

ANNUAL MESSAGE
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

READ JANUARY 7, 1915.

Governor's Message.
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In addition to the expenses of attending and bringing home our sick and wounded soldiers, we have expended less than \$4,000 in the transportation of friends of sick, maimed and wounded volunteers to other parts of the country for their care to the several battle fields and hospitals, and in bringing home the bodies of those who have fallen. The whole expense incurred under the joint resolution was five thousand dollars and eighty-three cents, the details of which will be found in the report of the Surgeon General and the Chief of Transportation.

By a uniformity, when applied to, allowed the expense of transportation of one person to the field to bring home the body of his friend or relative, and to permit of his return with the body. The cost of this is not exceeded \$200, which is included in the sum of \$4,000, above mentioned.

In the connection I must speak with respect to the matter of the National Guard. Not only have many gone to the field, but many have returned with the bodies of their friends. The National Guard has been a most efficient organization, and it is a credit to the Commonwealth that it has been able to maintain its efficiency.

The militia law of this State is greatly defective, and I earnestly recommend the appointment of a commission to study and report on the subject. The commission should be composed of representatives of the militia, and it should be empowered to make such recommendations as it may deem proper.

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