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January 10, 1936

Major Albert L. Evans
Chaplain
Fort Snelling
Minnesota

RE: HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
United Spanish War Veterans

Dear Major Evans:

Your letter of November 29th which was mailed to us by your Secretary before you had signed it was taken up in the Camp and the matter was submitted to the incoming commander, John Weber, Andrew Desmond, and myself as a committee of ways and means. My colleagues have advised me that the concluding paragraph indicated that the letter was sent by direction of the Commanding General, and that it was proper that our reply thereto be taken up with the Post Adjutant. Hence, I am enclosing copy of the Camp Commander's reply together with my own in which I have attempted to make a summary of the Camp's position together with a brief history of the Camp as a service organization.

I sincerely hope that our offer may be considered inasmuch as I shall feel like a man without a country if we are left without a place to meet under our financial circumstances for I transferred from the parent organization to Fort Snelling because of the frequent transfer of troops made it necessary that there be someone at the helm to recruit up the camps from the new units. I did this against this against the advice of my comrades who wanted me to remain with the parent organization.

In the summary of the Camp's property I failed to mention the two arm chairs which are the property of the Camp, one in the basement and one, I believe, is in the upper room.

The annual greetings at Christmas time always bring a greeting from our old friends and hence I am enclosing a copy of my letter from George Catlin, 1st Commander of our Camp together with a copy of a letter of greeting from Alva J. Brasted, our former chaplain.

I am advised that General Stone will not return possibly before ten days and in the meantime we will have an installation on the 15th which is the only meeting we will be able to hold in the month because of the fact that New Year's Day came upon our first meeting night.

My handicap in hearing is a serious one inasmuch as it prevents me from picking up the phone and expediting many of the problems

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that are given me like the instant case. Hence, I trust you will bear with me as I must resort to the longer way around in writing out our communications.

With kindest wishes, I am

Yours truly,

HUGO V. KOCH
Liaison Officer

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January 2, 1936

General David L. Stone
Commanding Officer
Fort Snelling, Minn.

RE: HAMILTON FISH CAMP No. 7
United Spanish War Veterans

Sir:

The following is a brief history
of our Camp and a summary of its activities:

George DeGrasse Catlin was a
Captain of Company K, 28th United States Infantry at Fort Snelling
in 1909 and having served in the Philippine Islands during the
Spanish War was mustered into Worth Bagley Camp of St. Paul as a
Spanish War Veteran and became a very good friend of Captain John
W. Finehout who was a Commander of Worth Bagley Camp, and to whom
he stated his wish to organize at the Post, if possible, a Camp
composed of men who are in the regular establishment.

A conference was called with Hugo
V. Koch, present, then Commander of the Department of Minnesota.
Application of charter was given to Captain Catlin and the men whose
names appear on the charter list were from the 28th United States
Infantry, the 4th U. S. Cavalry, and the 5th Field Artillery. The
initial meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall just at the end of
the Bridge, and the Camp was mustered as the first Service Camp of
the United Spanish War Veterans in the United States. Captain Catlin
was its first Commander, Sergeant Timothy O'Connell of the 4th Cavalry,
Senior Vice-Commander, and Sergeant Adelbert C. Aldrich of Company K
the 28th Infantry, Adjutant, and Sergeant Albert C. Friedlander of the
4th Cavalry, Quartermaster.

Arrangements for subsequent meetings
were made for the Post Exchange where the Camp met. The following
year, Timothy O'Connell was elected Camp Commander and he was
succeeded by Adelbert C. Aldrich, followed by Sergeant Andrew Desmond,
since retired, after 30 years of service. The Camp was very active
in its participation in Department affairs and was given very fine
support by the Commanding Officers in the Post. Classes of recruits
numbering 80 men were mustered in at one time. In 1914 the 28th

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Infantry was ordered to Vera Cruz. The 4th Cavalry and 5th Field Artillery were transferred and the ranks of the organization became so depleted that it was necessary for the transfer of Spanish War veterans from the Twin City Camps to hold the charter at Fort Snelling in order that it might be recruited upon the return of troops and which was done at a later date. The members of the Camp who held the charter, were active in every drive during the World War. A fine Christmas box was sent overseas to our men at the front.

The World War brought into retirement many men who had served the required time for retirement. The matter of transferring the men back to the Twin City Camps was taken up with National headquarters and they advised that inasmuch as it was the original Service Camp that we try to maintain the charter at Fort Snelling. It was suggested that we organize a woman's auxiliary to assist the organization in its social and patriotic activities and the auxiliary was organized with Mrs. Anna Aldrich as its first President. When Colonel Walsh heard of the contemplated Auxiliary he very kindly provided quarters for them to meet at the Masonic Club where the auxiliary met. In the diminution of numbers of the Camp we met in the old Chapel, many times under difficulties and handicaps, but at all times the men were good soldiers.

We come now to the building of the Chapel in June, 1927 wherein the Camp entered heartily into the work, along with other patriotic organizations to bring to a reality the dream of Captain Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, and one of the prime movers in the movement. We claim no particular distinction in this work, because it was a privilege to work for this fine Chapel for the Post, and a monument to the people of Minnesota and the friend of the soldier. We were informed at that time, that provision would be made in the Chapel for the meeting of our Camp and Auxiliary at all times, and it was with pride that we met in this fine Chapel adjacent to the historic "Old Round Tower". It has been our privilege to attend patriotic services and worship in the Chapel in the two pews designated to our organization and furnished by them at the time of its building.

The Ladies Auxiliary cooperating with the Camp, purchased a full set of dishes which are now being used in the kitchen, as well as dish towels and table covers. 18 card tables were purchased, a number of which are being used upon occasions at the Officer's Club at this time. We have been very happy in these contributions to the equipment of the Chapel. Of the 42 members, who at the present time comprise the organization, 17 are retired men of the U. S. Army. 17 are past Commanders of the U.S.W.V. One is a past Department Commander. Three at the present time are Department officers and the Camp has participated in all patriotic affairs of Spanish War Veterans, have participated in patriotic civic affairs and have taken a great pride in the Camp as a representative organization of Fort Snelling, and in pursuance to the suggestion contained in the letter of Major Albert L.

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Evans, Post Chaplain, under date of November 30th, 1935 we are setting forth a brief resume of the Camp's history as it pertains to Fort Snelling in order that the Commanding Officer may be fully informed and will appreciate the position we have taken in desiring to remain domiciled at the Post for our meetings and activities.

We are always glad to conform with the schedule of activities at the Chapel in order that we may in no way interfere with its program. Many Comrades of our Camp have little knowledge of where the finances come from to meet the current expense and the upkeep and replacement and we appreciate this being brought to their attention. Our Camp dues are \$3.00 per year per member, \$1.00 of which goes to the National and Department Headquarters as per capita tax, \$6.00 a year each to the Adjutant and Quartermaster have been paid to them to reimburse them for the many duties that devolve upon them during the year. We are contributors to the Memorial Day Association of St. Paul by whom flags and markers have been provided since the incorporation of that body for our Fort Snelling Cemetery and these graves have been flagged by our members with the reverence due our deceased Comrades. We have had the finest cooperation by each succeeding Commanding Officer of this Post since its inception. As you state, we have paid janitor service at the rate of \$1.00 per night amounting to \$24.00 leaving us a balance of \$50.00 per year to carry on the activities of the organization, hence, you will realize our inability to pay the \$12.00 per month suggested in the letter. It would mean an ouster for our organization and of course we speak for our auxiliary likewise. Contributions are only asked of them where the two organizations participate in those affairs where we have a joint interest.

If we were living under normal times, that social affairs could be given to raise money, our Camp is badly in need of a Camp color, but we have deferred the purchase of these colors until such time as we can give an affair with profit. If we may suggest the consideration of a nominal payment of \$4.00 a month during the pleasure of the Commanding Officer, until times have eased to such an extent that we may be able to raise money by holding social affairs, and then to consider a re-adjustment of this schedule, we will be your grateful debtors.

Yours very truly,

HUGO V. KOCH
Past Department Commander

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Major L. Evans

May I therefore ask you to send me this statement at 1359 Osceola Avenue, St. Paul.

It has been our pleasure and our privilege to co-operate with the Commanding Officer of the Post for the past 27 years in the observance of Memorial Day, in the flagging of the graves, the securing thru the Memorial Day Association of the Wreaths for the graves of our comrades. Inasmuch as the situs of our Service Camp remains at Fort Snelling, may we request thru you to the Commanding Officer, General David L. Stone, for whom we all have a very high regard, the privilege of continuing in the same fraternal relation with reference to this patriotic duty of assisting in the observance of Memorial Day.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HUGO V. KOCH, P.D.C.
Chairman, Committee

December 16, 1935

General David L. Stone
Commanding Officer
Fort Snelling
Minneapolis, Minn.

RE: Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7
George DeGrasse Catlin

Dear Sir:

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Yours very truly,

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HUGO V. KOCH,
Liaison Officer

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR THE NATION.

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection. That Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Written at Newburg, June 8, 1783, and sent to the Governors of all the States.)

CADET PRAYER

Oh God, our Father, Thou searcher of men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship to Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a kindly countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who suffer. May we find genuine pleasure in clean and wholesome mirth and feel inherent disgust for all coarse-minded humour, help us in our work and in our play to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight that we may better maintain the Honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied, and acquit ourselves like men in our effort to realize the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country. All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of Men. Amen.

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, U S W V

Fort Snelling September 1, 1948

Camp Order No. 9
Series 1948

AMERICANISM

Americanism is an unfailing love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

1. We will again assume the regular schedule of holding two meetings per month. Meetings will be held on the 7th and the 21st. Meetings are held in the Post Chapel, just across from the historic Round Tower. Meetings are called to order in the due form, promptly at eight p.m. The business of the meeting usually lasts but one hour, thus enabling the comrades to visit with their friends and brethren.
2. We call your attention to the matter of dues. We may not be able to call upon you, in which event you may send your dues to our Quartermaster John Weber at 3104-39th Avenue South, Minneapolis 6, or if in St. Paul, you may send it in care of St. Thomas Military College, St. Paul 5.
3. We are calling attention of the Comrades at the Minnesota Soldiers Home, who have enjoyed every kindness that can be shown to men who wear the uniform. These men do not even attend a reunion of their own regimental organization, to say nothing of attending a meeting of their camp. While we regret to do this, we hereby demand the badge and button which are the property of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7. What a contrast to that fine organization known as the Third Infantry Association. They help everyone regardless of what veteran group they belong to.
4. The National Encampment at Washington, D. C., found 14 comrades from Minnesota entitled to vote. Comrade Curtis was a busy man at all times, as usual. Yours truly was on the Enactment Committee. They stated that inasmuch as many men who are entitled to pension are not members of the United Spanish War Veterans, that instead of getting the one-hundred dollars pension we had planned to get, that we might have difficulty in keeping the \$90 per month we are now getting. The heat at Washington was 104°⁰, but the entertainment feature was very nice indeed. We visited the National Soldiers Home which is indeed wonderful. The buildings are very beautiful indeed and the grounds are over one-hundred acres. The boat trip to Arlington was very fine and many trips could be had for the small taxi fare of 30¢. Comrade Adam Kober used to say that all things are cut and dried. Well Adam, they haven't changed any. Next year we go to Tampa, Florida.
5. Comrade Hiram Geer is at the Veterans Hospital, B East in No. 1 Building. Jimmy Crowther should be at the Hot Springs Sanitarium at Hot Springs, South Dakota.

By order of
Stewart R. Nixon
Commander

Attest

Hugo V. Koch
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS. U.S.W.V.

Fort Snelling
July 1, 1948

AMERICANISM

Americanism is an unfailing love of Country, Loyalty to its Institutions and ideals. Undivided allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure liberty to ourselves and posterity.

1. Regular meeting of the Camp will be held in the basement of the Chapel, which is just across from the historic old Round Tower on the sixth of July. Refreshments will be served immediately after the meeting. This will afford an opportunity for the comrades to visit with their friends.
2. Do not forget that on January 29 we will observe the fortieth anniversary of the founding of our Camp.
3. The Encampment of our Department at St. Cloud was one of the finest encampments we have ever held and our next encampment will be held at Hibbing, Minnesota as the guests of Butler Camp.
4. Many fine resolutions were passed a full report of which will be given at the next meeting by Comrade Nixon our Camp Commander.
5. The following officers were elected and installed:

Commander Albert W. Markley
Senior Vice Commander J. W. Trimble
Junior Vice Commander Thomas V. Iverson
Adjutant and Quartermaster William A. Curtis
Chaplain Reverend Fred H. Farrand
Surgeon Dr. C.E. Dutton

The appointive officers will be named by Comrade Markley at a later date.

6. Past Commander Louis Leitner presented the outgoing Commander with a past Department jewel and gave a well chosen talk.
7. Flag Day was observed at the Minnesota Soldiers Home as usual and was well attended.
8. We are glad that our comrades are no longer required to reside at the Veterans Hospital. Our old pal, Adam N. Kober was missed at the Department Encampment as usual but we hope that he can go to Hibbing and possibly to Columbus, where, no doubt, the next encampment of the National Organization will be held.
9. We missed our old friend and Comrade, Hank Hoffmeister of Deer River but hope Hank will be with us at Hibbing and at Columbus.
10. With kindest wishes we are as ever,

Attest:

Hugo V. Koch,
Adjutant

Stewart R. Nixon,
Commander

Arnold H. Albert
High Mems 5/19/69

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, U. S. W. V.

Camp Order No. 3
Series 1949

Fort Snelling, March 1, 1949

Americanism

"Americanism is an unfailing love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

1. Regular meetings of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7 will be held in the basement of the Chapel at Fort Snelling, just across from the historic Round Tower, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, the 1st and 15th. Meetings are called to order promptly at eight o'clock p.m., and usually last for the period of one hour to enable the comrades to visit with their friends and comrades prior to the serving of coffee and cakes or doughnuts by the Ladies Auxiliary.
2. At our last regular meeting we were pleased to have a communication from Comrade Jules Steele who was for many years dramatic critic of the Pioneer Press and Dispatch. Jules is now a resident of San Diego, California, having transferred from Worth Bagley Camp, inasmuch as he will make his future home in California. Jules has perhaps more friends in the state than any comrade we know of and we are very happy that he is among his California friends, for they are regular fellows and "no foolin". Then we had a letter from our old Past Commander Zeiss. Hugo Koch states that he had a neighbor at Hastings named Conrad Zeiss, that Conrad was very fond of horses and a wonderful horseman. His family came from Hanover, Germany.
3. Our commander attended the meeting of Worth Bagley on February 14th, when Past Commander Lucius Clement gave a very fine resume of Lincoln and Washington. Lucius is a Mason and his resume of George Washington was very fine and timely.
4. The Comrades will bear in mind that the Department Council meeting and Banquet will be held at the Lexington Hotel, Minneapolis, which adjoins the Curtis Hotel on April 23 at eight o'clock.
5. Comrade William Curtis is doing his usual fine work in securing for us the Legislative appropriation which it seems we have gotten with regularity since Senator Knute Rockne has no longer been a member of the Senate. We have nothing against Senator Knute Rockne, however, for he was a very loyal member of the Legislature when we served in that capacity, and we wish him a very speedy recovery from his present illness.

With kindest wishes, I beg to remain

Yours in F. P. & H.

Stewart Nixon,
Commander.

Attest:

Hugo V. Koch,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPT. OF MINNESOTA, U. S. W. V.

Fort Snelling, April 1, 1949

Camp Order No. 4
Series 1949

Americanism

"Americanism is an unfailing love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

1. Regular meetings of the Camp will be held at the Post Chapel, just across from the Historic Round Tower, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, the 5th and 19th. Meetings are called to order promptly at eight p. m., and continue until the business of the session has been completed. We then have a half hour of visitation with the friends and comrades present. Upon adjournment, we have refreshments served by the ladies on one of the meetings of each month.
2. It is gratifying indeed to see the Fort Snelling reservation go back to the custody of our good friend, Comrade Carl Gray, for we are certain that we will no longer be pestered by the Council of Churches. We would not object to the payment of one dollar for the meetings, although we do all of our own janitor work, but considering the fact that we took such a major part in the building of what amounts to the Temple to us, we feel that our liberty has been infringed upon.
3. It seems odd to us that our Department should be in financial difficulties and talk about a tag day. First of all your Adjutant wants to say that he represented the city of St. Paul when the Community Chest was organized in St. Paul and was on its Board of Directors for years, and one of the things we always opposed was the Tag Day outside of the Veteran groups who did it for charitable purposes. That is why we object to the Department doing so in the Twin Cities or elsewhere.
4. At our last meeting we voted down this proposition and in lieu thereof, we are seeking your co-operation in a fifty-cent assesment for the current period.
5. Mayor Delancy has proclaimed April 21st as Health Day, which will be observed with a program at the Auditorium.
6. Comrade Harry H. Eastman passed away during the past month and was laid away at the National Cemetery with full military Honors. Harry was a fine, loyal Comrade. He was a member of Landmark Lodge A.F. & A.M. of St. Paul and a fine Christian gentleman. His passing was a serious loss to Camp No. 7. Expressions of sympathy have been forwarded to the family.

attest

Hugo V. Koch,
Adjutant

By order of
Stewart R. Nixon,
Commander

Nov 18, 1948

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
Department of Minnesota

C O M R A D E S :

LET'S TAKE STOCK.

By-William A. Curtis,
P.D.C.

If any have the wrong ideas and opinions, let's get them straightened out.

Take a look at the National Tribune, issue of November 18, 1948 and read the article under the heading --"For The Benefit Of All". No truer words were ever written, and it is about time everybody received this kind of information.

Let's each and everyone take off our hats to the "Tribune" and express our appreciation to its Vice President and Managing Editor, ED INMAN, and also to the President of that Corporation, Past Commander in Chief JOHN LEWIS SMITH, of Washington, D.C.

Certainly no longer can anyone question how they came to be remembered by a grateful Government. Organization means everything.

Be not deceived. The many Acts passed resulting in veterans receiving Pensions, were not on the merits of the Bills alone. It was the united and sincere efforts of the individual members, every officer, local, State and National, joining together in one consolidated directed effort, that helped to make it possible. Remember - United We Can Accomplish Much, for in that we have strength. Let those who served from 1898 to 1902 remain together under one banner. Allow none to destroy that comradeship, in order that all may continue to serve as VOLUNTEERS.

EXCERPTS FROM THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE

We quote--"For some reason that defies utterly an adequate explanation, vast numbers of our veterans and the dependents of our honored dead harbor the singular idea that all of the legislative benefits they enjoy are handed to them on a silver platter. Somehow or another they believe that the American people are so grateful for the sacrifices they made in wartime that their representatives in Congress just make up their minds the veterans, or their widows and orphans ought to have a law or two enacted to help them in their troubles and then, presto, pass it. Of course, nothing could be further removed from the truth. Not a single enactment has ever gone thru the legislative mill without the hardest kind of work on the part of interested persons. Only argument and more argument, and the kind that will answer the most farfetched questioning, has resulted in committee approval and, even then, the people back home have to bring to bear the final push that will insure passage. It is little wonder, then, that organization spokesmen ponder why it is that they do not enjoy greater numerical support from those who have worn the uniform and from the beneficiaries of the service dead. Numbers are the biggest clubs in the hands of legislative representatives, and the "free riders", as we call them -- those who do not even participate thru organization membership in seeking the passage of laws for their own benefit -- had best give the matter every earnest consideration. It is fervently hoped that our leadership will consolidate this year in joint service to all who have a first call upon their generosity. By doing so they might well encourage our - "free riders" to join the fold in which freedom of conscience is a big one but is not the only compensation. (End of quotation.)

It is hoped that none will show ingratitude by remaining out of an organization that has played such an important part in matters resulting in their benefit.

Sara E. Edwards
Secretary

FAE A. TRIMBLE
President

Elsie McIntyre
Treasurer



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NATIONAL AUXILIARY
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
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General Orders No.1

Series 1948-1949

July 25, 1948

I, Fae A. Trimble, being duly elected and installed as Department President of the Department of Minnesota, Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, at the 35th Annual Convention in St. Cloud, Minnesota, June 25-27, 1948, knowing the duties connected with such an office, shall endeavor to fulfill all the duties to the best of my ability and would humbly ask the wholehearted cooperation of all my officers and members of our Organization, for remember--"United we stand, divided we fall".

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT is hereby established at--609 State Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota, to which all official mail should be sent. Please make all checks and money orders payable to--Department of Minnesota, A.U.S.W.V., and mail to this address. Personal mail for the Department President, should be sent to Fae A. Trimble, 321 - 4th St., So., Virginia, Minn.

HEADQUARTERS of the Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota, at National Convention in Washington, August 22-26, 1948, will be at the Hotel Statler. The Department President will arrive on the 22nd.

*Grave Pratt
Soldiers Home Hospital*

THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS ARE HEREBY ANNOUNCED:-

Secretary-Sara E. Edwards, 609 State Office Building, St. Paul.
 Treasurer-Elsie McIntyre, 519 Hayes St., Eveleth, Minn.
 Chief of Staff- Laura Hill, 3816 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis 8
 Parliamentarian- Dora Brant, 1512 Almond Ave., St. Paul 4
 Musician-Marion Luth, 50 East Morton St., St. Paul 7 Minn.
 Custodian-Sara E. Edwards, 609 State Office Bldg.
 Service Officer-Minna Ewald, 1864 Marshall Ave., St. Paul 4
 COLORS-Eleanor Hoover, Alma Markley, Treva Marks, Tyyne Lackrie

COMMITTEES

CHILD WELFARE-Annie Elmore, 1323 East 11th St., Duluth
 NATIONAL DEFENSE-Ruth Lloyd, 624 West 24th St., Bemidji
 HOSPITALIZATION-May Hall, Chairman, 3015 James Av. N Mpls.
 PUBLICITY-Ina M. Reed, 661 Plum St., St. Paul 5 Minn.
 AMERICANISM-Estelle D. Kelley, 395 Dayton Av. St. Paul 2
 SOLDIERS' HOME-Emma Bills, Chairman, 131 Cecil St. S. E., Mpls.
 PAN AMERICAN STUDY-Emma Boock, 318 No. Minn. St., New Ulm
 ESSAY CONTEST-Elsie McIntyre, Eveleth, Minn.
 RADIO-Anna Warren, Minneapolis, Minn.
 EXECUTIVE-Fae Trimble, Chairman; Ina M. Reed, Avis Sundberg,
 Myrtle Thibodeau, Arabella Nichols.
 FINANCE-May Hall, Chairman; Maude Wetherby, Amelia Olson.
 LEGISLATIVE-Harriet Rask, Chairman; Mabel Estes, Ruth Saether,
 Katherine Prescott, Cora Hoyt.
 BY-LAWS-Dora Brant, Chairman; Marion Dockeray, Emma Westerlund.
 MEMBERSHIP-Florence S. Conklin, 211 Willow St., Fairmont
 SPANISH AMERICAN WAR HISTORY-Anna Andersen, McGinty Rd., Hopkins

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES-Caroline Loughrey, Chairman; Hazel B. Smith, Marion
 Dockeray, Mary Wiczorek, Kathrine Nelson.

DEPARTMENT AIDES

Worth Bagley No. 1 -	Madeline Lentz
Clarence Miller No. 2 -	Gertrude Kohner
John G. McEwen No. 3 -	Annie Elmore
Marie Bond No. 4 -	Edna Kolb
Arthur MacArthur No. 5 -	Mabel Estes
Norman L. Sandburg No. 6 -	Agnes Olson
Schaumkessel No. 7 -	Florence Schaumkessel
Sophia L. Rice No. 10 -	Elsie Alstrom
Leon C. Brown No. 11 -	Lillian Clark
Col. Chas. E. Young No. 12 -	Mayme Burrell
Edward E. Dolan No. 13 -	Ethel Bassett
Buttler-Wilkenson No. 14 -	Mary Prince
Hamilton-Fish No. 16 -	Josephine Floody
Cyrus R. Hinton No. 17 -	Emma Boock
William McKinley No. 18 -	Ruth Lloyd
William H. Caine No. 19 -	Ora Van Horn
James E. McKelvey No. 20 -	Hattie Brick
Nelson A. Miles No. 21 -	Elmira Lamont

HOSPITALIZATION

Worth Bagley No. 1 -	Emma Tews & Millie Coil
Clarence Miller No. 2 -	Lucy Miller
John G. McEwen No. 3 -	Myrtle Thibodeau
Marie Bond No. 4 -	Christine Olson & Elizabeth Menzies
Arthur MacArthur No. 5 -	Sena Peterson & Anna Andersen
Norman L. Sandburg No. 6 -	Avis Sundberg
Schaumkessel No. 7 -	Katherine Vernon
Sophia L. Rice No. 10 -	Anna Freeberg
Leon C. Brown No. 11 -	Jessie Gamble
Col. Chas. E. Young No. 12 -	Eva Neal
Edward E. Dolan No. 13 -	Nellie Hommas
Buttler-Wilkenson No. 14 -	Tyyne Lackrie
Hamilton Fish No. 16 -	Ruth Saether & Josephine Floody
Cyrus R. Hinton No. 17 -	Opal Hintgen

Hospitalization continued-----

William McKinley No. 18, -	Lillian Koors
William H. Caine No. 19, -	Mildred Spicer
James E. McKelvey No. 20, -	Sophia Zimmerman
Nelson A. Miles No. 21, -	Anna Hanson

IN MEMORIAM

Sister ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, Auxiliary No. 5, Died July 1, 1948

Sister EMMA COLWELL, Auxiliary No. 5, Died July 14, 1948

The clock of Life is wound but once and no man hath the power to tell just when the hand will stop -- at late or early hour. Now is the only time you have to live, love or toil with a will. Place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may stop when he is still.

I wish for my Department Commander and Staff a most successful and harmonious year and myself and officers do pledge our wholehearted support.

"It is my joy to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load.
And since I have no gold to give
And love alone can make amends
A lonely heart - it isn't much
My prayer is, "While I live
God make me worthy of my friends".

By order of

OFFICIAL:

Sara E. Edwards
Sara E. Edwards
Secretary

FAE A. TRIMBLE
President

Agnes Upell Boyce
Secretary

CAROLINE LOUGHREY
President

Emma Taggart
Treasurer



DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

NATIONAL AUXILIARY

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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" AMERICANISM is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity".

General Orders No.3

Series 1947-48

July 5, 1948

At the 35th Annual Convention, Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Minnesota, held at St. Cloud, Minnesota, June 25-27, 1948, the following officers were elected and installed by Past Department President Florence S. Conklin, assisted by the Department Colors:-

Department President-FAE A. TRIMBLE, 321 So. 4th St., Virginia.
Senior Vice " -INA M. REED, 661 Plum St., Saint Paul 6.
Junior " " -AVIS SUNDBERG, Albert Lea.
Chaplain - MYRTLE THIBODEAU, 15-No.15th Ave.E. Duluth 5.
Patriotic Instructor-ESTELLE D. KELLEY, 395 Dayton Ave. St. Paul 2.
Historian-ANNA ANDERSEN, McGinty Rd. R. 1, Hopkins.
Conductor- ARABELLA NICHOLS, 637 W. Park Ave. Albert Lea.
Asst. " - SOPHIA ZIMMERMAN, 411-7th Ave.No., St. Cloud.
Guard--GEORGIANA NYS, 1431-89th Ave.W., Duluth 8.
Asst. "-LILA ANDERSON, 2932-34th Ave. So. Minneapolis 6.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

No. 1. - Treva Marks, Auxiliary No. 4

- No. 2 - Sophia Zimmerman, Auxiliary No.20
 No. 3 - Lillian Clark, Auxiliary No.11.
 No. 4 - Lila Anderson, Auxiliary No. 4.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION:-

- No. 1 - Anna K. MacLeith, Auxiliary No. 1.
 No. 2 - Daisy Zimmerman, Auxiliary No. 5.
 No. 3 - Margie Snodgrass, Auxiliary No. 1
 No. 4 - Ruth Saether, Auxiliary No. 16.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Brought forward from June 1, 1948.....\$1,051.01

Receipts since June 1, 1948:-

From, Norman L. Sandburg, No.6,	\$ 3.10
Worth Bagloy No.1, Child Welfare,	10.00
" " " Ribbon,	2.25
Nelson A. Miles No.21, per capita	2.50
John G. McEwen No. 3, supplies,	3.00
Leon C. Brown No. 11, Memo, Aide,	
and Pamphlets,	19.10
Clarence Miller No.2, Radio Plate,	3.00
Arthur MacArthur No.5, Supplies,	3.00
" " " PAP Pin	12.50
Cyrus Hinton No. 17, Child Welfare,	2.00
Agnes U. Boyce, --200 Pamphlets,	2.00
Clarence Miller No.2, Supplies,	1.70
Hamilton Fish No.16, Child Welfare,	1.00
Sophia Rice No.10, Dept. Aide,	5.00
Total	70.15
Total receipts	\$1,121.16

DISBURSEMENTS, itemized, since June 1, 1948:-

Wm. A. Curtis, mimeo orders & lists,	21.75
N.W. Stamp Co....Bronze Plate,	3.00
Hazel B. Smith, Stamps,	2.00
Daisy Zimmerman, Essay printing,	18.50
Sunnyside, Memo Wreaths, Nat'l Cemetery	4.00
National, for PDP & PAP Badges,	22.50
Brioschi Studios, Bronze Plaque,	95.00
National correction per capita (5),	.40
Ed. J. Carlson, Auditing books 6-1-48	5.00

Wm. A. Curtis, Officers lists,	\$ 1.75
Matthews Florist, Flowers for Convention,	7.00
Peter F. Loughrey, Paper for Ballots,	.70
St. Cloud Hotel, for Headquarters room,	11.00
James E. McKelvey Aux., No.20, for St. Cloud Hospital,	5.00
Marline Liebe, 1st prize essay contest,	15.00
Carollete McGill, " " " "	15.00
Jennie Westberg, " " " "	15.00
Patricia Brown, 2nd " " " "	10.00
Doris Koseonski, " " " "	10.00
Patricia Schumacher, " " " "	10.00
Dona Heck, 3rd. " " " "	5.00
Warner Paunska, " " " "	5.00
Barbara Benepe, " " " "	5.00
Delores Waldera, 4th " " " "	3.00
Diana Young, " " " "	3.00
Linda Libera, " " " "	3.00
Peter F. Loughrey, for Dept., President's room,	8.25
Agnes Upell Boyce, reimbursement for hotel room,	12.00
" " " , for salary,	40.00
Emma Raggart, Salary,	15.00
Virginia Brozek, 1/2 year's salary,	5.00
Agnes Upell Boyce, Postage,	10.00
" " " , Secretary's fare to and from St. Cloud,	3.34
Gillette Hospital Inc., Saint Paul,	10.00
Kenney Foundation Inc., Minneapolis,	10.00
Childrens Hospital Inc., Saint Paul,	25.00
Alma How, National Flag Day Association, dues,	1.00
Treva Marks, Membership postage,	3.04
Agnes Upell Boyce, for Supplies,	10.85
Willis-Moore Co., Insurance on Flags,	5.00
National, for Treasurer's bond,	4.50
Caroline Loughrey, R R Fare to & from St. Cloud,	9.26

Total disbursements sine June 1st. \$ 468.84

Total Receipts.....\$1,121.16

" Disbursements..... 468.84

Balance..... 652.32

DIVISION OF FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 261.55
Veterans Hospital Fund.....	157.10
Memorial Fund.....	52.05
Child Welfare Fund.....	43.20
Soldiers' Home Cheer Fund.....	138.42
Total	<u>652.32</u>

Respectfully submitted

Emma Taggart
Retiring Treasurer

My warmest greetings to Department President Fae A. Trimble and her officers and assure them of my heartiest co-operation the coming year, also to Department Commander Albert W. Markley.

