

COOLIDGE MOVES TO AID SERVICE

Co-ordination of Economic
Efforts in Foreign Coun-
tries Is Objective.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—An executive order has been issued by President Coolidge providing for establishment in the nation's foreign service of a means for a co-ordination of effort in advancing American economic and commerce interests in eliminating duplication.

The order affects all departments of the government having agents in foreign countries and provides that such agents shall meet in conference at least once every two weeks to exchange information bearing upon the motion and protection of American interests. Arrangements for such conference are to be made by the chief diplomatic officer or by the ranking consul or other officer.

All agents under the order, shall furnish without further reference all economic and trade information requested by the ranking officer in the service of other departments of the government.

institutions has resulted in a monthly saving to the government in operating expenses of \$211,222.00 and, in annual rentals, \$196,721.00. Seven new hospitals, which provide 124 new beds, have been opened.

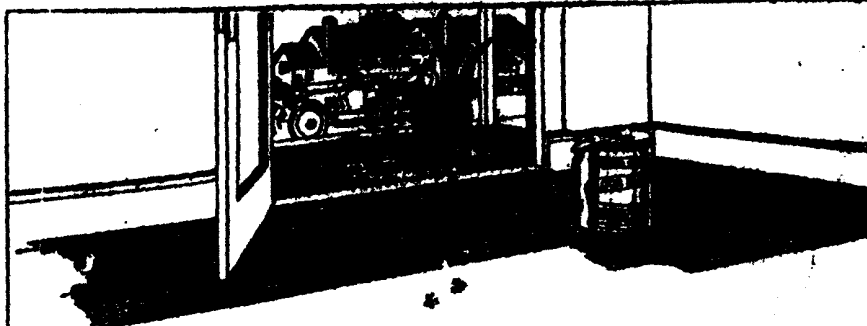
A careful supervision of contract hospitals has been under way for the last year and contracts have been made only with those which are so equipped and staffed as to give the high standard of medical service which the bureau demands for its beneficiaries. This has resulted in a reduction in contract hospitals from 272 to 189. The general policy is to transfer bureau patients from contract hospital to government institutions and particularly to U. S. veterans' hospitals if beds are available, as it is felt that the welfare of the beneficiaries is better protected through the supervision and standardized care in the government hospitals. This policy has resulted in a reduction in the per capita of operating veterans' hospitals and has decreased expenditures for treatment in contract hospitals.

The medical and hospital service has been fully inventoried, thus affording more dependable information upon which to base recommendations for extensions and improvements. Administration of the hospitals has been rendered more efficient by delegating to the medical officers in charge authority commensurate with their responsibility.

The total number of medical and dental examinations and treatments by examiners employed on a full basis has been reduced from 19,226 for March, 1923, to 11,373 for February, 1924. This reduction is in consonance with the established policy of the bureau in assigning whenever practicable, the work of designated examiners to salaried medical personnel, having in mind the desirability of uniformity in examinations and treatments and the necessity of rendering medical service of the highest available standard.

Employment Service.

On March 1, 1923, many of the beneficiaries receiving vocational training were rapidly approaching the point where they would be ready for permanent employment. As a liaison between the bureau and the world of commerce and industry, the bureau established an employment service in the rehabilitation division to aid in securing positions for trainees. The success



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resulting from the closing of certain hospitals previously indicated.

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operation of the veterans' bureau. It is all essential that we, through our actions in efficiently administering the measures of relief passed by congress, retain the confidence of the disabled man, the taxpayer and the public at large. This can best be obtained by giving prompt and sympathetic service, which will bring "hope to the disabled, comfort to the afflicted, confidence to the president and faith to the entire country."

who was or is opposed to the idealism of the greatest of all Democrats—and no man will have much chance of nomination, and if nominated, any chance of election, who does not meet with the approval of William J. Bryan, and a man must be pretty good to receive his active support. So with the spirit of the dead Wilson and the very much alive W. J. B. directing the convention, I am looking for a good candidate to come out of New York next July.

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