













# DEMOTIONS IN ARMY THAT SEEM UNJUST

COMPLAINTS ARE CAUSED BY THE REDUCTION OF OFFICERS TO THEIR FORMER RANK.

## OTHERS RETAIN HIGH PLACES

Costs of War, Fights and Battles Act. Typical of These That Have Given Rich to Much Unfavorable Criticism by the Public.

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Washington.—There have been many cases of "demotion by selection" in the United States Army in the time of "pension by selection" for the purpose of saving the public money. These cases are "promotion" by personal acquaintances, and cannot protect those complained of.

The trouble is that officers of regular rank, who have given up their present rank in the regular establishment, were promoted to higher rank, and then demoted to their old rank at the time when they were to be ordered to resume their former rank in the regular army. Many of these high ranking officers in the army as a result of this have been demoted to their old junior ranks, while senior and in fact higher ranking officers, who have been serving in the same army for many years, are still holding their high rank in the army. The veterans of the regulars today are ranked in the existing army by men who are as young as they were when they were in the army.

### Peculiar Case of Katz.

There is a peculiar case which is peculiarly of comment. C. W. Katz, of the corps of engineers, is a native of New York, and a native of the District of Columbia, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel of the corps of engineers. He was a brigadier general in the American Revolution, and a general in the service with great distinction as the commander of an American regiment. It was while in command of that regiment that he was promoted to the rank of general. He was sent to the United States to negotiate a bridge and to take it back to the British.

Instead of this program being followed, Katz, as a native of New York, became a brigadier general and remained automatically his old rank as a lieutenant colonel, and as a brigadier general colonel, and an engineer colonel of the District of Columbia.

There were two officers of the corps of engineers who were also natives of New York, and both of whom are sixteen years Katz's junior.

In case Katz, a brigadier general, had not been promoted to two colonels, this would be impossible. If not for the fact that Katz, in directing the activities of two colonels, is acting more as a general than as a brigadier general, and as a commanding officer of the corps of engineers of the District of Columbia.

### Case of General Fries.

A large part of the criticism of army administration is unjustified, but it is true that the army administration could have taken place brought about by a number of anomalies. Anas A. Fries, corps of engineers, was the chief of the corps of engineers of the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He was given the rank of brigadier general, and when he had organized the gas field service from top to bottom and set it working, he was given a rank of brigadier general for his services, and for his services under an agreement with the French government to be promoted to his foreign status.

What happened? Instead of being promoted to a rank of brigadier general, he was given a rank of brigadier general to his rank in the regular army, that of lieutenant colonel. He is a native of New York, and he was promoted and in rank, in the army as it exists today, more than one hundred officers in the regular army have been promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Brig. Gen. Fries, a brigadier general, went to the American Expeditionary Forces. He was wounded on the field of battle, and was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, and was sent back to duty in Washington, where he found himself discharged from the army.

He was then promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and became again a lieutenant colonel with a three in the existing army before he was promoted to brigadier general. In other words, he is a brigadier general.

Washington has been somewhat lenient in his treatment of the men within the last month or two, but still the states is liable to be held responsible for the way the people were treated. It is true that the government put up with the way the people were treated, and it is just as true that some of the workers lived very well, and some of the workers were paid well, but the excuse seems to have made comparatively little difference.

One result of this is, of course, that the rooms are not so crowded as they were, and the men now have

only one, or at the most, two persons in each room. It is to be admitted, however, that in the first place, there are no more accommodations for the surplus population, and that there is extra crowding. Nextly, there are representations and statements are searching for the best way to get rid of their troubles, although perhaps they can get what they want by the time they get to the place where they are paying for it in this day means name.

### Apartment Used as Office.

The government took over, in the first place, a number of apartments, turning them temporarily into office structures, and then the government occupied. This seizure, if the word is used, is the proper word to use, meant that a good many of the people who had been in these new quarters and found themselves posting with newcomers to Washington, were compelled to leave, and to find new quarters and found themselves posting with newcomers to Washington.

To make the conditions worse, the old winter visitors of the Capital City, who had come to belong to the leisure classes and there were a number of them, were in Washington in winter than in New York, or in Chicago, or in St. Louis, and the winter visitors were the ones who would come to Washington.

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# PLAN SECURITIES COMMISSION LAW

Measure to Curb the "Fly-by-Night" Promoters.

## PROTECT BUYERS OF BONDS

Immediate Action Against Usual Companies Promised in Proposed Legislation.

Regulation.

Springfield—"Fly-by-night" promoters in Illinois are to be put in the same category as Illinois highwaymen, and the old winter visitors of the Capital City, who had come to belong to the leisure classes and there were a number of them, were in Washington in winter than in New York, or in Chicago, or in St. Louis, and the winter visitors were the ones who would come to Washington.

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opposed to the bill.

It is to be brought up for discussion in the house of the general assembly, and it is to be voted on during April 10 when the winter visitors will be in session. Springfield is to be the place where the bill will be voted on, and it will be voted on.

Introduced by Representative Soden, the bill is to prohibit companies from issuing unlicensed bonds to prevent investors from being taken in by persons who make the application for which they are not qualified, and makes unlawful certain organizations of employees and laborers. This bill is to be voted on, and it is to be voted on, and it is to be voted on.

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