In closing my final order for this fiscal year, I wish to thank each and every one of the Sisters who helped to make this such a happy year for me and can only say I wish that I could have done more.

By order of

OFFICIAL:

Agnes Upell Boyce
Retiring Secretary

CAROLINE LOUGHREY
Retiring President

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7.
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, U.S.W.V.

Fort Snelling,
June 1, 1948.

AMERICANISM.

Americanism is an unfailing love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and adeals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

1. Regular meetings of the Camp will be held on the first and third Tuesdays, the 1st and the 15th. Meetings are called promptly at eight o'clock in order that we may have sufficient time to transact the business of the meetings and have a visit with our comrades.
2. We are very sorry to announce the passing of Mrs. Mary Quigley, beloved mother of Mary Kurtz, who is the Secretary to the Department Adjutant at our annual encampments. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mary in the great loss she has suffered.
3. At the last regular meeting of the Camp the following delegates and alternates were elected to the Encampment at St. Cloud: Comrades Harry Hanchett, Albert T. Smith, Charles McGulpin and Thorwald Kolstad. The following are qualified to vote at the Encampment: Department Officers, Rev. Fred H. Farrand and Hugo V. Koch. Department Chaplain and Judge Advocate respectively.
4. The following Past Department Commanders are Hugo V. Koch and Ole G. Sandstad, and the following are Past Commanders; Hugo V. Koch, Janas F. Courtney, John Wartti, John Weber, Albert Hammon, James Crowther, Martin J. Murray, Hiram E. Geer, Dr. W.F. Lafans, John McPhillips, Stewart R. Nixon, Edmund J. Stevens, Henry Thieleke and Heinrich Venneman.
5. Camp Officers are Comrades Stewart R. Nixon, John Wartti and Jonas F. Courtney.
6. We will without a doubt, hold but one meeting during the heat of the summer months of July and August.
7. We would be very happy if it were possible for Comrade Harry Eastman of King, Wisconsin to attend. We greet him on Shut-Ins' Sunday, June 6.
8. We sincerely hope that a good attendance will be at this our Forty-third Annual Encampment.
9. Preparations should be made for the Fortieth Anniversary of our Camp. Comrade Hugo V. Koch instituted this Camp on January 29, 1909, thanks to Colonel George De Grasse Catlin. He has been a wonderful friend of us all and we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

Attest

Hugo V. Koch
Adjutant

By order of
Stewart R. Nixon
Commander.



WORTH BAGLEY CAMP NUMBER TWO
Department of Minnesota
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SERVICE OFFICER
William Royce
Vi.-3802

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Quartermaster
MERTON H. REED
1832 E. Nebraska Ave
Va.-1964

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CAMP ORDER NO.4

Series 1950

April 3, 1950

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Camp for the month of April will be held on Monday the 10th and Monday the 24th. in the Veterans Hall, Auditorium Saint Paul beginning at 8 P.M. sharp. The Annual Muster will take place at the meeting of April 24th. Lunch and a social hour will follow as usual. If unable to be present in person try and drop a line to the Camp and thus respond to Muster. All who can do so should try and be present, but if unable to do so write your comrades a line as they will be pleased to hear from you. Keep in contact with your COMRADES. The Camp will continue to hold EVENING MEETINGS as usual on the Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Try and be present as often as possible.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The State-wide Annual Banquet and Reunion of the Department and its Auxiliary is set for the 15TH of APRIL at the Commodore hotel, Saint Paul, 6 P.M. We will have with us our Commander in Chief HENRY H. HUNT of Connecticut and National President... GRACE ALEXANDER of Arizona. As a large crowd is expected suggest that you obtain your tickets now or before April 10th and thus be assured of a reservation. Tickets are \$3.00 per plate including the tip therefore no collection will be taken up at the tables. Comrades Tracy Hoyt, John Flach, Carl Albrecht have tickets for sale. Past Department Commander Sam A. Rask will be Toastmaster.

SICK REPORT

We are pleased to report that as this order is being promulgated we do not have any Comrades at the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis. We do have five at the Fort Snelling Annex. Comrades A.N.Kober, Charles Perham, R.J. Johnstone, Martin Frey and Charles G. Anderson who is very sick. Comrade Ed. Phifer is at Ancker. Those ill at home are--Comrades Lewis Lewison, James Ramsey, W.K. Follmer, Lars Peterson, Caleb Snodgrass, W.S. Finley, John Swartz and Lars Peterson. All would appreciate your contacting them. Adjutant Harry G. Brant is ill at the home of his son in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and is not expected back for several days. Remember to report the name of a comrade whom you know to be ill. We want our Comrades to know that they are not forgotten tho absent because of illness.

POT-LUCK

SUPPER

The supper put on by the Auxiliary March 13th proved to be a grand success in every way. Those attending reported a real feed and a good sociable time. A small profit was realized. Lets have more of them. The ladies of the Auxiliary deserve a vote of thanks.

NATIONAL CEMETERY

A new ruling has recently been received effecting the National Cemetery in relation to reservation of graves by the widow or widower of a service man or woman. It is no longer necessary to renew such reservations every two years as this is now taken care of by the Government at the proper time by contacting such widow or widower. Original reservations are still made in the same manner as before, at the TIME OF BURIAL. It is the RENEWAL that has been changed.

T A P S

Comrade Harry B. Cunningham, formerly with Troop E. 7th U.S. Cavalry and a member of the Camp for many years, passed away March 28th and was buried with camp members officiating as active and honorary pall bearers from Wulf Funeral Parlor. Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota.

OFFICIAL:

HARRY G. BRANT, Adjutant

By order of

JOHN L. FLACH, Commander.

1-7-1969 Historian Arnold Kahmet
Let's Assn 34 US by T6 old Guard



WORTH BAGLEY AUXILIARY NUMBER ONE
Department of Minnesota
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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OR FLAG

"The Red White and Blue
Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave."

MEETINGS for April will be on Monday the 10th and 24th at 8 P.M. in Veterans halls, Saint Paul Auditorium.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As the fiscal year of the auxiliary now begins in May, annual election of officers will take place on April 10th.

April 24th: Annual Muster will be observed. The time of the year when members gather to again renew their obligation. ---also---

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES to the Department Convention, according to rules and regulations, will be elected at the meeting of April 24th.

MESSAGE from Department Chief of Staff Minna Ewald; to her committee and every sister of Worth Bagley and Minneapolis auxiliaries, who with their friends made possible, a very successful benefit luncheon on March 21st. Sister Ewald appreciates the fine cooperation given this project.

REMINDER: Secure your tickets for the State-wide Banquet to be April 15th in the Commodore Hotel, at 6 P.M. Reservations must be made. Minnesota will be honored by the presence of our National Commander in Chief United Spanish War Veterans and National President.

APRIL 29th, at 7 P.M. the annual party for patients at the Veterans hospital will be given by the Department auxiliary. Sister Lydia Diegnau is chairman.

The dish towel supply being low, it has been suggested that the Sisters, each try to bring one at the next meeting. Sister Julia Walsh is to be custodian of the towels.

ILLNESS: Sister Magdalena Dreis suffered a broken arm and other injuries in a fall. Sisters Laura Nelson, Margaret James, Frances Schoeneman and Minna Ewald convalescing from illness. Sister Dora Brant became ill with a virus infection while in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and is under the Doctor's care at the home of her son. Sister Julia Woods brother Thomas Elliott fell on the sidewalk and split his leg. He is at the Ancker hospital where he will be for some time.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy of the Auxiliary is extended to Sister Eva Jakobson in the loss of her son. To Comrade and Sister Fagrie in the loss of their Granddaughter and to Sister Decker in the loss of a sister.

NOTICE: The Auxiliary and Camp will continue to meet in the evening as scheduled, Second and Fourth Monday evenings of each month. This action followed a reconsideration of the question at the meeting of March 27th.

EASTER GREETINGS:

To bring you glad greetings
and wish you
A spring-time of sunshine and cheer
And all the real beauty of Easter
For many and many a year.

April 3, 1950

OFFICIAL:

Edith Johnson
Secretary

By order of,

ELEANOR HOOVER
President

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO.7.
DEPT.OF MINN. UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Fort Snelling. November 1st.1949

Camp Order No.11.
Series 1948.

Americanism.

(To be repeated in Unison upon opening a Camp.)

1. Regular meetings if the Camp will be held at the Post Chaple, just across the street from the famous Round Tower, (built in 1820) on the 2nd and the 16th of November. Meetings will be opened promptly at eight oclock.p.m. The bussiness of the meeting, unless something comes up that requires much discussion, is usually completed in one hour, thus enabling the comrades to visit until lunch is served by the ladies Auxillary.
2. Comrade Heinrich Venneman, Retired Hospital Steward who was very well known for his service to Camp No.7 was laid away with full Military Honors durin the month at National Cemetery at Fpr Snelling. Appropriate Resolutions were forwarded to the family of our deceased Comrade.
3. Remember that election day is Novembet second, and that unless you cast your vote as a citizen of this great Republic, you should not be heard to complain if things are not run as they shouldbe. Choose your candidates very carefully and take your time in making the choice.
4. The election of Officers in our Camp will be held on the first meeting in December at which time Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, one Trustee, Officer of the Guard and Officer of the Day, will be elected, the balance of the Offices are appoinative. Your Camp uses the Seniority system in advancing its officers. We have so many Past Camp Commanders that it is impossible to elect any of the offices from the Ranks, altho we have several comrades who have not been elected to any office, and who reside in the Twin Cities.
5. Our Adjutant extends his apology to the Comrade of the Thirteenth Minnesota Vol-untarr Infantry stationed at the Minnesota Coldiers Home . These comrades have at no time been in arrears, but the members in question were of the Fifteenth Minnesota and that is why the error ocured. One of these has never paid any dues except his muster fee and has accepted the priveleges of the organization for two years..
6. The books of the Quartermaster are being audited and the delinquents will be reported at the second meting of November. Letter will be sent out by the Camp giving each comrade his atdning, and the date to which his dues were paid. Comrades are cautioned ,not to contain currency inremitting for dues. Use a Postal Money Order or by Check. Then there will be no trouble in your account. Comrades who move about shoulc inform the Adjutant of their new adress so that we can get the Camp Order to ALL COMRADES and keep them informed.
7. Your Comrade calls your attention to the importance of attending meetings or keeping in touch witj your comrades. Worth Bagley Camp lost ten comrades in one week so you may realize they are going fast. Visit Camps ither than your own alos. you will enjoy the fellowship. Worth Bagley Camp, 814 St Paul serves lunch at both of the meetings.

Attest
Hugo V Koch.
Adjutant

By order of
Stewart R Nixon.
Commander

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1-7-1969.

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7.
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, U. S. W. V.

Fort Snelling, January 1st, 1949

Camp Order No. 1.
Series 1949

1. Regular meetings of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7. will be held in the basement of the Post Chapel on the first and third Monday of January, the 1st and the 18th respectively. Streetcars will stop at the Chapel upon signal.
2. The election of officers was unanimous in each case and resulted in the following Officers being elected and appointed:

Commander Stewart R. Nixon. Senior Vice Commander Jonas S. Courtney
Junior Vice Commander John Wartti. Trustee 3 yrs. Albert Hammon
Appointive Officers:

Chaplain. Rev. Fred H. Farrand. Surgeon Dr. H. P. Linner
Adjutant Hugo V. Koch. Quartermaster John Weber
Officer of the Day Thorwald Kolstad. Officer of the Guard Charles McGulpin
Historian John McPhillips. Patriotic Instructor Dr. W. F. Lafans.
Senior Color Sergt. Harry Manchett. Junior Color Sergt. Harry O. Snyder
Chief Musician. Albert T. Smith.

3. Our Commander has requested our Department Commander Albert Markley to install the Officers and he will choose his Master of Ceremonies.
4. This will be a joint installation. President Elect Helen Newman has asked the Department President to install their officers. Refreshments will be served after the installation.
5. The Christmas Party was a decided success, notwithstanding the fact that our Chapel Sunday School had their party first. A bag of goodies was given to each child by Santa Claus himself.
6. The second meeting will be the observance of the 40th anniversary of the Muster of the First Service Camp in the United Spanish War Veterans. We regret that Col. Catlin will be unable to come, inasmuch as he has been confined to his bed at the Walter Reed Hospital for some time.
7. An earnest invitation is extended to each Camp of the Department to attend. We would especially like to have Comrade Hormel of Austin, Minn., to attend for he has always been a very good friend of the organization. We hope that Past Department Commander Ole G. Sandstad, Mrs. Sandstad and Sybl can attend.
8. We are grateful to Herwin Carleon Post for their contribution of \$25. We are grateful to Col. Catlin and Comrade Rockbud for their contributions to the Christmas Fund.
9. Comrade James Crowther and Charles Booth were buried at the National Cemetery with full military Honors. Col. Wm. Boyce of Fairmount was buried at Fairmount with full military Honors.

Attest

Hugo V. Koch,
Adjutant.

By order of

Stewart R. Nixon,
Commander

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, U. S. W. V.

Fort Snelling, February 1, 1949.

Americanism
(In Unison.)

Camp Order No. 2.
Series 1949

1. Regular meetings of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7 will be held in the Post Chaple just across the street from the Historic Round Tower. For those who travel by streetcar, all cars stop at the Chaple stop. Meetings are called to order promptly at eight o'clock to enable the comrades to transact their business in one hour and visit with their comrades and their friends. These meetings will be held this month on the first and fifteenth respectively.
2. At the 40th Anniversary of the institution of the above named Camp, notwithstanding the intense cold we had an attendance of over 60 comrades and sisters. The Installation of the Auxiliary was conducted by Sister Sarah Edwards, Past Department President, who was assisted by a Master of Ceremonies, also a Past President. Sister Helen Newman was installed as President of the Auxiliary. We have reason to feel very proud of her installation because of her loyalty to the organization as a whole at all times. When the installation had been completed, Auxiliary President ~~Edwards~~ was presented with a gift. Sister Katherine Friedlander called the meeting to order and had the flag team conduct the Officers and Past Officers to the Alter. This Flag team was of Charles E. Bond Auxiliary and under the leadership of Sister Mae Hall. Past Department Commander assumed the Station when the Auxiliary had been installed and had the Team bring Department Commander Albert Markley to the Alter. He in turn appointed Comrade Curtis as his Master of Ceremonies. The Installation was completed with snap and the comrades were escorted to their stations at its completion.
3. Chief Musician Gosnell blew Assembly when the meeting was called to order. Commander Nixon presided. Greetings were brought by Commissioner Fred Truax on behalf of the City of St. Paul and Comrade Richard Soderling, who brought the greetings of the Officers and members of the Minnesota Soldiers Home. He also brought the greetings of the Purple Heart of which he is a member. Shipmate Scott Gipple was next introduced and brought the greetings of the Navy Organization of which he is a Past Commander in Chief. Comrade Martin J. Murray brought the greetings of John G. McEwen Camp No. 6 of which he is a Past Commander and also of the Indian War Veterans on behalf of Past Department Commander Frank Gabriel. Dr. Bryant, a Comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans conveyed the greetings of the Department of Minnesota G.A.R., inasmuch as there were several Grand Army men still living when he was Chief Surgeon of the Soldiers Home. He also brought the personal greetings of Comrade Albert Woolson, Dept. Commander of the G.A.R. Comrade Curtis conveyed the greetings of the National Commander in Chief of the U. S. W. V. Communications were received from Hon. Julius Schmahl, Past Dept. Commander Peter Loughrey of Winona, Past Dept. Commander Percy Conklin of Fairmount, and Dept. Commander Ch. Zwainer of the American Legion. Two Sisters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars conveyed the greetings of that organization. Shipmate Nel P. H. Jorgensen, a Past Commander of the Sons of Spanish War Veterans of Oakland, California sent his greetings.

Attest
Hugo V. Koch, Adjutant

By order of
Stewart R. Nixon, Commander

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA U.S.W.V.

4-4-1969

PROPERTY OF:

Fort Snelling, January 1, 1950

ARNOLD E. KAHNERT

5621 26th Ave, So, MPLS,

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MINN. 55417. 7211280.

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Camp Order No. 1

Series 1950

1. Regular meetings of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7 will be held in the basement of the Chapel, which is located just across from the Round Tower. Meetings will be held on the 3rd and the 17th of the month. Meetings will be called to order at eight p.m. and will be expedited in order that the comrades may visit with their friends and Comrades.

2. Installation of Officers will be held on the 3rd of January. Past Department Commander, William A. Curtis, will install the Officers and we hope to secure senior Vice Department Commander, Thomas P. Iverson as Master of Ceremonies.

The following elective and appointive Officers will be installed:

Commander: John McPhillips
Senior Vice Commander: Jonas Courtney
Junior Vice Commander: John Wartti
Adjutant: Stewart R. Nixon
Quartermaster: John Weber
Chaplain: Fred H. Farrand
Trustee: Hugo V. Koch
Officer of the Day: Hiram E. Geer
Officer of the Guard: Thorwald Kolstad
Patriotic Instructor: B. M. Latham
Surgeon: Dr. H. P. Linner
Historian: Charles McGulpin
Senior Color Sargeant: Harry Hanchett
Junior Color Sargeant: Harry O. Snyder
Chief Musician: Albert T. Smith

3. We regret the passing of Sister Katherine Friedlander. She was loved by all that knew her and was unselfish to a fault. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

4. Comrade Harry M. Fry has been dropped from the rolls. We cannot see how a comrade could accept the good will of his comrades for five years, be a free rider and fail to notify his comrades. A one-cent postal card would have been all that was necessary. We shall notify the veteran groups of the fact.

5. We assume that the Ladies Auxilary will install at the same time. May we suggest to the incoming President that she give her copy to the Adjutant in order that their Camp Order may be gotten out and mailed at the same time our Orders are mailed thereby saving themselves much time and worry.

Attest:

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April 1950

ARTHUR McARTHUR CAMP NO. 16

Department of Minnesota

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Memorial Hall, Court House

Minneapolis, Minn.

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CAMP BULLETIN

Comrade,

The meetings for April will be on the 6th & 20th. Your adjutant got his dates mixed.

Annual Muster will be on April 20th instead of February 16, as we mentioned in the cards sent out. If you are unable to attend you answer roll call by card or letter to be read at the meeting.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Commodore Hotel, St. Paul, Saturday, April 15 — make your reservations now. Reservation and tickets may be had by writing to W. A. Curtis, 609 State Office Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. Tickets \$3.00 per plate.

The Commander in Chief and National President will be present with a worth while ~~present~~ *message*

Two of our comrades have answered the last roll call this year. August Nelson served in Co. C 15th Minn., mustered in to Camp April 20, 1922. Passed away January 14, 1950.

Isadore Holofchak served in Co. H 21st U. S. Inf., mustered in to Camp September 5, 1929. Passed away March 8, 1950.

Military services were held for both. Sympathy of the Camp is extended to the bereaved ones.

The ladies will serve a pot luck dinner at 6:30 o'clock on Muster night April 20.

A number of comrades have signified their ability to attend meetings if held in the afternoon. Let each and everyone express themselves on the change. We would like to have you turn out.

Ora D. Oskey, Adjutant

Arthur C. Gunderson, Commander

1-7-1970
3rd Lt Arnold Kahner 5621 26th Ave So, Nylb, Minn.
USA Ret 3-31-1950. Born 1-7-1906. 3rd Lt Ret. Historian.
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United Spanish War Veterans

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To _____ Camp No. _____

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Adjutant

(SEAL)

Commander

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United Spanish War Veterans

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	Lapel Buttons.....each	\$0.15		
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gt. Arnold Kohnart
5621 26th Avenue South
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Posted March 5 Sat 1966
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HELD AT AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
JULY 9, 10 and 11, 1933

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Oscar Seebach	1903-06	Harry G. Brant	1920-21
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Patrick Miller	1907-08	John D. Schweiger	1922-23
Hugo V. Koch	1908-09-10	Otto N. Rath	1923-24
Jos. B. Gibson	1910-11	William R. Boyce	1924-25
Carl K. Reckner	1911-12-13	Sam A. Rask	1925-26
Samuel Skoog	1913-14	Louis Leitner	1926-27
George J. Sherman	1914-15	Charles B. Ward	1927-28
William A. Curtis	1915-16	William T. Coe	1928-29
O. G. Sanstad	1916-17	Lee H. Wetherby	1929-30
S. O. Simonson	1917-18	Albert E. Myers	1930-31
Herman Nigg	1918-19	Frank J. McPartlin	1931-32
G. W. Ketcham	1919-20	Frank E. Smith	1932-33
*Deceased.		C. B. Gamble	1933-34

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS 29TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPT. OF MINNESOTA, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Held at Austin, Minnesota, July 9, 10, 11, 1933.

Registration began at ten o'clock Sunday morning, July 9th, 1933.
Parade through city of Austin by the Twin City Drum Corps, led by Miss Virginia Smith.
3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Band Concert—Austin Municipal Band, Court House Square.
The Encampment opened at 7:00 o'clock Sunday Evening with a Camp Fire at Lafayette Park, Commander W. D. Bassler of Harvey A. Chapin Camp No. 11, presiding.
The program at Camp Fire follows:
Concert—Austin Municipal Band.
Exhibition Drill—Department Drill Team.
Invocation—Col. Ezra C. Clemens, Dep't. Chaplain.
Address of Welcome—Mayor Hans Marcusen.
Response—Frank E. Smith, Dep't. Commander.
Response—Marion Sladek, Dep't. President.
Presentation—Bouquet of flowers to Dep't. President, Marion Sladek, from Department Drill Team.
Patriotic Selection—Austin Municipal Band.
Presentation of Flag to City of Austin—Flag given by Dep't. of Minnesota through Dept. Drill Staff—Presented by Hazel Smith, Dep't. Patriotic Instructor.
Acceptance by Mayor Marcusen, also, by one of his Committee Chairmen, Mr. Dunet.
Selection by Twin City Drum Corp.
Address—Geo. K. Brobeck, Past Dep't. Commander, V. F. W.
Address—Hon. Ernest Lundeen, M. C.
Star Spangled Banner—Band.
Benediction—Comrade Peter Mudge.

MONDAY, JULY 10th, 1933

The Encampment was held at the Armory at Austin, Minnesota, opening with a Joint Session of the Veterans and the Auxiliary at 8:45 o'clock, Monday morning.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades and Sisters, to expedite business, I will ask the Color Bearers to advance the Colors.

Color Bearers—Advance the Colors.

All stand.

Encampment salute.

I will ask the Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Comrade B. H. Bertelson, to give the Invocation. Parade Rest.

Invocation given.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I now declare the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans, open for business.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask if Comrade Gibson, Chairman of the Distinguished Guest Committee, is in the room. If not, I will ask Comrade Bertelson to escort to this platform Department President, Sister Sladek.

COMRADE BERTELSON: Department Commander, I have the honor of presenting Dep't. President, Sister Sladek.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We are honored to have you with us at this Joint Session this morning, and I want you to take your place with me on the platform.

I would like to ask if any other Distinguished Guests are present. If so, please arise.

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Comrades, Sisters and Friends: I have promised the Ladies this Joint Session will be over by 10:00 o'clock, so that they can get to their Hall. The purpose of this session is to draw more closely together the Auxiliary and the Department of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans, and I am going to ask Sister Sladek at this time to give us a short address. Sister Sladek.

SISTER SLADEK, DEPT. PRESIDENT: Dept. Commander, Comrades and Sisters, it wasn't my intention to make any address at all this morning, because I thought our time was so limited, and I believe we have other things we would like to hear before we leave this Convention Hall, but I do want to extend to the Comrades the Greetings of our Department and to tell you we have been happy to work with you this last year. We realize what a difficult job it has been for our Commander and we appreciate the really difficult trouble that our Department Commander has weathered so successfully and I believe that to him we owe every consideration, and the approval of the Auxiliary is heartily behind our Department Commander. I have a message here that I am sure you will all like to hear. It is from our Past Dept. President, Sister Patton, who was with us at our last Convention, and is now living in Los Angeles.

(Reading of letter from Sister Patton). Applause.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We are certainly glad to hear from Sister Patton and we know what a wonderful Past Dept. President she was.

VOICE: Past National Commander Jack Garrity is in waiting.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask the Chairman of the Distinguished Guest Committee to escort Commander Garrity to this platform.

Commander Garrity escorted to platform.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I have the pleasure of introducing Past Commander-in-Chief John J. Garrity, representing the Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Encampment salute.

(To Commander Garrity). We are highly honored with your presence, and especially as we all know you. I will ask you to take a seat with me on the platform. Commander Garrity.

I have a communication here, also, that may be of interest to this Organization, in fact, I know it will be of special interest, and I am going to read it at this Joint Session, for I know that this applies to all of us.

(Reading letter.)

"U. S. Veterans Hospt. No. 106, Minneapolis, July 9, 1933.
Frank E. Smith, Dept. Com., Dept. of Minn., U. S. W. V.
My Dear Commander:

My hearty greetings for a successful and harmonious Encampment. Regret that I cannot be present. Give all the Comrades my kind personal regards and thank them for me for their kindness during my illness. Am getting along fine and expect to be out of here in two weeks.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

P. MILLER, P. D. C."

Past Dept. Commander, F. J. McPartlin, I want you to answer this address of Greetings just given by our Department President, Sister Sladek.

COMRADE MCPARTLIN: Department President, Dept. Commander, Comrades and Sisters, I believe that it would be presumptuous of me to attempt to express the feelings that the Veterans have towards President Sladek and the Ladies of the Auxiliary of Minnesota. We are always glad to have you with us, in fact, we are obliged to have you with us, and from what I can observe you are going to be of great assistance to us during this Encampment. We want to work together. There is a great deal of work to be done, and don't you believe it gets done by talking. The time for action has arrived, in fact, it has passed. There should have been action before long before, united action, and today we feel the toxin of unity, and by taking up the challenge that has been given and uniting it with your assistance, the Spanish War Veterans and members of the Auxiliary are advancing on the firing line, and we want you to help carry the ammunition and help us gain the fight. I thank you for your kind Greetings and assure you that the same sentiments are in our hearts to-day that made it possible for us to unite individually years ago, and we cherish that same sentiment to-day, and hope it will con-

tinue so long as the Spanish War Veterans and the Auxiliary last. I thank you. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you Commander McPartlin. Will Past Commander Gibson escort to this platform Sister Agnes Upell Boyce, who represents the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

COMRADE GIBSON: Department Commander, I have the honor of presenting Sister Agnes Upell Boyce.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We are fortunate in having Sister Agnes Upell Boyce to present the Greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, to this Organization, and I want you, Sister Boyce, to take your place with me on the platform.

SISTER AGNES UPELL BOYCE: Dept. Commander, National Representative, Department President, Comrades and Sisters. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present the Greetings from the Department of Minnesota, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, and from our Department President, Sister Edna Moeller. We are always happy to associate ourselves with the United Spanish War Veterans, because the Grand Army and its Allied Organizations feel and know that the United Spanish War Veterans and, of course, the Auxiliary, are behind them in everything they do. The Comrades of the Civil War look to the Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans for a great deal of moral support, and love, and help, and we find that the Spanish War Veterans are always ready to give a helping hand, and as their numbers are growing less they need you more and more. Comrades and Sisters of this wonderful Organization, we know you are not going to fail the Comrades of the Civil War. They too are taking some of the brunt that you are taking at this time. We just want you to know in a few words that we appreciate anything and everything you do. I thank you.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I am going to ask Padre Clemens to answer that Greeting. Padre Clemens.

PADRE CLEMENS: I want to be here on time, as I don't want to have my salary docked because I was late.

In my reply to the Daughters of Union Veterans, I am greatly interested, Sisters, in the Daughters of Union Veterans for two reasons. First, I am the son of a soldier of the Civil War. Second, when I looked around to find some woman who would take me for life (that was a pretty risky thing to do) I received a Daughter, so I am tied up with your organization for two reasons, and I think your Organization is a splendid Organization. We have one of these Organizations in our town of Owatonna. Mrs. Clemens belongs to it and she is interested in doing a great work and I am sure all the Sisters and Brothers here are greatly pleased to have you with them. What we have got to come down to, is that we have got to combine together in this country in order to down the opposition that has come up against the men who fought for their country and those who gave their lives. We have got to unite. The Daughters are doing their work in caring for the aged soldiers and it is wonderful work. We appreciate it very much and are glad to have you with us this morning, and hope you enjoy being with us. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrade Gibson, escort to this platform, Chairman, Comrade Page, and Commander W. D. Bassler.

COMRADE GIBSON: Chairman, Comrade Page, is out of the room at this time.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will you kindly come up. Commander Bassler.

I want to introduce at this time Commander W. D. Bassler of this Camp, who so generously invited us here to this Encampment. I want to give him a chance to say a few words and we want him to know we appreciate the effort he has put forth for this Encampment.

COMMANDER BASSLER: Department Commander, Comrades and Sisters, we are very glad to have you here with us, and we are going to do all we can to make it pleasant for you, and when you leave here we want you to go away with that very same spirit. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The man I am now going to introduce, you all know and love, and right now is a good time to have him say a few words. I take pleasure in introducing to you, Past Commander-in-Chief, Jack Garrity, representing the National Organization. Comrade Garrity.

COMMANDER GARRITY. Commander, Department President, and Distinguished guests, it is a great deal of pleasure for me to again be with the Department of Minnesota. It is not my first visit here. I have enjoyed previous visits, and I hope that in some future time another Commander-in-Chief may be up in a different state and ask me to come up here, because I like Minnesota. Our National Commander, Wm. Otjen, asked me three or four weeks ago if I couldn't come up here and represent him at your Department Encampment. He felt bad he couldn't come here himself, but he is visiting another Department Convention today and tomorrow in the South and could not be in both places. He stated he had paid a visit to the Department of Minnesota during the year, and while he would have been glad to come again, the dates so conflicting made it impossible, so it is my pleasure to present to you his compliments and the compliments of the National Headquarters, and now if I may cite a little bit on National Headquarters history in Chicago. The Council of Administration of Department of Illinois held a Meeting and they asked me to present their Greetings, also, at this Convention.

Comrades and Sisters, the past few months have been a serious problem to Spanish War Veterans and to the dependents of Spanish War Veterans. The Economy Act, as passed, practically wiped off the roll seventy-five percent (75%) of our comrades and widows of our comrades. We are fortunate in the fact that we have men in charge at National Headquarters, especially Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Means, and his assistant, Judge Mathias, who immediately went to work, and at their request your Commander-in-Chief called a meeting of the National Council of Administration, insisting Past Commander-in-Chiefs attend. I attended that Meeting. We intended to have Administrator Hines come and attend our Meeting which he said he was unable to do, but if some one would come over he would be glad to give them ten or fifteen minutes time. I was not the party who went over for I had left before that word was received. Administrator Hines did not hold up much encouragement, but the National Council empowered your Commander-in-Chief, your Chairman of Legislative Committee and other members to endeavor to see the President, which was the start of the work. They received a few concessions brought out in Regulation No. 12 that were not satisfactory to them. They kept pushing and pushing. Some of our losses can be regained but not all of them, that, however, according to schedule rechecked.

