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REGULATIONS GOVERNING WAR PENSIONS

Board Will be Developed as Civil Rather Than Military Organization — Devote Whole Time.

COMPOSITION OF MEDICAL BOARDS

Rules Allow Much Latitude to Commissioners—Relations to be That of Doctor and Patient.

ADOPT PROVISIONS AS WAR MEASURE

To Cover All Phases of Married Life — Awarded According to Rank on Disability.

Ottawa, Dec. 20—The government has decided to adopt and put in force, with few alterations, the recommendations submitted to parliament last session by the special commission dealing with the soldiers pensions. It will be recalled that evidence was taken throughout the session but the report was presented just before prorogation, when it was too late to take legislative action.

The principal provisions are:

"That the pensions board be developed as a civil rather than as a military organization, that the commissioners should devote their whole time to their duties; that the approval of the commission be evidenced by the personnel signature of at least one commissioner."

Examining medical boards to be composed of a civilian physician, an overseas member with war experience and a representative of th C. A. M. C.; the relationship between pension applicants and the board to be that of doctor and patient, and every facility given to furnish an account of the man's condition from his point of view, medical boards to report to the commission thi, estimate of percentage of disability, and where their views differ from those of the medical officer of the commission by more than ten per cent., reasons to be furnished by the former.

No deduction to be made from the pension of any member who has served in a theatre of actual war, other than the United Kingdom on account of any disability existing before enlistment, providing that it has not been willingly conceded. Pension to be awarded according to rank at disability and to be discontinued upon re-enlistent in forces. If a soldier ordered by a medical board on which he is represented, to go to a hospital or home for treatment refuse, the pension may be reduced by not more than 50 per cent.

The commission to have discretion to refuse a pension where a member has been dismissed or dishonorably discharged; pensioners above lieutenant totally helpless, may be awarded a "total sum" of pension and allowance not in excess of that which a totally disabled lieutenant might be awarded.

A woman divorced or legally separated from a deceased soldier, who has been granted alimony, to be entitled to share in the pension where a soldier does not live with his wife or is not maintained by him, the additional pension as a married man may either be refused him or paid to his wife.

The commission to have power to suspend pensions to women who become prostitutes or live with men without being married; no pension to be paid to a boy over 16 or girl over 17 except where such child, or those responsible for its maintenance have no resources.

Pensions to parents to be subject to revision from time to time and awarded in amounts necessary to provide maintenance; the amount not to exceed schedules "C" and "D" of the regulations.

Provision is made for pensioning a parent or a person acting as such who become incapacitated from earning a living, though the soldier may not have been the sole support.

Other provisions increase the discretionary powers of the board to deal with cases of hardship which may be strictly within the regulations heretofore laid down, and also to apportion a pension between several applicants of the same relationship to the deceased member. The regulations are being adopted as a war measure.

French Casualties During World War

Paris, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the Socialist deputy, Lucien Voilin, in the chamber of deputies this afternoon, during an interpellation of the government on demobilization.

Deputy Voilin asked that the soldiers be returned to the soil and the factories without delay, and continued: I betray no secret when I say that the problem of demobilization presents itself thus: We have mobilized 6,900,000; we have had about 1,400,000 killed, while 800,000 recovered from wounds. We are going to demobilize 1,200,000 reserves, territorials and heads of families.

German Dead Number Two Million With Over Six Million Casualties

New York, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published the number of dead will be about 2,000,000, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 24, a copy of which has been received here. Up to October 28, the total casualties reported were 6,066,769, of whom more than 4,750,000 were Prussians. The total includes the naval casualties, which were 70,000, comprised of more than 25,000 dead, more than 15,000 missing and nearly 29,000 wounded.

The Cologne paper uses the word appalling in describing the casualties among the officers. The total on October 24 included 44,769 officers killed, 82,469 wounded and 13,600 missing, a total of 140,769. The loss in officers alone, the paper points out, exceeds the total casualties of Germany in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, when the total losses were 129,628.

CONFIDENT A REASONABLE AND JUST SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS ARRIVED AT

President Wilson Pins His Faith to Honesty and Good Faith of Men Who Will Gather Round the Council Board at Versailles—Pays Tribute to Work of British Fleet.

Paris, Dec. 20.—"I am confident that the big council of statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them, and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it," said President Wilson in an interview today, referring to the approaching peace conference.

The interview was given to the correspondent of the London Times. In it the president is reported to have stated his views on the discussion of the freedom of the seas and have to contrasted the evils of the Vienna congress with a hopeful outlook for the Versailles Congress. Lord Northcliffe, editor of the London Times, has given the Associated Press a copy of the interview, from which the following extracts have been made.

