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By the Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16.—The most important meeting of the American Legion ever held between national conventions will be called in this city, January 20 and 21, to make for a census of every ex-service man and woman in the country. The plan that national commander Hanford McNider will present to delegates calls for personal interviews by legion canvassers of all veterans. C. R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau will come as the personal representative of President Harding and Federal Judge K. M. Landis, of Chicago will be one of the speakers. All state commanders, adjutants and national executive committee, chairman of standing committees and national legion officials will be present. Representatives of the War and Navy departments will also attend. The national executive committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, an organization of women relatives of legion members, will meet concurrently. The census will be known as a service and compensation campaign and is modeled after the "Iowa plan" successfully used in the state when Mr. McNider was commander there. After approval by the convention, the census will be undertaken at once. The country will be divided into districts, with a Legion committee to supervise. Districts will be small enough so that thorough canvassing can be assured. Legion volunteers will work under the committee and will visit every house and interview every veteran. Questionnaires will be used to ascertain, first, what form of adjusted compensation is preferred of the five offered in the pending Federal bill. Veterans have the option of cash payment, paid-up insurance, vocational training, aid in buying a home, or aid in settling land. Mr. McNider has a plan whereby veterans will be given the option of turning their compensation payments into a general fund, to be administered by the legion and out of which loans will be made to disabled, unemployed or needy comrades. He believes this fund will total several million dollars. Canvassers in the census will ascertain how many veterans will lend money to this fund. The subject of unemployment also will be considered at the convention and some means devised whereby the legion can assist nationally in placing ex-service men in jobs. A committee will bring in a report on the memorial proposed in honor of the late F. W. Galbraith, who was killed while serving as Legion national commander.

AMERICAN NAVY IS NEARLY ALL NATIVE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 16.—The United States navy is 99.7 per cent pure American. Secretary Denby is proud of his navy and said today that it was the best navy in the world, backing his statement by figures recently compiled by the Bureau of Investigation which show that on July 1, native born sailors represent 91.82 per cent of the total, 2.29 per cent of the total, 4.89 per cent of the total, 1.32 per cent of the total, and only 352 aliens. At the end of the fiscal year, the navy comprised 119,225 men of which number 103,457 were natives, 5,829 were born in Guam, Samoa, the Philippines or the Virgin Islands, and 2,667 were naturalized citizens. The figures also show it is a heavily picked navy for out of 132,295 applicants, only 12,284 were accepted. It is a healthy navy, about 25 and where, according to the statement of the surgeon general. It is a well behaved navy, for only 68 per cent of the total number of discharges were dishonorable, and but 6.03 per cent of the total men in the service during the year less than. Good conduct medals in the service total over six thousand, some men having eight to their credit. It also testifies to the character of enlisted men. The distribution of men by state gives New York the lead in both activity and numbers; 11,470 in the former and 11,170 in the latter. Pennsylvania comes second in figures, with 10,651 and 10,229 respectively. The native born in 1931 were 119,225; in 1930, 119,024; in 1929, 118,723; in 1928, 118,422; in 1927, 118,121; in 1926, 117,820; in 1925, 117,519; in 1924, 117,218; in 1923, 116,917; in 1922, 116,616; in 1921, 116,315; in 1920, 116,014; in 1919, 115,713; in 1918, 115,412; in 1917, 115,111; in 1916, 114,810; in 1915, 114,509; in 1914, 114,208; in 1913, 113,907; in 1912, 113,606; in 1911, 113,305; in 1910, 113,004; in 1909, 112,703; in 1908, 112,402; in 1907, 112,101; in 1906, 111,800; in 1905, 111,500; in 1904, 111,200; in 1903, 110,900; in 1902, 110,600; in 1901, 110,300; in 1900, 110,000; in 1899, 109,700; in 1898, 109,400; in 1897, 109,100; in 1896, 108,800; in 1895, 108,500; in 1894, 108,200; in 1893, 107,900; in 1892, 107,600; in 1891, 107,300; in 1890, 107,000; in 1889, 106,700; in 1888, 106,400; in 1887, 106,100; in 1886, 105,800; in 1885, 105,500; in 1884, 105,200; in 1883, 104,900; in 1882, 104,600; in 1881, 104,300; in 1880, 104,000; in 1879, 103,700; in 1878, 103,400; in 1877, 103,100; 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