

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

Hero of Three Wars Retires From M.V.M.

Massachusetts Women Honored by National President, W. R. C.

By the retirement of Capt James P. Claro of Co M, 5th infantry, the militia will lose one of its oldest and most efficient officers, and one who has served his country for over 40 years. The captain, who retires with the rank of major, is the hero of three wars, the civil, the Spanish American and Philippines, and in each of which he performed conspicuous service. He was born in Chelsea 58 years ago and when the civil war broke out young Clare was but 15 years old. The news of the firing on Sumter awakened all the military spirit within him and he was determined to become a soldier. His desires were not sanctioned by his parents, but that had no effect upon the boy. He had decided to throw himself into the breach in behalf of his country, and so far as he was concerned, that settled the question.

He was too young to be readily accepted as a soldier, a fact which he fully appreciated. As the result of his persistency in his determination he became attached as a musician to Co E,

Jennie Threll, Lynn; Mrs Etta A. Lockhart, corps 66, Cambridge; Mrs Sarah J. Rice, Waltham; Miss Mattie L. Shute, Cottage City; Mrs Mary E. Holbrook, Weymouth; Mrs Grace J. Fitts, Roxbury; Mrs Mary A. Savino, Lexington; Mrs S. Anna Starkweather, Pittsfield.

The aides are instructed to send reports to Mrs Mary L. Gilman, chief of staff.

LEGION S. V. VETERANS.

Col E. H. Shumway camp is planning for a record-breaking meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 21. It is expected that at least 35 candidates will be initiated, the election of officers and an entertainment also being scheduled. The entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental music, clog and buck and wing dancing, all by members of the camp.

At the next regular meeting of the Ensign Worth Bailey camp of Charlestown, on Tuesday evening, the election of officers will take place, also election of delegates to represent the camp at the encampment.

The following are the new officers of Doran camp 36, Fall River. Herbert F. Field commander, Thomas Pargen SVC, James F. O'Brien JVC, John F. Hughes paymaster, William T. Phillips quartermaster, Charles H. Kelley delegate, Jas. F. O'Brien alternate.

The following appointive officers were filled: F. F. O'Brien adl, Thomas Harry OD, Patrick Forestell OG, Dennis Gariga OD, James F. Butterworth sergt mjr, David Daylor quartermaster, S. F. Pellidier color sergt. The committee to take charge of the installation, which takes place Jan 15, is comrades Hussey, Brooks, Field, Forestell and J. F. O'Brien.

At the last meeting of George J. Whitten camp 1, Boston, the following officers were elected: Edward A. Davis commander, Arthur C. Cooper SVC, John J. Ryan JVC, Edward M. Hood paymaster, W. J. Schell Qm, Richard R. Flynn and Hugh Wythe delegates, James Tansey and W. J. Schell alternates.

The new officers of Roger Walcott camp 28 of Boston are as follows: Geo. W. Andrews commander, Ed. F. Gargan SVC, J. J. Pendoley JVC, George P. Field Qm sergt, H. H. Brown, paymaster, Henry A. Trenthardt, Ralph B. Eastman, James F. Clark, E. L. Jones and B. J. Halcy delegates, J. J. Keefe, P. H. Welner, F. H. Moore, J. F. W. Long and Fred Muller alternates. The camp was inspected at the same time by Asst Insp Gen Epple, and delegations were present from camps 1, 27 and 36.

Asst Insp Gen Epple will inspect Peabody camp 24 of Salem Tuesday evening, and John Drum camp 21 of Roxbury Wednesday evening.

Insp Gen J. wet will inspect Ryan camp of Lawrence today. He will be accompanied by Asst Insp Gens Epple and Hood.

John Cleary camp 37 was inspected at its last meeting by Asst Insp Gen Hood. One recruit was mustered and Junior Vice Commander Burns was elected senior vice commander, Dr Grover delegate and Quartermaster Magee alternate.

