

That, whereas there are now in the service of the War Department a number of pharmacists and druggists ranking as master hospital sergeants, hospital sergeants, sergeants first class, and sergeants, all such shall be eligible to transfer to the Pharmaceutical Corps created by this Act and to the service, rank, pay, and promotion in rank as provided herein, and that the time already spent as pharmacists in the War Department shall be computed as part of their service in the Pharmaceutical Corps.

That in emergencies the pharmacist director, upon the recommendation of the Surgeon General, and with the approval of the Secretary of War, may appoint as many contract pharmacists as may be necessary, at a compensation not exceeding \$150 each per month, and provided that the age limit and professional examination may be waived in the case of any contract pharmacist whose character, experience, and professional education is deemed by the pharmacist director to be satisfactory. The temporary appointment of a contract pharmacist shall not carry commission or right of retirement in accordance with the Army Regulations.

Sec. 5. That all appointees authorized by this Act shall take rank and precedence in the same manner in all respects as in the case of appointees to the Medical Corps of the Army, and shall not exercise command over persons other than those in the Pharmaceutical Corps and such enlisted men as may be detailed to assist them by competent authority.

That all officers of the Pharmaceutical Corps shall receive the same pay, awards, and allowance as the officers of corresponding rank and

length of service in the Medical Corps of the Army and shall be eligible to retirement in the same manner and under the same conditions.

That the pay of the pharmacist apprentice shall be \$33 per month and that of the pharmacist apprentice first class, with rank of sergeant, shall be \$37 per month, and for each reenlistment in this service they shall receive the usual increase allowed in the Army for honorable discharge and reenlistment.

Sec. 6. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

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FIRST ARRESTS MADE UNDER PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW ANTI-NARCOTIC LAW.

The first arrests under the new Pennsylvania anti-narcotic law were made in Philadelphia July 31. The law makes it a misdemeanor to have the proscribed drugs in one's possession, unless the possessor is so authorized under the law.

THE NEW YORK ANTI-NARCOTIC LAW IS SAID TO BE DEFECTIVE.

The Whitney bill requires hospitals, etc., to use order blanks for purchasing narcotics but fails to enumerate them among those entitled to order blanks; there are said to be a number of other flaws in the act and some will require correction. The law was to have become effective July 1, but because of the non-receipt of the necessary order blanks, which are essential to its enforcement, August 1 was named as the day on which the law shall become effective.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

List of changes of duties and stations of commissioned and other officers of the United States Public Health Service for the seven days ended July 18, 1917.

Phar. E. B. Phelps. Proceed to Chicago and other places in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, on special temporary duty. July 16, 1917.

Phar. C. C. Cannon. Relieved at Stapleton, N. Y. Report at Hygienic Laboratory, Washington, D. C. July 9, 1917.

Phar. Clyde Ritter. Relieved at Hygienic Laboratory. Proceed to Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. July 9, 1917.

Phar. C. H. Parker. Relieved at St. Louis, Mo. Proceed to Cape Charles Quarantine Station. July 9, 1917.

Phar. R. D. Kinsey. Relieved at Cape Charles Quarantine Station. Proceed to Sta-

pleton, N. Y., Marine Hospital. July 9, 1917.

Sanitary Engineer H. W. Streeter. Proceed to Des Moines, Iowa, on special temporary duty. July 16, 1917.

Sanitary Engineer L. C. Frank. Proceed to Chillicothe, Ohio, on special temporary duty. July 16, 1917.

Sanitary Chemist H. B. Corson. Proceed to Chicago, Ill., on special temporary duty. July 17, 1917.

Sanitary Engineer W. D. Wrightson. Relieved at Chicago, Ill. Proceed to Louisville, Ky., on special temporary duty. On completion of this duty, proceed to such places in States south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi Rivers as may be necessary in

connection with malaria studies, with station at New Orleans, La. July 6, 1917.