF CONCERN

American Legion Leaders
Take Steps to Secure Justice
For Buddies in Need

SEEK VETERANS' CENSUS

Seek Immediate Admission of
Disabled Men into Hospitals

Indianapolis, Ind.—Given over almost wholly to the consideration of ways and means of clearing up the disabled soldiers' problem, the recent meeting here of officials of the American Legion came to an end with seven outstanding results. When the wheels are set in motion, ex-service men may look for a change in bill.

To take a nation-wide census of all ex-soldiers, to establish a rotating loan fund, to decentralize the United States Veterans' Bureau and establish a Legion organization which would cooperate closely with the Bureau, to immediately adjust long-pending claims of ex-soldiers, to make compulsory the immediate admission to hospitals of any supposed veteran regardless of his ability to show discharge papers, to discharge from hospitals any official who is not rendering efficient service, to push through the adjusted compensation bill now pending in Congress—these major resolutions were the main business of the meeting.

The fighting spirit cropped up when Charles R. Forbes, director of the

Veterans' Bureau, asked the delegates if they wished to ask any questions. Instantly several men were on their feet. Case after case of the neglect of disabled men had been cited in a previous session. Director Forbes promised to name a board of appeal for each of the 14 regional districts, which would be the final adjudication bodies in their respective territories.

Hanford MacNider, commander of the Legion, re-stated the organization's policy on the adjusted compensation issue, declaring that the Legion will not attempt to suggest to the Government the method of raising the money.

His plan for a rotating fund aims to provide money for needy service men through contributions received from ex-soldiers who receive a bonus but do not stand in need of the benefits.

IT HAD TO BE A JOKE

"Down with the stars and stripes," yelled C. E. Swazey, at a meeting of the American Legion post at Marion, O. Just as President Harding's fellow citizens were rolling up their sleeves they learned he was only mimicking the mating call of the Bolshevik.

OLD AND YOUNG OF IT

The oldest and the youngest veteran of the World War are members of the same American Legion post in Washington, D. C.—W. N. Williams who saw active duty at 80, and S. F. Tillman who enlisted at 14.

CANADA'S PLAN

The Dominion government will pay half and municipal governments half in the relief of unemployment Canadian ex-soldiers, the American Legion has learned.

AMERICANIZATION WORK

Found wiping his auto with an American flag, a man in Tampa, Fla., was questioned by the American Legion. He was pronounced "simply ignorant," and given instruction in how to treat the colors. Hearing of the incident, the man's employer presented the Legion with a large flag.

FACILITATE CARE OF VETS

An organization to cooperate closely with the U. S. Veterans Bureau in all parts of the country in obtaining adequate care for disabled ex-soldiers will be formed by the American Legion.

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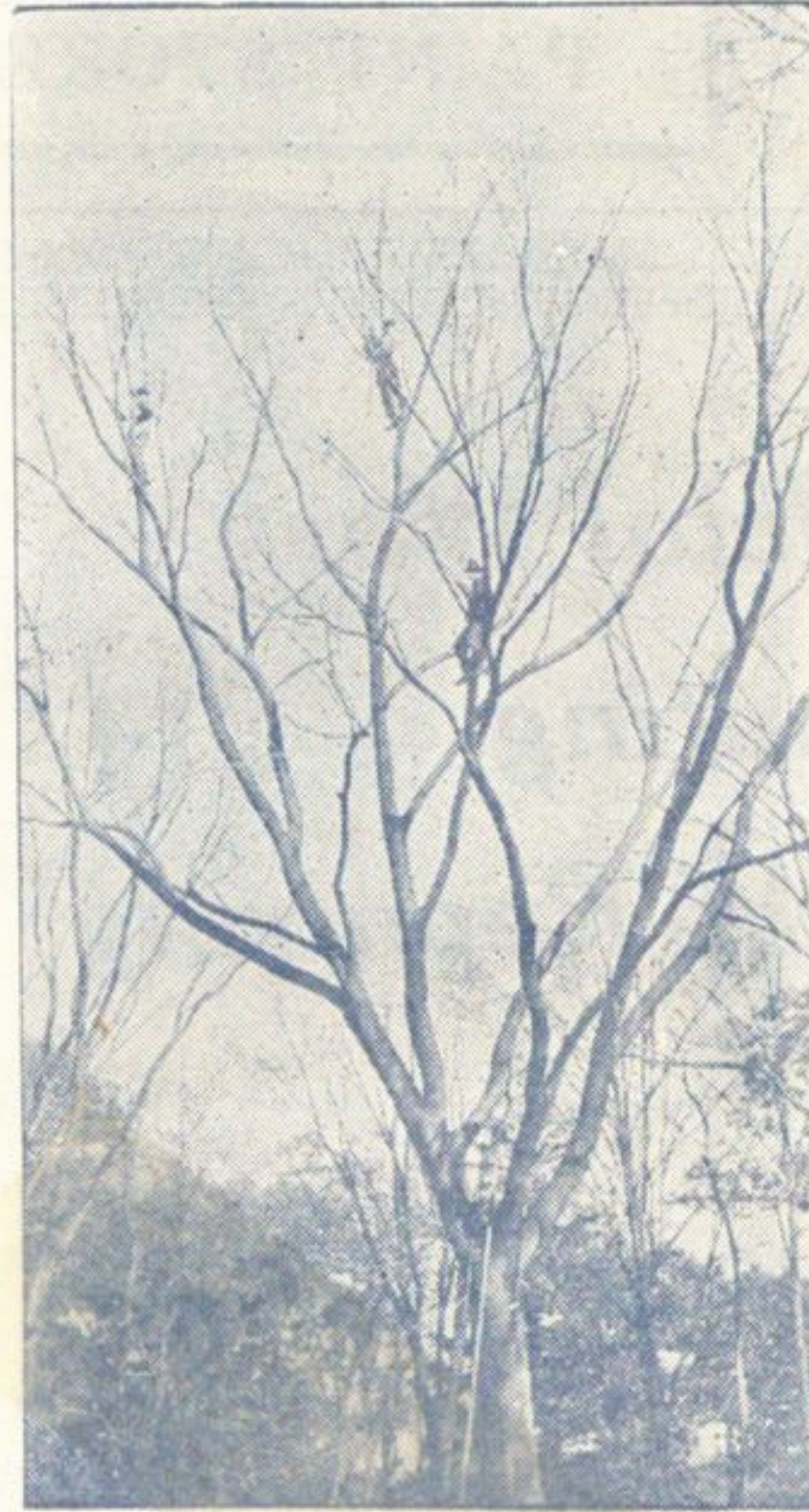
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