The congress of Vienna, the correspondent says President Wilson told him, was a congress of "bosses." The delegates were concerned more with their own interests and the classes they represented than the wishes of their people.

"Versailles, as President Wilson said," the interview continues, "must be a meeting place of the servants of the peoples represented by delegates, and he added, 'there is no master-mind who can settle the problems of today. If there is anybody who thinks he knows what is in the mind of all peoples, that man is a fool. We have all got to put our heads together and pool everything we have got for the benefit of the ideals which are common to all.'

"Asked whether he would visit the grand fleet, President Wilson replied that he was afraid he would not have time, adding that he fully realized that behind the great armies there was the strong, silent and watchful support of the British navy in securing the communications of the Allies. He referred also to the very happy comradeship and co-operation between the British and American navies." The correspondent then adds:

"President Wilson, in discussing the role of the British fleet in the maintenance of what, at any rate during the war, had been the freedom of the seas for the free people of the world, spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents convinced me that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race.

"He said: 'It is essential for the future peace of the world that there should be frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies. We comprehend and appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people, and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the fact of your peculiar position as an island empire.'"

The correspondent declared that he left the president "with the assurance ringing in my ears that he desired to co-operate with the British, and with all the Allies, in securing, with their counsel, a new state of affairs throughout the world."

GIVEN TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Clovis Burke Held up Conductor at Newcastle — Rum Found on Pullman Car.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 20.—Clovis Burke, who was recently arrested at Joggins, N. S., charged with holding up and robbing at the point of a revolver, C. G. R. conductor Geo. McKenzie, at Newcastle, was today sentenced to two years in the maritime penitentiary at Dorchester.

Chief Ridecut, Inspector under the Prohibition Act, today searched a pullman car on the Ocean Limited from assert that anti-Peruvian manifesta- of old rum and several bottles of whiskey and gin. As a result of the find Wm. Jordan, colored porter, Halifax, was arrested charged with violation of the Prohibition Act. The accused is being held and will be arraigned here tomorrow.

AIRPLANE MAIL CARRIERS FAIL

New York, Dec. 20.—After the third attempt in three days to transport mail from New York to Chicago by airplane had failed today, it was explained in official quarters that the reason that the the flights have been unsuccessful was that the motors of the airplanes had not measured up to expectations.

R. O. Bissell and D. I. Lamb, both veterans of service over in France, found their machines developing motor trouble shortly after they started on their westerly flight today and were forced to return to the postal station at Belmont Park, Long Island, after reaching a point above New York harbor.

Their sacks of mail are being forwarded by train to Chicago.

WILSON BUSY.

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Wilson's day Friday was crowded with official conferences and visits and in making final preparations to proceed to America and immediately.

Mrs. Wilson went about Paris for the first time today unaccompanied by the president. With Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the president's personal physician, Mrs. Wilson visited the hospital for blind soldiers organized by Winifred Holt, of New York.

NO COMPROMISE SAYS CHILE

Nitrate Workers Leave for Peru—Question of Provinces May be Taken to Peace Conference.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 20.—Latest press despatches from Chile report that political circles there see small hope in settling the controversy with Peru and Bolivia by compromises. It was reported tonight in Chile that Peru intended to carry the question of the provinces of Tacna and Arica to the peace congress.

Reports from Lima, Peru, say that 18,000 nitrate workers in the district of Tarapaca had been ordered by Chile to return to Peru.

Chilean despatches say that the nitrate workers are returning voluntarily, after having been discharged from their positions because of the present nitrate crisis.

The Peruvian government is reported to have appointed a commission to care for the workers.

Press despatches from Lima today assert that anti-Peruvian manifestations are general throughout northern Chile.

WILL NOT HOLD NEW YEAR RALLY

The usual New Year's rally of the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools will not be held this year. Last night a meeting of the ministers and superintendents of the churches was called to consider plans for the event, and those who responded to the call were J. B. Magee, chairman, and Rev. W. M. Townsend, secretary of the committee; Rev. F. S. Dowling and Robert Reid.

One of those present at the meeting informed the Standard that owing to the apparent lack of interest, as evidenced by the small attendance, it had been decided to call the rally off for this time, and for the first New Year's Day in a number of years there would be no united gathering of the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools.

U. S. FLOUR RESTRICTIONS OFF.

Washington, Dec. 20—Formal announcement was made by the food administration late today of the cancellation of flour milling regulations, including price schedules.

