

SOLONS PROPOSE AID TO VETERANS

Bills Provide Pay Starting on Discharge

(The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 15.—Two new approaches to the problem of aiding service men after the war were suggested in Congress today.

one providing for as much as \$1900 to a veteran wounded in combat. The lawmakers now are considering a plan to provide mustering-out pay ranging from \$200 to \$500, depending on length and kind of service. Representative Brooks, Democrat, Louisiana, introduced in the House a bill providing \$1 a day for each day of active service, up to \$1000; an extra 25 per cent for combat service and \$100 for each battle wound for which a decoration was prescribed. It would set a maximum of \$1500 for service credit and \$400 for wounds, for all men except officers whose base pay exceeded \$2400 a year. The veterans would get \$100 in cash when discharged, with a certificate for the amount due. The certificate would mature in 10 years. Any who showed hardship in this meantime would be given part or perhaps all of their credit. Senator McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, introduced at the same time legislation to provide as

much as \$600 mustering-out pay, as soon as discharged. One of the main objects of his bill, McCarran said, is to start payments immediately to those already disabled in this war. "I have had specific cases called to my attention," the senator said, "of veterans who have come back to civilian life, who have nowhere to turn for help, no place to lay their heads, no idea where their next meal is coming from. That sort of thing must not be permitted." McCarran's plan would pay \$150 to veterans of less than three months' service. For services from three to six months, the payment would be \$300, six to nine months \$450, over nine months \$600. One-sixth of the total would be paid immediately upon discharge and the balance in monthly installments for six months, except those with less than three months' service who would receive three \$50 monthly payments.



REAR ADMIRAL AARON STANTON MERRILL.

ADMIRAL MERRILL GETS NAVY CROSS

Ex-Tulane Corps Leader Stars in Pacific

Rear Admiral Aaron Stanton Merrill, former commandant of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Tulane university, has received the navy cross for "brilliant command" of the task force which sank five Japanese warships off Bougainville island the night of November 1-2. Associated Press dispatches said Wednesday.

The enemy's losses in the battle included one cruiser and four destroyers and the task force's success turned back a Japanese thrust at Marines who had established a beachhead at Empress Augusta bay November 1. Admiral Merrill also received the legion of merit award for his direction of a task force in the Kula gulf battle, March 5-6, in which two Japanese warships were sunk. The citation said that the navy cross was awarded for "extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in a brilliantly executed night action."

A native of Natchez, Miss., Admiral Merrill came to Tulane as a captain in July, 1941. He left this post in March, 1942, when he was given command of the new battleship Indiana.

Admiral Merrill is a graduate of the United States Naval academy, the Chemical Warfare school at Edgewood, Md., and the Naval War college at Newport, R. I. For his service in World War I he received the World War medal, the overseas medal, the Order of the Royal Crown of Belgium and the Order al Merito de Chile Grado de Comendador. He also wears the medal of the Yangtze river campaign.

Labor Standards Act Held 'Lifeline'

Asserting that the fair labor standards act, put in effect October 24, 1938, has been the "poor man's lifeline," Joseph C. Noah, Birmingham, Ala., regional director of the wage and hour and public contracts division of the United States department of labor, said Wednesday that the act has not ruined the South's business as its critics predicted.

Addressing members of the Young Men's Business Club at their weekly luncheon in The Roosevelt, he declared that increased child labor since the Pearl Harbor attack has brought about amendments and lifted restrictions by the child labor bureau.

Willis A. Pellerin, chairman of the club's committee on education, announced at the luncheon that an open letter has been sent to all candidates for governor, state superintendent of education and the Legislature asking their stand on a compulsory education law and other educational proposals for the state.

FINN RADIO GIVES OUT PEACE PLEAS

(Chicago Tribune Press Service) New York, Dec. 15.—The Finnish radio, in a broadcast beamed to the Soviet Union, discussed peace proposals, quoting a speech by the president of the foreign affairs commission, B. B. C. reported today.

Columbia Broadcasting System recorded the broadcast, which quoted the Finnish radio as stating: "Our country must make every effort to have peace as quick-

ly as possible. Certain great powers have often declared that peace would not come before a long time. But if this is the case a small country, forced to fight against a numerically superior enemy, will find itself in a situation very different from that of a nation which has not awaited the end of the war to make peace, and whose frontiers have been defended by all armed forces." The president of the Finnish foreign affairs commission concluded his speech by expressing his faith in the League of Nations, B. B. C. added.

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NEW WAVE HAS SCORE TO SETTLE WITH FOE

(The Associated Press) Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—Mrs. June Ferruggiaro Mansker, who completed her enlistment in the WAVES today, has a personal score to settle with the enemy. Her mother, father and sister and an uncle are being held in a Japanese internment camp in Manila while a brother is a prisoner of the Germans. The 27-year-old WAVE, who has been working at MacDill Field, Tampa, has a husband stationed at a Florida army camp.

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