Leon E. Warren camp 33 of Stoneham was inspected at its last meeting by Asst Insp Gen McLeod. The camp is making preparations to move into quarters of its own. The inspecting officer congratulated the camp on its flourishing condition and remarks were made by Commander Jeffrey of Lynn, Past Commander John W. Mahoney of Marblehead and the inspecting officer.

Corporal James S. Deacon desires former members of H Co, 6th Mass Vols, who served in the Spanish war to send him their present addresses.

Bogan camp 14 of Charlestown was inspected at its last meeting by Asst Insp Gen Davis, and the result of the election was as follows: Charles F. Bogan commander, Neil McDonald SVC, John J. Killilea JVC, Michael F. Higgins Qm, Andrew P. Wilson paymaster, John J. Dwyer and Thomas A. Russell delegates, Dennis J. Swanson and W. J. Francis alternates.

UNDER THE FLAG.

At the annual meeting of the Vermont veterans' association of Boston and vicinity the following officers were elected: Frank E. Martel of Cambridge pres, L. A. Larson of Hopedale, John G. Bostwick of Dorchester, P. P. Pottes of Somerville, Daniel M. Rice of Malden, George M. Lane of Springfield vice pres, John J. Warden of Boston, Mansel H. Bush of Dorchester, A. F. Carpenter of Somerville, W. H. Goodnow of North Cambridge, G. C. Fiske of Ashland ex com; D. W. Taft sec and treas.

Gen R. S. Mackenzie association will nominate its officers at its next meeting, Dec 21, and the commander is desirous of a full attendance.

The following gifts were received at the Soldiers' home this week: Ladies aid association, clock for room 46; Department of Massachusetts, W. R. C. 24 sheets for dormitory; W. R. C. 163, Quincy, six sheets, six pillow slips for room 88; W. R. C. 21, Somerville, four pajamas, confectionery and pickles; W. R. C. 120, Taunton, dustpan and rug for room 67; Mrs C. C. Converse, Malden, mantel drapery, window shade, two rugs, two cushions for room 97; Mrs H. W. Pearce, Dorchester, three pajamas; Mrs Laura W. Fowler, D-dham, four pajamas; Mrs E. H. Munroe, Somerville; Mrs James Thompson, Dorchester, three packs cards and wine jelly. Reading matter from C. E. Davis, Roxbury; Helen C. Barker, Boston; Unitarian Sunday school society, Boston; Mrs Meaney, Charlestown; W. R. C. 46, East Cambridge, and W. R. C. 86, New Bedford. Number of men in home 436; in hospital, 147.

For the benefit of relief work, the Ladies' veteran navy association will open a Christmas sale, Dec 14, at 151 Essex st, Salem.

The Essex naval veteran association has elected the following officers: Austin Quinby commander, T. B. Swasey lieutenant commander, A. M. Neal lieutenant, D. D. Stevens paymaster, E. A. Brown chaplain, S. A. Ford surgeon, John C. Grover sec, Nicholas McGrane OD, James Wilkins boatswain, D. Goodbread quartermaster sergeant. The officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

The reunion of the 20th regt association will be held at 1161 Washington st tomorrow at noon. The dinner will precede the annual meeting and election of officers. The comrades are invited to bring their families as a most enjoyable program has been prepared for their entertainment.

Admiral Andrew Houghton will pre-

side at what promises to be one of the most successful events in the history of the Keatsarge Naval Veterans this week. The occasion is the 17th anniversary of that association and will take place at headquarters, 1161 Washington st, on Wednesday evening at 8 p m.

GRAPE AND CANISTER

The 20th annual drill for the Sanger medal, presented to Co B, 5th infantry, M.V.M., will take place at the state armory Jan 18. The competition is open to members of the company only, and will be followed by dancing. The following will have charge: Lieut J. F. McNamara, 1st Sergt O. E. Threll, Corp L. Hayes, private W. Ahern and private A. Young.

