

CLAIM AGENTS NOT NEEDED TO HELP SOLDIERS

Settlement of Back Pay Will Not be Expedited by Use of Attorney.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Officers and enlisted men discharged from the service will not expedite settlement of their claims for arrears in pay by placing them in the hands of attorneys or claim agents, said a statement issued today by the war department.

It was explained that adjustment of claims thus presented was delayed "by reason of additional filing and handling of unnecessary papers of the intermediary."

"The claim of the soldier is all that is required," said the statement, "and such claims should be submitted directly to the war department director of finance, who will give them as prompt and careful consideration as possible. Any fee paid by the soldier to an attorney or claim agent is a needless expense."

Application for Bonus
Claims for the \$60 additional bonus authorized in the war revenue act, the department said, should be sent to the zone finance officer at Washington and the application should be accompanied by a certified copy of the discharge certificate, to be made by the nearest recruiting officer, a statement of all military service since the declaration of war against Germany and the address to which the check should be sent.

Claims for arrears of pay due officers and enlisted men at the time of their discharge should be addressed to the zone finance officer, and all claims for insurance, unpaid family allowances and compensation for death or disability under the war risk insurance act should be made direct to the war risk insurance, treasury department, and not to the war department.

It was reiterated that it also was unnecessary to employ attorneys or other claim agents in order to have these claims adjusted.

WOUNDED MEN ARE CHEERED BY NEWS OF RETURN HOME
"Twelve hundred seriously wounded boys sailed on a U. S. hospital ship from here yesterday, and they sure were a happy bunch," writes Lester Letter from Bordeaux, France, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Hattie Letter of 121 Richmond avenue.

"It did not matter how much the carrying hurt them, nor how much they were suffering otherwise, when they were taken up the gangway each one would look up and smile at you, a great big smile that meant home."

"I have met three Red Cross trains lately and the first word from the boys is: 'Say, how long to go across?' When you tell them eight to twelve days it is like throwing a blanket of cold water over them. They are wild to get home and even a few days is a long, long time. Today a boatload of slightly wounded left port here—a wild crowd. I should like to see them when they hit New York. They laughed; they cried; they cheered, and even hugged each other. One had to laugh, and at the same time there was something about it that brought the moisture to your eyes."

"I went aboard a sub chaser with orders the other day, and before I could get off it left port and put to sea. Well, this is the roughest time of the year on the ocean, so I had some time. It was fun, though, for we were out three days and a half. Say, I had to do some tall explaining when I did get back. Another time I got caught on a tug and was out all night."

"Pershing was here not long ago and inspected the docks, and the hospital ship Mercy which was here then. The docks looked like a ball room floor, and the soldiers were all dolled up."

Letter has been stationed at an old chateau, near Bordeaux, but writes in this letter that he is living in the city of Bordeaux with a French family, which is taking a great interest in him because they have a son of his age who is expecting to come to America.

"The family are very kind to me and the son is a pleasant friend. Often when I come home at night they will ask me to have wine with them, and they offer me breakfast quite often," he said.

HOP RIGHT TO IT
Get into the garden some way or other says the National War Garden Commission, of Washington, and help feed yourself.

MRS. ROACH IS IMPROVED
Mrs. A. W. Roach, official War Mother of the Wayne county chapter, who has been ill at her home on North Thirtieth street, of bronchitis, was reported much improved Monday.

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NEWS FROM EARLHAM COLLEGE

Dr. Allen David Hole will give a lecture at Vermilion Grove Ill., Saturday evening on the "Origin of the Earth." This lecture is the third of a series that is being given this winter at Vermilion Grove by the members of the Earlham College faculty.

On returning from his visit to Gullford college, Dr. Purdy will go west where he will visit the Friends' Missions in Oklahoma, the Friends' University which is located at Wichita, Kan., and Central college at Central City, Neb., and on his return trip he will stop over at Oskaloosa, Iowa, to visit Penn college. He will resume his work in the college April 15. During Dr. Purdy's absence the classes in the department of Biblical literature will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Woodman, pastor of the West Richmond Friends' church.

In memory of Ella Jennette Osgood, whose death occurred in the recent influenza outbreak at Earlham, the women of the dormitory will establish a book-shelf in the student's parlor of Earlham hall. It will bear a plate with a suitable inscription and designed by local talent. The collection of books will include fiction, poetry, essay, and biography and will be used for leisure reading. The memorial is appropriate as Miss Osgood possessed an unusual interest and gift along literary lines.

The Earlham Press club held its annual banquet at 6 o'clock Saturday night at the Arlington hotel. Many old members were among the guests of the club. However, the number was far less than in previous years, as a number have not returned from the service.

The alumni members present were Roland Nusbäum, J. Donald Calvert, Robert B. Evans, and Donald R. Kellum. President Harlowe Lindley was the only honorary member present.

Dr. John Douglass Rea, head of the English department of Earlham college, was made an honorary member of the club.

Leslie M. Meeks was the toastmaster of the evening. Short talks were given on "News" by Miss Zola Clark, "Alumni and Personals" by Roland Nusbäum, "The Forum" by Prof. Lindley, and "Editorials" by Richard N. Powers.

