

NATION'S GRATITUDE

AMERICA'S HOMES FOR ITS OLD AND MAIMED SOLDIERS.

It is to General Winfield Scott, the Hero of the Mexican War, That We Owe the Real Initiative in This Work Where the Heroes of Our Wars Live.

The pension rolls attest to the lasting gratitude of the American people, for on the roster of the nation's fame are not alone the men who suffered in the civil war, but the widows and daughters of revolutionary soldiers, now less than half a score, those of the heroes of 1812, and many a name that was famous in the war with Mexico.

Nor is this the only evidence of the nation's gratitude, for throughout the country are palaces of comfort and ease, where the heroes of our wars live out their declining years as wards of the states and the nation.

Our Soldiers' Homes form a study in gratitude which surpasses in interest even the story of Les Invalides of Paris, of the Soldaten Heim of Berlin, or those of the Kilmalnaham and Chelsea, for they are as extensive as the nation and as deep-hearted in spirit as is the thankfulness of those who toll that the aged warriors may know no further sorrow.

It is to General Winfield Scott, the hero of the Mexican war, that we owe the real initiative in this work of gratitude. Like all great soldiers, his heart was with his army, and their sufferings and trials appealed most strongly to his noble nature.

But Congress was slow to act and not until 1851, when the nation itself demanded immediate action were homes provided for those who were left from the three hundred thousand and more who had fought under Washington, and from the half million who had been under arms in the war of 1812.

Every soldier of the army of the United States who has served, or may serve, honestly and faithfully, twenty years in the same.

The branch homes are as follows: Central branch, Dayton, Ohio; Northwestern, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Eastern, Togus, Maine; Southern, Hampton, Virginia; Western, Leavenworth, Kansas; Pacific, Santa Monica, California; Marion, Marion, Indiana.

These homes, which together form "The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," have cared for nearly 30,000 veterans, and now have within their walls nearly twenty thousand.

Over 1,200 inmates attest to the gratitude of New York in the magnificent home at Bath. As many are provided for in the Quincy home, Illinois and in that of Ohio at Sandusky.

In fact all the homes are able to accommodate many more than are now within them, for it was realized by the managers that the veterans of the civil war are growing silver-haired, and yearly more are knocking for admission.

Mr. Chanler has roughed life enough in Africa to become an invaluable aid in Cuba, while his superior intelligence and his undoubted courage will make the young millionaire a favorite of General Gomez and of the army.

figures are trifling compared to the expenses of the institutions which in Milwaukee sum up \$325,000

The libraries in all of the homes, both state and national, are growing annually. The Dayton home has about 20,000 volumes while the other institutions average from 2,000 to 10,000.

The states and the national government care for its wards, it will be seen from all this, in no half-hearted fashion. Yet many will be surprised to hear that in some of the institutions there are even cures for drunkenness.

A Remarkable Career on Two Continents. William Astor Chanler is a young man of fortune and leisure. Fortune and leisure are the twin civilizers of man.

England will arbitrate the Chile and Argentine boundary dispute. California's Straight-out Populists have bolted the regular state ticket. The National Division, Sons of Temperance, is in session at Burlington, Vt.

Paris celebrated yesterday the fall of the Bastille with more than customary gayety. The Pennsylvania German Society held its quarterly meeting yesterday at Lancaster.

The battleship Iowa will be the first ship to enter the new Brooklyn dry dock for repairs. Falling coal crushed George Hillinger to death in the Packer No. 4 mine, at Shenandoah.

Forty-five prisoners at the Ohio State Reformatory, in Mansfield, struck for tobacco rations. H. B. Hollis & Co., of New York, have bought out the Brooklyn & New York Ferry Company.

Captain Clarence A. Steadman, Ninth Cavalry, officially reported killed at Santiago, is alive and well. Robbers held up an express train, blew open the safe and escaped with their booty near Humboldt, Nev.

Charged with barn burning, Henry Jones of Shippensburg, has been committed to jail to await trial. Australia's Chamber of Commerce has sent to San Francisco congratulations on the success of the American arms.

Italy has decided not to seize Columbia's custom house to collect an indemnity unless it is absolutely necessary. Knocked over by a dog into a tub of boiling water, infant Michael Chisler, of Mahanoy City, was scalded to death.

Caught in the big iron rollers at the Crescent breaker, Sugar Notch, Luzerne County, John Kane was crushed to death. President E. Benjamin Andrews, of Brown University, has accepted the superintendency of Chicago's public schools.

Colonel Peter C. Haines, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., has been appointed a member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission. The London steamer Ryhope was sunk off the English coast in a collision with the British steamer Edwin, which had to be beached.

It is denied that the government contemplates purchasing the Hygeia Hotel and the Hotel Chamberlain, at Old Point Comfort, Va. The Elizabeth River, from Hampton Roads, Va. to the Norfolk Navy Yard, will be widened and deepened, so as to accommodate big battleships.

Young Girls Fading Away.

Symptoms that seem like consumption; a lack of blood; friends feared one girl would fall dead on the street; restored to health by a sensible woman's suggestion.

Many girls of sixteen years seem to have consumption, although they have it not. Their anxious parents and friends watch them slowly fade away. A death-like pallor, transparent complexion and listlessness are signs of this condition.

The body lacks blood. Mrs. John Tansey knows the meaning of these symptoms, and the cure. She lives at 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Mich. Her advice to mothers has been of great value to her neighbors.

"When my daughter was sixteen years old she began to waste away. Had I not known there was no taint of consumption in the family I would have believed her lungs were affected. She grew thinner and thinner every day. She lacked only the hacking cough to show all the outward signs of consumption."

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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