Boards are to be appointed in every District and all presumptuous cases will be gone over by those Boards. Originally, I believe that we were to have had a representative on that Board. I am not so certain of that now, as I read in the Chicago paper yesterday that Governors, United States Senators, Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and the three delegations of the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, had, also, been invited to this. Out of all those, I am not so sure we will have a representative on each of those Boards. I hope we do, because we are entitled to it and we should be given a break. I feel certain that every man suggested will be there with both fists clinched ready to fight for his Comrades and for the widows of those passed away. There are many very serious cases that have been wiped out by this Administration. For instance, the man who enlisted after August 12th and did not get to the Philippines or to China has been wiped off the Pension Roll as not having served in war time, and I have a little woman who comes into my office two or three times a week—I really don't know what to do for her. Her husband was separated from service by reason of having contracted illness day after he was mustered in. The Pension Department in 1931 recognized his separation from service was due to disease contracted in the service and gave her the pension. She was one of the first (as far as I know) in Chicago to receive a letter saying "As her husband had not served ninety (90) days in the War she was not entitled to Pension and it would cease after July 1st." National Headquarters quote and feel confident that when Congress meets in regular session that they will preserve a Bill which is already prepared that will restore all benefits to Spanish War Veterans that were on before the passage of the Economy Act.

Now, Comrades and Sisters, you and I have a great duty to perform in backing up your National Headquarters. There are many, many United Spanish War Veterans (I will not say United Spanish Veterans, but Spanish War Vet-

erans,) who have been receiving benefits and have not thought it worth while, or necessary, for them to become a member of our Organization. They were getting their pension, why should they do anything for it? Today, those men, or many of them, realize that they can help, or they can easily be made to realize the necessity of their help if we will only go out and contact them to subscribe membership so as to build up our strength. If we will do that we are doing everything we can for National Headquarters until that time comes when they are going to ask you to contact your members with the National Legislation. Thank God, Minnesota has registered 100%. (Applause.) But we are fighting a hard battle. We have got a very strong enemy with all kinds of weapons to use and they are putting up the fight of their lives as we know, so everyone of you must keep your Representatives in the National Congress aware of the fact that you are still interested in this and that you want them to continue as they have started out on the Economy Bill.

You, Sisters, I often wonder why you are not twice as strong as the Veterans Organization. With the really liberal eligibility you have for membership, you should have three or four members for every member of the Spanish War Veterans Organization. Here, I am an old bachelor and I have three representatives in the Auxiliary myself. (Applause.) You are voters, your strength will come, we need your help, and I know that each of you are willing to give it, but start out to strengthen yourselves by increasing your membership.

Comrades, we must continue this fight. We have been turned back from the first trip, but we must entrench ourselves in the second line and reattack, and I think there is no question but what we can win our battle. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Past National Commander, Garrity, we thank you very much for the talk you have given us, and I want to say to the ladies of the Auxiliary, especially those who are spinsters or widows, that the Commander has stated he is a bachelor. Kindly take notice.

I will now ask Comrade Gibson to escort the Greeting Committee from the Auxiliary to my platform, and any other Past Department Presidents who are in the Hall please come forward.

Greeting Committee from the Auxiliary escorted to the platform by Comrade Gibson.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It is my pleasure to introduce to the Encampment Sister Ida Eastman, Sister Marie Bond, Sister Kora E. Rudesill and Sister Mary Weiczork, all Past Department Presidents.

PAST DEPT. PRESIDENT, SISTER EASTMAN: We have other Past Department Presidents at this Convention but they are busy on a very important committee and that is why they are not with us.

Commander Smith, in behalf of the Department of Minnesota we wish to present you with this little token of our appreciation of all the kindnesses and courtesies you have extended to us this year. We understand you have complained that you have only received two roses this year. These are not all roses, but it is a bouquet of flowers. We certainly appreciate all the kindness you have shown us.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Sister Eastman. In all of these wonderful meetings we have had this last year, I did get two roses. I guess that it was last year the Ladies did get the best of the men. We had no chance, and I think it is unfair to take advantage of the Joint Session to do this, but never-the-less we appreciate it and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. (Applause.)

We have a little more time so I will call upon Son Rollo Mudge, representative from the Sons of Spanish War Veterans.

Comrade Gibson, escort Comrade Mudge to this platform. Son, we are proud to have you with us. We are proud to have your Organization affiliate with us, and I know you have a message from your Organization to give us, which I want you to do now.

SON ROLLO MUDGE: Dept. Commander, Dept. President, Past National Commander-in-Chief, Comrades and Sisters, I bring you the Greetings from Wm. McKinley Camp No. 16 Minneapolis, Sons of Spanish War Veterans. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring you this Greeting and to tell you your Sons are going straight down the line for their Dads. We want to urge this Encampment to provide us with a Department of our own by this En-

campment time next year. Austin has 26 sons, that should be enough to constitute a camp. Albert Lea has some, Dultuh has some and various other towns have sons enough to make up a Son's Camp. We urge you to do this. As time goes on you will need us more. There has been a time when we needed you, we need you now, but as time goes on you will need us more. We want you to know that the Sons will perpetuate your Organization when the Dads have traveled on. We want our Dads to give the Sons a Department next year. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Son Mudge. Really and truly we appreciate the significance of the word "Sons," and we are glad in Minnesota that we have two wonderful Camps of Sons, and we expect them to be a great help to us.

COMRADE ERICKSEN: We haven't got a picture with us, of our dearly beloved Commander, Wm. McKinley, but through the kindness of the Masonic Lodge here I have succeeded in borrowing one.

Photograph of Wm. McKinley placed on platform.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrade Erickson, we apologize for not having that picture here today, but it is due to a misunderstanding.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Encampment salute. Thank you, Comrade Erickson.

I know of no other business to come before the Joint Session and I know the ladies are very anxious to get into the harness, so I am going to declare a recess. Auxiliary retires.

Those in the hall who have not registered, kindly do so.

Before Encampment two weeks ago, it was practically decided between the Dept. President, Mrs. Sladek, and myself there would be no Joint Session, and there was quite a "howl" and a Joint Session was demanded. I think you are right in demanding that Session.

Comrades and Sisters, at 12:00 o'clock there is to be a photographer here to take a picture of the Encampment, and I ask you all to meet at 12:00 o'clock sharp in front of this Armory.

Recess.

9:55 O'clock, Monday morning, June 10th, 1933

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any delegates who have not registered, please do so immediately, and we will proceed with regular order of business of this Encampment.

Would like to ask at this time if the Credentials Committee is ready to report, or if roll of members is so it can be called.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: Dept. Commander, I would like to ask the delegates of Camps No. 1, 2, 4 and 5 report to Comrade Gamble, so we can clean up the Credentials as soon as possible.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Those Camps kindly report. The next order of business will be the Reports of Officers, and I will ask the Senior Vice Commander, C. B. Gamble, at this time to assume my Chair.

While we are waiting for him, I have an announcement to make. The Resolutions Committee composed of Sam Rask, and by the way, of H. G. Brant of St. Paul and John L. Sadler, will meet at the Department Headquarters at 1:30 o'clock to go over Resolutions.

Comrade Gamble, will you assume office of Department Commander?

Comrade Gamble assumed Chair.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, I will now read the report of your Department Commander.

(Reading.)

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Comrades of the 29th Annual Encampment, U. S. W. V.

I have the pleasure of submitting to you this report of the activities of this Department for the year ending July 10th, 1933, in the hopes that my successor, whoever he may be, will be able to profit by the experiences I have had and in doing so be able to secure and maintain a better and bigger Department for the ensuing year.

Naturally I feel that the year just passed has been a year of unusual activity and worry, and I suppose that every Department Commander who has held this office felt the same when the time came for him to relinquish

his Command. I feel that the past year contained unusual trying times and conditions such as has never been in evidence at any time heretofore. The conditions we have been called on to face and the obstacles we have had to overcome has been the hardest in the history of Veteranism. The Officers of this Department, both elective and appointive, who have had to share this burden with me, have been especially alert and attentive to duty as well as peculiarly fitted to fill the various offices which they have held. I desire at this time to tender them my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful aid and support they have given me and for their loyalty to their Organization. I should like to name them each one individually but that would necessitate the calling the roll of the entire Department and would consume too much time. I can only recommend them to this Encampment for its consideration and their proper reward when the order of business calling for election of Officers comes.

I had the misfortune to lose one of the most efficient Officers in this organization. One who was known only to his own individual Camp as far as efficiency is concerned but who surely would have ranked high in this organization had he not been required to answer the last roll call. I refer to Department Adjutant E. A. Hempstead. He was ailing for about six months before his death and in spite of his illness tried faithfully to carry on his work. His main ambition seemed to be to work for his Comrades, and sole thought the U. S. W. V. and his last words to me was "I tried to delay coming to the hospital for three days so that I could march with the boys on Memorial day." His illness naturally caused some confusion in the office of Adjutant and a large share of his work fell on the shoulders of his fellow Officers, especially Junior Vice Commander Bertelson, Historian John Sadler and Quartermaster Woods, in fact I do not know what I would have done had they not so generously aided me. Senior Vice Commander Gamble also deserves especial mention for his activities.

During the year this Department has received and answered more than eight hundred communications. Six especially important telegrams were received from the National Legislative Committee containing definite instructions to relay the information contained therein to the different Camps of this Department. Telegrams were also requested to be forwarded to our various legislators. These messages in every instance were immediately transmitted to the proper destination and within an hour and a half were in the hands of the Camp Commanders. I desire to congratulate the Camp Commanders of this Department for the wonderful and immediate response to every call made upon them by the Department. Approximately one hundred and nine telegrams were sent to Washington by this Department protesting the passage of the now famous "Economy Bill."

If I have not made as many visitations to the Camps of this Department it has been because I felt that my Comrades could best be served by their Commander staying at Headquarters and on the job. I should have liked very much to have visited every Camp in the Department and did make some such visitations.

On Saturday, March 25th, I had the pleasure of instituting the William H. Caines Camp at Faribault and installing their Officers. These ceremonies were well attended especially by members from the Twin City District and a fine new, very much alive, Camp is now located in the city of Faribault. Commander Cook and Department Recruiting Officer Kelley deserve the credit for this addition to our Department.

On Saturday, April the 8th, I had the pleasure of instituting the Major A. B. Cole Camp at Fergus Falls. The new Officers were installed by Past Department Commander Albert E. Myers and Junior Vice Department Commander Bertelson acted as Master of Ceremonies. Department Quartermaster Woods instructed them in properly keeping their Camp records. This Camp now has a membership of twenty four very much interested Comrades and is very valuable to this Department on account of its geographical location in Minnesota. It should be one of the Largest Camps in Minnesota in a short time and the possibilities for its future can not be over estimated. Considerable controversy arose over the forming of this new Camp because the most of the members were former members of the Department of North Dakota and that department was very reluctant to lose them. This Department did

not in any manner try to influence them in their choice of forming this new Camp but left it up to them to settle. They finally delivered the ultimatum that Fergus Falls would have a new Camp or the Organization would suffer the loss of their membership. Things moved from that time and the result is a fine new Camp.

I was also fortunate in being able to attend the institution of the Carl C. VanDyke Camp of Sons of Spanish War Veterans in St. Paul on the evening of January 20th. This is the second Camp of Sons in Minnesota and three more is needed before they will be able to organize their own Department. I suggest that other Camps in this Department see that their sons are instituted in some Camp of Sons and their value to the Parent Organization is obvious.

I attended the institution of a very fine Auxiliary at Faribault at the time the Camp was instituted and desire to congratulate Department President Sladek for this fine addition to her Department. I also desire to thank Sister Sladek and her very efficient Staff of Officers for their support to this Department the past year and to congratulate her on a year of success.

Saturday evening, April 29th, I attended a get-together meeting of Spanish War Veterans at Chisholm. This meeting was sponsored by the Chisholm Camp and well attended. Evidently all the Veterans from the surrounding towns with their families were there. The Iron Range is very much alive and I recommend that the incoming Commander see that at least three visitations are made by some Department Officer to the Iron Range within the next year.

I attended the National Encampment at Milwaukee and this Department was well represented; all delegates positions were filled by members of this Department. The Drill Team made an especially fine showing and succeeded in winning the second prize for competitive drill. This team is very valuable to this Organization and are faithful in their work. They have been on the job every time they have been requested and I suggest all the aid possible be given them.

I attended the Department Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Little Falls last July and presented the greetings of this Department at that time.

The close feeling now existing between the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grand Army of the Republic, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans and their allied orders was typically exemplified in my administration at the time of the passage of the "Economy Bill." On Saturday, March 11th, I received a telegram from Rice W. Means asking us to get into action. I immediately got in touch with each Camp Commander by telegraph where necessary and with the Department Commanders of the above mentioned Veterans Organizations. A meeting was called in the Office of State Auditor King for the purpose of devising means of combating the passage of this infamous legislation. Every Organization was represented and each was given a list of State Legislators to contact immediately. Contact was made and a meeting called for two o'clock in the Auditorium of the New State Office building where the Department Commanders very ably presented the Veterans side of the case. A bill was immediately introduced calling for an appropriation to take care of the needy Veterans who were sure to be dropped from the pension rolls. On Sunday, March 12th, I attended a protest meeting in the House Chamber of the State Capitol and had the privilege of placing the Spanish War Veterans case before about one thousand people. Monday, March 13th, I lobbied at the State Capitol and a bill was passed by both houses protesting the passage of the economy bill. Congress was so memorialized and I believe Minnesota was one of the very few states to take such action. These meetings were all attended by Comrade Pederson and other members of State Legislative Committees and great credit is due them for their very apparent effective work. At the time of the last State Election the bars were let down by the National Organization and this Department went into action politically. We have on record in this Department the answers to our Questionnaires and to what the attitude of the Congressmen elected at that time toward Veterans Legislation would be. Six of the nine congressmen whom we indorsed fought hard against tremendous odds to keep our benefits intact. Two promised to fight for us but double crossed us and one would not promise to aid us. It is your duty Comrades to see that this is their last term in Congress. You know who they

are and you can prevent their reelection. I recommend that this Department affiliate itself with the other Veterans Organizations in Minnesota as well as with the political party who is favorable to Veterans in concentrating on some program to repeal the so-called economy bill and to place back on the statutes the laws favorable to Veterans and was so ruthlessly destroyed.

I have issued six General Orders, Three Special Orders and promulgated six circular letters. Printers ink has not been spared in keeping the conditions at Washington before our Comrades.

In my opinion the money spent was justified if it in any instance relieved the suffering and mental worry of any member of this organization.

On Sunday morning, January 29th, I met with the Department Commanders of the other Veterans Organizations, in Commander Lohman's Office of the American Legion for the purpose of asking Governor Olson to observe in letter and spirit the Veterans preference law. This request was transmitted to the Governor and he has been very fair in acceding to this request.

The same afternoon I attended a memorial meeting in honor of our own President McKinley at the Wesley M. E. church in Minneapolis. This was under the auspices of the U. S. W. V. and originated by Department Patriotic Instructor Ambrose. It was well attended by Veterans of all wars and conducted very ably by Comrade Ambrose. Department Chaplain Clemens was the principal speaker.

It would indeed be a sad mistake not to mention the good work done by Chief of Staff Boyce and Auxiliary Chief of Staff Sister Emma Bills, in originating and bringing to a successful conclusion the first Department Ball. This affair was well attended and resulted in considerable financial aid to both the Department and Auxiliary. I recommend that it be made an annual affair.

I attended the Golden Wedding celebration of our beloved Department Chaplain at Owatonna on the evening of March the 29th and presented him with a gold piece as a token of respect and love from this Department.

Upon the recommendation of Past Department Commander McPartlin at Duluth I selected the new Department Offices in the State Office Building from the blue prints of the building. We now have a Headquarters in this building consisting of two nicely furnished rooms with custodian service. We are very much indebted to Comrade Ade Dreher for the most of the lovely maple furniture with which it is equipped and I am unable to properly thank him for this furniture. I will leave it up to this Encampment to properly show its appreciation. Photographs of Past Department Commanders were called for and several have complied with that request and they are now framed and adorn the walls of this Office. Comrade Erickson of Hamilton Fish Camp secured a fine picture of Past Commander-in-Chief Carl C. Van Dyke and presented it to this Department as well as a fine large Bible. She has also done wonderful work among the sons and I desire to tender the thanks of this Department.

The National Encampment at Milwaukee provided means by which Department by-laws might be so amended to provide for the election of the Department Adjutant for a period not to exceed five years as well as for his removal. I recommend that some means be provided that the Adjutant will not have to be a new man to be broke in immediately after the Department Encampment. At that time it is vitally necessary that the adjutant be entirely familiar with his duties. In the past it has resulted in much confusion in transferring the Adjutant's paraphernalia and in getting out the necessary communications and credentials for the National Encampment.

The Council meeting held in St. Paul on March 4th unanimously agreed to hold the Department Banquet at St. Paul. The banquet was held on the evening of May 6th and was one of the outstanding social functions of the year. Great credit is due Comrade Pederson as Chairman of the banquet Committee and his entire Committee. Commander-in-Chief Otjen and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief were the principal guests of honor and this Department was very much encouraged by having them with us; I recommend that it be retained as an annual affair.

Five Council meetings were held as follows:

Fort Snelling, August 3rd; Wilmar, October 22nd; St. Paul, March 4th; Austin, May 13th and Fairmont June 17th. These meetings were well attended and I was much benefitted by the advice and council received there.

Sunday, January 1st, I installed the Officers of Camp No. 5.
 Wednesday, January 4th, I installed the Officers of Camp No. 7.
 Thursday, January 5th, I acted as Master of Ceremonies at the installation of the Officers of Camp No. 16.
 Monday, January 9th, I installed the Officers of Camp No. 2.
 Thursday, April 6th, I spoke on Pensions at Camp No. 16.
 Friday, April 7th, I inspected the Soldier's Home with Hammon.
 Wednesday, April 19th, I mustered Camp No. 7.
 Monday, April 24th, I mustered Camp No. 2.
 Thursday, April 27th, I mustered Camp No. 9.
 Saturday, May 6th, I mustered the Department at the banquet.
 Wednesday, May 17th, I attended a joint memorial meeting of Camp No. 7 and the Donald Skidmore Post, V. F. W., at Fort Snelling.
 Saturday, May 20th, I attended the reception given by Worth Bagley Camp and Auxiliary.
 Friday, May 26th, I attended a Sons meeting at Comrade Mudge's.
 Saturday, May 27th, I attended the reception by Camp No. 6.
 Tuesday, May 30th, I attended the services at the Soldiers and Pioneers Cemetery in Minneapolis. I also acted as aide on the Staff of Colonel Nocton in the Parade, in Minneapolis.
 Thursday, June 1st, I attended a reception by Camp No. 16.
 Sunday, June 4th, I called on Sister Hempstead and tendered her the sympathy and aid in her bereavement.
 Tuesday, June 6th, I attended Adjutant Hempstead's funeral.
 Sunday, June 11, I attended the Flag Day exercises at the Soldiers Home.
 December 22nd, I attended a Christmas Party sponsored by Bond Camp and Auxiliary.

I also presented the greetings of the Department to the Daughters of Union Veterans at the St. Francis Hotel in St. Paul.

I spoke to 750 school children Monday before Memorial Day at the Marie Sanford Jr. High School in Minneapolis.

I have attended every Camp meeting I could get to.

I want to thank you for having given me the honor of serving you as your Department Commander and if I have been of any use to you and the Auxiliary the past year the work I have done has been amply rewarded. In conclusion I desire to admonish the incoming Commander to pay more attention to recruiting than I have done. I am glad to turn over to him a healthy Department and with a larger membership than it had when I assumed this Office.

Yours in F. P. & H.,
 F. E. SMITH, Commander,
 Department of Minnesota, U. S. W. V.

(Applause.)

THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the report of the Department Commander. What is your pleasure?

PADRE CLEMENS: Mr. Commander, I move you sirs that this Department express its great appreciation of the splendid service of our Department Commander. I have listened to reports of other Department Commanders and they have all been good, but this is a wonderful report and a wonderful service, and it seems to me that I have listened to the book of "Acts" out of the "Holy Book." I move we accept this Report and place it on file in great appreciation of a splendid and wonderful service of our Department Commander.

COMRADE THERESA ERICKSEN: I heartily second that motion.

THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: You have heard the motion, which has been seconded by Comrade Ericksen. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

Department Commander Smith takes Chair.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Speak very distinctly and slowly and give your Camp number and name.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: Delegates of Camps No. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 please report so we can complete the Credentials.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now have the report of Senior Vice Department Commander, C. B. Gamble.

THE SENIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER: (Reading his report.)

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER

Fairmont, Minnesota, July 9th, 1933.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the 29th Annual Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans:

At this the end of the year wherein I have had the honor of holding the office of Senior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Minnesota, it is incumbent upon me to render report of the activities of my office and I respectfully submit the following:

On August 4th I attended Council meeting and reception given by Arthur McArthur. On August 5th was at Waseca and talked with Adjutant Panzram in reference to the action to be taken in the support of the various congressional candidates. At this time would like to say that is a truly wide-awake camp. September 9th appeared before the V. F. W.'s at this point and asked for their support in our legislative program, which they promised to give. September 18th visited with Glenn H. Campbell Camp at Mankato, at which time matters relative to the forthcoming election were thoroughly discussed. January 13th installed the officers of Cyrus R. Hinton camp at St. James. January 19th installed the officers of Leon C. Brown Camp, Fairmont. In October attended the Council meeting at Willmar. December 19th visited the Veterans Hospital. February 4th, in company with Department Commander Brobek, V. F. W., spoke before that organization. February 22nd spoke at a meeting of the Legion and Spanish Veterans at Buffalo Center, Iowa. February 27th met with Harvey A. Chapin Camp at Austin. March 4th attended a Council meeting at Worth Bagley Camp. April 14th met with Edward Dolan Camp at Worthington. May 6th attended the State-wide banquet. May 20th attended Council meeting at Austin and on June 27th Council meeting at Fairmont.

In addition to the following have written many letters and sent many telegrams in the endeavor to get support for our Pension Claims. Have taken part in many Patriotic programs, viz: Maine Day, Muster Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, etc., etc. Also attended the National Encampment at Milwaukee. Deeply regretted that sickness in my family prevented my attendance at the Duluth reception, as well as the numerous programs of the Twin City Camps. I have done the best that I could under the existing conditions, and I desire to thank you for the privilege you have given me to serve and for the help that has been so cheerfully given me by all of the members.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

C. B. GAMBLE,

Senior Vice Commander.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the reading of the report of our Senior Vice Dept. Commander, C. B. Gamble. What is your pleasure?

COMRADE WETHERBY, Camp 20: I move report of Senior Vice Dept. Commander be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Comrade Wm. Rogers, Bond Camp No. 9, and Comrade Erickson, Camp No. 28.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the motion of Comrade Wetherby, which has been seconded by several. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now have report of Junior Vice Department Commander, B. H. Bertelson.

PAST DEPT. COMMANDER McPARTLIN: Comrade Commander, may we not have a little less confusion in the Encampment. These reports are worthy of being received and they should be listened to with attention and courtesy. I know the disposition is to visit, but I think we want to go through these reports with the usual amount of courtesy due Officers that are offering their report of the year's work. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask Comrades to be especially quiet and listen to these reports.

I want the Greetings Committee to get flowers from the Department Headquarters office and take them over to the Department Auxiliary, and give them the Greetings of this Department and wish them a most successful Encampment. Will the Greetings Committee kindly report. Comrade Gibson,

just a minute, I think I will accompany the Greetings Committee, and I will ask Comrade Gamble to take my Chair and finish with this order of business until our return. Comrade Gamble, will you take Commander's Chair? I am going over with the Greeting Committee.

The Senior Vice Commander takes Chair.

THE SENIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now have report of the Junior Vice Dept. Commander, B. H. Bertelson.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER: (Reading his report.)

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER

To the Department Commander, U. S. W. V., Minnesota:
Sir:

I have the honor to make a report of the activities of my office for the year ending with the Department Encampment at Austin, Minn., July 9th, 20th, and 11th, 1933:

Thursday, July 28th, 1932, attended a meeting of Bond Camp No. 9.

Friday, July 29, 1932, attended a social function of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1932, attended the Council meeting at Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7.

Friday, Aug. 5, 1932, attended an ice cream social given by the Drill Team to raise money to pay the expenses of the Department Drill Team to Milwaukee.

Sunday, Aug. 7, 1932, attended the joint picnic of Hamilton Fish, Bond, and McArthur Camps at the Lake Nokomis Picnic Park.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1932, called on the newspapers in Minneapolis and secured some publicity for the Camps, Auxiliaries, Drill Team and Drum Corps. Aug. 21-25, 1932, attended the National Encampment in Milwaukee.

October 4, 1932, called on the City Clerk with reference to surrendering part of Memorial Hall. We were successful in having the matter closed for the present at least.

Attended an entertainment and social at the Charles Young Camp in St. Paul.

October 27, 1932, attended an open meeting of Bond Camp at which time Commander Smith ably discussed the Economy League, and Dr. Bryant spoke on the advancement in medicine which was made during the Spanish American War.

Thursday, October 12, 1932, attended a meeting of Bond Camp in honor of Ernest Lundeen, Conrad G. Selvig, and W. I. Nolan.

Thursday, October 19, 1932, attended a Past Commanders meeting of Arthur McArthur Camp No. 16, following a dinner.

At the meeting of Bond Camp, Oct. 12, and McArthur Camp, a legislative committee was appointed to disseminate information on the Congressional Candidates. Comrade Sadler of McArthur Camp donated the use of his room and a committee of both Camps used this to send out 42,600 pieces of mail to the Comrades of Minnesota showing the stand of the various congressional candidates on the Veterans allowances. I was associated with the committee which worked all days and evenings until the day of the general election. The committee consisted of Comrade Dunn of Bond Camp, Chm.; Comrade Sadler of McArthur Camp, Secy.; Comrades Arnold, Britton, Oman, Dockeray, Bertelson, Hempstead, Behrend, Wilkinson and Commander Smith. I also addressed personal letters to all the candidates.

Sunday October 30, 1932, acted as Chaplain at the funeral services for Comrade Sandbe of Bond Camp.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 1932, acted as Chaplain for the funeral services of Comrade F. E. Smith.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1932, visited the new U. S. W. V. offices in the State Building with the Department Historian.

I was appointed by the Department Commander to a committee to secure some furniture for the new headquarters. Associated with me on this committee was Comrade Dreher who secured two roll top desks, one beautiful oak directors table, two small tables, and fourteen fine office chairs without cost to the Department. Great credit is due to Comrade Dreher of Worth-Bagley Camp for his work.

During the illness of Department Adjutant Ernest Hempstead, I assisted in every way possible. Mailing semi-annual report blanks, and doing other work.

December 3, 1932, devoted a day to making the funeral arrangements for Comrade Oman.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1933, acted as master of ceremonies at the installation of officers for Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1933, installed as chaplain of Arthur McArthur Camp.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1933, acted as Chaplain at the funeral of Comrade Martin E. Smeby at Lakewood.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 1933, acted as master of ceremonies for Commander Smith when he installed the officers of Clarence Miller Camp at Winona.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 1933, acted as master of ceremonies for Commander Smith when he installed the officers of Bond Camp No. 9.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1933, attended a meeting at the Soldiers Home to arrange for the McKinley Memorial Service at Wesley Church.

Sunday, Jan. 29, 1933, attended the McKinley Memorial at Wesley Church which was arranged by Patriotic Instructor W. R. Ambrose. This was a very impressive service and was presided over by the Rev. George Mecklenburg, D. D., the Pastor of Wesley.

February 14, 1933, called on Commander Smith at the Northern Pacific Hospital where he was confined with a broken arm.

February 25, 1933, attended the Washington-Lincoln celebration at Hamilton Fish Camp.

February 16, 1933, attended the Washington-Lincoln celebration at McArthur Camp.

February 23, 1933, represented the Department Commander at the banquet of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Leamington Hotel.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1933, assisted Mrs. B. H. Bertelson, Department Aide, in a Bunco and Card party for the benefit of the Department Auxiliary.

Attended the fourth Council meeting held at Worth-Bagley Camp and acted as Adjutant because of the illness of Department Adjutant Hempstead.

Saturday, March 25, 1933, assisted in the institution of a new Camp and installation of officers at Faribault.

Saturday, April 8, 1933, assisted the Department Commander in the institution and installation of officers for a new Camp at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Saturday, May 6, 1933, accompanied the Commander as member of the committee to meet the Commander-in-Chief and entertain him during his stay in the city on the occasion of the Annual Banquet of the U. S. W. V., sponsored by Worth-Bagley Camp; also attended the dinner in St. Paul that evening.

Sunday, May 28, 1933 attended Memorial Services held jointly by the two Minneapolis Camps at Wesley Church.

Monday, May 29, 1933, I represented the U. S. W. V. and spoke on the meaning of Memorial Day and on Patriotism to the students.

Tuesday, May 30, 1933, attended the services at Memorial Rock at which time the Navy Department turned over to the U. S. W. V. a memorial plaque of the U. S. S. Maine. In the afternoon I acted as an aide to the Marshal of the Parade.

Wednesday, May 31, 1933, I delivered instructions to Commander Sadler covering the telegrams which the Department Commander desired to be sent to our representatives in Congress.

Thursday, June 1, 1933, attended the Department Officers reception at McArthur Camp.

Monday, June 5, 1933, attended a card party and dance given by the Chas. E. Bond Camp.

Tuesday, June 6, 1933, attended the funeral of Dept. Adj. Ernest A. Hempstead.

Saturday, June 17, 1933, Council meeting at Fairmont, Minnesota.

These are, in part, the activities in which I participated during the past year. I have made every effort to give to the organization the best in me. My work and associations during the past year have been very pleasant and enjoyable and I look forward to many pleasurable meetings with the friends

I have been privileged to make during my official connection with the Department of Minnesota.

This report is respectfully submitted,

B. H. BERTELSON,

Junior Vice Commander,

Dept. of Minnesota.

To Frank E. Smith, Commander, Dept. of Minn., U. S. W. V.
(Applause.)

Department Commander, Frank E. Smith, resumes his chair.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the reading of the report of Junior Vice Dept. Commander, B. H. Bertelson. What is your pleasure?

COMRADE BRITTON, CAMP No. 16: I move that the report of Junior Vice Department Commander be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Comrade Cameron, Camp No. 7. Motion so given. Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Is Dept. Quartermaster, Comrade Woods, ready to report?

VOICE: Not in room.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will Dept. Adjutant, Comrade Myers, report?

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: I have an incomplete report insofar as membership report is concerned, and would like to defer that report until tomorrow morning.

(Reading his report.)

