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STRANGE FACTS OF THE PENSION ROLL.

UNCLE SAM'S MONEY FOR WAR SERVICE IS SENT TO THE MOST REMOTE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. There is more than one reason why the pension system of the United States should not be regarded as so much interest to people in all parts of the country.

The largest number of pensioners residing outside of the United States is to be found in Canada, where there are now more than twenty-three hundred persons who receive pensions as survivors, or as widows or orphans of soldiers who served this nation in war.

In Germany there are more than five hundred; in Ireland the next largest number, 449; in England, 330; in Mexico, 146; in Scotland, 121; in Switzerland, 7; in Sweden, 56; in Australia, 49; in China, 14, and so on throughout the list of distant lands.

The sum of \$140,000,000 is paid out each year to persons all over the world but of course by far the greatest amount goes to people in the United States, and to those pensioners who reside in about a dozen States of the North.

The precise distribution of this vast sum of money is as follows: To pensioners in the States and Territories, \$138,992,181; to pensioners in the insular possessions, \$5,907; to pensioners residing in foreign countries, \$684,503.

One of the most interesting tables prepared by the Bureau of Pensions is that relating to the rates of monthly payments. This table shows that rates are paid at almost every figure from \$2 a month up to \$116.66, which is the highest sum paid, and which goes to the \$75,000 year pensioners to each of the widows of Presidents and Commanding Generals of the army.

There are 1,676 pensioners each drawing \$72 a month and seven widows, each of whom draw \$75 a month. In most of the cases of high pension payments to widows the allowances are the result of special acts of Congress granting increased payments to widows of distinguished Generals.

COLOR-BLIND PEOPLE.

Some Queer Selections Made by Persons Thus Afflicted. A well-known oculist, who has an office in West Seventh street, while discussing some of the various defects of the human eye which are not noticeable to the ordinary observer, had this to say about color-blind people:

"The world must be a curious place to color-blind people, of whom there are forty males and three females to every 1,000 persons. Some are blue-yellow blind, and everything seems either red, green or gray to them; others are red-green blind, and all things appear to them to be yellow, blue or gray of various shades, and others again perceive no distinction of color at all, but the whole world wears an unchanging aspect of dull gray.

"To these last a visit to a picture gallery would reveal merely a collection of engravings or photographs. But the two former have the compensation of seeing their own two colors much more brightly than ordinary people.

"The color blind do extraordinary things at times. An officer of the navy went one day to buy material for a coat, vest and trousers. He bought a blue coat and red trousers, believing them of the same color. A British Admiral painted a landscape, and was very proud of his performance, but he made the tree red, thinking it the same color as green. When he purchased a pair of trousers he chose green ones, suspecting them to be brown.

"An architect's pupil, being directed to copy the picture of a brown house, made the house green, the sky scarlet and the roses blue.

"A postoffice clerk was always short in his accounts because he could not distinguish the different colored stamps. A sedate Quaker has been known to buy a green coat for himself and a red gown for his wife, thinking they were both brown.

"If you see a man in the street with a preposterous display of colors, charitably believe him to be of the color blind.

"Just why the eyes of women are less defective in the matter of distinguishing colors than those of a man is one of the things in nature that is unexplained. The construction is the same, yet woman's superiority in matching colors has always been recognized, even where a man has had the advantage of long experience."

ENGINE ROOM HEROES.

Wonderful and Perilous Feats That Are Performed at Sea. Nobody who has not been to sea can imagine all the things that can happen to a ship's machinery nor properly estimate the cleverness and ingenuity used up in repairs.

The story of the naval officer has never had a certificate of genuineness attached to it. But an actual case in which a house has been built without a stairway is on record in this city.

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