

supply of nurses for soldiers at the Front was one of great importance, and there was no good in postponing the matter until the War was over. The Report had been under consideration for over two months by the War Office, and what was the cause of the delay?

No reply was given.

NURSES AND INSURANCE.

At the Fifth Annual Conference of the Association of Approved Societies, which will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at 2.30 p.m., at the King's Weigh Hall, Thomas Street, London, W., the first Resolution on the Agenda concerns "War Sickness Risks," as follows:—

"That this Conference protests against any part of the liability for War Risks being placed on the funds of Approved Societies, and claims that Insured Persons, incapacitated whilst serving the Nation, should be compensated from National Funds. This liability was not anticipated or provided for when the financial basis of the National Insurance Scheme was calculated by the Actuaries, and any money taken from the contributions of the Insured Section of the Community to meet this liability is not only unreasonable and unfair, but endangers the stability of National Insurance Funds."

It will be remembered that when insured nurses enter the service of the War Office they are exempted from paying their contributions, the War Office paying 3d. a week for them at the termination of service. How unfair this is to paying members when nurses are invalided out of the Service without compensation is apparent when we cite the following case. A nurse was recently invalided out, when the War Office paid 15s. in arrears for her for fifteen months' service. The nurse's valid claim was for £4 10s., for which she had paid nothing during the fifteen months when in health, and receiving good pay and

allowances. The War Office should compensate and provide care for nurses who break down in its service, and not compel the fellow members of her Insurance Society to pay £3 15s. towards which she has not subscribed.

We hope the Resolution will be passed unanimously, and this very unjust tax on Approved Insurance Societies' Funds be discontinued at once.

REGISTRATION THE REMEDY.

At Lincoln last week Gladys Lilian Irene Clarke, who described herself as a Matron at a base hospital in France, was brought up on remand, charged with issuing a worthless cheque and obtaining money by fraud.

The chief constable stated that the cheque was one of several alleged to have been stolen by the prisoner from an army officer at Godalming. She was alleged to have committed similar offences at Godalming, and was wanted by the police at Guildford. He had been unable to verify that she was an Army Nurse, but did not believe it, as he knew where she was in May last and for six months afterwards. The photograph of the prisoner in nurse's uniform was taken in a uniform borrowed from a hospital nurse in Brighton for the purpose.

The magistrates ordered her to be handed over to the Godalming police.



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The declared intention of the German Government to wage war on hospital ships has been ruthlessly carried out in the case of the *Asturias*, which was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 20-21. Happily, some 900 patients had been landed, but, besides the ship's crew, members of the R.A.M.C., and a number of Sisters and Staff Nurses—who were looking forward to leave on reaching port, after service abroad—were on board. One Staff Nurse is reported missing, and 24 men of the R.A.M.C. have been drowned. We shall not forget them on the day of reckoning.

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