APPEAL FOR AID AGAINST BOLSHEVIK

Russian Volunteer Forces Victorious in Territory Near Archangel—Desperate Fighting.

PEASANTS IN ARMS TO DEFEND HOMES

Men Between Ages of 18 and 45 in Valiant Struggle for Existence — Ask Assistance.

POLISH TROOPS IN CONTROL AT DANZIG

Germans Sent Protest to President Wilson—Congress at Berlin Asks Favor of Allies —Coal Shortage.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Russian volunteer forces have driven the Bolshevik from the region of Pijma, east of Archangel, according to a report from Archangel.

The peasants in that region between the ages of 18 and 45, have organized and are said to be fighting valiantly against the Bolshevik. The peasants have sent an appeal to the populations of northern Russia inviting them to mobilize all their forces against the Bolshevik.

The Pijma river runs through the Timan mountains in the central part of the provinces of Archangel.

Trouble in Danzig.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—The Polish troops landed at Danzig a Berlin despatch to the Politiken says. They are commanded by General Joseph Haller, commander of the Polish troops in France.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—German residents at Danzig held a mass meeting there Thursday to protest against the annexation of the city by the Poles. Governor von Jagow, of Posen, it is reported from German sources, has sent a wireless message of protest to President Wilson.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The soldiers and workmen's congress at Berlin Thursday adopted a motion providing for the opening of negotiations with the Allies for the liberation of occupied territories in order to prepare for the holding of elections next month.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Secretary of State Hanush made the announcement today that because of the shortage of coal 48,000 persons were out of employment in Vienna.

SIXTEEN MEN LOSE LIVES OUT FISHING

Stormy Weather on Atlantic and Pacific Takes Toll of Fishermen—Value of Great Industry.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Stormy weather on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans interrupted fishing operations last month, according to the November statement issued by the Naval Department. Fifteen men were lost on the west coast of Vancouver Island during the month, in connection with the fisheries, and one man on the coast of Victoria County, N. S.

The statement shows that the value of the total catch of sea fish during the month in Canada was somewhat greater than in November, 1917. This year the total value at the point of landing was $2,284,163, while a year ago it was $2,145,760. Theer was an increase of over 12,000 hundredweight in the herring catch all over the Atlantic coast. The sardine fishery in the Bay of Fundy was exceptionally good, amounting to 65,025 barrels, as compared with 93,653 in November, 1917.

The quantity of cod, haddock, hake and pollock landed was 87,311 hundredweight against 10,694 hundredweight last year, the greater part of this shortage was in haddock. The new lobster fishing season opened in Charlotte and St. John on the 15th, and over 1,000 hundredweight were taken in the half month. The catch of oysters amounted to 3,979 barrels, as compared with 4,311 barrels in November, 1917. Scallops to the extent of 2,000 barrels were taken in the Chester Bay district of Nova Scotia.

PROMINENT OTTAWA CITIZEN DROPS DEAD

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—J. D. Fraser, director and secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa Car Works, and secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa Electric Railway, for the past 27 years, dropped dead tonight in the Rideau Club.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Henry Miles, Liberal, Isaac Lando, Independent Liberal, and William Collier, Conservative, were nominated today for the provincial by-election in St. Lawrence division.

Second Epidemic of Influenza Still On Up Grade, But is Under Control

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—After a conference today with Dr. Eugene R. Kelly, state commissioner of health, Governor McCall said that he believed the health department capable of meeting the situation caused by the re-appearance of influenza and that there would be no reassembling of the Emergency Health Committee.

Dr. John S. Hitchcock, director of the division of communicable diseases, said:

"The disease is still on the up grade in this second onset but it is not so bad as in the first epidemic and there is no fear that it will be."

The last twenty-four hour report received showed 1,557 cases and 22 deaths in the state but the reports from some of the towns were for periods varying from two days to a week.

LAWLESSNESS IN TORONTO

Robberies and Automobile Thefts in Queen City—Police Strikers Still Out—Sympathetic Strike Possible.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Threats of a general sympathetic strike in this city if the police strike is not settled soon were heard in several quarters last night. With the police union standing firmly against the police commissioners on the question of the union there seemed less chance last night than ever of the trouble being amicably adjusted.

"We will let them come to us now," was the attitude of the strikers when they adjourned their evening meeting at 11 o'clock last night and it is understood that they are being backed up in this by other local unions.

There were signs late last night that the comparative freedom of the city from lawlessness during the first three days of the strike may be about at end. Several robberies were reported, more automobiles than in normal times were stolen and a boy was boldly assaulted at the inter-section of Younge and Queen streets, in the heart of the down-town section of the city.