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S REPORT

To Frank E. Smith, Dept. Commander in Convention at Austin, Minnesota, July 10, 1933:

Having been appointed to this office subsequent to the death of Adjutant E. A. Hempstead early in June, it is somewhat difficult to give a complete and comprehensive report. I noted that the correspondence had been carefully attended to. This year, because of the events leading up to the repeal of the pension laws, which naturally developed a larger amount of correspondence than usually prevails. In the six weeks I have officiated I have sent out about one hundred letters which will perhaps be about the average for the year. In addition six general orders, a number of special orders and numerous telegrams have been handled through this office.

In the last month of Comrade Hempstead's days on this earth, much assistance was given him by Comrades Bertelson and Sadler and they deserve commendation from this body.

I want to add my voice to the long line of adjutants who have appealed to Camp Officers to pay more strict attention to details. Forms are furnished for every phase of the work, and if used, simplify matters, but when, as in several instances, per capita tax is sent in with a statement on a sheet of paper that the amount is for so many members, is, to say the least, very discouraging. If you want efficiency in your Department, put some into it yourselves.

There is in the possession of the Adjutant considerable correspondence and other papers of years gone by. Evidently it has been kicked from pillar to post. I took the liberty of sorting it and what was unnecessary to current business, I carted to the U. S. W. V. office in St. Paul. Many Past Dept. Commanders, myself included, have on hand their files of the year they served. Let me suggest that all this material be gathered up, gone over by a committee to be appointed by the new Dept. Commander, and file that part which such a committee deems worth keeping, and destroy the balance. From an historical standpoint it should be worth the trouble.

Whether I liked the job or not is something I am going to keep to myself. My spare time and vacation was never intended to be used for that purpose, though there was one compensating act, when Dept. Commander Smith requested me to represent our Organization at the V. F. W. Encampment in Marshall, June 29, and believe me the Quartermaster and myself had a roaring good time for the two days we gave to the cause.

Membership report attached.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

A. E. MYERS, Adjutant.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The Dept. Adjutant's report has contained some very terse and concise statements. In the absence of any objection or any correction, we will consider the report of Dept. Adjutant accepted as read and placed on file.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will now call for the report of Department Surgeon, Dr. Clark.

THE DEPT. SURGEON, DR. CLARK: Department Commander, at conclusion of my short report I would like to make some additional remarks.

(Reading his report.)

REPORT, DEPT. SURGEON

Frank E. Smith, Department Commander, U. S. W. V.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I herewith submit my report as Department Surgeon for the year 1933. I regret that the illness and death of Department Adjutant, Comrade E. A. Hempstead, and the failure of Camp Adjutants to report to me the deaths of members in their respective camps, made it impossible for me to answer certain questions asked by the Surgeon General U. S. W. V. who is making a very comprehensive effort to ascertain, as far as possible, the physical condition of the U. S. W. V. veterans and the means taken for the care of the sick and disabled veterans by the Government and the several states.

Our hope that the last Legislature would provide for a new hospital at the Soldiers' Home was defeated by the failure of the State Senate to approve the bill passed by the House. However, owing to the passage by Congress and the approval by the President of the so-called "Economy Bill" as it relates to the veterans of all wars, the question as to what provision needs to be made for the care of the sick, disabled, aged and indigent veterans must take a much wider scope than providing a new hospital for the Soldiers' Home.

The axe fell on July 1, 1933. At this writing it is impossible to tell or even estimate the demands that will be made upon the State for the care of its veterans. Not until the full effect of the above legislation is felt, and after a full and thorough examination of the situation is made, can the state determine what must be done.

Although some modifications of the provisions of the "Economy Bill" have been made since its passage, the cutting off of upwards of \$400,000,000.00 aid to veterans FIRST and the determination of its justice LATER will not meet the approval of American citizens.

After the members of Congress meet their constituents and the states have been heard from, there is no doubt that when Congress meets next January, a thorough review of the situation will be demanded.

Meanwhile the unhappy condition of many of our comrades merits the sympathetic and helpful consideration of all our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. CLARK,

Department Surgeon.

(Applause.)

I wish to make some additional remarks, which would have made my report too long.

Like all surgeons in command of troops in the Spanish-American War, I have been bombarded in the last few months for affidavits in regard to the service of Spanish War Veterans, and my remarks are especially directed toward this claim of veterans. They, also, equally apply to our Comrades of the World War.

You know provision under Article 12 of Economy Act, stating "that owing to passage of time and imperfect records, it makes it impossible for Spanish War Veterans at this late date to furnish the necessary evidence connecting their disabilities with service."

Now, what about these records. Some of you know I was in charge of the 12th Minn. Regimental Hospital. Knowing what would follow the close of that war, I employed men to keep a copy of all clinical records of members treated in that hospital. I came home on train conveying sick to Minnesota, to find I had Typhoid Fever, was confined to my bed and in care of a trained nurse. When I came to, I wrote asking that records which I had kept be sent to me at my home in Stillwater. Was informed some one had boxed them

up and sent them to Washington. I wrote then to the Pension Department in Washington, requesting that they be returned to me. I received answer that they had no records belonging to me, but that the records belonged to the Government of the United States.

Now, I want to say this—that the record of every man treated in that hospital is on file in Washington. I won't say on file, but packed away with hundreds of other documents. At the same time, I know they are there for this reason. A committee was commissioned to investigate the subject of Typhoid Fever in the Spanish War. This Committee made a special investigation of the Camps at Chickamagua, Ga., but troops had been moved to Lexington and they did not make official investigation from anything they found there, but their report shows that they have record of one hundred names of men who were treated in that hospital by number. Where did they get those records? They got them in Washington, so when they are demanding that we furnish them evidence that we were confined in bed we have got to apply to Surgeon or someone else who knew of our case for information. As yet I haven't any evidence of any of my experiences in the Spanish War, but they have it at Washington. By referring to those records they could determine as to whether a man was confined or not, but they will not tell you that.

I regret exceedingly that my duties were so erroneously in charge of this hospital's incompetent help, and I have very few personal recollections at this time of the members treated in that hospital. It just makes my heart ache to have to write my comrades and say that I have no evidence that my Government would accept that you ever had Typhoid Fever. I am telling you this because I am getting scores and scores of letters for affidavits in regard to these matters.

Now, as I state in my report, when Congress meets in January there isn't any question in my mind that there will be a recheck of this Economy Act, and especially true is this, as it pertains to Spanish War Veterans. We should be classified with veterans of the Civil War. Neither veterans of that War or the Spanish War ever received recognition from the Government until years after their connection with service. Even at that date it was difficult to get evidence of these cases. The Government feeling the war they were engaged in would be a long war and that there were millions of American citizens engaged in that war, there was a feeling we could not do so much for these veterans, so through various organizations and people in Congress much more was done for the World War veterans than for veterans of any previous war. I am satisfied that the American people will demand that the veterans of the Spanish War be placed on a different basis than the World War veterans—that we will be classified more with the Civil War veterans.

This request for information from the Surgeon General of the United States Spanish War Veterans is a very good request and if it is carried out it will bring in a great deal of desired information.

Comrade Myers was kind enough to inform me of the number of deaths in the Department this past year, forty-four. Camp Officers should use blanks furnished them to make reports to Surgeon and to Adjutant on matters concerning their camps. I received but one death report this last year from a Camp and there were forty-four deaths. As applies to evidence, if we do not go after this in a systematic manner, we are not going to arrive anywhere. We have got to make in this state a canvass of every Spanish War Veteran who was engaged in service. That record is in the Adjutant General's office. The Adjutant General should be the method through which this is accomplished, but in addition to that every Camp should report to Adjutant General all deaths, as well as all sick in his camp. If we want to make this thing official, it must be done in a business-like manner, and I want to emphasize the fact that Camp Officers should fill out forms furnished them in a systematic manner. These questions of Surgeon General I could not answer. I did not have the information. Had to inform him it was impossible, owing to state of affairs in our Department to furnish information he requested.

Now, as I state in my report that when Congress reports back the first of January there is going to be a different atmosphere in Congress, and if they didn't know what it meant before they know what it means.

I regret very much that I am not able from any information in my possession to be of assistance to men over which I had hospitalization, but whatever

I can do and in whatever way I can aid my comrades in regard to the condition they are now in and in relation to their service, I want you to feel I will give the whole soul in my possession.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the report of Dept. Surgeon, Dr. Clark. If no objections, same will be accepted as read and placed on file.

Would like to ask if Past Commander-in-Chief, Garrity would not like to sit on platform with me.

Greetings Committee, present to me Senator Regnier. I would like to have Mr. Glenn Davis brought at the same time.

COMRADE GIBSON: I am glad to present Honored Guests Senator Regnier and Mr. Glenn Davis, Secretary Soldiers' Home Board.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We are glad to have you with us and I want you to take a seat on the platform with me.

Comrades, I want to introduce to you Senator Regnier from Marshall, who is here representing Hon. Magnus Johnson, and Mr. Glenn Davis, Secretary Minnesota Soldiers' Home Board. The Senator has to leave, so I am informed, and I am going to give him an opportunity now to say a few words to this Encampment.

SENATOR REGNIER: Commander, Distinguished Guests and Members of the Spanish War, I assure you, my friends that it is indeed, a pleasure to be here with you people today. I am very sorry, however, that our good friend, the Congressman for whom I have the pleasure to serve as Secretary is not here too. He is one of the Members of Congress, as you undoubtedly know, those of you especially who have kept track of his record, who is one of your friends one hundred percent. (Applause.)

When I heard your Distinguished Speaker who preceded me mention the Economy Act, my memory went back to Washington during those days when Congress was asked to pass the most unfair piece of legislation to the veterans of this country. I did not come down here to criticize anything that has been done by Congress. I came here mainly to bring Greetings to you from my friend and your friend, Congressman Magnus Johnson, who is unable to be here. However, I cannot refrain as I stand before a group of Veterans completely from saying a few words to you.

As I look upon the decorations here today and see "Old Glory" standing and hanging in back of the room, and, also, in back of me here, I cannot help but think of this month back in 1776—those great patriots who went forth to battle in order that today we might be here and that the "Stars and Stripes" might hang in a land of freedom; and I cannot help but remember the Boys in Blue who went forward to battle to save this country for democracy and to free the Black Slavery of the South; and, also, the Boys of '98, you Spanish War Veterans, who answered to the call of that great leader, Wm. McKinley, whose photograph is on the platform, whose cause you were willing to fight. You should have the same recognition as any of the soldiers of this country, because you did not know how long it was going to take for that war to come to an end. That is why I have always contended that the Spanish War Veterans should be given the same consideration as the Veterans of other wars regardless of duration of the war. (Applause.) History has proven, my friends, that whenever war is declared no one knows how long it is going to last. We thought in 1914 that was going to be only another little skirmish, but it proved to be one of the most vicious wars ever fought in the history of mankind. I remember in 1917 they told the boys "you go forth to battle, fight our Cause and when you return all you have to do is to ask and you shall receive." Those boys of 1917 were willing to cross the ocean to fight, and die if necessary for this country, and when they came back they asked and you know what we have received without my having to tell you. My heart goes out in sincerity to every veteran regardless of the war in which he fought, because war is (as Sherman said) "Hell," and it is too bad we have to ever have any war, and I hope we never have to have any more.

My friends of the Spanish American War and other Veterans, you probably think that when your services as soldiers in the army terminated that your duty to your country had already been paid. I know you don't feel that way, but sometimes some feel a little bit like sitting back, thinking it is up to someone else to carry on the work. Your work as an American citizen is

never through until you close your eyes and bid farewell to this country forever. Until then, your duties are the same as those of any other American citizen—to take an active interest in the affairs of this government. We are living in a democratic country, and unless everyone who has an interest in this great nation is taking an active interest in his or her government, whether in state or national, we cannot survive; and if you want, my friends, to keep "Old Glory," the flag of this country, pure and clean, it is your duty as patriots such as you were back in '61, '98 and 1917, to take an active interest in the affairs of your Government, whether Republican, Democrat or Farmer Labor. It is your duty to stand up and defend that which you believe in. (Applause.)

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't want to take up any more of your time here today. You have enough business to do. I hope, however, that we will have the pleasure of meeting again, and as Secretary of Congressman Magnus Johnson, I assure you that whatever co-operation his office can render in your behalf it will gladly do whenever and wherever possible. I thank you very kindly. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will you convey this message to Congressman Magnus Johnson, that our organization is behind him one hundred percent, and we appreciate fully his efforts in our behalf in Washington, and that he can depend on the Spanish War Veterans in keeping him there.

Would like now to have report of our beloved Chaplain, Padre Clemens.

PADRE CLEMENS: Commander, I have no written report. Shall I make a verbal report.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Certainly.

PADRE CLEMENS: Would the stenographer take this down? The Perennial Department Chaplain—I am like a tree, here every year.

Mr. Commander, General Garrity, Comrades of the Department of Minnesota. I have been highly honored by your Department in being elected on my own nomination to be Chaplain here every year and I have tried to serve the Department the best I know how, but unfortunately this is a large Department and I am the minister of a very large parish for me and my duties in my parish do not allow me to go everywhere; but as I have had opportunity I have gone to call on Comrades in the Department.

Along in January, our good friend Comrade Ambrose, who got up the wonderful McKinley meeting in the Wesley Methodist Church, invited me to give the main address on that occasion. I was highly honored. Unfortunately I was a little disappointed when I arrived at the Church to speak. Two good ladies of the Auxiliary very kindly came down to Owatonna and attended my church services given down there. At the close of my services they drove me to Minneapolis. In one of his comments, the great Commentator Matthew Henry says that "when Jesus was going across the lake to heal, the Devil tried to stop him but a great storm arose." You remember the storm when Jesus got there. Now, I do not mean the Devil was driving this car; these good women did the best they could, but they drove us in a ditch and the Department President of the Auxiliary had a broken rib, my head never was right before, and it is worse since; but I arrived there, and if I do say so myself, I delivered the goods. I always do. I served them.

Then along on the 29th of March, the good folks in my church of Owatonna gave Mrs. Clemens and myself a celebration on our Golden Wedding. It isn't everybody that lives fifty years with one woman as I have done; and the Department Commander (as he said in his report) came down and represented the Department and presented us with a gift and gave a very fine address at the celebration (as he always does), and Mrs. Sladek represented the Auxiliary. We had a great time. That was part of my service as Chaplain, to complete fifty years in war service.

Then I preached service on Memorial Sunday and invited the Department Commander to come down, but he did not come. He can't be everywhere; and I made a prayer and the Associated Press took the prayer up and it went all over the country. I did the best I could, but that prayer was registered and you heard part of it last night that "All mighty God have mercy upon that man that tried to rob veterans of their well deserved pension." Do you suppose God heard this prayer? You bet he did.

I want to speak of the help and co-operation I have had from our Depart-

ment Commander; and you remember when he was elected Department Commander he asked me to come up and pray for him; and I came up and we knelt down, the Department Commander Smith and myself, and I prayed to "Almighty God to bless us" and when he reported to you today another prayer was answered, for we have had a wonderful year.

I thank you, Commander, for your wonderful report. I am getting along in years and don't make very many new friends any more, and I appreciate your kindnesses, and when you call me "Padre" I thrill all over.

I want to be in your love and affection, and I want you to know I love you and anything I can do for my Comrades I will do. Thank you, Mr. Commander.

COMRADE DR. CLARK: I move that this Encampment express their appreciation of the efforts our Chaplain has made physically, and especially I wish we recognize the fact that if his prayers don't reach the Almighty God, we don't believe anyone else's does. If his prayer last night did not register, I don't know whose would, because it was so full of love, so full of sense of injury that has been done that I know it registered with our Heavenly Father. I move that the appreciation of this Department be shown Padre Clemens.

COMRADE GIBSON: I would like to second that motion, and have it mentioned in the minutes that a prayer be entered for our good "Padre." "The Lord Bless him and guide him and keep him with us."

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the amended motion. All signify by rising. Thank you.

I want to say this, Comrades, that I believe in prayer. I believe the success of this Department for the past year is due to Padre Clemens' prayer at Duluth.

COMRADE FRANK WILLIAMSON: Comrade Commander, I would like to present Commander of Grand Army of Austin, Comrade W. A. Roebuck.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I want you to know that you and your Organization is always welcome to any meeting of the Spanish War Veterans.

Comrades, I have the pleasure of presenting to you, Comrade W. A. Roebuck, Commander of local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander Roebuck. (Applause.) Encampment salute.

COMMANDER ROEBUCK: Commander and Comrades, I am no talker at all and don't pretend to be. I served in the Civil War for a little over two years. I never was to one of your Encampments before in my life, that's why I came here. I live here in town. I was out to your Camp Fire last night. I haven't got very good strength here (indicating heart), and it is pretty hard work for me to talk. I served in the Civil War, was in the last battle of the Civil War, and I am now in my 89th year. If I live to December 23rd, I will be 89 years. Born in state of Ohio. Went to Civil war from state of Indiana. Was raised there. I was in the Cavalry, but I wasn't crippled in the war at all. Was always a great hand for a nice horse, and got crippled with a horse. It is sixteen years since I was crippled.

I am thankful to meet all Comrades, makes no difference what war they were in. Am always thankful to meet them and treat them as comrades, and I would like to see them all get their pensions. They deserve it and they should be paid. They cut my pension the same as they did you fellows. They cut me with this last cut. I am not going to kick about it. I can live anyhow. I have got a good home. I can go to the Soldiers Home or I can go to my own home. My wife died four years ago. We were married fifty-six years. (Hurrah by the comrades.) She lives up here in the cemetery. I came to this country to the state of Minnesota in 1867, and have been up here ever since. Went back to Indiana once or twice—was back there seventeen years ago next month. Went to Columbia to the Encampment. This year will go to St. Paul if nothing happens. My son takes me around, as I can't walk to amount to anything. I saw Lincoln and shook hands with him. I heard him make his first speech in Ohio when he ran for President the first time. Whatever war they were in have respect for all of them—that's my ticket. I lacked from August to December being seventeen years old when I enlisted. My grandfather was in the war of 1812. He was killed in that war. Am a Scotchman and don't deny it. (Applause.) My grandfather came here from Scotland and then he went to the war of 1812 and got killed.

I thank you very kindly for listening to me. If I had known I was to

say anything I would have fixed up something. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, I have been requested to have report of Travel Director taken care of at this time.

COMRADE JOHN SADLER: It wasn't until Saturday afternoon that it was possible to get any information whatever from the Railroad. As I have some teeth missing, Comrade Leitner has very kindly consented to read the report of Itinerary, and I ask that this be set ahead because I want everybody to hear.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We recognize Comrade Leitner and will have him give report of Travel Director.

COMRADE LEITNER: Dept. Commander and Comrades, you all know that Comrade Paddy Miller has been Travel Director for this year and John Sadler is his assistant. I saw Paddy Miller Thursday evening and he is getting along very nicely for a man that went through what that man went through, and we are glad to think he is coming back. He could not come down here; Sadler is here, but he has asked me to read the Itinerary to the National Convention at Los Angeles next month. The railroads can't furnish you any information that you can read for yourself; they can give you some dope on the typewriter that's all, and when I get through with this Itinerary, anybody that goes to the National Convention, kindly give your name to Comrade Sadler. It will be greatly appreciated, because they have to find out how many are going, so make your minds up and give the dope to Comrade Sadler.

Now, in order that desirable accommodations may be secured, will you please get in touch with John L. Sadler. His address is John L. Sadler, room 301. His telephone number is Bridgeport 2898. It is very important that any of you that are going, give this information to Comrade Sadler at earliest possible moment.

I extend to you greetings from Comrade Paddy Miller.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The Department Marshal, W. E. Hill, is here and will assume his station.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now have report of the Dept Graves Registration Officer, Comrade Myers.

THE DEPT. GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER: Before I read this report I want to make a remark concerning the Travel Director's report. I don't think it will be out of order. I speak about the report that hasn't got any teeth in it. The Travel Director has stated that Identification Slips can be had by going to your Adjutant. Now, all those slips were sent to every Adjutant; there is no mistake on that. They have been mailed to every Adjutant who at this time should have them.

(Reading his report.)

REPORT OF GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

To Frank E. Smith, Dept. Commander,
In convention at Austin, Minnesota, July 10, 1933.

Believing that the Department should have a permanent graves registration file, my first job was to secure and have mimeographed 1000 cards as per sample attached. Through the generosity of Dorothy Smallwood and Louise Penderitsch, both of whom worked approximately five days going through the graves registration files in the Adjutant General's Office, I am able to say we now have a nucleus of such a file. Owing to the incompleteness of the record, it was found necessary to check back to the Blue Book where much additional material can be found. This, however, applies only to those who enlisted in Minnesota. As this entails considerable labor, it no doubt will extend over quite a period of time before completion. With the six or seven hundred cards in the file a start is made, and I want to hope that the record will be carried on.

As the Graves registration Officer, I naturally expected to receive a report from Camps whenever a death occurred. I am still waiting for the first report.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. MYERS,
Graves Registration Officer.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard report of the Graves Registration Officer. If there is no objection or no corrections, it will be accepted as read and placed on file.

I want to say that Comrade Myers has had to have some help in getting this work done and I think they should be remunerated financially by this Encampment. I would like to get that matter out of the way right now.

VOICE: How long did they work?

COMRADE MYERS: About five days each. If they get a box of candy, that will be all right.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Escort Hon. Ernest Lundeen to this station.

VOICE: If in order, make motion that the ladies be remunerated in the sum of \$5.00 each. Seconded.

COMRADE HILL: The Hon. Ernest Lundeen is in room.

COMRADE MYERS: No, that's a little too much. \$5.00 between them will be O. K. They were glad to do it. One of them was my own daughter.

VOICE: I accept the amendment.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The motion was made and seconded that these ladies be remunerated to the extent of \$5.00 between them. Motion as stated carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Hon. Ernest Lundeen, we are pleased to have you here with us this morning. I know you don't expect any special honors, but we want you to meet our Past Commander-in-Chief, Garrity, and I want you to sit on the platform with him, as I know you may have something in common with him. (Applause.)

COMRADE HILL: Chairman, Mr. Page, is in room.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I did forget you. I want you up here, for you have some announcements to make, especially the one in regard to the Elks Club being opened, also, in regard to our parade—where it is to form and the time it is to be and any other announcements pertaining to Austin.

CHAIRMAN, MR. PAGE: The first part of our entertainment was to have been an auto tour of our City, but they tell us at the plant that the interesting features there will be practically over by 3:00 o'clock, so we may have to give up tour of city. Austin has a considerable number of things we would like to show you, among others the Springs of Water situated on a farm two miles from town. In 1910 the Sargent Springs farm was purchased and now the Sargent Springs has a capacity of over 2,000,000 gallons of water per day. It is the sight of the country. We, also, have a sewerage plant, disposing of the sewerage of this city, but I think at 2:00 o'clock we will send you over to see the Hormel Plant, as possibly a visit to the plant will be more interesting than the sights. Those that would rather look over the city, an auto tour will take care of them.

At 4:00 o'clock the parade is to be performed. We are proud of you and proud to have you here and want to show you off. We would like to know whether you would like to form by Camps, or whether you would rather form in organizations that you served in, all of those that served in the regular army and all those that served in the Volunteers and the 12th, 13th and 14th Minnesota, etc. We, also want the Ladies to march.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We won't hardly have enough in the parade to do that.

COMRADE O'BRIEN, Camp No. 9: I believe it would be best, according to number here, just have them all go in a body wherever we want to fall in.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: So ordered to solve the problem.

CHAIRMAN, MR. PAGE: We want to do just what you want. I think it would be nice to have the Drill Team ahead of us (if they will be kind enough to march), the Band and then the Drum Corps. The Parade will form in front of the Armory here at 4:00 o'clock, Chatham St.

COMRADE DR. CLARK: Are Comrades expected to be in uniform?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Yes.

Past Dept. Commanders of State of Minnesota will act as Aide to the Marshal.

We will now have report of Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Dept. of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans,
St. Paul, Minnesota, July 8, 1933.

To Department Commander, Frank E. Smith, Austin, Minn.
Greetings:

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a preceding convention of this Department calling for a revision of our By laws, bringing them to date, and to conform to our Rules and Regulations of 1929 with amendatory acts, I am pleased to state that I have completed that task and am submitting to this Encampment the completed work, and may I suggest that this new draft of the By laws be submitted to a committee of three, who shall review them making such additions and changes as are necessary and submit them to the new Council of Administration for their approval in order that the minimum of time may be consumed when they are submitted to the Thirtieth Encampment for their final adoption.

Basing my opinion upon the comment made on our by laws by National Headquarters, we will have a model set to submit to the Commander-in-Chief for his final approval.

During the year several matters have been referred to me for adjustment by you, which are simply routine duties of your Judge Advocate and will therefore not be taken up in detail.

Opinions have been given to a number of comrades based upon the decision of our Supreme Court wherein they have interpreted the ruling of our Bonus Board as to who is eligible to the benefits of the act as passed by the Legislature of 1931. Their ruling resulted in some confusion as to the status of a Spanish War Veteran referring to membership as contained in Section 2 Article III of the Rules and Regulations, which makes service prior to July 4, 1902, a pre requisite to membership in our Order. It is evident that our Supreme Court has narrowed the benefits of our Bonus Law to the minimum and no doubt there will be cases that will require a special act for individual cases before the Bonus Board will have concluded its labors.

The rapidly changing orders that have emanated from Washington since the adoption of the so-called Economy Act, have made it difficult to express an opinion on the intent of the act so far as our members are concerned, but it is safe to agree with Comrade Jim Murphy, our Quartermaster General, who in a recent letter to me stated, we will get but the crumbs from the table.

It is well settled in law that where a beneficiary is mentioned in a will it is an evidence that they have not been forgotten, hence it cannot be said that the Spanish War Veteran is the forgotten man, but rather that by the cuts made in his pension, he is singled out and held up to the gaze of the younger generation what the dictation of so-called Big Business does to a group of men who volunteered their services when our country needed them. That Big Business together with men like Insull, Mitchell, Mellon, self admitted violators of our laws, do more to advance Communism and extreme radicalism than all of the vicious propaganda of the so-called Third Internationally of Soviet Russia. But let us not be dismayed nor lose faith in our glorious country, but let us carry on the patriotic principles inculcated in our minds by our predecessor the Grand Army of the Republic, for it is evident that the people of this country will look to us and to our allied patriotic organizations to keep ever alive those fine principles of government in our Republic for which our forefathers made the supreme sacrifice, that we must carry our battle to the people and working shoulder to shoulder with our comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, the Disabled Veterans, under the banner of One for All and All for One, secure justice for Veterans and their dependents.

In closing, may I call your attention to the need of assembling at our new Headquarters in the State Office building, a complete set of session laws, National and Department Proceedings to date, for reference, the latest compilation of Rules and Regulations, Book of Ceremonies Rituals, for it is a common thing in visiting some of our old Camps to find them working with rituals and Book of Ceremonies of ancient vintage long since displaced by newer ones from National Headquarters and the attention of our Department Inspection should be invited to a check of this point in his inspection of Camps.

In conclusion I want to express through you my appreciation to the Adju-

tant General's office for their fine co-operation with the office of the Judge Advocate, especially Comrades F. William Pederson and Arthur O'Brien.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGO V. KOCH,
Judge Advocate.

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE: I have here a complete set of the draft of the By-Laws. Before I take my seat, I would like to say that inasmuch as it is a quarter century since Comrade Paddy Miller handed me the gavel in Winona, and inasmuch as he has been confined to his bed in the hospital, I would make a motion at this time that a wire of Greetings be sent to Comrade Paddy Miller at the Veterans' Hospital. Motion seconded.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the report of the Judge Advocate, and heard the motion he has just made. He has been in the harness in this Department for twenty-five years and has done some wonderful work, and every year he tells me he is going to retire and do no more, and every year he gets in the harness again and is on the job, so I want this Encampment to show its appreciation to Comrade Koch, for the work that he has so freely given his time and services to. I ask that this be a rising vote of thanks to Comrade Koch.

Now, Comrades, there is a motion before the Encampment that we send a wire of appreciation to Comrade Paddy Miller now in the Veterans' Hospital, for his wonderful twenty-five years service, and the motion has been seconded. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

Comrades, 12:00 o'clock is here, time we were having our picture taken.

There are just a couple of little things here that should come up right now that will only take a minute. One is report of Dept. Color Bearer, something unusual in this department. A short report, but it is a good report, and I would like to have it read.

(Dept. Adjutant Myers, Reading.)

REPORT OF COLOR BEARER

The State's Department Colors have been used in 1932-33 as follows:

1. The Department Grand Ball.
 2. Lincoln's Birthday.
 3. Washington's Birthday.
 4. The Department Banquet.
 5. Memorial Day Parade.
 6. Flag Day.
 7. Funeral of Comrade State Department Adjutant A. E. Hempstead.
 8. Party at home of Comrade Department Commander F. E. Smith
- B. J. HALVORSEN,
Color Bearer.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard report of Department Color Bearer. In absence of objections or corrections, report will be accepted as read and placed on file.

First thing tomorrow morning we will have report of our Department Inspector and Chief-of-Staff, and those who have not reported; and it will have to be short because tomorrow morning is nomination and election of officers.

Report of Patriotic Instructor up to January 1st, 1933, and then we will adjourn.

COMRADE MYERS: The report is here, do you want it read? It is a mighty good report, and if it meets with your approval, we will have it inserted in the minutes without reading. Reads last paragraph of the report.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

F. E. Smith, Department Commander, U. S. W. V.

Comrade Commander:

Since I have been appointed to the office of Patriotic Instructor, and since I believe that all offices are for a real purpose and should be taken seriously if the organization is to function properly, I wish to submit my mid-year report:

July 27—Wrote letter to Minneapolis City Council advising them that the flag in their chambers was wrongly placed.

July 29—The flag was properly placed and I received a letter of thanks from the President of the Council.

Aug. 3—Attended Council of Administration meeting at Hamilton Fish Camp, No. 7.

Aug. 5—Attended Drill Team social at Minn. Soldiers Home.

Aug. 13—Attended corn feed at the home of Comrade Pete Mudge.

Aug. 17—Attended All Veterans Council at the 5th Ward Tool House.

Sept. 12—Attended meeting of Worth Bagley Camp No. 2; also a meeting of organization for the S. S. A. W. V. in St. Paul.

Sept. 16—Attended Board of Governors meeting, Big Island Park.

Oct. 5—Attended American Legion meeting at Robbinsdale.

Oct. 8—Spoke on Patriotism at Cannon Falls.

Oct. 18—Spoke on Patriotism to Boy Scout troop of the Sacred Heart Church, Robbinsdale.

Oct. 20—Attended Past Commanders meeting, Arthur McArthur Camp.

Oct. 25—Spoke at I. O. O. F. Hall, 44th and France Ave., Minneapolis.

Oct. 30—Attended meeting at Dalby, Minnesota.

Nov. 3—Attended meeting at Hopkins, Minnesota.

Nov. 6—Attended meeting at Windom, Minnesota.

Nov. 11—Visited District No. 2 School House; talked on the Flag.

Nov. 17—Visited Hutchinson; talked on Patriotism and the Economy League.

Nov. 22—Visited Crystal Bay, Lake Minnetonka.

Dec. 1—Visited Arthur McArthur Camp No. 18.

