

# CITY WILL FIND WORK FOR ITS CRIPPLED HEROES

## Tackles Job of Caring for Future of Wounded Soldiers.

Chicago has tackled the problem of reeducating and reconstructing its crippled soldiers. So far, there has been no coordination of the various activities, but it is believed the city will be ready for its crippled heroes as soon as they commence to return in any large numbers.

The federal government has done nothing with the Chicago situation as yet, but the whole work will be under the control of the army authorities. It is possible that the Red Cross will be its agent in conducting the work, but that is not certain.

### Gorgas to Speak.

Officially the plan will be presented on Thursday when Surgeon General Gorgas of the army will speak at two big mass meetings in the Auditorium theater. He will tell the government plans and hopes for the disabled men of Chicago and vicinity. It is believed that after his talk the work of combining all the industrial, business, educational, social, medical and other agencies interested in the work will begin.

Three meetings of the industrial physicians and surgeons will be held tomorrow in connection with the sessions of the American Medical association at which the subject will be industrial surveys looking toward the care of crippled soldiers. The meetings will be in the Auditorium theater and most of the industrial surgeons of the country are expected to be present.

### Many Organizations Help.

Among the Chicago agencies which have begun their work in behalf of disabled men are the Red Cross, the employment bureau of the Employers' association, the Boys' Shelter club, the educational department of the public schools, the Jewish Aid society, the State Council of Defense, the Henry B. Favill School of Occupations, and many individual employers.

Perhaps the first of the organizations actually to put crippled soldiers in paying jobs is the employment bureau of the Employers' association, of which Victor T. J. Gannon is manager. Mr. Gannon has placed six disabled soldiers, part of whom received their wounds in the American army and part with the Canadians in France.

### Canadians to Cooperate.

Mr. Gannon has been in communication with the Canadian government for the purpose of getting help in placing the men at the right kind of work. He said that the employers of the city have offered to cooperate in every way possible, and the crippled warriors have been found to handle important work efficiently.

In one case a manufacturer rearranged the manipulation of a machine so that a returned soldier who had lost both arms managed it with his feet where the previous worker had used his hands.

Thirty-two Chicago plants have established "vestibule" training shops—small shops located at the entrance of the factory to train new men—and those will be operated in behalf of disabled soldiers.

"More than 50 per cent of the Chicago soldiers who return disabled will be placed almost immediately," said Mr. Gannon. "The balance will need the help of the government for a

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### Men from Chicago Zone Named in Overseas Casualty List



FRED BAUER, mechanic in the aviation corps of the United States army, reported dead by accident, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bauer of 2345 South Hamlin avenue. He had been in France since last fall.



PRIVATE HAROLD J. MCCARTHY of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth field artillery, reported wounded, lived at 8840 Commercial avenue, South Chicago, with his uncle, James Coleman.



EDWARD H. SEARLE of the British Royal Flying corps, reported slightly injured by accident, is a son of Carleton A. Searle, 7300 South Union avenue, general baggage agent of the Rock Island lines. He has been a resident of Canada for four years.

while to be trained in new occupations. The government is planning in a vast way to meet that emergency."

### Public Schools Offered.

The use of the public schools and their equipment has been offered to the government by Supt. John D. Shoop, with the consent of the board of education. It is the educational department's plan to give the government every chance to use the technical equipment, particularly in reeducating returned patriots. Mr. Shoop has not heard from the government in connection with his offer, but expects to be in Washington this week and will inquire into the army plans.

Training of teachers has been the great preliminary work of the Red Cross to date. Nearly fifty persons have passed through the normal course which has been conducted by the department of instruction, of which Mrs. Frederick Tice is the chairman. Eleanor Clarke Slagle, for a long time a leader in the education of civilian cripples, has been director of the classes. As part of the course the prospective teachers have had practical training in the hospitals and institutions for cripples in the state.

### War School to Help.

It is expected that the school to be erected as the result of the \$100,000 gift of George F. Griffin, secretary of the Griffin Wheel company, will play an important part in the reeducation of the men returning to Chicago. It is to be called the American Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men No. 2, T. A. Griffin Memorial. Plans for establishing the institute have not matured, but there will not be a long delay.

The meetings on Thursday, when the Red Cross will learn exactly what is expected of it in the reconstruction work, will take place at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. Dr. Frank Billings, a colonel in the army medical corps, will preside.