ASSOCIATED KIN MEET IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 19.—The second meeting of the Newcastle Branch of the Associated Kin of the C. E. F. met on Tuesday night at 7.30, President Thomas A. Clarke in the chair. Alderman H. H. Stuart acted as secretary.

Nineteen persons were present, 12 of whom had became members at the first meeting and six joined at the second meeting, bringing the membership to date to 25. The charter was left open till Dec. 31st instant.

The following were added to the local membership, of which Mrs. W. F. Copp is convenor: Mrs. Bessie Gough, Mrs. Mary Galley, Mrs. Charles Sargeant, Mrs. D. King Hazen and Capt. Nellie Robinson, (S. A.)

The cases of returned soldiers received much attention, and Revs. F. T. Bertram and L. H. MacLean were appointed a committee to interview Charles Robinson of the Returned Soldiers' Commission with a view to have someone notified beforehand of arrival here of trains bringing soldiers, so that the returned men might be met and properly welcomed.

Mrs. Albert Holmes spoke at length on cases of two returned soldiers she considered had been badly neglected.

Mrs. Holmes said she knew of a returned man with a family to keep, who gets $30.90 a month.

Rev. Mr. McLean caustically criticized the stupidity of the official who demanded back the cheque.

Mrs. John McCallum said that soldiers in hospital did not lose pay for the time lost.

Ex-Mayor Fish spoke of the work that had been done by the local representatives of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission. Many had been met at the trains, several public welcomes had been held, and several helped to get financial claims favorably settled. It had been impossible for the committee, all of whom were business men, to attend all trains on which soldiers were returning.

Rev. Messrs. Bertram and McLean and others strongly emphasized the importance of giving the returned men the best possible reception and care, and volunteered their own services to the utmost.

Next meeting will be on call of the chair.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—Three Liberal candidates were nominated today at Matane for the coming provincial by-elections in that riding. The candidates chosen are Mr. Georges Dionne, of Amqui, the official candidate of the convention. Messrs. Geo. Decazes, of St. Moise and Octave Fortin of St. Octave were also nominated.

CHARGED WITH MUTINY.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The court martial that was trying seven non-commissioned officers from Ontario on a charge of mutiny, closed its hearing today. It was established that the entire detachment of sixty men refused to obey orders. Each of the men got 28 days in the regimental prison but the non-commissioned officers were tried before the court martial.

ROYALTY ENTERTAINED.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Stephen Pichon, the foreign minister, and Madam Pichon gave a luncheon today at the foreign ministry in honor of King Victor Emmanuel, President Poincare and the Prince of Piedmont.

FLEET WILL VISIT STATES

British Navy Due for Round the World Tour Soon After Peace is Signed.

London, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty, should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it would be made immediately after peace has been signed. Subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British dominions.

The war cabinet and the admiralty, on the suggestion of the ministers of the dominions, have decided that Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, former chief of the naval staff, shall visit the dominions and India in February to advise the respective authorities on naval matters.

FULL ENQUIRY INTO OPERATIONS OF WHISKEY RING

Attorney General Ferris Announces That Every Effort Will be Made to Bring Culprits to Justice.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—An announcement that a full and searching enquiry into the ramifications of the "whiskey ring," which is alleged to have been operating in this province was made today by Attorney General Farris, who stated that no stone would be left unturned in an effort to uncover the operations which are beginning to come to light as a result of the Findlay disclosures and to bring the culprits to justice.

"I am glad to announce that Hon. Mr. Justice Clement has consented to act as commissioner and the inquiry will start as soon as the commissioner can arrange it. I am expecting to announce the appointment of counsel within a day or two," stated Mr. Farris, who intimated that if his duties to the legislature and in the government may be so arranged, he may possibly prosecute the inquiry in person. The dragnet will be flung far and wide without any regard as to who may be dragged before the inquiry, it was said by the attorney-general."

In the meantime pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Findlay and alterations of administering to the prohibition act, Mr. Farris stated it his intention to take personal supervision of the department formerly presided over by Mr. Findlay.

FLU IN ARMY CAMPS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Although influenza still prevails in virtually all army camps at home, a report today by the surgeon general showed a decline in the number of cases for the week ending Dec. 13, as compared with the preceding week. Total cases were 3,530, a decrease of 426.

KING GEORGE WILL GIVE BANQUET TO WILSON.

London, Dec. 20.—King George will give a banquet at Buckingham Palace, December 27, in honor of President Wilson.

The visit of President Wilson as a "overnight" guest at Buckingham Palace will be the first time in history that any president has thus been entertained at the palace.