My object has been to inculcate an attitude of genuine patriotism into my talks, and I find that the general public is willing to follow the instruction of the veterans in this regard. Incidentally, I have received many personal requests for advice on matters pertaining to patriotism.

Sincerely yours in F. P. & H.,

W. R. AMBROSE,

Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10TH, 1933

2:00 P. M.—Visit to Geo. A. Hormel & Co.'s Plant, also auto tour of City of Austin.

4:00 P. M.—Parade.

6:30 P. M.—Banquet.

Speakers at Banquet:

Gen. Fred B. Wood, Toastmaster.

Lewis Lohman, Dep't. Commander American Legion

John J. Garrity, Past Commander-in-Chief.

John La Due, Dept. Commander V. F. W.

Emil Holmes, Dept. Commander D. A. V.

Glenn Davis.

Pat McCormack.

Hon. Ernest Lundeen, M. C.

Mrs. Marion Sladek, Dept. Pres. Auxiliary.

Carl Hibbard, Regional Director Veterans Administration.

3:00 P. M. to 12:00—Dance at Armory.

TUESDAY SESSION, JULY 11TH, 1933

Opened at 9:15 O'clock A. M.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Color Bearers advance the Colors. Encampment salute. Place the Colors. Padre Clemens, will you invoke the Divine Blessing? Parade Rest.

PADRE CLEMENS: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for your kindness and your mercy toward us all; forgive us our sins and help us to be better. Bless, we pray Thee, this land of ours. Bless, we pray Thee, our comrades everywhere, those who are disabled and sick. We pray that Thou will bless our friend, Paddy Miller, this morning, and if it be Thy will, to restore him to health. Again bless our Camps, our Commander, our officers and

every member of this organization and help us in this Encampment as we meet together. We thank Thee for the tie that binds our hearts in soldier love. Give us more of the spirit of Jesus. Help us to be more helpful as days go by. Help us, as we pray the prayer that our Saviour taught:

"Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." Amen. Amen.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I now declare the second session of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of Department of Minnesota of United Spanish War Veterans open for transaction of business.

I am going to ask the Department Marshall to see that quiet is maintained in the back part of the hall this morning. It is hard to make ourselves heard and understood, and I ask you to co-operate with him in keeping quiet, and if you wish to do any talking kindly go out in the entrance.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: First on morning's order of business, we will have reading of regrets of Honored Guests that we had invited to this Encampment by Chairman of Guest Committee, Comrade Gibson.

Comrade Gibson reads Gov. Olson's letter and others.

State of Minnesota—Executive Department, St. Paul

Floyd B. Olson, Governor

June 30, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, Department Commander,
United Spanish War Veterans,
2833 43rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I regret to advise that it will be impossible for me to attend the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans at Austin, on July 9-10-11. My physician absolutely forbids the scheduling of any engagements for at least another month.

Thanking you for the invitation, and wishing you a most pleasant occasion, I am

Sincerely yours,

FLOYD B. OLSON,

Governor.

Alamosa, Colo.

Comrade F. E. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Comrade: You will be surprised to hear from me way "out west," knowing my almost helpless condition. I believe the trip is doing me good.

I am sorry I can't accept your cordial invitation. You know my high opinion of your splendid, patriotic organization. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Our Country never was in more need of loyalty and devotion to the flag. Present my greetings to all the United Spanish War Veterans and allied orders.

May you have a most enjoyable Encampment. My best wishes for all.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, Dept. Commander, United Spanish War Vets.,
2833 43rd Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I shall make every effort to be in Austin, Minn., on July 11th and spend some time with you, and should it be impossible for me to get there I would appreciate greatly if you would read the enclosed speech to your convention, it is a talk that I made in opposition to the so-called Economy bill.

I have been deluged with letters from Vets in almost every state and it just seems impossible to get caught up and keep that way.

It is certainly a crime the way the veterans have been treated and especially the old and sick service men as well as their widows and it sure has caused a lot of work on my part to try and do the best I can which under the new code is nothing at all, as no congressman including myself can do a thing, and I wish that you would let the word out at the convention and have the spread it that the only way for them to do is to flood letters to Lewis Douglas,

Director of the Budget, Washington, D. C., and also President Roosevelt direct. Always make several copies and send them each one along with General Hines. I would rather you would not quote me on this but it is the only way that you can bring them to their knees. Give this information to all veterans and let them bury the above named gentlemen as it is the only way that I know of to put them in misery and on the spot.

Every Farmer-Laborite voted right with you boys except Shipstead and as usual he was among the missing when the hour of the test came and I hope that you will let him know that you found him not voting for I feel it was a disgrace for him to dodge the issue as he did.

Thanking you again for your invitation and knowing that if I should lose out on being there, that you boys will appreciate the efforts I made in your behalf, although they were helpless will be given honest consideration.

With best wishes for the success of your convention I am,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,
F. H. SHOEMAKER.

Headquarters Fort Snelling, June 30, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, Dept. Commander, United Spanish War Veterans,
2833 43rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your kind letter of the 24th inst., inviting me as a honor guest to the 29th Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Minnesota, to be held in Austin, Minnesota, July 9, 10 and 11, 1933.

I am not quite certain as to whether or not I will be able to attend your encampment however, I have made note of it and if this CCC work does not pile up on me about July 9th or 10th, I will be on hand.

I am sincerely hoping that I will be able to come. Again thanking you for your kind invitation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

NEWTON W. SPEECE, ✓

Captain, 3rd Infantry.

From Mr. John Hall, State President A. F. of L., we have a letter here in which he says he will be here. Evidently he has not made contact as yet.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask Dept. Marshall to keep an eye open for Mr. Hall.

COMRADE GIBSON: From B. M. Lennon. He showed us a great many courtesies when we were there to our banquet, and we certainly are indebted to these gentlemen.

Another letter, somewhat long, from Lt. Col. Alva J. Brastad.

Fort Snelling, Minn., July 6, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, Dept. Commander, United Spanish War Veterans,
2833 43rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to attend the 29th Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Minnesota, to be held at Austin, Minnesota, July 9-10-11, 1933 received. I regret very much I will be unable to accept because of matters requiring my attention here.

Will you please convey to the "Boys" and their Ladies my heartiest greetings and good wishes? I am sure you will have a very delightful time in Austin during your Encampment.

With sincere appreciation, I am

Cordially yours,

B. M. LENNON, ✓

Major Infantry, U. S. Army.

Fort Snelling, Minn., June 28, 1933.

Dept. Commander F. E. Smith,
United Spanish War Vets:

Many many thanks for the invitation to be an honor guest at Austin July 9-10-11 at Annual Encampment of U. S. W. Vets. I shall do my best to come. I will be tied up Sunday the 9th. Please don't put me on the program because, with this R. O. T. C. and especially CCC work (and I am C C Chaplain for the State) I am not absolutely sure that I can get away at all that week. I wish

Austin were about 50 or 75 miles nearer Fort Snelling. But I shall attend for a short time if I can. Again many thanks.

Yours truly,

ALVA J. BRASTED.

Washington, D. C., June 29, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, Dept. Commander,
2833 43rd Avenue So. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to attend the 29th Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans at Austin, July 9, 10 and 11.

I regret that it will be an impossibility for me to be with you. I am under doctor's orders and must take a complete rest just now.

It would be a pleasure to meet with you and I hope you will ask me another time. Please extend my greetings at your meeting.

With kind regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

PAUL JOHN KVALE.

Washington, D. C., June 27, 1933.

Mr. F. E. Smith, 2833 43rd Ave. S., Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your letter of June 26 in which you extend an invitation to me to attend the 29th annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Due to prior engagements I will be unable to attend the encampment but in the event that some vacancy should occur I shall try to be there one of the three days.

Thanking you for your kind invitation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HENRY ARENS.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask the Dept. Marshall to keep his eye open for any of these guests.

COMRADE BOYCE: Perhaps it would not be out of place for me to inform you at this time that Comrade Case, Grand Army Department Commander, who happens to be my Adjutant, intended to be here with us. He had a slight attack of illness and he wished me to convey to this Encampment his sincere regrets he could not be here with us.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Boyce.

COMRADE WETHERBY, Camp No. 20: I have been requested by Comrades Wm. Johnson and Ronning of Willmar to extend their greetings to this Convention, and their regrets that they could not be with us. Comrade Ronning's health is very poor.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Wetherby. Give your name and number of Camp, and talk plainly, so our stenographer will be able to hear.

I wish to state John B. LaDue, Dept. Commander V. F. W., Louis Lohman, Dept. Commander of A. L., Emil Holmes D. C. of D. A. V., regret they could not be here today. All three last night told me to give you the greetings of their organizations and to express regrets they could not stay for closing session of this Convention.

COMRADE MYERS: Comrade Commander, I have two messages here (Comrade Myers reading messages.)

Washington D. C., July 10, 1933.

Comrade Frank E. Smith,

Comdr. Dept. of Minn., U. S. W. V.,

Austin, Minn., Elk Hotel.

Greetings from National Headquarters. Best wishes for a successful Encampment.

JAS. J. MURPHY.

Petersburg, Virginia, July 10, 1933.

Frank E. Smith, Dept. Commander, U. S. W. V., Austin, Minn.

Department of Virginia sends Greetings and best wishes for successful Encampment.

JOHN E. JARVIS, Commander.

COMRADE MYERS: Comrades, some time ago, I think perhaps more than a year ago, it was our Council's request to send in a roster, so that it could be made up into book form. Many of the Camps have done so, but

some are delinquent, and here are the numbers of Camps who have sent in rosters: Nos. 6, 9, 29, 7, 28, 10, 31, 16, 4, 11, 15, 20, 14, 26, 27 and 33. We would appreciate it very much if you will send in the roster of your Camp.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: At this time we will conclude reports of Officers. Be brief, because we have plenty of business.

You have heard the Supplementary Report of Department Adjutant. What is your pleasure? If there are no objections or corrections, the report will stand approved as read and filed with records.

Now for report of Department Chief-of-Staff, Comrade Wm. R. Boyce.

THE DEPT. CHIEF-OF-STAFF: (Reading his report.)

Office of Department Chief of Staff,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 6, 1933.

Department Commander, Frank E. Smith and
Members of the 29th Annual Encampment,
United Spanish War Veterans, in Convention Assembled.
Greetings:

In submitting my Report as Department Chief-of-Staff, I assure you that it has been a real pleasure to assist you in every way possible, to make your "Term of Office," the success which it has been.

I attended every Council Meeting of the Department. I also installed the Officers of Arthur McArthur Camp No. 16, of Minneapolis.

I think one of the outstanding events in which I participated was the "First Annual Ball of the Department United Spanish War Veterans and the Auxiliary." This was held in Minneapolis January 30, 1933, and was sponsored by Sister Emma Bills, Department Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary and myself for our respective Departments.

This was a very creditable affair and created much favorable comment; many saying that it was the finest and most orderly "Ball" which they had ever attended.

This was our aim; however we were each able to turn over \$60.10 to our respective Departments.

Much credit and many thanks are due to the many Sisters and Comrades who co-operated with us in making this "Ball" a great success; also to the "Press" of the Twin Cities for generous publicity and to the Boy Scouts who assisted at the presenting of the "Massed Colors;" not forgetting the "Sons of United Spanish War Veterans."

We were pleased to entertain Commander-in-Chief Otjen at a lunch at the Minnesota Soldiers' Home May 6th, 1933; also furnished a car for the official sight-seeing trip for our Commander-in-Chief on that date.

I also assisted at the "Third Annual Flag Day" program held at the Minnesota Soldiers Home, June 11, 1933.

Respectfully submitted in F. P. and H.,

W. R. BOYCE,

Dept. Chief-of-Staff.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Boyce. In the absence of any objections or corrections, report will be accepted as read and placed on file.

We have a Department Quartermaster, and would like to have him come up to the platform, because we would like to know who our "nickel squeezer" is. Going to ask Dept. Quartermaster to assume his station.

DEPT. QUARTERMASTER, THOS. J. WOODS: (Reading his report.)

Austin, Minn., July 11, 1933.

Commander Frank E. Smith, Dept. of Minn., U. S. W. V.

Submitting to you and to this Encampment my report as Dept. Q. M. for the period from July 12, 1932 to July 11, 1933:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 797.98
Receipts	1,983.61
	2,781.59
Disbursements	2,373.60
Balance on hand July 11, 1933	407.99

Savings Account	530.24
Total Cash Assets	\$ 938.23
Bills Payable	\$134.35
Bills Receivable	36.75
Value of Furniture, Equipment & Supplies as attached	554.15

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. WOODS, Dept. Q. M.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now have report of the Dept. Inspector, Comrade Albert Hammon. Will ask him to be as brief as possible.

THE DEPT. INSPECTOR: I am going to make a very short report. (Reading his report.)

White Bear Lake, Minn., July 7, 1933.

To the Dept. Commander, F. E. Smith.

Dear Commander:

I hereby make my inspection report as follows:

All Camps inspected except Camp No. 32, located at Brainerd as no inspection report was made or sent.

I inspected 17 of the Camps myself and had the others inspected by other Comrades, so as to save expense of the Department.

Attended 3 Dept. Council meetings and Banquet at Minneapolis and Duluth for Dept. Officers.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

ALBERT HAMMON,

Department Inspector.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. INSPECTOR: Thank you.

I have a suggestion here I would like to make to this Encampment, and that is, that the Department Inspector and Department Recruiting Officer be put in one, and it will save money to the Department as Recruiting Officer can do more work with this ten percent (10%) Per Capita Tax allowed for his work while inspecting his troops, and I recommend that this be acted upon at this Encampment.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will be glad to have that brought up under "Good-of Order."

COMRADE KOCH: Commander and Comrades, there are two matters that will be taken care of by the Committee on the Revision of By-Laws; one is providing that the Inspector and Recruiting Officer be one office, and the other that the Graves Registration Officer be the Department Historian, in accordance with National Rules and Regulations.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I have assumed the responsibility of holding Revision of By-Laws for incoming Commander, to appoint his Committee. The incoming Commander will refer them to a Committee of his own.

I see our Dept. Recruiting Officer, Wirt M. Kelly, came in the door. Will you give us your report.

THE DEPT. RECRUITING OFFICER: First of all I wish to state that on account of sickness, loss of my wife, illness of brother, I have been somewhat handicapped the past year, but I wish to report that I have visited the different Camps during the year and have tried most earnestly to promote the Camps. Have attended annual re-unions of Camps and was successful in signing up 12 new members, and these new members were assigned to Camps other than my own, as per their request.

To Dept. Commander Smith, Dept. Minn., U. S. W. V.

Since my appointment as Dept. Recruiting Officer, I have been somewhat handicapped. The past year I have lost my beloved wife, which was a terrible blow to me, also, an older brother has been hospitalized and is expected to pass away at any time. In connection with all this, I have been in the hospital twice, the last time with a nervous breakdown, and it was some time before I was able to drive a car. I do not wish to use these misfortunes as an excuse for my inactivities, because I am of the opinion that I have done all that could have been done under the financial conditions that have existed in the Department the past year.

I wish to report that I have visited Worth Bagley, Young, Bond, McArthur and Chisholm Camps during the year and have tried most enthusiastically to promote recruiting. Have attended the annual reunion of the 13th Regimental Association and was successful in signing up twelve new members for the U. S. W. V., and these new members were assigned to Worth Bagley, Bond and Norman L. Sandberg camps, as per their request.

I have attended two meetings of the Council of Administration during the present year.

Shortly after the beginning of my term of office I mailed 490 letters to state pensioners, appealing to every unorganized veteran to affiliate with the nearest U. S. W. V. camp in their territory and to take an active part in the organized work that was then being carried on to hold the benefits the veterans were then receiving. Many letters were received in reply, each expressing great interest and wanting to know how and where they could join the organization. Some of these letters were answered, but I am uninformed whether any of the camps benefitted thereby. As a direct result of these form letters two new camps were organized and they were instituted by our worthy Department Commanded, one of which was at Faribault and the other at Fergus Falls. I spent one day at Faribault and Northfield talking to veterans to become charter members of the new camp, but Comrade Cook of that city did most of this work.

I also mailed letters to all the Camp Commanders and Adjutants in the state, (except Minneapolis and St. Paul), asking that a local recruiting officer be appointed to work under the supervision of a district recruiting officer and to report progress of all recruiting to the district recruiting officer, also to have the adjutant notify the Dept. Recruiting Officer the name of the local recruiting officer appointed. I also sent each camp a list of pensioners in their district. To date, the only camp complying with this request is the camp at Red Wing. They returned their list and every man whose name appeared thereon had been checked and personally contacted. I wish at this time to thank the officers of Frank A. Morley Camp, not only for complying with my instructions, but I wish to compliment them for being the only camp in the state for doing so.

The past year has presented a wonderful opportunity for organization work and if the different camp officers had co-operated with the Department Officers in the line-up the latter had layed out, a very wonderful showing could have been made. I wish to state here that I do not believe the camp officers co-operate with the Department as they should and that more care should be given in following up all the instructions from the Department. If this were done a great deal more real constructive work could be accomplished.

Since I have been your recruiting officer finances have been a great hindrance to the work of recruiting. I am sure much more could have been accomplished had my office been supplied with ample funds to properly carry on the work. I hope that this Encampment will take cognizance of this fact and in some manner provide funds for my successor to work with. This is an important office, and I am convinced that if sufficient funds are provided and the camp officers do duty, a great deal can be accomplished the next two years.

I have enjoyed my work in the Department most heartily, and wish to thank Dept. Commander Smith for my appointment. I have received every courtesy and my work the past year will ever remain a most pleasant memory.

WIRT H. KELLY, Dept. Recruiting Officer.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I know that Comrade Kelly has worked hard at this Recruiting game, and I know what handicaps he has had to overcome, and I thank him very much for the work he has done. In the absence of any objections, the report will be accepted as read and placed on file.

I would like to ask if Chairman of Legislative Committee, Comrade Bill Pederson, is in hall. I consider that a most important report and would like to get in touch with him. If any one sees him, try to get him here.

If Credentials Committee is ready to report, we will have them report and we can take these matters up later.

COMRADE LEITNER: I don't know why they pick on me, but the Credentials Committee is checked up as follows:

Total of 94 delegates eligible to vote, and by Camps they are as follows, and if they are not correct, you tell us:

Camp No. 1.....	2 Delegates	Camp No. 18.....	3 Delegates
Camp No. 2.....	15 Delegates	Camp No. 20.....	4 Delegates
Camp No. 5.....	4 Delegates	Camp No. 25.....	2 Delegates
Camp No. 6.....	11 Delegates	Camp No. 26.....	7 Delegates
Camp No. 7.....	7 Delegates	Camp No. 27.....	1 Delegate
Camp No. 8.....	4 Delegates	Camp No. 28.....	4 Delegates
Camp No. 9.....	9 Delegates	Camp No. 29.....	1 Delegate
Camp No. 10.....	8 Delegates	Camp No. 32.....	1 Delegate
Camp No. 14.....	1 Delegate		
Camp No. 16.....	12 Delegates	Total.....	96 Delegates

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Leitner. Would like to ask Comrade Bill Pederson to make his report at this time.

CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, BILL PEDERSON: This is a wonderful city and wonderful entertaining here.

In the first place, I have been delegated by the Adjutant General Walsh to convey to you his greetings for a successful Convention and, also, express his regrets for his not being able to be here. He was to be here to represent our Hon. Governor Olson, but in behalf of Governor Olson and Adjutant General Walsh, we greet you; we greet you Godspeed. I want to say further that the Governor at this date is one of the best friends the veterans have. I have been in more or less touch with him, and everything pertaining to veteran affairs has his sanction and O. K. (Reading his report.)

July 8, 1933.

Comrade Frank E. Smith, Commander,
United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Minnesota.

Dear Sir and Comrades:

I submit the following report of the activities of your Committee on Legislation for the current year 1932-1933. Having served the Department during the terms of Commanders Albert E. Myers and F. M. McPartlin I again accepted the Chairmanship of this important Committee on appointment by Commander Frank E. Smith.

The Committee appointed by the Commander in addition to myself as Chairman consisted of the following comrades: Louis Leitner, P. D. C., George H. Moeller, M. A. Jordan, Sam Rask, P. D. C., with W. Ben Williams as Secretary.

This has been a strenuous year in all that the word implies. We were aware of the intent and workings of the so-called National Economy League, composed of the moneyed interests, to shift the burden of taxation necessary for the payment of Veterans' pensions onto the shoulders of the small taxpayer and farm and home owners and, if possible, to do away entirely with the payment of any pension to veterans, if such were possible. They then began to mold public opinion under the false slogan of economy, and to save the credit of the Nation. They sensed their opportunity in the oncoming Presidential election, and how well they succeeded you as veterans are very well aware and how ruthless has been their deed. As the election drew near it was soon made apparent that we could not expect much justice from the Republican Party under President Hoover, and it was then pointed out very clearly and forcibly that our hope was in the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the candidate of the Democratic Party for President,—and so we have changed drivers—and our present condition is the result. Your Committee made up their mind that our hope was in Congress representing the people and our plans were made to do our part in sending to that body representative men on whom we could rely to stand for the rights of the Veterans. We, in harmony with our National Legislative Committee immediately did our part for Minnesota. After a strenuous campaign out of twelve candidates we endorsed and running at large, we very materially helped to elect eight to the 73rd Congress:

Ernest Lundeen—Farmer-Labor
Paul J. Kvale—Farmer-Labor.
Magnus Johnson—Farmer-Labor.
Henry Ahrens—Farmer-Labor.
F. H. Shoemaker—Farmer-Labor.

Ray P. Chase—Republican.
Einar Hoidale—Democrat.
Harold Knutson—Republican.

On the convening of Congress there was introduced the iniquitous and diabolical Economy Bill, known as H. R. 2820—Public No. 2, a so-called act to maintain the credit of the United States Government. (Your committee here requests that this bill be printed with this report so as to be a matter of record. Bill attached.) This Bill gave the President autocratic power to abrogate all previous pension laws and take away practically the entire pension from the Spanish War Veterans, under the guise of not being service connected. Six of our Congressmen, Ernest Lundeen, Paul J. Kvale, Magnus Johnson, Henry Ahrens, F. H. Shoemaker, and Ray P. Chase, five Farmer-Labor and one Republican, voted against this measure and against giving President Roosevelt dictatorial powers. We want these splendid representatives of our people to know that we Spanish War Veterans of Minnesota appreciate their splendid stand and wise statesmanship.

This bill drafted by the Democrat leaders under W. L. Douglass, the Party's Budget Director, and Frank J. Hines, Commissioner of Pensions, and spurred on by President Roosevelt and Party Whips, was finally passed with a few amendments.

The Bill has practically wiped out the Spanish War Pensions, with a few exceptions as follows:

Flat rate of \$15.00 per month to all Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection or Boxer Rebellion Veterans, who are 62 years of age or over.

Fifteen Dollars per month to all veterans of the Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection or Boxer Rebellion, who are fifty-five years of age or over, 50% disabled and "paupers," as defined by the President.

Thirty Dollars per month to all Veterans who are rated after review as totally disabled not service connected, and with no other means of support.

All other Spanish War Veterans who are rated at less than 50% disability are off the Pension roll entirely—"Forgotten Men."

Spanish War Veterans are practically cut off from all rights of hospitalization unless service-connected.

Fifteen dollars per month for Widows of veterans of the War with Spain who served before August 12, 1898.

Fifteen dollars per month for widows of Veterans of the Philippine Insurrection and China Rebellion.

Amended regulations issued June 6th provide for a ten percent increase for service connected Spanish War cases and allow ten rating steps instead of five, provided they can prove their disability as service-connected, which is practically impossible for veterans of the Spanish War and so admitted by the Government. We quote, herewith, a letter written by the present director of the Budget, L. W. Douglass.

Phoenix, Arizona, September 8, 1932.

"Hon. R. C. Stanford, Ellis Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.
Dear Judge Stanford:

I am writing this letter to advise you fully concerning my stand on legislation in regard to the Spanish-American War Veterans.

It is not now, never has been, and never will be, my intention to require of the Spanish American War Veteran proof of a service connected disability. I realize that, after the lapse of all these years since the Spanish-American War, it would be impracticable, if not utterly impossible, for the vast majority of these veterans to prove such service connection, although it actually exists.

I have not now, nor did I ever have, any idea of disturbing any legislation concerning the Spanish-American War Veterans, except those economically independent.

Trusting that this satisfactorily explains my stand in regard to the matter of special interest to you and the hundreds of other Spanish-American War Veterans throughout Arizona, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

L. W. DOUGLAS."

The present administration state: "No part of the appropriation under this Act shall be paid to any person except for or on account of an actual War connected loss or disability."

We Veterans of the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection claim that our present conditions and ratings of disabilities are the result of our service during those campaigns, and therefore service-connected disabilities, and the Government has paid its Veterans from time immemorial on this presumption and frankly admits that we are at a decided disadvantage in endeavoring to secure evidence showing that our disabilities resulted from disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty—after the lapse of all these years since the Spanish War.

Owing to the deplorable conditions under which we served during those campaigns, tropical climate, improper food, clothing, shelter, medical care and general unpreparedness, admitted by the Government, we again claim our disabilities are service connected, not only presumed to be but actually are service connected as Mr. Douglas, Director of the Budget, admits.

We claim we should never have been included with the World War Veterans in the adjudication of their claims. We should be taken care of under our former status before the President abrogated all Pension Laws.

While we have a kindred feeling for the Veterans of the World War, as a matter of justice our cause must necessarily be considered separate—we have no argument with the veterans of the World War and wish them well, and sincerely hope they will be treated with all fairness and justice as we expect to be.

The limited pension for the Veterans of the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection was established from time immemorial by the Government—the people of a grateful Nation. After the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection no provisions were made whatever for the Veterans, for their sick and broken down bodies—not even a fair examination of their condition at time of discharge, and not until twenty-five years after the war did they receive any pension, and now to save the credit of the Nation these so-called Economists in power have taken it almost entirely away and pauperized the Spanish War Veteran and his Widow.

Our Spanish War Pension should remain as originally established, inviolate, under similar conditions as the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our duty and plan of action is now plain. To more thoroughly perfect and vitalize our united State and National organizations get into Politics with all our old fighting Volunteer spirit and energy, not as Republicans, Democrats, Farmer-Labor or Prohibitionists, but as Veterans to fight for justice and our right to be considered as service-connected and continue to receive for the short span of life still allotted to us, the limited pension to which we are justly entitled to.

We must strongly support with all energy our representatives in the House and Senate known to be opposed to the present antagonistic attitude of the Administration against the Spanish War Veterans, and favorable to the long standing and established policy of our Government from the days of the American Revolution as to pensions.

This then is our fight—to restore the status of the Spanish War pension as established before the passage of the Economy Act—We owe this action to our infirm and ageing comrades of the Spanish War and their widows. And may we as Veterans do our part in helping balance the budget by doing all in our power to put all tax-exempt securities on the Tax list.

SECTION II

Cognizant of our duty to Resolution No. 5 of last convention at Duluth and the pertinent comments thereto by Comrade McCormack, a member of the Soldiers' Home Board, and Dr. Clark's report.

In the project of securing a new infirmary for our Minnesota Soldiers' Home:

Prior to the convening of the 48th Session of our Legislature in January, we made our plans to secure the sorely needed building. Your Chairman took his full part in this work, assisting the Secretary of the Home Board, Mr. Glen Davis, who assumed charge of the measure known as House File 1987.

With the further assistance of Mrs. Campbell and Mr. McCormack, member of the Home Board, and Doctor Bryant, we appeared before the different committees of the House and Senate and at different times escorted them on tours of inspection of the home, again meeting them individually and col-

lectively and forcibly bringing to their attention the urgent need of the new infirmary. In face of the economic condition we succeeded in having the House pass this bill unanimously—this is surely an indication of the friends we have in our Legislature. We next moved on to the Senate where we had a real fight and carried on to an all night session on the last day, losing the bill by only four (4) votes necessary for its passage.

Now this is the sad tale. We lost the Bill on account of four veterans who voted against us, two of them Spanish War Veterans, two of them World War Veterans. We needed 42 votes. We received 38 votes from Senators, the majority of whom were not veterans and our splendid Governor, Floyd Olson, stood ready to sign the Bill. We hope for success at the next session.

May I suggest that this convention pass suitable resolutions of thanks to those members of the Legislature who so gallantly stood by us and voted for this measure.

May we also take note of those members who voted against this just measure—'nuf said at this time.

Now, there is some difficulty about this hospitalization. We had a case here quite recently, one of our good Comrades McInerney, who fell and broke his hip. We took him to the City Hospital. He had no rights as a soldier. Now, they tell us—if we could dump him on the back steps of the Veterans Hospital, they would take him in. A fine condition for an appreciative department.

I want to say this work was carried on by the Spanish War Legislative Committee pure and simple. Our friends of the Legion were after the Boxer's Rebellion. That is more important than the hospitalization bills and taking care of their own.

SECTION III

In view of the crucial period in the welfare of our organization, both individually and collectively, may we suggest that this convention be especially careful and thoughtful in the selection of their officers for the coming years. Select men who are fitted for the offices—capable of leadership, with loyalty, energy, stamina and initiative, no matter whether they all come from one city—geographical districts should not be considered in the selection of officers—we should select men not districts.

We would further suggest that we make the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders more useful than ornamental as in the past. At the present time they are just a Visiting Committee.

Give them a specific duty to perform. We would suggest that it be the sense of this convention that the incoming Commander appoint the Senior Vice Commander to have full charge of recruiting, building up the organization—a very important and vital work at this time. Approximately 3300 Spanish War Veterans in the state, everyone of them should be a member—a wide field for real work and service. If he does his duty he will have earned his elevation to Commander.

We would further suggest:

That the incoming Commander appoint the Junior Vice Commander as Chairman of the all important Legislative Committee, this will give him plenty of work, and get him actually acquainted with the real needs of the veteran and the organization—for work well done then elect him next year to the office of Senior Vice Commander and continue him as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, then when he is finally elected as Commander of the Department, if he has well performed his duties he will have merited his promotion to leadership.

Finally we suggest the organization seek the man, rather than the man seek the office. This can best be done by the Counsel of Administration constituted as a nominating Committee.

SECTION IV.

In closing I wish to state that our relations with the officers of the Department and members of the Committee have been most pleasant but our keenest joy is in the midst of a good fight for the right of our Spanish War Veterans.

I've found in life that we get what we give

We're done to, forsooth as we do

And my prayer is that I may live—while I live

With a Bunch of Good Fellows like you.

There's a glint in your eyes and a smile on your face
And a clasp in your hand—ever new
There's something to gladden and hearten and bless
In a bunch of Good Fellows like you.

Respectfully submitted.

Sincerely yours in F. P. & H.,
F. W. PEDERSON,
Chairman, Legislative Com.

The Committee suggest this report be filed as a matter of record.

(Applause.) (A rising applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Before I finish action on this report, I see that we have with us the Director of Soldier Welfare, Mr. Krohl, and I will ask Dept. Marshall to present him to this station.

THE DEPT. MARSHALL: I have the honor of introducing Mr. Wm. P. Krohl.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We are mighty glad to have you with us and we want you up here on the platform. Pardon us while we finish more of our business, and then we will want you to talk to us.