Capt Arthur W. Yates, quartermaster USA, is at present in Boston on official business of the quartermaster's department in connection with preparing plans and estimates for electric lighting of fort McKinley, Me.

An appropriation of \$20,000 is to be asked of congress to defray the expenses of army officers inspecting the militia. The war department now pays mileage to officers on such trips, but statistics show that this is not sufficient to cover expenses. It is shown that on 13 inspections of the Massachusetts militia last year inspecting officers had to travel 510 miles for which they received \$35.70, while the actual cost to officers was \$72.28. This difference the officers had to pay out of their own pockets.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Old Guard of Massachusetts will take place at the Quincy House on Wednesday evening, Jan 25.

Capt John J. Monahan, commander of troop F, cavalry, carried out his threat which he made some weeks ago of resigning from the M.V.M. and his resignation was accepted this week. During his term as captain of the troop he has kept his command in excellent shape, and he leaves it with the regret of every man in the command.

Co H, 5th infantry, M.V.M., enjoyed a beefsteak supper at the armory, Winthrop st, Charlestown, Tuesday evening. After supper pipes were lighted, and the members listened to an interesting story of the cutting of the cables at Cienfuegos, Cuba, by Herman W. Kuchmeister, who was a member of the crew which performed the duty. He also was one of the seven men wounded. Lieut Fred A. Walker also entertained the company with stories of his trip to St Louis from Manassas. Many visitors were present from other companies, and orders were read detailing Lieut Philip B. Bruce and Fred L. Whiting to the duties of first and second lieutenants with the company.

Walter A. Klein has been commissioned first lieutenant and battalion adjutant of the 2d infantry, M.V.M.

Howard L. Rogers has been commissioned first lieutenant of Battery A, light artillery.

J Harry Hartley.



MAJ JAMES P. CLARE.
Retired.

19th Mass volunteers, and was a happy boy when his position with the volunteers was assured. In a comparatively short time he became the principal musician of his regiment, and then entered with such zest into the duties of a soldier's life that he was advanced step by step until, at the time of his discharge, when he was a member of the 26th Mass volunteers, he had been commissioned a second lieutenant.

At the close of the war Capt Clare went to West Acton and later to Leominster. About 30 years ago he went to Hudson and has resided there ever since, excepting when the country was having a vigorous dispute, which led to warfare, then Capt Clare would be engaged as a soldier seeking to protect his country's flag.

April 30, 1897 he received his commission as captain of Co M, 5th regt, M.V.M., and was with the regiment during its service in the Spanish-American war, and in the course of that service was acting major for five months.

When it became evident that there was to be fighting in the Philippines Capt Clare was as determined to participate in it as he was insistent that his services should be accepted in 1898. He carefully made his plans, but did not take his fellow-townsmen into his confidence, and they were greatly surprised in July, 1899, when they learned that he had decided to retire from an active and lucrative business life and accept a commission as first lieutenant in the 26th regt, USV, under Col Rice, who was Capt Clare's commander when the latter was mustered out after his term of service in the war of the rebellion.

Capt Clare served in the Philippines nearly two years, and while with his regiment made a fine record as a soldier. He was mustered out in May, 1901. Upon his return home he was given a grand reception, in which the whole town participated. The affair was one of the most significant events in the town's history and Hudson's hero of three wars was given a royal welcome.

He again took command of Co M, 5th infantry, and has held the position up to the present time.

HONORS MASSACHUSETTS.

Prominent Women in W. R. C. Given Appointments.

Mrs Ninet, national president W. R. C., has made the following appointments for Massachusetts: Mrs C. Elizabeth Berry, corps 20, South Boston, assistant national press correspondent; Mrs Maggie M. Jones, corps 9, Charlestown, assistant national inspector; Mrs Helen R. Blackmar, corps 60, Hingham; Mrs Mary E. Knowles and Mrs Angie A. Robinson, past department presidents, national special aides.

Also the following additional aides on her staff: Mrs Ralph, BVDF; Mrs S.