The members and guests were Leslie H. Meeks, J. Hobart Hoskins, J. Donald Calvert, Donald R. Kellum, Jerald K. Hoerner, Robert B. Evans, Richard L. Power, Lewis R. Taylor, Russell B. Titworth, Milton H. Hadley, Ralph Nicholson, Eugene R. Rafford, Robert Lee Glas, Herbert Carey, Kent Morse, Theron Coffin, Philip Furnas, Roland Nusbäum, and

Prof. Lindley; the Misses Louise Fischer, Ruth Brown, Mildred Henly, Zola Clark, Harriett Rawles, Mary Johnson, Hilda Kirkman, Lova Pearson, Sibyl Looftbourrow, Margaret Nicholson, Edith Evans, Freda Morris, Helen Johnson, Mary Dickson, Iradore Rush, Mabel Binford, Lois Elder, Margaret Evans, Louise Meerhoff, and Mrs. Nusbäum and Mrs. Lindley.

An interesting program of melodies secured by blowing into test tubes partially filled with water was presented by Theron Coffin, Russel Davis, Ralph Harris and Hynes Pitner, at a meeting of the Ionian society last week.

Because of the enforced loss of time during the influenza outbreak at the college, Earlham will have no usual spring vacation this year.

Miss Edna Johnson, of the Earlham Latin department, has turned over her room in Lindley Hall to the Day Dodge boys to be used as a den during recreation hours.

Leslie H. Meeks was elected president of the Ye Angelican club at a business meeting held at Earlham Wednesday.

The day students of Earlham will hold the first social of the spring semester in the West Richmond Community, on the evening of March 28.

Phillip W. Furnas, instructor in the English department at Earlham, has been informally requested to make arrangements to go to Russia or Serbia sometime during the arly part of next summer as a member of the Friends' Reconstruction Unit. Mr. Furnas will be gone at least one year and has been granted a year's leave of absence by President Edwards.

This spring, from April 21 to 25, Earlham college will offer a short course in church problems to ministers and to others who are interested along the lines of Christian work. This course of intensive study is intended to aid in the solution of some of the more practical problems of the church. The following course of study will be presented:

The Psychological Basis of the Religion of Childhood and Youth, by Dr. Herscnell Coffin, of Earlham.

The Challenge of the Country Church, by William C. Trueblood of Indianapolis.

Ethical Solutions for the Social Problem, by Dr. Alexander C. Purdy, of Earlham.

The Church and the Reconstruction of the Social Order, by Prof. Homer L. Morris, of Earlham.

PERSHING GREETES VET OF TWO WARS

SPECIAL EVENTS AT COLISEUM THIS WEEK



General Pershing shaking hands with Lieutenant Meunier.

With one more month in the skating season at the Coliseum skating rink, Manager Bradfield is planning many special events that will prove of interest to roller enthusiasts, he announced Monday.

Last Saturday night's skating carnival proved out of the biggest successes of the skating season and drew a crowd of 1,000 people.

This week three special days are set aside. Tuesday night Bradfield will stage some unique events, one that has never been tried here known as the "missing girl stunt."

The Coliseum officials will choose some girl on the floor skating and the skater that finds out who the girl is will win a prize. The girl herself will not know that she is chosen. At Cleveland, where this stunt was first tried, it took just one hour and forty-three minutes to locate the girl.

Thursday night another roller wheelbarrow race will be held. This is one of the most comical races ever held on the floor and is being repeated by request, Bradfield said.

Last Saturday morning over 100 school children under 13 years old, skated on the rink. Each child was given a paper trench hat. This Saturday the number of grade school children is expected to exceed 200. Two instructors are on the floor all the time with the children and the management gives assurance that they will be well taken care of while at the rink.

President Wilson Visits Battlefields of France

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 24.—President Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Ethel Benham, Mrs. Wilson's secretary, and Admiral Grayson, visited some of the bloodiest battlefields of Northern France today. On his return the president said:

"The day has been very instructive to me. It has been in many ways exceedingly painful, because it was

deeply distressing, but it has enabled me to have a fuller conception than ever of the extraordinary suffering and hardships of the people in France of cruel fire through which they have passed."

Among the regions inspected by Mr. Wilson and his party were the famous Chemin des Dames Chateau, Chauny, Noyon, Montdidier and the neighboring regions.

At Saint Amence the president's car stopped and three magnificent bouddren, were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Australian wheat farmers, desirous of cutting out middlemen, are pressing for a continuation of the pooling system.

A valuable collection of minerals has been received for the museum from Walter P. Bland, of Globe, Arizona. The collection includes copper and iron ores and associated minerals, all of volcanic origin.

According to announcement made by Frank J. Hill, who is the chairman of the Senior class play committee, the annual class play will be presented this year on the evening of June 10, on Chase stage. The other members of the committee are Elizabeth Marvel, Clara Sellars and Russel Titworth. The play to be given has not yet been decided upon but the committee has secured Miss Edna Johnson of the classical department, to coach the cast.

Miss Ethel Clark, of the addressed Social Service bureau addressed a joint meeting of the college Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s last evening on "Constructive Philosophy."

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