Comrades, you have heard the reading of report of Chairman of Legislative Committee, Bill Pederson. Is there any objections

COMRADE WOODS: Commander, in my opinion I think it is none of the Legislative Committee's business to recommend who the officers of this Department be. I think they are overstepping it and would like to run the whole thing.

COMRADE PEDERSON: This is a "free country."

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Is there any other objection to this report—any discussion or correction?

COMRADE YOUNG, Camp No. 16: Dept. Commander, as I understand the report, there was only one cause given as to be able to get into the hospital—that was "Gangrene." Is that the way it is given?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I think last night the talk given by Major Hibbard would tell you just what you want to know.

COMRADE YOUNG, Camp No. 16: I just wanted to state that while I was in Chicago, the Doctor told me that my case would let me in the hospital at any time and I could be taken care of.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: In the absence of any objections, the report will be accepted as read and placed on file.

We will now have report of Dept. Historian, Comrade John Sadler.

I will ask you to be brief on these reports, Comrades. Are there any other officers that we haven't had reports from? Auditing Committee, are they ready to report? Comrade Bertelson, is the Auditing Committee ready to report?

COMRADE BERTELSON: (Reading report.)

Austin, Minn., July 11, 1933.

We the undersigned auditing committee have carefully audited the accounts of the Quartermaster and Adjutant of this department and find as follows:

Balance brought forward from last year, 1932	\$ 797.98
Receipts during year	2,983.61
Total	\$2,781.59
Total disbursements	\$2,373.60
Balance	\$ 407.99
Savings account	\$ 530.24
Total Moneys	\$ 938.23

Quartermaster Thomas Woods and Adjutant Albert Meyers are to be com-

mended on the systematic and accurate way that records are kept.

Signed, B. H. I. ETAOIETAIONETAIONETAOI

Signed,

B. H. BERTELSON, Chairman Audit. Com.
A. J. SLADEK,
MARTIN RINDE.

(Applause.)

COMRADE BERTELSON: We also recommend that all outstanding bills be paid before books and accounts are turned over to the Incoming Administration. Respectfully submitted

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Bertelson. Are there any corrections or objections? If not, that report will stand approved as read and placed in files.

Will ask at this time that the Chairman of Resolutions Committee be prepared to give his report, if possible, after report of John Sadler.

COMRADE SADLER: I don't think they are quite ready yet; several Resolutions came in this morning, but we hope to be ready shortly. On the payment of outstanding bills, will this not take care of itself automatically?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask the Department Quartermaster what outstanding bills there are and for what amount.

THE DEPT. QUARTERMASTER: May I state that charge for "furniture and supplies" is for the Officer's Headquarters Room in St. Paul in the State Office Building. Invoice of value of furniture and supplies is attached, \$544.00. This is an itemized account of articles in possession of Department.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Read articles, so that the Encampment may know just what we have in our office.

THE DEPT. QUARTERMASTER, COMRADE WOOD: (Reading.)

1 4 Drawer Steel Letter File.....	18.00	1 Neostyle with supplies	37.50
2 Roll Top Desks	\$ 30.00	4 Sets Letter indexes	2.80
2 Swivel Chairs	6.00	100 A to Z Letter holders	1.50
13 Side Arm Chairs	25.0	1 3 High Letter Tray	2.00
1 Conference Table	15.00	1 Waste Basket	1.25
1 Hat Rack	1.00	2 Cuspidors	2.30
6 P. D. C. Pictures	3.60	1 Stapling Machine	3.50
1 Picture (Washington)	1.00	1 Calendar Pad and Stand	.75
1 Picture (Roosevelt)	1.50	1 4x6 Card File	5.50
1 Picture (Carl C. Van Dyke)	2.00	1 Set A to Z guides	.40
1 Picture (Theresa Ericksen)	1.50	2 Steel Filing cases	15.00
1 Banquet Photo	1.00	Department Colors and case	165.00
1 Etiquette Stars and Stripes	2.00	1 Brief Case	6.00
1 Scroll (Van Dyke)	2.00	2 Typewriters	60.00
1 Picture (Spirit of America)	2.00	Department Badges	22.55
1 Small Desk	2.00	Supplies on Hand	63.00
1 Drop Head Steel Desk	42.00	Stands for Colors	3.50
1 4 Drawer Steel Letter File.....	18.00		
1 Oak Swivel Chair	5.00	Total	\$554.15

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 18: I think the Department's finances are in wonderful shape. It is quite a credit at this time to the Quartermaster to turn in a report that we have that much on hand. Go over and take a look at what they have in the State Headquarters, and you will decide they were very moderate in appraising that stuff at the value they did. I don't think you could duplicate it for anywhere near that amount.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: All outstanding bills have been paid with exception of Department Headquarters' furniture that was bought—that hasn't been paid. We have \$407.00 and some cents, but we have to take into consideration the after expense of this Encampment, also, the check that must go to our stenographer. What is your pleasure on same?

THE DEPT. QUARTERMASTER: I was just going to speak on that. Comrades, after the Department Encampment expenses here are paid, and the \$100.00 to be set aside is taken out, and on top of that our stenographer is paid, you can figure out how much there is going to be left for the incoming Commander in case he has to travel around the State until the first of the year.

when the Per Capita Tax will again be coming in. It is true, there are a few dollars coming in from Per Capita Tax now and then, but that doesn't amount to much. I am just making this statement for consideration of this Encampment, so before you take any action, you know just what circumstances are.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: That furniture, I believe, was bought from Comrade Bertelson. I want to ask Mr. Bertelson if he is very much pressed for that money just now.

COMRADE BERTELSON: We are all hard pressed at this time. That account has been running about nine months. Of course, I don't want to hurt the Department of Minnesota in any way and I think, if you see fit, we can run it over.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: What is your pleasure, comrades?

COMRADE RUDE, Camp No. 6: I move you, sirs, at this time, that the accounts, as they stand, be turned over to the incoming officers and be handled by them just as they stand.

COMRADE MYERS: That could not be, because it would eliminate the necessary after Convention expense. When Convention expenses are paid we can do so.

COMRADE RUDE, Camp No. 6: I did not take into consideration the Encampment expense. I took into consideration the bills as they now stand.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will you make that motion—the bills as they now stand after convention expense has been paid?

COMRADE MYERS: If motion is made to merely include the bill owing Comrade Bertelson.

COMRADE RUDE, Camp No. 6: That was my intention. I now move that the bills and accounts as they now stand, after the Convention expense has been paid, be left to incoming officers to handle.

VOICE, from Camp No. 5: I second the motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that bills as they now stand, after Convention expense has been paid, be left to incoming officers. Any discussions?

COMRADE SLADEK: I believe in seeing things straightened out by old Administration before new Administration comes in. I don't believe we should impose on the Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Bertelson. If he was to borrow this money from the bank it would cost him six or seven percent interest. The account has been running for months now, and he should be entitled to get his pay for that bill.

COMRADE WOOD: In view of the fact that we owe this \$134.15 (there is furniture up there we have got absolutely no use for); and in view of that fact, I think it was my understanding at the time that this furniture was bought, that they would give the Department as long a time as they wanted to pay for it. I don't know what they meant by that. If you pay this bill, you will have about \$75.00 left. Understand, I am not objecting to paying Comrade Bertelson, but the question is, will it embarrass the Incoming Commander most that this bill isn't paid, or will it embarrass him more that he hasn't got the money for visiting around the state.

COMRADE BERTELSON: As regards the Incoming Administration, I don't want to see them embarrassed in any way, and we will let it ride just as it is now until we get some more money.

COMRADE PAT McCORMACK: I haven't as yet heard any of the motions made give any statements about how much actual cash on hand there will be in the treasury when these outstanding bills are paid, and in none of the motions has there been direction to pay those bills. Why not clean up and turn over a clean slate? With consent of previous maker of that motion, I would like to offer as amendment, "That this Convention instruct the old Administration, as they are, to pay those bills." That has been missing from any of the previous motions.

COMRADE MYERS: The Department Quartermaster has given exact amounts.

VOICE from Duluth: Amount of bills remaining unpaid, I move the bills be paid.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: There is a motion before the Encampment. Comrade Rude, do you accept the Amendment?

COMRADE RUDE, Camp No. 6: It is immaterial to me which was the comrades decide it, but I think that the motion that Comrade McCormack made cannot be made as an Amendment—it must be made as a substitute motion.

COMRADE McCORMACK: Any way to get it across.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any second to this substitute motion?

VOICE: I second it.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that these bills be paid.

COMRADE GIBSON, Camp No. 6: It seems to me we are wasting an awful lot of time here on a matter that has been put before us very plainly by Comrade Bertelson and our Quartermaster. I can't see why we should waste a lot of time on this. In fact, it is a very embarrassing proposition for the incoming Administration to be "broke." Comrade Bertelson has said he would depend on the incoming Administration to take care of this when funds come in. Why can't we take him at his word and let incoming administration take care of it?

COMRADE SLADEK: We have \$300.00 in savings account; and I would like to see this cleaned up before the new administration comes in; the new administrations have been taking care of bills that's been carried over—indebtedness that has been brought on by the old administrations; and I think it's about time we changed things about, and spend the money in paying these bills as things are possible in the treasury.

COMRADE ROGERS, Camp No. 9: I believe in paying those bills. If there isn't money enough, pay as far as it goes and as soon as money comes in, pay the rest, and balance the budget. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The motion is, comrades, that the bills be paid.

COMRADE MYERS: I think it has been stated very clearly it might embarrass the incoming administration if you pay that particular bill. Comrade Bertelson's bill has been paid up to the penny with the exception of this one item of \$134.00; and after going over the matter thoroughly and looking into accounts, we did not think we ought to write out check for that amount at this time. I think we ought to consider the incoming Department Commander, also. As far as the \$500.00 on deposit is concerned, I doubt if we can even touch that at this time.

COMRADE KOCH: That cannot be touched.

COMRADE MYERS: In accordance with our By-Laws, I believe we have to set aside another \$100.00. As I say all bills owing Comrade Bertelson have been paid, amounting to \$2,000 or \$3,000, except this particular item of \$134.00; and as I understand it, there was no particular hurry about that. As Comrade Bertelson has been kind enough to say he will wait a little while, what is the difference whether we pay that now or leave it to incoming Department Commander? I think that money will do him quite a bit of good at this time.

COMRADE McCORMACK: In view of explanations, I withdraw my substitute motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: May I be permitted to ask the Adjutant to read the motion?

COMRADE SADLER: It is going to give him \$200.00 in that general fund and there is no reason why part of this cannot be paid. We bought it—we got a good price on it, I have been told, and he has waited nine months on it; and I think, at least, some of it should be paid.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? All in favor, signify by usual sign. So ordered.

COMRADE SLADEK: I think at this time, it would be a good time to inform the Encampment of how we procured a great portion of that furniture. It was through the good graces of Worth Bagley Camp No. 2.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We had that in my report yesterday.

THE DEPT. MARSHALL: Mr. Carl Hibbard, Regional Director Veterans Administration, is here.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Escort him to this station, if you please.

(To Mr. Carl Hibbard.) We are glad to have you here. Am going to ask you to sit with us for a few minutes.

I am going to ask for a few words from Mr. Kroll at this time.

MR. WM. P. KROLL, Director Soldier Welfare: Commander, Distinguished Guests and Comrades of the Spanish War, I intended fully to be with you here all day yesterday, but in the forenoon I was busy in court and in the afternoon I had to arrange for testimony for Pardon Board to get one of the comrades of the Spanish War pardoned from a charge which had held him in the State Prison for some time, and which I believe was probably due to change in mentality due to his service in the war; and if we can get him taken care of we can probably get him transferred to the Veterans' Hospital where he will get proper medicine and care; and that is the reason why I did not get down here to be with you yesterday.

Early this Spring, or shortly after the Economy Act was passed, I sent a bulletin to each of your Camps and the same to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, in which I made certain suggestions; that you keep in touch with your representatives and keep them informed of your situation, so that our friends down there might have ammunition with which to work, and so that our enemies might become worried about the situation which they are creating. If you just keep going on this, it is certain that you are going to get back things you lost and you are going to get a better deal for those boys. The recent orders coming out from the Administration in Washington have been much more liberal than the orders that came out immediately after passage of the Economy Act. Their consideration and their economy in handling our claims is better; and if you will just keep up this work, we don't need to worry a great deal about the future, but if you think things are all settled now and lay down, then surely the battle won't be won. Keep up the good work you are doing.

You have had the association of a mighty fine man with you, particularly in your needs for comrades, of Glen Davis, Secy. of Soldiers' Home Board. He has had a hard task this last year, and less of moneys to use, because some people were not able to pay taxes. He is asking now for \$225,000 additional, so that I don't think any of you will need to suffer during time this adjustment is taking place.

I talked to Adjutant General Walsh, and he was very sorry he could not come down. He would have liked to have been with you, but he has calls coming in for help on those claims and he just felt he couldn't leave them, even for a day and let them worry and wait about their claims.

Some of you have been writing our Department about your claims, and that is what we want you to do. I can give you general information about claims and getting evidence, but aside from that I send them over to O'Brien, because he is your expert on pension claims and he knows exactly how to advise you.

It would be my suggestion to you, that even though we are going to get adjustments, that you proceed with your claims in the same manner as if adjustment isn't going to be made, because you can't bank entirely upon the future. If you can furnish some evidence of your sickness in the war, or immediately after, get busy and get that evidence from those who knew of your case. If you can't find them, then, at least, write your own personal story so that the good man you are going to appoint to boards will know exactly your story, and I think they will give you a most favorable consideration.

I would like to talk to you at length, but you are very busy, and I hope I can stay and watch the rest of this session.

But when you are up there and you feel at a loss about some point, particularly in the way of matters that you can't get from the Government, come in and we will try to help you out. I thank you. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Kroll. We are glad to have men like you on the job, and you are welcome to stay with us.

I would now like to have Comrade Carl Hibbard say a few words to us.

COMRADE CARL HIBBARD: Commander, Guests and Comrades, I see one of my very good friends down in front here, Padre Clemens. You were a National when you came out to visit my Tent, and I am not going to tell on you, but I am going to tell about one time, which is a dark spot in the Padre's life—the time when I turned around and caught him dancing with a French girl.

I talked to you over at the banquet last night, but there is one thing I would like to add to what I said last night; and that is, you will recall, when your pensions for non-service disabilities prior to March 20th are being stopped, from now on no extension is furnished in those cases, so don't expect it.

I would like to suggest to you that in each of your Camps you have a Service Officer appointed, and that he keep on hand certain of our blank forms, so that it will not be necessary for him to write in in each case and ask for forms. We will be glad to furnish you with these so as to keep you stocked.

Now, there has been a lot said about the Economy Act. I wonder if we shouldn't try to reason out possibly why that Economy Act was passed. I don't believe myself that, so far as the veteran is concerned, it was the immediate necessity for economy, so much as the future. You fellows were getting about \$50.00 a month, which is \$600.00 a year. As far as your group is concerned it did not mean much, as the sum total for all the Spanish War Veterans would not mean so much in money. However, with the large number of men in the World War and if, when we arrived at the same age that you are now, they were to continue to pay \$50.00 a month, they would have to pay about 3,000,000 men; and 600 times 3,000,000 is 18,000,000,000 dollars; and that is why you people were cut down. I am satisfied as to that.

There is some talk on your part of introducing a separate bill for Spanish War Veterans. I have heard it from several sources. I discussed it with your National Committee. I don't believe that you will ever have separate legislation for Spanish War Veterans. I think you are coming under the Uniform Act, and I believe veterans of all other wars will come under that Act. I think the only way that you can improve your condition is to amend that Act, but not by special legislation for yourself, and I believe if you will concentrate your efforts along that line that that is the way you are going to have to accomplish the relief you are after.

I want to say that during the past year, your Commander Frank Smith has co-operated with my office one hundred percent, and I want you to know that I appreciate and I am satisfied he has done a splendid job, and I hope you fellows realize the time and effort your Department Commander has had to give; and, Frank, when you go out of office, I want you to send me your picture to hang it up with my "Rogue Gallery" in my office. Thank you.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Hibbard. It is wonderful of you to appreciate the efforts I have tried to put forth, I know you are a mighty fine friend of mine, and when you have anything on your mind referring to us, do not hesitate to let me know.

COMRADE KOCH: I have to report in referring to motion carried at this Encampment that I have conveyed the kind wishes of the Comrades here assembled to Comrade Paddy Miller, our Past Department Commander.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Koch. Is the Resolution Committee ready to report? Comrade Rask has the floor.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 1.)

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Twenty-ninth Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled at Austin this 9th, 11th and 11th day of July, 1933, do hereby extend to the Comrades of Harvey Chapin Camp No. 11 as hosts to our encampment; to Austin Post No. 91, American Legion, and Olaf B. Damm Post No. 1216, Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Austin Business Men's Association; Geo. A. Hormel Packing Company; Austin Lodge No. 414, B. P. O. E.; Mayor Hans Marcuson, the Press and to the citizens of this beautiful city, our sincere appreciation for courtesies extended us as an expression of their wonderful hospitality which we have so abundantly enjoyed.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

(Nine copies of above resolution mailed July 15th, 1933.)

Comrade Rask moved adoption of this Resolution, and same was seconded.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Motion made and seconded this Resolution be adopted. All in favor signify by usual voting sign.

The motion thus put was carried.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 2.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, The United States Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled passed an act entitled "AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT" approved March 20, 1933,—(1) repealing all pension and benefit laws in relation to veterans of the war of 1898, their widows and dependents, including veterans of the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion, and their widows and dependents, (2) delegating and granting to the President of the United States, during time of peace, full and sole power to eliminate and/or readjust all pensions and benefits to veterans of the Spanish-American war, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion, their widows and dependents, as the President of the United States may deem just and proper to all, in his judgment and discretion, and by promulgation of regulations to be issued pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Congress did delegate and grant unto the President the aforesaid sole powers to eliminate, reduce and/or re-adjust the said pensions and benefits to the aforesaid veterans and their dependents and widows, upon the said public and official utterances by the President believing that he would, by his executive orders and regulations to be promulgated in lieu of the former pension and benefit laws, deal justly, fairly and sympathetically with all Spanish war veterans, veterans of the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion, and their widows and dependents, as said veterans are affected; and

WHEREAS, the President did, on the 31st of March, 1933, promulgate such regulations, particularly his regulation No. 12, presuming therein that injury or disease causing disability or death to the said veterans, and now pensioned according to established ratings of disability by competent medical judgment based on physical condition found, WAS INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY in the active military or naval service during the war of 1898, the Philippine Insurrection and Boxer Rebellion, because said veterans are under a great disadvantage if not unable entirely to NOW produce evidence of disability due to war service because of the lapse of over 30 years since such war service; and charging the Government therein with the burden of disproving or rebutting any of said veterans' presumed war service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, the President is charged with the acts and conduct of those commissioned to carry into effect the said "Act to maintain the credit of the United States Government," including carrying into effect the aforesaid regulation by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and with the drafting of regulation No. 12 by the National Budget Director; and

WHEREAS, General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, by apparent acquiescence and/or direction of the President and the said Director of the Budget, now suggests and requires of all Spanish war veterans to submit evidence and proof tending to show that their disabilities resulted from war service; wantonly and arbitrarily disregarding the President's regulation No. 12 and the substantial rights of said veterans; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs has exceeded the provisions of the law; and the regulation No. 12 aforesaid, and apparently under the supervision and direction of the President and his Budget Director, in not being content with the present disability ratings of Spanish war veterans as intended by the regulation but, in the reviewing of each of said veterans' claim, to inaugurate and provide a new scheme of rating schedules which were never intended to apply to Spanish war veterans, veterans of the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion, and their widows and dependents; and

WHEREAS, NOW, Spanish war veterans and those of the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion, by requirement of the Veterans Administration, are compelled to immediately file evidence and proof of their service-connected disabilities, because a review of their claims will be made upon that evidence at the time of the review; and

WHEREAS, the said veterans have never heretofore been required to pre-

sent evidence of service-connected disability, but that in fact such presentation had always been discouraged and was confined to presentation of evidence in regard to ability to perform manual labor only; and

WHEREAS, by the afore said regulation No. 12, it was intended to place Spanish war veterans in a separate and distinct class, to be treated under a different policy and under different rules or procedure than that prescribed for World War Veterans; all of which appears to have been departed from and abandoned;

NOW, therefore, in full support of the stand taken by our National Commander and National Committee on Legislation by letter of protest addressed to Veterans Administration under date of April 19, 1933, it is

RESOLVED: The Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans, in convention assembled this 9th, 10th, and 11th of July, 1933, hereby respectfully and vigorously PROTEST against the provisions in that "Act to Maintain the Credit of the United States Government" in so far as it affects Spanish war veterans, on the grounds that said Act appears unnecessary, unjust, and unfair; and the constitutionality of its provisions is an open and debatable question; and that therefore, said Act, in so far as it affects Spanish war veterans, should be repealed and the pension and benefit laws in effect prior to March 20, 1933, re-enacted; and it is

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans, hereby further respectfully but vigorously PROTEST against the conduct, rules, requirements and instructions of General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, as manifested and/or attempted to be carried into effect and operation, in the attempt to nullify Executive Order and Regulation No. 12 as promulgated March 31, 1933, upon the grounds and for the reasons that the Veterans Administration appears to have exceeded the provisions of the law, are contrary to common sense and American sense of justice and fair play, are in reckless disregard of our substantial rights heretofore recognized and granted to us and to our widows and dependents, discriminate against us and are ill-advised; all for the alleged reason and under the guise that it has now become necessary for the greatest Government on earth to eliminate and/or reduce pensions and benefits to Spanish war veterans now averaging 60 years of age, in order to "maintain the credit of the United States Government"; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution aforesaid be spread upon the minutes of this Department as a permanent record; that our Department Adjutant be directed to forthwith dispatch a duplicate copy thereof to our Commander-in-Chief for his immediate action; and to the United States Senators and Members of Congress from Minnesota.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

(14 copies of above mailed July 17, 1933.)

COMRADE RASK: I move adoption of this resolution.

COMRADE KOCH: I move for adoption of this Resolution.

Seconded by Comrades Wm. Rogers and John Sadler.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the Resolution. Moved and seconded this resolution be adopted. All in favor, signify by usual sign. Motion thus put was carried.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 3.)

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, having given power and authority to the President to retire from the Civil Service of the United States, employees who have served thirty years or more, and,

WHEREAS, The statutory provisions provide that, "in making any reduction of force in any of the executive departments, the head of such department shall retain those persons who may be equally qualified who have been honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers and sailors." (Par. 2 sec. 19 Postal Laws & Regulations.) Also 5. U. S. C. 37." Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Minnesota, in convention assembled this 10th day of July, 1933, at Austin, Minne-

sota, respectfully request that this regulation be applied by the heads of all departments in making reductions under the Selective Retirement act and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and to Postmaster General James A. Farley with a request that an Executive order be issued to carry out the intent of the above regulation.

Amended to send a copy to Chairman Natl. Legislation Com., U. S. W. V.

HUGO V. KOCH.
LEE H. WETHERBY.
FRED B. WOOD.

(Resolution sent to the President, the Postmaster General and Rice W. Means, July 15, 1933.)

Comrade Rask moved adoption of Resolution.

VOICE, Camp No. 2: In so far that this may affect Spanish War Veterans (it would not hit anyone else), I believe it would be well to make an Amendment that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Chairman of National Committees. I move the Amendment.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have all heard the Amendment to be added to this Resolution. Are you ready for question? Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: All in favor of Resolution No. 3 as read with Amendment, signify by usual voting sign. Carried.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 4.)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans, that there is a movement on foot at the University of Minnesota to abolish the required feature of the course of instruction in Military science and tactics, as included in the curriculum of the University of Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, any action of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota with intent to abolish the required feature of this course of instruction is not in accordance with the interpretation uniformly placed upon the agreement between the United States and Land Grant Colleges, now

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the members of Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans, in convention assembled, at Austin, Minn., July 9th, 10th and 11th, 1933, that it is unalterably opposed to any action on the part of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, which will, in any way, change the recent policy of the Board of Regents of the University with respect to the required course of instruction in military science and tactics, thereby fulfilling the moral obligation of the University of Minnesota to the government of the United States as expressed by the Morrill Act of 1862, and in accordance with the interpretation of the Association of Land Grant Colleges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adjutant forward a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

(13 Copies mailed as directed July 19, 1933.)

COMRADE HAMMON: I move adoption of this Resolution. Seconded by Comrade Erickson.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the Resolution. Motion made by Comrade Hammon and seconded by Comrade Erickson that this Resolution be adopted. All in favor, signify by usual sign.

The motion thus put, so ordered.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 5.)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, The SONS OF SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS is pledged to keep constantly on the alert regarding the conditions of dependent relatives of Veterans of all United Spanish War Veterans and to assist whenever possible and proper in the prosecution of pension or other like claims including claims for subsistence, hospitalization or habitation, and

WHEREAS, These pledges can only be carried out by direct contact with the United Spanish War Veterans through their councils, and

WHEREAS, All Commanders of Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans are members of the Department Council, Department of Minnesota, and
WHEREAS, There is no representation of Camps of Sons of Spanish American War Veterans on said Council of Administration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Sons Camps organized and to be organized in the State of Minnesota, be made members of the Council of Administration with Voice and Vote.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

COMRADE SADLER: I move adoption of this Resolution.

COMRADE ERICKSON: I second it.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard Resolution No. 5. Comrade Sadler made motion for adoption of Resolution, seconded by Comrade Erickson. All in favor, signify by usual sign.

The motion thus put, carried.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 6.)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, as a result of the recent economy act passed by the last session of Congress, either reducing or eliminating pensions and other veteran benefits, and

WHEREAS, The National Legislative Committee of the United Spanish War Veterans, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, THE HIKER, THE VETERAN'S PATROL and other veteran publications are to be commended for their activities in endeavoring to save our pensions and other benefits;

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled this 9th, 10th, and 11th day of July, 1933, at Austin, do hereby express their appreciation of the work of above named committee and publications, in our behalf, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

(4 Copies mailed as above.)

Comrade Rask moved adoption of this Resolution.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the Resolution. Any comments? Any second?

VOICE: I second it

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that this Resolution be adopted. All in favor, signify by usual sign.

Motion thus put, carried.

COMRADE RASK: (Reading Resolution No. 7.)

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, Par. a, sec. 35, requires a two thirds vote of members present and voting, thereby frequently working a hardship in the matter of voting in some camps, it is therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans at their annual convention assembled in the city of Austin, Minn., the 9th, 10th and 11th of July, 1933, that the words "two thirds" be changed to read "majority vote" and that the delegates of the Department of Minnesota to the National Convention at Los Angeles be instructed to introduce this resolution for the purpose of amending the Rules and Regulations.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

COMRADE RASK: I move adoption of Resolution No. 7, and would suggest that Comrade Brant explain reason for this Resolution.

COMRADE BRANT: The reason for this Resolution is the question of Honorary Membership. In various Camps Honorary membership is not being conferred with full favor of organization, and there is some disposition on the part of some of the members to prevent the Honorary Membership being granted. This Resolution is simply to eliminate the two-thirds vote instead

of majority vote. This is a recommendation to the National Department.

COMRADE GIBSON: Would like to ask if there is any other Resolution in reference to this besides this one. It seems to me that this doesn't cover the works entirely. This Resolution was brought in to the Committee by our Camp. As the provisions are at this time, it requires that Camps shall consider the membership of Honorary Members before it goes to the Department Commander and from there to the Commander-in-Chief, and that after this approval is given it is again brought before the Camp.

Now, I don't think there should be any beating around as to the amount of majority, but I do think when a Camp has passed on a Resolution to bring an Honorary Member into the Camp it should not be required to again vote upon it as it now stands. We had an instance where a member presented honorary membership, it was voted upon (no protest at all); it was then sent to Department Commander, and he in turn sent same to Commander-in-Chief, and upon its return to Camp it was brought before the Camp, and members who had voted favorably before, protested against it. It was carried against the protest.

It doesn't seem fair to the prospective member, or to the Camp, to have this brought up two times for a vote. I think the Resolution should cover that provision—that when Camp has voted before it is submitted for approval by Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief and brought back to the Camp with their approval, that the membership should stand, and that it should not come up twice before the Camp for approval.

COMRADE SADLER: I am afraid that Comrade Gibson did not read that carefully. The Camps vote on a man when you send his application in for honorary membership but once. Application is signed by five members proposing him without any action whatsoever, is referred to later meeting, and then is referred to the Department Commander and then Commander-in-Chief. You have to get approval of Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief before you can vote on him at all. Your vote on the matter cannot be taken legally until after approval by the Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief. See Sec. 35 on Page 13.

COMRADE RASK: I might just suggest as a matter of fact we should not spend so much time with that discussion. I believe, Comrade Gibson, that it is quite a difficult matter to give that way. The way it should be done (I think the Committee will agree with me) is to introduce the Resolution to place it before the National Department and have the National Department take action and then the Camp.

COMRADE GIBSON: Perfectly satisfactory as far as I am concerned.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have all heard the Resolution. Motion made for adoption and seconded. All in favor, signify by usual voting sign. Two contraries. All in favor of motion, please arise.

The motion so ordered was carried.

COMRADE RASK: Want to say that through the kindness of Comrade Hibbard this Resolution was suggested, Resolution No. 8, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the United Spanish War Veterans that the Regulations of the Veterans Administration prevents the acceptance for hospitalization of veterans with temporary disabilities such as, pneumonia, acute appendicitis, perforated gastric ulcers, fractures and many other disabilities, the nature of which, without hospitalization, endangers the lives of these veterans, otherwise legally eligible for hospitalization, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled at Austin the 9, 10 and 11 of July, 1933, that we do hereby petition the President of the United States, through our national organization to so amend the Regulations of the Veterans Administration, that veterans with so called temporary disabilities whose lives are in danger by the denial of hospitalization may be admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals and provided with necessary medical care.

SAM RASK.
H. G. BRANT.
JOHN L. SADLER.

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Comrade Rask moved adoption of this Resolution. Seconded by Comrade Rude.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Moved and seconded that Resolution No. 8 be adopted. All in favor signify by usual sign. Carried.

COMRADE RASK: We have two Resolutions that were disapproved. What is the pleasure of Department?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I think Resolution Committee is intelligent enough to know whether they should be approved or not.

COMRADE SADLER: I move these two Resolutions be laid on the table.

VOICE: I second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that these two Resolutions be laid on table. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

Thank you, Comrade Rask.

COMRADE WETHERBY: It seems to me before their work has been closed, we have overlooked a duty. I think we, as members of the Department of Minnesota, appreciate efforts put forth by our Congressmen during these strenuous times in Washington and I would move that a suitable Resolution be compiled thanking those who so loyally fought against the Economy Act and refused to surrender their policy of representative government; and that a copy of such Resolution be sent to each of those Congressmen.

VOICE: I second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that a Resolution be prepared to thank each Congressman who so loyally stood by us.

COMRADE WETHERBY: I would like to have this commend the man. Include in this Resolution the fact that we think of these men as, not members of any political organization, but as our friends.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: All in favor of the aforesaid motion, signify by usual voting sign. So ordered.