FOURTH ATTEMPT.

New York, Dec. 20.—The fourth attempt in four days will be made tomorrow to transport mail from New York to Chicago by airplane, according to an announcement tonight by the post office authorities here. Motor trouble alone, it was said, was responsible for failure thus far to successfuly inaugurate the aerial service between the two cities.

WILL FOLLOW TRAIL.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 20.—Using as a route guide letters written en route by Frieda Weichman to her aunt in Hinsdale, Ills., two officers left here today to follow the trail of automobile trip Milo H. Piper, charged with having murdered the girl, admits they made in the summer of 1916.

Chicago, Dec. 20—Corn, No. 2 yellow nominal, No. 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 1.47 to 1.47½. Oats, No. 3 white, 71½ to 72¼; Standard 72½ to 73¼. Rye, No. 2, 1.62 to 1.62¼. Barley, 90 to 1.04. Timothy, 8 to 11. Clover, nominal. Pork nominal. Lard 24.20. Ribs, nominal.

IMPORTANCE OF LUMBER INDUSTRY

New Brunswick Fourth in Dominion With 255 Going Concerns—Quebec Leads.

TOTAL CAPITAL IS $149,266,019

Wages of Employes Throughout Canada Approximately Thirty-eight Million Dollars—Fifty-five Thousand Engaged.

GOVERNMENT MAKES COMPLETE CENSUS

Aggregate Value of Production in 1917 Amounted to $115,777,130.— Table of Quantities and Values.

Ottawa, Dec. 20—A census of the lumber industry in Canada has just been completed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, embracing 2,879 operating concerns of which 52 were in Alberta; 251 in British Columbia; 29 in Manitoba; 255 in New Brunswick; 462 in Nova Scotia; 603 in Ontario; 60 in Prince Edward Island; 1,151 in Quebec, and 16 in Saskatchewan.

The total capital invested in the industry, including land, buildings and plant, machinery and tools, stocks in process and supplies, and working capital is given at $149,266,019.

The number of employes on salaries was 2,874 males and 285 females who received a total of $3,554,092. The average number of employes on wages was 25,516 engaged in logging operations and 28,830 in the mills, and their combined wages amounted to $34,412,411.

The aggregate value of production in 1917 was $115,777,130. The census covered twenty-nine kinds of lumber, 11 of shingles, ten of lath, six of pulpwood and ten of miscellaneous products including cooperage stock, veneer, ties, poles, posts, dressed lumber, etc.

The principal kinds of lumber by species of wood used were:—Spruce, 1,466,558 m feet, white pine, 79,609 m. feet; douglas fir, 706,996 m. feet; hemlock, 322,722 m. feet; cedar, 149,999 m. feet; red pine, 119,321 m. feet; balsam fir, 102,373 m. feet, and all other varieties including custom sawn lumber 483,133 m. feet.

The total quantities and values of lumber, lath, shingles and pulpwood cut, and of miscellaneous products were as follows:—

Lumber	4,412,711	$83,747,322
Lath	615,909	1,828,018
Shingles	3,024,452	8,431,215
Pulpwood	988,444	10,543,630
Miscellaneous value only		11,426,945.

GR. HARRY PIKE ARRIVES TODAY

Was One of the First to Enlist in the City—Spent Four Christmas Seasons Overseas.

Among the soldiers who will arrive in the city today is Gunner Harry Pike, of West St. John. This young man has been through a great amount of fighting during his career. When quite a youngster he put in a couple of years in South Africa as a Canadian soldier during the Boer War. It was in 1914 when there was a call for recruits when Harry Pike was was one of the very first to enlist with the artillery unit under the command of Lieut.-Col. Frank Magee, D. S. O., and after some training on Partridge Island left for Camp Valcartier, and it was not long before they sailed for England with the First Contingent. For very many months this soldier has been in France and the excellent work performed by the Heavy Artillery Brigade to which he belonged has made a name for Canada. It is now over four years since Gunner Pike donned the uniform, and having spent four Christmas seasons overseas he and his relatives will be happy to be united again on this his fifth Xmas in the service.

Some few months ago Gunner Pike was badly burned with mustard gas and has been recovering in England. He has two brothers overseas, Sergt. Fred with a Siege Battery, and Joseph, who went overseas with the 55th Battalion and who has been carrying on for many months with another infantry unit at the front.

Will Punish Guilty in German Austria

Vienna, Dec. 20, (Havas)—The national assembly of German Austria has adopted a bill ordering an investigation into the question of who was actually responsible for the war and prescribing the proceedings to be taken against its authors.