

650,000 ENROLL AS MEMBERS OF LEGION

Organization Confident of Reaching Million Mark by November.

U. S. HAS 5,000 POSTS

"Let's Stick Together" Motto Accounts for Growth of Body of Veterans.

Six hundred and fifty thousand of the most active members that ever joined any organization, the soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States, had killed themselves up to September 25 with the American Legion, the national organization of American's veterans. Thousands, of course, are joining daily, and it seems certain that by November at least a million men will be members of the organization, which is only six months old.

Although all who served are eligible whether they served abroad or at home the Legion itself was organized abroad. A thousand enlisted men and officers from all units of the American Expeditionary Force came to Paris as delegates to start the big organization which will play a large part in American life hereafter. Five thousand local posts in every part of the country are chartered. So rapid has been the growth of the Legion that it has far outstripped other after-the-war organizations, several of which have been voluntarily absorbed in order to consolidate strength and effort in one great association, which has for its motto, "Let's Stick Together." Congress has placed its stamp of approval on the American Legion by passing its act of incorporation, which President Wilson signed in his private car at Hambrook, California, during his recent tour of the Pacific Coast.

Civil War Veterans Help.

The Legion's record for enrollment, already exceeding that made by the big national organizations that came into being following the civil war, has no increased its membership. The Secretary of the Navy, Daniel S. Pratt, has given his whole-hearted endorsement to the movement. The Grand Army of the Republic, the United Confederate Veterans, the American Legion Day in New York, the National Sons of the American Revolution, and other numerous other organizations, representing the rank and file of American manhood which has stood squarely behind the country during its periods of national crisis, have all given their cooperation. Further approval of the aims and ideals of the Legion has been given by President Wilson, General March, Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson, Secretary of the Navy, Daniel S. Pratt, Major-General Barnett of the Marines, ex-President Taft, Lord Northcliffe, Governor of States and others. The Legion has had a personal message from him in Madison Square Garden, New York city, at the first public meeting arranged in his honor after his return from France.

During September and continuing into October there has been a country-wide membership drive to enroll 1,000,000 members in the American Legion prior to the first national convention, which is to be held in Minneapolis on November 11. American Legion Day in the United States and 12. The preliminary steps taken at the Paris and St. Louis meetings and temporary policies later adopted during the period of national crisis, have all given their cooperation. Further approval of the aims and ideals of the Legion has been given by President Wilson, General March, Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson, Secretary of the Navy, Daniel S. Pratt, Major-General Barnett of the Marines, ex-President Taft, Lord Northcliffe, Governor of States and others. The Legion has had a personal message from him in Madison Square Garden, New York city, at the first public meeting arranged in his honor after his return from France.

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How Legion Got Name.

The name, "The American Legion," was selected at the Paris meeting. March 13 to 17, and the action of the delegates from the A. E. was confirmed and endorsed by similar meeting held in St. Louis May 8 to 10, when the Legion was recognized by the troops who served in the United States and a national constitution in conformity with the Paris declaration of principles was adopted. From its inception The American Legion has been and is to-day a non-partisan, non-political organization. It is composed for the most part of men and women who were civilians before the war and who are now again civilians. It knows no distinction of rank or service; it is neither military nor nautical. It claims among its members, however, a large number of veterans of the great war, who have elected to remain in the regular service. Membership is open to any soldier, sailor or marine who received an honorable discharge from service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and to those veterans who have remained in service.

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MILITARY POLICIES 'JAPAN'S DISGRACE'

Country "Soaked in Commercialism," Sunday School Leader Asserts.

POINTS RELIGIOUS NEEDS

Funds to Be Raised Here to Carry Convention to Tokio in October, 1920.

"Japan's military policy has brought disgrace upon that country," declared Frank L. Brown, secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, in an interview yesterday, "and that is one of the urgent reasons why the New York State Interdenominational Sunday School campaign must succeed. Japan must know the attitude of the Christian world."

Employment Aid Offered.

There is also at national headquarters a reemployment division which has been cooperating with Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War, in providing jobs for discharged soldiers through the stimulation of increased public works construction. Col. Woods has advised the American Legion that it is the only agency that can effect the reemployment of war veterans, and that is one of the tasks which the Legion has undertaken. "You can give to the war veterans the touch of a hand which will refer to Washington, where a representative of the Legion gives them his personal attention."

Every member of the American Legion has been notified to consider himself a committee of one on reemployment. In this way one veteran will consider himself responsible for the placing of another, and by a small part of his time making inquiries among friends as to job vacancies he will either obtain a position for the man or put him in touch with persons who do know of vacancies.

For Better Understanding.

"When the world's convention is held in Japan and broad gauge, high-minded Christian men and women, not cranks by any means, to the number of 1,000 are guests in Japanese homes, they will help to bring about better understanding and let some of the leading Japanese learn at first hand what the views of the Christian world are on a number of subjects."

Timely Projects Urged.

At the St. Louis meeting the delegates committed the league to certain timely projects. They endorsed the efforts made by the Government in reorganizing the swamp and cut over timber lands to afford opportunities for discharged soldiers to establish homes; they demanded that Congress should report to their own country the alien who refused to join the colors at America's entrance into the war and those other aliens who cancelled their first citizenship papers before the United States Congress and who demanded full investigation of the pardon and subsequent honorable discharge by the War Department of convicted conscientious objectors, and who went on record in favor of the deportation of naturalized citizens convicted under the espionage act.

NEW JOURNALISM COURSE.

The course in journalism of the College of the City of New York has been extended to its Brooklyn branch, which conducted an evening session in the Brooklyn High School for Boys, Fulton and Marcy avenues. Herbert Bridgman of the Brooklyn Standard Union, H. V. Kaltenborn of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, director of the evening sessions of the college, will be the committee in charge. Editors and reporters of recognized standing will be called upon to give the students lectures on their experiences, and every facility will be used to teach the students how news is gathered. There also will be installed a course in community civics for women. The course will begin October 7.

Sues Over Road Process.

William M. Pindell of Chicago filed suit in the United States District Court yesterday against the Barrett Company, 17 Battery place, alleging that their "tarvia" road and roof process is none other than his own and that he was "squeezed out" with a direct financial loss of \$35,000 and additional losses for which his damage suit asked an accounting. The Barrett Company, he alleged, is actually the Barrett Manufacturing Company, which was convicted in 1913 of monopoly of the tar market in the United States in violation of the anti-trust law.

Sixty-six Crap Shooters Freed.

Crap shooters in uptown garages have been having a restless time lately because of a spurt of energy on the part of the police, but all the men captured in two raids early yesterday morning were discharged. Sixty-two were taken in one raid, and ten in another, the garages being located in 144th street near Lenox avenue and in West Sixty-eighth street. Inability of the arresting officers to show that money was being exchanged caused Magistrate Schwab to dismiss one case, and in the case of ten others Magistrate McGuire said he did not believe the men were guilty of gambling.

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Revenue Agents Sweep Down on President Street Store.

Internal Revenue agents gave an air of moonshine mystery to a raid conducted early yesterday on a store at 7 President street, Brooklyn. They had received information that an illicit still was in operation there. Mysterious visits to the cellar of the place were combined with the performances of the visitors when they appeared again on the street.

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