COMRADE SADLER: When we have things of this sort coming up in Convention, don't you think National Legislative Committee should, also, have a copy of this stuff, so they know what we are doing; and if we should want to take things up from time to time, if a copy were sent to them it is in their file, and they know where we stand. I don't think it ought to be a motion, but I feel a copy of it should go to National.

VOICE: I make motion to that effect—that a copy of these Resolutions go to National.

COMRADE BRANT: At a previous Convention we passed a Resolution that proceedings were to be printed within ninety days after close of Convention; and if they are, and a copy sent to the National Committee and all others concerned, and marked "copy," they will have the whole thing there and I think that takes care of the situation.

COMRADE SADLER: Resolution Committee will have another Resolution to present in a few moments.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: There will be another Resolution in a few moments.

We will now prepare for next order of business, which will be election of officers.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will appoint as Tellers, Comrade Reed No. 2, Comrade Dunn, Comrade Sam Jones. Will you prepare for the election.

As you vote, the roll will be called, so you can resume your seats.

I will ask Comrade Reed to prepare some paper here for the ballot.

As your name is called come forward to vote? Your name will be called by Camps.

We have another small matter to come before the Convention before election of officers.

Comrade Young, will you act as a teller?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, we have a little matter for the Adjutant to explain to this Encampment, and I am going to give him the floor at this time.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: It is very hard to explain something one doesn't know much about. There is a little difficulty concerning the Ball that was given at Cataract Hall in Minneapolis. There was \$120.20 profit on that and \$60.10 was paid to the Department, but the Auxiliary feels that the way it was

given to the Department is not just what they want. It is on the records that "it is paid into the Department to help pay the expense of Auxiliary Drill Team to the Milwaukee Convention."

Now, they take exception to that, and want this money on the records as coming from the Department Chief-of-Staff and from the Department Auxiliary. Perhaps Comrade Boyce can enlighten us a little on this.

COMRADE BOYCE, Camp No. 26: My report, which was read this morning, stated that the Ball was given on the 3rd day of January at the Cataract Hall, and aside from being a very successful affair there was \$120.20 profit above all expenses. The understanding was that any surplus, any moneys which might accrue from proceeds of this Ball, would be equally divided between the two Departments. I, as Chief-of-Staff, turned over to the Quartermaster \$60.10 and Mrs. Bill's department had \$60.10 turned over to them. How they used that I consider as being none of our affair, we did not tie any string to it, and no recommendations made as to how it should be used. I have nothing further to say to this.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I think that that will clean up the situation; and we want the remarks that Chief-of-Staff Boyce has made in the records; and I think that will clear it up.

COMRADE SLADEK: I move you that a recommendation that this moneys received from this dance be made record of as coming from the Department Chief-of-Staff and from the Auxiliary Chief-of-Staff; or the representative organization of the Auxiliary and from the Department.

COMRADE VERETTE: I don't know why there should be so much discussion on this matter. I believe I have a letter attached to that correspondence which would explain the situation. However, before the Drill Team could go to Milwaukee a Council Meeting was held at Fort Snelling; and it was voted to pay \$50.00 of the deficiency which amounted to \$57.00, and it left the Drill Team \$38.50 short. They were drilling at the Home one night and the matter came up and there were three or four of us who agreed to reimburse the Department \$38.50 if they would at the present time allow it, which they did. We were to give some entertainment of some kind to reimburse them that amount. The first thing we did was to give that Ball. We made the money and I made a request to Chief-of-Staff at the last Council Meeting that this \$60.10 be accepted with understanding that \$38.50 of this amount be in payment of the amount which had been borrowed from the Department.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Would like to ask Comrade Verette if that Ball was held for express purpose of defraying this Drill Team expense?

COMRADE VERETTE: It was our understanding to have some entertainment to reimburse the Department the money which we had borrowed, and that was the first opportunity we had had. If you don't accept the \$38.50, you will be charged with a deficit of \$38.50 on your own responsibility. It was agreed to reimburse your Department, and we simply ask you to deduct \$38.50 in payment of amount borrowed from Department.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You were relieved from that responsibility at Council Meeting before the Ball was held and I think that that takes care of that end of it.

COMRADE WOODS: Talking about a matter of record, it is a matter of record that the two Departments received from Dept. Chief-of-Staff \$60.10; that's all there is to it. We have given them credit—where we got it from—who we got it from and we are not saying what we did with it.

COMRADE GIBSON: I second the motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, you have heard the motion made by Comrade Sladek, seconded by Comrade Gibson. Are you ready for the question? All in favor, signify by the usual voting sign.

The motion thus put, carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The Resolution Committee has another Resolution, and then we will proceed to election of officers.

COMRADE RASK: At suggestion of Comrades Hibbard and Kroll, we will introduce this Resolution. (Reading Resolution No. 9.)

RESOLUTION NO. 9.

WHEREAS, the pension claims of all Spanish War Veterans with their applications and medical and legal records are filed with the Veterans Ad-

ministration at Washington, D. C., and

WHEREAS, this procedure on the part of the Veterans Administration places the Spanish War Veterans at a disadvantage in that, his representative or agent of the local Veteran Administration officials are unable to examine personally this record for the purpose of advising the veteran as to the lack of evidence or the necessary requirements for evidence in the prosecution of his claim, and

WHEREAS, the Spanish War Veteran is denied the privilege of personally appearing before the rating agencies of the Veterans Administration to argue his claim, and

WHEREAS, Spanish War Veterans are denied the benefits of the medical advice to the rating agencies on the etiology of their disabilities by the doctors who have examined them now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we demand decentralization of all Spanish War Veterans claims for the purpose of rebuilding of evidence and the privilege of personal hearings before the local and special rating boards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all other department commanders, the National Encampment at Los Angeles and our representatives in Congress for immediate action. Adopted by the annual convention of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of Minnesota assembled in Austin the 9th, 10th and 11th of July, 1933.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10.

WHEREAS, at the adoption of the National Economy Bill in the recent session of Congress, certain members of the Minnesota delegation voted against it whereby Spanish War Veterans were to be deprived of their pensions or to have them materially reduced, it is therefore

RESOLVED by the Department of Minnesota, United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled in the city of Austin the 9th, 10th and 11th of July, 1933, do hereby commend the said members for their support of our cause in the name of justice. A copy of this resolution to be sent to the National Legislative Committee of the U. S. W. V. and Congressmen Ernest Lundeen, Paul J. Kvale, Magnus Johnson, Henry Arens, F. H. Shoemaker, and Ray P. Chase.

SAM RASK.
JOHN L. SADLER.
H. G. BRANT.

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COMRADE RASK: I move adoption of these Resolutions.

VOICE: I second it.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have heard the Resolutions. It has been moved and seconded that Resolutions be adopted. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now proceed with election of officers. Tellers have been named; and I think I will adopt Past Dept. Commander McPartlin's tactics, because I am afraid you will leave the hall before it is over.

We will elect our National Delegates first. We are entitled to four. Nominations now in order for National Delegates.

VOICE: I want to nominate Comrade Ernest Lundeen for National Delegate.

VOICE: I second the nomination of Comrade Ernest Lundeen for National Delegate.

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 16: The Camp to which Comrade Ernest Lundeen belongs, Arthur McArthur, would like to second his nomination. We did hope to have the privilege of nominating him, but his bunch is behind him for whatever he wants.

COMRADE BRITTON, Camp No. 16: Will we have to suspend the Rules to elect him, the nominee not being present? I move we suspend the rules because he is not here.

VOICE: He is in city.

VOICE: He left last night.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any second to that motion?

VOICE: I second it.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that we suspend the Rules at this Encampment in regard to nominating and electing members who are not present. All in favor of motion, signify by usual voting sign.

Motion so stated, carried.

COMRADE O'BRIEN, Camp No. 9: I make a motion that Comrade Ernest Lundeen be declared elected as Delegate-at-Large by the Adjutant.

Remark made, this couldn't be done, out of order.

COMRADE BRANT, Camp No. 2: We have a Comrade down there I would like to nominate for Delegate to National, Victor Klingenberg.

VOICE: I second that nomination.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrade Victor Klingenberg has been nominated as National Delegate, nomination seconded. All in favor, signify by usual voting sign. Carried.

COMRADE ERICKSON: I wish to nominate our Comrade Hammon of Camp No. 7.

COMRADE BERTELSON: I second that nomination.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrade Hammon of Camp No. 7 has been nominated as National Delegate and his nomination seconded. All in favor, signify by usual sign. Carried.

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 16: I wish to place the nomination of a chap I know real well, and Comrade Woods knows him, and we both say he is a good man, George Moeller.

VOICE: I second that nomination.

VOICE: He has already been taken care of as a delegate from Worth Bagley Camp.

VOICE: There is a party here that it is going to make a difference at the Convention without her presence from Minnesota; and I wish to nominate Comrade Theresa Erickson as National Delegate.

COMRADE THERESA ERICKSON: I am going to represent my own Camp.

VOICE: I want to nominate Comrade Sadler. He is a splendid representative of this Department.

COMRADE SADLER: Thank you, but I am going to represent my own Camp, Arthur McArthur No. 16.

COMRADE PETERSON: I nominate Comrade Wm. Rogers.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any second to this nomination?

VOICE: I second the nomination.

COMRADE MYERS: I nominate Comrade Peterson.

VOICE: I have a very good friend and member of my Camp from Duluth that I know is going to California, and I would like to place his name as nominee, Comrade John Westerlund.

Nomination of Comrade John Westerlund seconded.

VOICE: I would like to nominate Sam Jones, Camp No. 10.

COMRADE BERTELSON: I second that nomination.

COMRADE JONES: Can't be present—am dead broke and can't go.

VOICE: Pick out five more that we know can go, and will go. Let's select Alternates. How about Alternates?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any other nominations?

COMRADE O'BRIEN, Camp No. 9: I made a motion. I did not get any answer on it. I wanted Comrade Ernest Lundeen to be declared elected and vote cast for him—especially give it to him. Rules are all suspended.

VOICE: Comrade, motion is out of order. You can't suspend the rules and then have the Adjutant cast vote like that. They all have an equal chance with Comrade Lundeen.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Rules were suspended to declare "all present" for purpose of nominating these delegates at this Encampment only.

Any further nominations, Comrades?

COMRADE BRIGGS, Camp No. 2: I nominate Henry Jacobs.

VOICE: He is a Delegate.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any further nominations? We have five names, comrades, to vote on for Delegates to National Convention. I will have the Adjutant read those names. No other nominations, I declare the nominations closed.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: (Reading names.)

Ernest Lundeen, Camp No. 16.
Victor Klingenberg, Camp No. 20.
Al. Hammon, Camp No. 7.
Wm. Rogers, Camp No. 9.
John Westerlund, Camp No. 6.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Nominations have been closed.

VOICE: I move that Adjutant be instructed to cast unanimous ballot.

VOICE: We are only allowed four. I make motion that the four highest be elected Delegates and the fifth be Alternate. Seconded.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: There has been a motion made that the four receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as Delegates and the fifth one Alternate. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

VOICE: Commander, what do you want—four or five names?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, write the names of your choice on your ballots—four names. Vote for four and write names of your choice on the ballot.

VOICE: May we have names of nominees for delegates again?

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: Calling off names of nominees.

VOICE: We are all mixed up. We don't know who are delegates and who are not.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: As your name is called, pass in front of platform and put your ballot in the box.

VOICE: They are all voting. They have voted for delegates that have no right to vote.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: As your name is called, pass up here and put your ballot in the cap.

VOICE: They are all fixed up O. K. now.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Have all voted that can, on this Delegate proposition? While the tellers are counting these votes, we are going to proceed with election of officers. The first on the list will be nomination for Department Commander. Nominations now in order for Department Commander.

COMRADE BOYCE, Camp No. 26: It gives me great pleasure to place nomination of a man who has been tried and found "not wanting." Two years ago you elected him to Junior Vice Commander for State of Minnesota. He made a "cracker-jack" of a Junior Vice. Last year we elected him Senior Vice, and he made still a better Senior Vice. He came from a town perhaps you never heard of before—"Fairmont, Minnesota," where we had our State Encampment a couple of years ago, and this man was to a great extent responsible for a very successful Encampment. I have known this fellow ever since he was a kid—we grew up together—and I tell you, he is a good man and he will make an A No. 1 Commander. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to place for nomination the name of Comrade C. B. Gamble as Department Commander.

(Applause.)

COMRADE KOCH: It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Comrade Gamble for Department Commander. There is only one correction I want to make in Comrade Boyce's statement. He says you probably never heard of Fairmont. If you haven't heard of Fairmont, there has been something wrong with your hearing.

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 16: We just want to second nomination of Comrade Gamble for Department Commander.

COMRADE GIBSON, Camp No. 6: Wish to second the nomination of Comrade Gamble as Department Commander.

COMRADE ERICKSON, Camp No. 28: Second the nomination of Comrade Gamble.

COMRADE DOWNEY, Camp No. 6: I move you, Dept. Commander, his election be made unanimous.

COMRADE O'BRIEN, Camp No. 9: I second that motion.

COMRADE ERICKSON, Camp No. 28: With a great deal of pleasure I second that motion.

COMRADE McPARTLIN: In as much as Comrade Gamble was nominated for department commander two years ago and withdrew in my favor, graciously permitting me to be elected department commander, Major Wilkinson Camp No. 15 is especially interested in seeing him elected at this time. I therefore second the nomination of Comrade Gamble for Department Commander.

COMRADE WM. ROGERS, Camp No. 9: I will, also, second the nomination in behalf of my Camp for Comrade Gamble. Would like to have him stand up and say, if he is elected, will he accept the election and do the best he can?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: No other nominations, I declare the nominations closed for Department Commander.

COMRADE McPARTLIN: I move the Adjutant be instructed to cast unanimous vote of this Convention for Comrade Gamble as Department Commander for ensuing year.

VOICE: I second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It has been moved by Comrade McPartlin and seconded that a unanimous vote be cast for Comrade Gamble as Department Commander for ensuing year. All in favor, signify by usual sign. So ordered.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: I hereby cast unanimous ballot for Comrade C. B. Gamble as Department Commander of Minnesota for United Spanish War Veterans for the ensuing term.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I declare Comrade C. B. Gamble elected as Department Commander of Minnesota for the ensuing year.

SPEECH! SPEECH!

COMRADE PAT MCCORMACK: I request you that Comrade McPartlin, former Past Dept. Commander, be appointed a committee of one to escort the newly elected officer to platform.

COMRADE McPARTLIN: I take great pleasure in presenting to you newly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I congratulate you on your succession to this office. You are very reluctant in making a speech, but you might as well make up your mind about that; and this is your chance to start.

COMRADE GAMBLE: Do you realize what a thrill a person gets out of it when he realizes the friends he has got? But further, do you realize that in conferring upon me the honor of becoming the Department Commander and the honor of serving you for another year you, yourselves, are taking upon yourselves a great responsibility. I, alone, as Department Commander with members of the Department, with Past Department Commanders, with the officers of various Camps, will be unable to make my Administration the success it should be unless I have the highest co-operation of every member. Are you willing to assume that responsibility?

ENCAMPMENT MEMBERS: We are.

COMRADE GAMBLE: Thank you.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You had better ask the Padre to help you out.

The next officer to be elected will be Senior Vice. Nominations are in order for that office.

COMRADE BRITTON, Camp No. 16: "By their works ye shall know them." You delegates were here yesterday and you heard the Junior Vice Commander's report; and I take great pleasure at this time to place nomination of Barney Bertelson for Senior Vice Commander.

VOICE: I second that nomination.

VOICE: I, also, second that nomination.

COMRADE RUDE, Camp No. 6: In behalf of Camp No. 6, I second the nomination of Barney Bertelson for Senior Vice Commander.

COMRADE MUDGE, Camp No. 9: I heartily endorse nomination of Comrade Barney Bertelson for Senior Vice.

COMRADE EDDINGS, Camp No. 29: I have known Comrade Bertelson for some time and have had considerable dealings with him; and my Camp, I am positive, joins me in the seconding of Barney Bertelson for Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 16: Comrade Bertelson is a member of

Arthur McArthur Camp. He has been Chaplain for years, Chairman of different committees, and as Commander of Camp I have come in very close contact with him and, also, as Camp Historian; and I want to say there isn't a harder worker in the organization. He is not only willing to do his own work, but will help any other officer that comes along. You will see that as Senior Vice our good Commander will have a man behind him 4-square, and he will give him all the service he wants to help hold up his hands. I second the nomination of Comrade Bertelson for Senior Vice.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? If not, I declare nomination closed.

I am in rather a peculiar position. I wish I had the pleasure of seconding the nominations of both of these men. I know that in them we have got two good men in the Department this year and I congratulate you in selecting them for your Department.

COMRADE BRITTON, Camp No. 16: I move the Dept. Adjutant be instructed to cast unanimous ballot for Comrade Bertelson for the ensuing year.

VOICE: I second that motion.

COMRADE WARD, Camp No. 28: I second the nomination of Comrade Bertelson. There is only one reason for objection and I overlook that, that he belongs to another Camp. He will be a good man for the job.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The motion is made and seconded that the Adjutant cast unanimous vote for Comrade Bertelson for Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year. Are you ready for the question? Carried.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: I hereby cast unanimous ballot for Comrade Bertelson as Senior Vice Commander for Department of Minnesota for the ensuing term.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I hereby declare Comrade B. H. Bertelson elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

SPEECH!

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Commander Bertelson, let us have a word from you.

COMRADE BERTELSON: It has been my pleasure to serve in a number of offices in the Department of Minnesota. I have given you the best that is in me, and I will continue to do so, working with my Commander and taking my instructions from him. Anything he wants me to do, I will do to the best of my ability.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: We will now entertain nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

COMRADE GIBSON, Camp No. 6, Duluth: We have a Comrade in John G. McEwen Camp who has been a faithful worker; is a charter member of McEwen Camp; has been Past Commander. His service to the Camp did not stop after he was Camp Commander, but he has been a faithful worker always thereafter. He is a worker, he has always been a worker and he has been a great help to our Organization; not only works promoting recruiting camps, but in the interests of the Auxiliary as well. McEwen Camp has endorsed him and ask that his name be presented to this Encampment as nominee for Junior Vice Commander. I take pleasure in placing the name of Comrade Walter Butchart before your Department.

COMRADE KOCH: I take pleasure in seconding nomination of Comrade Butchart. In the many years it has been my privilege to visit Duluth, I have seen him in harness, and I think this Comrade will give a good account of himself.

COMRADE MCPARTLIN: As has been suggested during the course of this Encampment the Department of Minnesota is interested in who its officers shall be, and according to precedent in this organization, we have advanced each officer with very few exceptions from the position of Junior Vice Commander to that of Commander of the organization; and it is a very splendid practice, because it gives the Junior Vice Commander the opportunity to get in the departmental work; then as Senior Vice Commander he gets further instructions in connection with this work, a better understanding of the Department and is fit when the time comes to act in the Department as Commander.

Having had a little experience myself as one year's Commander of this

Department, I realize the difficulties that confront any Department Commander, especially with reference to northern Minnesota Camps. Usually the Department Commander is located in the Twin Cities or southern part of the state, and he must necessarily depend upon someone who is thoroughly conversant with northern Camps and possesses the ability, not only by training but by disposition and willingness to take and do his share in bringing about a more united organization.

During the time I was Commander of this Department, there was a Commander of McEwen Camp who gave me very great assistance. So great was his assistance that when we were at a loss to know where we were to go for our Encampment a year ago he was the one who suggested that if no one else was ready to assume that responsibility, he would assume the responsibility for Duluth, and during that time he met me on several occasions and I became very well acquainted with him and admired his work and his willingness to serve. A year ago, a great many of his friends wished to endorse him for Junior Vice Commander, and out of the goodness of his heart, because others sought the same position, he voluntarily asked those who were about to propose his name, to leave him out of it. That is the kind of stuff it seems to me out of which Commanders are made, men who are willing to make sacrifices.

Comrades, if your Organization is to take its place among other Organizations of the Spanish War Veterans, it must take its place by reason of its harmonious activities; and I propose a man who in two years from now, if elected by you today as your Junior Vice Commander, will fittingly take his place as Commander of this Department and perform the services required of that office in fine shape.

Without further intruding upon your time, I propose this Encampment enter the name of W. E. Downey of Duluth as Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE BRITTON, Camp No. 16: I heartily endorse the nomination of Comrade Downey.

COMRADE RASK: I have known Comrade Butchart for many, many years; and I wish to endorse the candidacy for Comrade Butchart—the second nomination.

COMRADE BILL PEDERSON: Along the line of my recommendation, which I am entitled to as Past Chairman of Committee of Legislation, and for the good of this organization, I believe that the organization should seek the man, and not the man the office. My observations have been that the man whose nomination I would second is thoroughly fitted as a matter of leadership and interested in the Organization; and I heartily second the nomination of Comrade W. E. Downey.

COMRADE ERICKSON, Redwing No. 1: I endorse nomination of Comrade Butchart as Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE KELLY, Camp No. 16: I endorse the nomination of Comrade Downey for Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE SADLER, Camp No. 16: What Past Department Commander McPartlin said is absolutely true. What Comrade Pederson said is true. What we have to have at the head of our Organization is an executive. We can't guess at that; we have got to know it. There hasn't been any better Department Encampment pulled off than last year; and the man who was at the head of that should be credited for it. He has demonstrated his ability—we are not making any guess about that; and I want to second the nomination of Comrade Downey.

COMRADE GIBSON, John G. McEwen Camp, No. 6: Both of these names were presented to our Camp for endorsement for Junior Vice Commander; and the Camp decided upon Walter E. Butchart as its candidate for Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE RUDD, Camp No. 6: I am not as crude a speaker as some of the Comrades speaking before me. However, I will try to do my best. As Comrade Gibson said a moment ago our Camp in Duluth voted on these two comrades, Comrade Butchart receiving the majority vote; and when it comes to point of service, point of eligibility to the office of Junior Vice Commander, as well as carrying on and eventually becoming Commander of State of Minnesota, I don't think there is any choice between the two men. Both of them are good men and both of them will continue to be good men; and I do think

that Camp John G. McEwen coming down here with majority of votes for one man from the Camp should be given some consideration.

We appreciate the fact that there are some of our Comrades that lean towards Comrade Downey, don't blame them for that. He is a good comrade, a good worker and will be a good worker.

Comrade Butchart is a charter member. I was a charter member, but he is a better man than I am for the fact that he has continued, while I dropped out for a number of years and then came back in again. As I said before Comrade Downey has been a member of the Camp for a matter of four or five years, so from point of service alone that would commend Comrade Butchart for the office. As to ability, as I said before, it would be six to one or a half a dozen of the other.

I, therefore, in behalf of John G. McEwen Camp No. 6, endorse the nomination of Comrade Butchart.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It is too bad, Comrades; you should have come down here with this straightened out before the Encampment. It is now up to this Encampment to decide who they will choose.

VOICE: I would like to see the two candidates. Stand up so we can see how you look.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Stand up, comrades. If no other nominations, I declare nomination closed. I predict this is going to be quite a close order, and I am going to ask the Adjutant and Chairman of Credentials to call the roll of delegates, and as your name is called please pass by this box and cast your vote.

Are tellers ready to report on result of election for Delegates for National?

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: Is report in for election of Delegates for National?

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: All right, I will ask the Chairman of Credentials Committee to call the roll of delegates.

The result of the voting for Delegates to the National Encampment is as follows:

Ernest Lundeen	75 votes
Victor Klingenberg	67 votes
Al. Hammon	67 votes
John Westerlund	65 votes
Wm. Rogers	8 votes

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I declare the first four names as Delegates to the National Convention, and Comrade Wm. Rogers as Alternate. Comrades Klingenberg and Hammon will have to fight between themselves whether they fill position of second or third Delegate, as their vote was the same.

I will have Chairman of Credentials Committee call the roll, and as your names are called, answer.

COMRADE McCORMACK: Commander, Comrades, this is just an idea that occurred to me with sole purpose of expediting voting. I would suggest that as each man drops his ballot in the hat on the table that he announce his name and then he is checked off as having voted. At the same time, it signifies that he has voted.

VOICE: It can be worked out by calling name of Camps and then each man pass up and cast their ballot with their Camp.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: Cast your ballot and give your name as you come up to vote.

The names of the different Camps were called. As each Camp was called, the delegates from that Camp came up in front and cast their ballot.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I want some comrade who isn't a delegate to come up here and help check on this balloting.

Stick around, comrades. It will only take a few minutes longer, and you can stick that long if I could stick the year through.

While these comrades are voting, I have the honor of announcing that Sister Westerlund was elected Dept. President of the Auxiliary.

Have all voted? Who hasn't? If everybody has voted, I declare the ballot closed.

Now, for nominations for Department Chaplain. Nominations are in order for Department Chaplain.

COMRADE DR. CLARK: For some years now I have had the pleasure

to stand up and nominate for Chaplain one whom I dearly love. I know everyone of you here knows to whom I refer. We have some very wonderful talks together and he often talks about the "Pearly Gates."

Comrades, I wish to call your attention to the fact that we came into this world nude—without a stitch of anything on us—we came into the world with nothing; when we leave this world, the only material thing we take with us is something of a robe, a shroud or a dress, not a material thing outside of this. But, we do take with us out of this world something we have accumulated during our stay on earth, and that is the thing that stands for all the good we have tried to do during our sojourn on this earth. I wish to say that when our good Chaplain goes out of this world into the next, he will take with him such a collection of love and reverence as any person could.

We know what a prayer he made at the opening meeting Sunday night. That prayer should be published in the National Tribune. We know that he prayed for our present Commander last year—see the results—never had a better Commander.

Now, when I mention the name of my candidate for Chaplain, I mention the name of the man we love, by the name he goes by "Padre." He is our father—he stands ready with his voice and with his hands to relieve in some degree the wants and necessities of his comrades. A wonderful memory, that I will carry through life, is that I have stood up before you now for several times and presented to you for Chaplain of this Department our beloved "Padre." I, also, wish to make a motion that the Adjutant pass a unanimous ballot of this Department for "Padre Clemens" as Chaplain for the coming year.

VOICE: I second that motion; but I think last year there was a motion made to have Padre Clemens made Chaplain of our Department for the rest of his life.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I don't think there was any action taken on that motion.

In the absence of any further nominations, I declare nominations closed.

COMRADE KOCH: I move that a unanimous ballot be cast for our Padre Clemens for the Department of Minnesota for ensuing year.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I will ask the Department Adjutant to cast a unanimous ballot for Padre Clemens as Chaplain for Department of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans for the ensuing year.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Comrade Ezra C. Clemens as Department Chaplain of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans for the ensuing term.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I declare you, Padre Clemens, elected Chaplain of United Spanish War Veterans of Department of Minnesota, for the next year; and I congratulate you on your election, and I know what a hard time it has been to get these votes. I know just how much you have put out, how much electioneering has been done among your good comrades and officers of this organization. I had the same thing to do myself when I ran for Department Commander last year. I congratulate you on being Chaplain and I wish to thank you for your prayers for me last year. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I am going to ask Padre Clemens to pray for us.

I would, also, suggest that our good Chaplain take out a little more accident insurance.

PADRE CLEMENS: Our Heavenly Father, having in the exercise of our privilege as members of this Department Convention assembled, elected our officers for the ensuing year, we pray our Father that you will bless them, and help them, and prosper them. Bless the Department; help these officers secure so much good and benefit for their comrades. We pray Thee that Thou would bless and help the Department and prosper them and make this be the best year in all the history of the Department of Minnesota. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The next office to be filled by process of election is that of Dept. Surgeon. Nominations are now in order for Dept. Surgeon.

PADRE CLEMENS: According to a long established custom that I don't

want to break at this early date in my life, I ask for privilege of placing the nomination for Surgeon of this Dept. for ensuing year, my long time earnest friend, Dr. Clark. This is not just passing compliments from one to another, but I have been with this good officer, this good friend, this good surgeon in so many difficult circumstances that I know his kind and loving heart. I know how he feels towards all of his comrades in the Department, and so I take great pleasure, God bless you dear Doctor, may he spare your life I hope, so that we can both go into those Gates you talked about at the same time.

COMRADE DR. CLARK: Don't be in too much of a hurry, Padre.

PADRE CLEMENS: If we are passing into a larger and greater, more wonderful world, God's Universe to work in, why shouldn't we want to go there as soon as he takes us?

COMRADE DR. CLARK: Not too soon, though.

PADRE CLEMENS: I place the nomination of our good friend Dr. Clark as surgeon for the Department of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans for the ensuing year.

COMRADE WOOD, Camp No. 2: I think I can say just the same as the Padre, and it is a great pleasure for me to second that nomination.

VOICE: Would like to ask Padre Clemens one question. Is the Doctor going to take those pills with him?

PADRE CLEMENS: Let us hope he won't.

VOICE: I take great pleasure in seconding that nomination.

COMRADE DR. FRENCH: I take great pleasure in seconding that nomination. After serving this Department fourteen years as Dept. Surgeon, I withdrew to nominate Dr. Clark. He has served faithfully ever since, and I take the greatest pleasure in seconding his nomination.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: In the absence of any further nominations for Dept. Surgeon, I declare nominations closed.

COMRADE GIBSON: I move you that the Adjutant be instructed to cast unanimous vote of this Department for Comrade Dr. Clark as Dept. Surgeon for ensuing year.

VOICE: I second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The motion has been made and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for Dr. Clark as Dept. Surgeon for ensuing year. All in favor signify by usual sign. Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: It is a little unfortunate that two candidates like these should have to campaign in manner they have campaigned to get office.

COMRADE McPARTLIN: I think an awful lot of Dr. Clark; and I have been wondering why prayer was offered to all the newly elected officers before Dr. Clark was elected.

COMRADE DR. CLARK: The Padre has been trying his prayers out on me for many years; and he is a little bit discouraged about it, so he leaves my chances to the Good Lord himself.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: I hereby cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. T. C. Clark, as Department Surgeon of United Spanish War Veterans of Minnesota, for ensuing term.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: I declare Comrade Dr. Clark elected Dept. Surgeon of Minnesota for the United Spanish War Veterans for the ensuing year.

PADRE CLEMENS: I move that a vote of thanks be extended to our stenographer for her faithful and conscientious services she has stood so well during these sessions. I move we give her a vote of thanks.

VOICE: I second that motion.

Several other very nice and kind remarks made in regard to stenographer, and a rising vote of thanks given her; for which she wishes to state at this time she was very grateful.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Will now have result of election of Junior Vice Commander.

THE DEPT. ADJUTANT: There were 84 votes cast: 41 for Butchart, and 43 for Downey.

(Applause.)

COMRADE BUTCHART: I want to congratulate Comrade Downey; and

I would like to have it go on record as his being elected unanimously.

COMRADE HAMMON: I second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: That's a pretty big order, Comrade Butchart.

COMRADE DOWNEY: May I at this time extend my good wishes to my good Comrade Butchart, and I sincerely wish to thank him for his attitude.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Am going to ask Comrades Butchart and Downey to meet and shake hands on this matter before the platform.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Now, dear comrades, that's the spirit of comradeship in the Spanish War Veterans Organization, and I congratulate you, comrade Butchart, on the stand you have taken.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The motion was made by Comrade Butchart, seconded by Comrade Hammon Camp No. 7, that Comrade Downey go down on the records as having been elected unanimously. All in favor signify by usual voting sign.

The motion thus put was carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The next order of business is the selection of next city for our Encampment. We have an invitation from William H. Caine Camp No. 8 of Faribault to hold our 1934 encampment at that city. Also a telegram from the Chamber of Commerce of Faribault endorsing this invitation.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Comrades, what is your pleasure?

COMRADE ERICKSON, Camp No. 7: Accept invitation to Faribault.

COMRADE ROGERS, Camp No. 9: Second that motion.

COMRADE ERICKSON, Camp No. 28: I heartily second that motion.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: You have all heard the motion, and it has been seconded by several. All in favor of accepting Faribault for next Convention City, signify by usual voting sign.

Motion so put, carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: The next order of business is Installation of Officers, and it will only take a few minutes. Now, comrades, this year is especially important, so let's encourage the new officers by staying until installation is over.

Would like to ask Dept. Marshall, Comrade Hall, or Comrade Sladek to take these telegrams to the Auxiliary, for their perusal, and then we have a Resolution of Comrade Hibbard which they wanted.

The next order of business, comrades, is remarks for Good of Order. Think will pass that over, because all remarks have been made, and I am going to now appoint as Installing Officer for new officers, Past Dept. Commander, A. E. Myers.

COMRADE MYERS: I will appoint Comrade Boyce as Master of Ceremonies for installation of officers.

COMRADE BOYCE: Elective Officers will please fall in line in back of room.

COMRADE MYERS: I understand Senior Vice has stepped out. Comrades, don't leave the room as we ought to have a quorum, at least, for this installation.

Installation of Officers at 1:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, July 11th, 1933, Comrade A. E. Myers as Installing Officer, with Comrade Boyce as Master of Ceremonies. Applause at conclusion of Installation.

COMRADE THERESA ERICKSON: Past Department Commander, all newly elected officers to the service of the Department of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans, I am going to present a gift to your Encampment, which has been made possible through the kindness of Chief-of-Staff, Comrade Boyce. I now present to you a gavel that has a little historical value connected with it. I am not going to tell you where it came from, but it has the shield of Minnesota upon it. The wood was given to me by Major Boyce and it is called the "iron wood." Here is a plate to hammer on. When this Encampment is through, I want to take it back because there is to be some engraving on it.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER: Thank you, Comrade Erickson.

Comrades, if there is any one individual person in this entire organization who ever has the best interests and thought for welfare of members of this organization, that person is our dearly beloved Comrade Theresa Erickson.

COMRADE ERICKSON: May I ask this Encampment to have a letter of appreciation written to the Masonic Lodge here at Austin, for the use of the photograph of Wm. McKinley.

Padre Clemens, this is the Bible that belongs to the Department, and if you haven't a big Bible to read from you can come to our Department Office and read our Bible.

Newly elected Commander, C. B. Gamble assumes Chair of Department Commander.

Padre Clemens, you have a duty to perform that is sad to us, wherein we are losing a most valued Dept. Commander; on the other hand, we know that he will ever be with us, and he will always work for the best interests of the organization.

Past Department Commander, Frank E. Smith, was asked to stand where everyone could see him.

PADRE CLEMENS: It is a wonderfully fine thing for me to be asked to do, to present you with the Past Department Commander's badge. I have noticed with happiness your reports, and have followed you during the year. You have given faithful and wonderful service and you have been everywhere a man; so you are not leaving the order, you are just being advanced to a higher position, and so in behalf of the Department I take great pleasure in presenting you with the Past Department Commander's badge, which I am sure you will always wear with pleasure to yourself and as a credit to this great Organization. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

COMRADE SMITH: Padre Clemens, new Department Officers and Comrades of Department, I appreciate this pin very much. What little I have been able to do in your Department is well rewarded by this pin. As I now enter the ranks of an especially fine organization. It seems to me everytime during my Administration that I met a Past Department Commander that I was speaking to my Superior, and I appreciate that now more than ever before, and I am glad to belong to that wonderful organization of "Past Department Commanders." I know them in Minnesota like a book; have worked with them during the past year. No, you are not going to lose a member of your organization. I remember the words quoted when Comrade McPartlin received his Past Department Commander's Badge, and tears are not going to come to my eyes. I will be with you whenever you want me.

I thank the members of this Department, thank them for their loyal support; and if this year has been a success, I want you to know, comrades, it has not been a success entirely through my efforts, because without your support this year, it never could have been a success.

(Applause.)

THE DEPT. COMMANDER GAMBLE: Is there any further business to come before the Encampment? If there is no further business, we will proceed to close.

Color Sergeants, retire the Colors. Encampment Salute.

No further business, the motion for adjournment is in order.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER GAMBLE: The motion has been made and seconded that this Encampment be adjourned. All those in favor, signify by usual voting sign. Carried.

THE DEPT. COMMANDER GAMBLE: The Department Chaplain, Padre Clemens, will ask the Divine Blessing.

PADRE CLEMENS: May the Grace, Mercy and Peace of God the Father, and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit mercifully preserve and keep you, both now and forevermore. Amen.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA AUXILIARY UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Austin, Minnesota, July 9, 10, 11, 1933.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Department President Marion G. Sladek, Department Secretary Ruth W. Dreher and Department Treasurer Elizabeth Heckel arrived in Austin July 8, and established headquarters at the Hotel Austin.

The program for Sunday, July 9th was as follows: Registration of credentials Hotel Austin, 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.; Meeting of Council of Administration 4:00 P. M. followed by various committee meetings.

Band concert in the afternoon and Camp Fire at 7:00 P. M. at Lafayette Park. Austin Municipal Band furnished music. Department of Minnesota Drill Team No. 1, gave an exhibition drill. To the address of welcome by Mayor Marcusen, responses were made by Department Commander Frank E. Smith and Department President Marion G. Sladek. A flag was presented to the City of Austin by the Department Auxiliary, the presentation being made by Department Patriotic Instructor Hazel Smith assisted by the Department Drill Team. This flag had been donated to the Department by the Drill Team. After greetings had been extended by representatives of various Veteran Organizations an inspiring address was made by Congressman Ernest Lundeen.

The entertainment for Monday was as follows: Auto tour and visit to the Geo. A. Hormel & Co., plant; Parade; Banquet at 6:30 followed by a dance at the Armory.

Promptly at 8:30 A. M. Monday the Department Commander called to order the joint session of Comrades and Sisters. After welcoming the officers and members to the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment Department of Minnesota United Spanish War Veterans and the Twentieth Convention of the Auxiliary, he called upon the Department President Marion G. Sladek who extended the greetings of the Auxiliary. Past Department President Ida Eastman and committee of Past Department Presidents presented the Commander with a basket of flowers on behalf of the Auxiliary. National Representative John J. Garrity Past Commander-in-Chief made a short address.

ELKS HALL, AUSTIN, MINN. JULY 10, 1933.

The first session of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Department of Minnesota Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Department Chief-of-Staff Emma Bills. Seating of officers followed.

The Department President appointed Sisters Alice Manthey and Jennie Horton guards at the doors.

The Department Secretary read the call for the Convention from Dept. G. O. No. 3, and the Convention was duly opened.

Roll call found the following absent: Dept. Judge Advocate May Hall, Dept. Chaplain Edith Sherman, Dept. Historian Rose Curtis.

The following Past Department Presidents did not respond to roll call: Anna Simonson, Ella Styve, Edith Patton, Edith Morland, Virgie Kielley, May Hall. Sisters Simonson, Styve and Hall arrived later.

The Department Officers were presented and given a hearty welcome by the Convention. The Department President thanked them for the help given throughout the year.

Nine Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers were presented with honors.

Thirty-two Past Auxiliary Presidents were welcomed by the Department President in appreciation of their work done in the various Auxiliaries.

Ten Auxiliary Presidents were accorded the same honors.

Past Department Presidents were given a cordial greeting by the Con-

vention and the Department President in a few well chosen words told of their worth to the Department of Minnesota. Thirteen of these Past Officers were present at the Convention as follows: Dora Brant, Ada Nelson, Kora Rudesill, Mary Gibson, Mable French, Anna Simonson, Marie Bond, Mary Welczorek, Pansy Panzram, Ida Eastman, Sara Edwards, May Hall, Ella Styve.

Colors escorted a greetings Committee from the Encampment who were introduced as follows by Sister Agnes Boyce: Department Commander Frank E. Smith, Past Department Commander Chas. B. Ward, and Comrade Page. The Department Commander presented a beautiful basket of flowers on behalf of the Encampment and assured the Auxiliary of whole-hearted support. The Department President thanked the committee.

Sister Naomi Kahl, Chairman of Credential Committee, reported the registration of seventy-five credentials up to the present time.

Colors escorted Mrs. Arthur Christgau, President of Olof B. Damm Auxiliary V. F. W., of Austin, who was introduced by Sister Boyce. Mrs. Christgau assured our organization of their best wishes and co-operation and presented a lovely bouquet of roses. The Department President responded.

Minutes of the six Council of Administration meetings held throughout the year were read and approved. A motion made by Sister Deal and seconded by Sister Gibson that we act on these minutes collectively was carried.

Bills were read as follows: Printing Proceedings 1932, \$36.75; no action necessary; telephone calls and postage, \$3.15, to Department Reporter K. Friedlander. Moved by Sister Ada Nelson, seconded by several this bill be allowed. Carried. To Dept. President, flowers for greetings Committee, \$3.50. Moved by Sister Ida Eastman, seconded by Sister Gibson, bill be allowed. Carried.

Application for membership by Lucile Pederson, Marie Pederson, Anna Corwin, St. Paul, and Mina Erickson, Faribault, were read. Moved by Sister Dora Brant, seconded by several that we obligate these ladies and allow them to sit in Convention. Carried.

They were then presented and obligated by the Dept. President.

Letters of greeting were received from Past Dept. President Edith Patton, Past Dept. President Edith Morland, Past Dept. Commander Patrick Miller.

Sister Ada Nelson, Chairman Convention Rules Committee, read the report of her committee. There being no objections same were adopted.

Dept. Senior Vice President Emma Westerlund presided during the reading of the Dept. President's report. Past Department President May Hall moved that we accept the report and give the Dept. President a rising vote of thanks for her conscientious efforts all throughout the year, seconded by Sister Marian Luth. Carried.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read and, there being no objections, ordered placed on file.

Some Department Officers asked for extended time to submit their reports, which was granted.

Report of Chairman of Legislative Committee Laura Nelson read. Accepted and filed.

Maude Wetherby, Chairman Auditing Committee, reported Department books correct and in good order. Report ordered filed.

By-Laws Committee, Dora Brant, Sara Edwards and Ada Nelson, began the report of the committee.

Department President announced that as it was twelve o'clock we would recess until 2:00 P. M. and continue the reports at the next session.

JULY 10, 1933—2:00 P. M.

July 10. Afternoon session called to order promptly at 2:00 P. M.

Minutes of previous session read and approved as read.

The reports of the following officers were read:

Dept. Patriotic Instructor Hazel Smith. Motion by Sister Heckel that the report be accepted with appreciation for Sister Smith's work, seconded by Sister Westerlund. Carried. Report filed.

Junior Vice President. Report accepted and filed.

Senior Vice President. Report accepted and filed.

Dept. Judge Advocate. Report also accepted and filed.

Dept. Chief-of-Staff Emma Bills gave a detailed report of her work. Moved

by Sister May Hall that report be accepted with thanks for Sister Bills untiring work and that she be given a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

Dept. President requested the Colors to present all members of the Wm. H. Caine Auxiliary 19. Sister Sladek commended the new Auxiliary at Faribault on their work and wished them all success. They were given the Triumphal Arch. They were presented with their Charter and a personal gift, a Bible, from the Department President. Sister Julia Emge, President, acknowledged the gift with thanks.

Reading of the Report of By-Laws Committee continued. Considerable discussion on some of the Articles but most of them approved by the committee were sustained. At the conclusion of the report Sister Brant, Chairman, suggested that these Rules and Regulations and By-Laws as approved and amended by the Convention be printed and sold to members desiring them.

Moved by Sister Agnes Upell Boyce and seconded by several that these Rules and Regulations and By-Laws of the Dept. of Minnesota be accepted and approved as a whole and that we do print the number we think necessary. Carried.

Sister Ida Eastman moved that we give By-Laws Committee a rising vote of thanks, seconded by several and carried.

Department Hospitalization Chairman Jessie C. Howe, reported on the work of the Department the past year. Her report showed a great interest in hospital work and a great deal of work accomplished by the various Auxiliaries and herself as chairman. Sister Bond moved that she be accorded a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

Sister Brant inquired as to whom should take charge of the printing of the Rules and Regulations. Sister Naomi Kahl moved that Sister Brant as Chairman, assisted by the Committee, take charge of the printing. Carried.

The Department President adjourned the meeting until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, with the admonition that nine o'clock meant "Nine O'Clock."

TUESDAY JULY 11, 1933

The Tuesday morning session opened with Department President Sister Marion Sladek in the chair. The acting Chaplain, Sister Eastman, led the Auxiliary in prayer.

Sister Naomi Kahl, Chairman of the Credential Committee, reported 85 credentials registered.

The Department President explained procedure of initiation in local Auxiliaries of the Applicants who were obligated at the Convention.

Nomination of officers was the next order of business and the President opened the nomination for Department President. Sister Gibson of the John G. McEwen Auxiliary, Duluth, Minn., nominated Sister Emma Westerlund. There being no other nominations the President declared the nomination closed.

Nominations opened for Senior Vice President, Sister Dora Brant, Worth Bagley Auxiliary, St. Paul, nominated Sister Maude Wetherby, of Willmar. No other nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Nominations opened for Junior Vice President. Sister Ada Nelson, Arthur McArthur Auxiliary, of Minneapolis, nominated Sister Ruth Dreher of Worth Bagley. Sister Naomi Kahl, of Worth Bagley Auxiliary, nominated Sister Laura Nelson of Worth Bagley Auxiliary. Sister Nelson declined. Nominations were declared closed.

Nominations were then opened for Judge Advocate. Sister Emma Bills of Arthur McArthur Auxiliary, nominated Sister Marion Sladek, but Department President explained she was not a Past Department President, which is required for this office. Sister Dora Brant, of Worth Bagley Auxiliary, then nominated Sister Ada Nelson of Arthur McArthur Auxiliary, Minneapolis. There being no other nominations, nominations were ordered closed by the President.

Sister Ida Eastman, Marie Bond Auxiliary, Minneapolis, nominated Sister Hazel Smith, of Marie Bond Auxiliary, for Chaplain. There being no other nominations the President declared nominations closed.

Sister Emma Bills, Arthur McArthur Auxiliary, Minneapolis, was nominated for Patriotic Instructor by Sister May Hall of same Auxiliary. No other nominations and nominations were closed.

Nominations opened for Historian. Sister Dora Brant, Worth Bagley Aux-

liary, nominated Sister Laura Nelson. Sister Nelson declined. Sister Bakke, of Arthur McArthur Auxilliary, then nominated Sister Agnes Upell Boyce, of Worth Bagley Auxilliary. There being no other nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Sister Dora Brant, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, explained that the Judge Advocate must be a Past Department President. And that the present Department President could not hold that office. Also that the By-Laws Committee approved the election of Conductress and Guard, rather than appointing, and as Department Conventions are allowed to decide this for themselves. Sister Sladek advised that last year they were appointed. Sister Ida Eastman moved that we elect these officers, this was seconded by Sister May Hall, Past Department President, and carried.

Nominations were opened for Department Conductress. Sister Hall nominating Sister Lucy Miller. Sister Miller being absent, Sister Calla McEwen nominated Sister Elizabeth Dunn, of Worth Bagley. No other nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Nominations were now opened for Assistant Department Conductress. Sister Clara Seymour, St. James, nominated Sister Katherine Nelson of Madella. No other nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Nominations were opened for Department Guard. Sister Jesse Gamble, of Fairmont, was nominated by Sister Ada Nelson. No other nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Department President Sister Marion Sladek advised that the election of officers would take place at 1:30 P. M.

Sister Marie Bond, of Bond Auxilliary, Minneapolis, gave her report as Chairman of Child Welfare. Sister Jesse Gamble, National Defense Chairman, gave her report. Both reports were received by the Department President.

The Department Chaplain and Department Historian being absent and their reports in the hands of the Department Secretary, the President declared if no opposition they would be received. There were none and reports were received.

Sister Ada Nelson, Chairman of Appeals and Greivances, thanked the Department President for placing her on a committee where there had been nothing at all to do.

The Department President requested that the Auditing Committee meet promptly at the Convention Hall at 1 P. M. sharp.

Sister Ida Eastman acted as Chairman of Greetings Committee in the absence of Sister May Hall yesterday and reported taking the Department Greetings to the Camp and their appreciation of same.

The Department Colors now escorted Sister Agnes Upell Boyce to the President's station. Sister Boyce brought greetings and a silk desk flag from the Daughters of Union Veterans. This is the fourth year she has presented greetings from that organization. And in her usual pleasing manner extended the best wishes from that organization. The Department President responded.

The Colors now escorted Acting Department Chaplain Sister Ida Eastman to the Altar to conduct Memorial services for departed Sisters in the Minnesota Auxillaries the past year.

Worth Bagley No. 1—Sisters Blanche Heiman, Margaret Allen, Jennie Calhoun and Sister Belle Briggs.

Arthur McArthur Auxilliary—Sister Anna Morgan.

Marie Bond Auxilliary, Minneapolis—Sister Minnie Palm.

John G. McEwen Auxilliary, Duluth, Minn.—Sister Lillian Pease.

Minutes of the afternoon session of July 10th were read and there were no omissions or corrections and President declared minutes approved.

Sister Dreher, Department Secretary, gave the membership report of 1932 and 1933.

Auxiliary Name	No.	Members		Gain	Loss
		June 30-32	June 30-33		
Worth Bagley	1	235	220	0	15
Clarence Miller	2	42	44	2	
John G. McEwen	3	91	103	12	
Marie Bond	4	155	156	1	
Arthur McArthur	5	137	143	6	

Auxiliary Name	No.	Members		Gain	Loss
		June 30-32	June 30-33		
Norman Sandberg	6	11	11		
Schaumkessel	7	22	22		
Sophia L. Rice	10	29	25		4
Leon C. Brown	11	33	34	1	
Charles Young	12	18	20	2	
Edward Dolan	13	28	23		5
William Butler	14	11	10		1
Hamilton Fish	16	36	42	6	
Cyrus Hinton	17	19	17		2
William McKinley	18	16	12		4
William H. Caine	19		13		

Total Gain—12 members.

Hamilton Fish Auxilliary showed the greatest percentage gain and received the prize from the Department.

The Department President declared Sister Pearl Opsahl of Marie Bond Auxilliary winner of the New Membership prize.

Department Delegate to National Convention, Sister Laura Nelson, read her report. The Department President asked for a rising vote of thanks for this very interesting report by Sister Laura Nelson.

The Department President, Sister Marion Sladek, now opened nominations for National Delegates to the National Convention at Los Angeles.

Sister Ruth Dreher nominated Sister Agnes Upell Boyce. No further nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Sister Kathryn Friedlander nominated Sister Jennie Horton, of Duluth, 2nd Delegate. There being no other nominations the nominations were closed.

Third Delegate—Sister Pansy Panzram nominated Sister Rask. Sister Rask declined. Sister Jessie Howe nominated Sister Alma Straight. No other nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Fourth Delegate—Sister May Hall nominated Sister Theresa Prick. No other nominations, nominations were closed.

The alternates were nominated as follows:

1st Alternate—Sister Deal, nominated by Sister Rask.

2nd Alternate—Sister Pearl Opsahl, nominated by Sister Marie Bond.

4th Alternate—Sister Lucy Miller, nominated by Sister Mary Weizorick.

A section of the By-Laws on Soldiers Home Committee was read by Chairman of By-Laws Committee, Sister Dora Brant, and we proceeded to elect the five members required.

The following were nominated on the committee.

1 Year—Sister Ida Eastman, nominated by Sister Elizabeth Dunn.

2 Years—Sister Dora Brant, nominated by Sister Ada Nelson.

3 Years—Sister Gibson, nominated by Sister Jennie Horton.

4 Years—Sister Mary Wizerack, nominated by Sister Laura Nelson.

5 Years—Sister Marion Sladek, nominated by Sister Dora Brant.

The Department Officers now exemplified the Ritual. Sisters Eastman and Bertelson assisting on the floor in the absence of officers. Sister Sue Kretschmer presided, under the direction of Department President.

Sister Ruth Dreher then asked the Department President to declare a short recess. This was granted. Sister Emma Westerlund, Senior Vice President, then proceeded to the President's station and with appropriate remarks presented Sister Sladek with a beautiful silver tea service from the Convention as a whole. Following this The Department Chief-of-Staff, Sister Emma Bills, presented in her own behalf and the Department Aides throughout the State a very lovely quilt. Department President, Sister Sladek, thanked the Convention, Sister Bills and her Aides for their kind thoughtfulness, their loyalty and conscientious work and also for the beautiful gifts.

Sister Elizabeth Dunn announced Greetings from Sister Marion Lietner McGill, wishing us a very happy Convention and personal regards to the Sisters.

Sister Cora Brant, Chairman of Resolution Committee, gave her report and it was voted to accept same and that thanks be sent to the following: Hon. Hans Marcuson, Mayor of Austin, Citizens of Austin, Austin Business Men's

Association, Austin Herald, Mower County News, Austin Post No. 91 American Legion, Olaf B. Damm Post No. 1216 V. F. W., and their Auxiliary, George A. Hornel Packing Co., Austin Lodge No. 414 B. P. O. E., and to the Officers and Members of Harvey A. Chapin Camp No. 11 and their wives. Sister Horseley made motion for adoption and it was seconded by several.

Resolution by the Camp as follows:

Resolved by the Department of Minnesota U. S. W. V. in Convention assembled at Austin, July 9, 10, 11, 1933, that we do hereby petition the President of the United States, through our National Organization to so amend the Regulations of the Veterans Administration, that veterans with so-called temporary disabilities whose lives are in danger by the denial of hospitalization may be admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals and provided with necessary medical care.

Motion made by Sister Ruth Dreher, seconded by Sister French, that we sustain the Camp in this resolution. Carried.

President declared recess until 1:30 P. M.

JULY 11—1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Department President Marion Sladek at 1:30 P. M.

Final report of Auditing Committee by Chairman, Maude Wetherby was read. Motion made by Sister French and seconded by Sister Horseley that the report be accepted. Carried.

Sister Eastman inquired about pay for Department Musician. She later moved that we pay Musician \$5.00 and suggested that this be incorporated in our By-Laws. Seconded by Sister Ada Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sister Eastman and seconded by Sister Agnes Upell Boyce, that we incorporate in our By-Laws pay for Department Musician which shall be \$5.00. Motion carried.

Sister Emma Bills reported visiting Mrs. James Wilcox, Battle Mountain Sanatorium, Hot Springs, South Dakota, and found that they are very handicapped for funds to carry on their cheer work. Sister Bills then moved that the Department of Minnesota send \$5.00 towards this Cheer Fund. Motion seconded by Sister Mary Gibson and carried.

Telegrams were read from the Mayor of the City of Faribault, also from the Faribault Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Convention to that City in 1934.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved with two minor corrections.

Sister Kathryn Friedlander of Hamilton Fish then came to the President's station and Past Commander Frank E. Smith also proceeded to that station and Sister Friedlander presented Past Commander Smith with a teapot in the form of a camel. He responded in a jocular way, but with appreciation.

Sister Dora Brant, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee read Resolution No. 3. Sister Bond moved that we adopt this Camp Resolution as our own with minor changes. Seconded by Sister Frick.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Final Report of Credential Committee showed 88 voting delegates registered. (Naomi Kahl, Chairman.)

As there was but one candidate for each office motions were made for the Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for each Officer as follows:

Department President: Sister Emma Westerlund. Motion made by Sister Dora Brant and seconded by Sister Ada Nelson. Carried.

Senior Vice President: Sister Maud Wetherby. Motion by Sister Ida Eastman and seconded by Sister Mary Gibson. Carried.

Junior Vice President: Sister Ruth Dreher. Motion by Sister Kathryn Friedlander, seconded by Sister Estelle Kelley. Carried.

Judge Advocate: Sister Ada Nelson. Motion by Sister Mary Wiczorek, seconded by Sister Mary Gibson. Carried.

Chaplain: Sister Hazel Smith. Motion by Sister Elizabeth Dunn, seconded by Sister Alma Straight. Carried.

Patriotic Instructor: Sister Emma Bills. Motion by Sister Rudisell, seconded by Sister Horseley. Carried.

Historian: Sister Agnes Upell Boyce. Motion by Sister Agnes Deal, seconded by Sister Horseley. Carried.

Conductress: Sister Elizabeth Dunn. Motion by Sister Edith Johnson, seconded by Sister Kathryn Friedlander. Carried.

Assistant Conductress: Sister Katherine Nelson. Motion by Sister Seymour, seconded by Sister Sadie Leitner. Carried.

Department Guard: Sister JeJesse Gamble. Motion by Sister Nellie Briggs, seconded by Sister Emma Bertelson. Carried.

Assistant Guard: Sister Julia Emge. Motion by Sister Emma Bills, seconded by Sisters Horton and Widell. Carried.

Sister Marie Bond suggested that we act on all National Delegates at one time, no opposition and so ordered.

Delegates names were read and also Alternates names, and it was moved by Sister Marie Bond that we cast the unanimous ballot for these Delegates and Alternates. Motion carried.

1st Delegate—Sister Agnes Upell Boyce.

2nd Delegate—Sister Jennie Horton.

3rd Delegate—Sister Alma Straight.

4th Delegate—Sister Theresa Frick.

1st Alternate—Sister Agnes Deal.

2nd Alternate—Sister Pearl Opsahl.

3rd Alternate—Sister Elizabeth Heckel.

4th Alternate—Sister Lucy Miller.

Sister Ada Nelson moved that we cast the unanimous ballot for the five Sisters named on the Soldiers Home Committee. Seconded by Sister Elizabeth Dunn. Carried.

Following this the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for all elective officers and Department President, Sister Marian Sladek, declared the election.

The Department President then called Sister Pearl Opsahl to her station and presented her with a recognition pin as a prize for securing the greatest number of new members. Sister Opsahl thanked Sister Sladek.

Department President asked the Colors to present Sister Kathryn Friedlander to her station and she presented Hamilton Fish Auxiliary the prize for the greatest percentage gain. Sister Kathryn Friedlander responded with thanks.

Department Secretary advised that there are 895 members in good standing in the Department.

Installation of Officers followed. Past Department President Mary Gibson was the Installing Officer and Sister Edith Johnson acted as Installing Musician.

The elected officers have been announced previously in the minutes. The appointed officers were as follows:

Dept. Chief of Staff, Ida Eastman, Marie Bond Auxiliary, Minneapolis.

Dept. Secretary, Nellie Leister, John G. McEwen Auxiliary, Duluth.

Dept. Treasurer, Helen McCormack, John G. McEwen Auxiliary, Duluth.

Dept. Musician, Marian Luth, Worth Bagley Auxiliary, St. Paul.

Dept. Reporter, Ines Pugh, John G. McEwen Auxiliary, Duluth.

Dept. Colors:

No. 1—Pearl Opsahl, Marie Bond Auxiliary, Minneapolis.

No. 2—Alma Straight, Arthur McArthur Auxiliary, Minneapolis.

No. 3—Kathryn Friedlander, Hamilton Fish Aux., Ft. Snelling.

No. 4—Jennie Horton, John G. McEwen Auxiliary, Duluth.

Many gifts were showered on Past Department President Marion G. Sladek by the various Auxiliaries and she responded in her usual gracious, pleasing manner. She in turn presented all her officers with gifts in remembrance of their pleasant year's work together.

Department President Sister Westerlund now thanked the Convention for the honor bestowed upon her and pledged herself to her very best effort in behalf of the organization for the coming year. She then presented Sister Gibson, the Installing Officer, with a beautiful bracelet. Sister Gibson responded with thanks.

The Department President asked Colors to present Past Department President Marion Sladek to her station giving her the Triumphal Arch, and Past Department President Ada Nelson with well chosen words, commending Sister Sladek on her wonderful work the past year, presented her with the

Past Department President's jewel. In response Sister Sladek pledged herself to the support of all the new officers and wished for them a most successful year.

The Department President announced the First Council Meeting to follow the close of the Convention.

The Department Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Twentieth Annual Convention was closed, at 3:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION G. SLADEK,

Dept. President, 1932-1933.

Approved by

Emma Westerlund,

Nellie Leister,

Ruth W. Dreher, Dept. Secretary.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1932-1933

July 9, 10, 11, 1933

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention Department of Minnesota Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans.

Greetings:

"A year of service and living is a year of joy and thanksgiving."

During such a year I have been privileged to serve as your Department President and to work with you for our Country, our Comrades and our Organization.

I entered upon the duties of the office fully aware of the responsibilities and obligations awaiting me and with determination to carry out faithfully the ideals and principals for which we are organized.

I bring you the report of my activities during the year.

Upon being elected and installed as Department President July 12, 1932, at Duluth, Minnesota, I established Headquarters at 111 West Bernard St., St. Paul.

Our first aim was to endeavor to increase the membership by gaining new members and by encouraging dropped members to be reinstated.

The customary Department prize to the Auxiliary making the greatest percentage of gain was offered. The Department President offered two prizes: One for the Sister bringing in the most new members and one to the Sister obtaining the most re-instatements. The National President offered a dispensation to permit dropped members to be reinstated upon payment of the initiation fee.

Our second aim was to stimulate interest in Child Welfare, Americanization, National Defense and to encourage co-operation with other organizations along these lines. Comrade Bertelson donated to the department cards bearing the names of the Department, the insignia, and the definition of Americanism. These were given out as far as possible and Auxiliaries requested to distribute them in some impressive manner to Boy and Girl Scouts and similar organizations and to newly naturalized citizens.

Our third ambition was to interest local auxiliaries in getting publicity, first by taking more prominent part as an organization in civic and patriotic enterprises, and second by publishing news items and articles of interest in the local papers.

I attended the National Convention in Milwaukee and gained inspiration and knowledge as well as a great deal of pleasure. I must take this opportunity to thank the department for that privilege.

The following auxiliaries were inspected:

Worth Bagley No. 1, St. Paul.
Clarence Miller No. 2, Winona.
John G. McEwen No. 3, Duluth.
Marie Bond No. 4, Minneapolis.
Arthur McArthur No. 5, Mpls.
Schaumkessel No. 7, Waseca.
Sophia L. Rice No. 10, Willmar.

Col. Chas. E. Young No. 12, St. Paul.
Edward Dolan No. 13, Worthington.
Wm. C. Butler No. 14, Hibbing.
Hamilton Fish No. 16, Fort Snelling.
Cyrus Hinton No. 17, St. James.
Wm. McKinley No. 18, Bemidji.

I found that several auxiliaries were working under a decided handicap caused by the difficult financial situation and the closing of banks in which

funds were deposited, but all were functioning and in spite of difficulties were carrying on the work. All Presidents have responded promptly whenever called upon.

Installed the officers in nine Auxiliaries, namely:

Worth Bagley No. 1.
Clarence Miller No. 2.
Marie Bond No. 4.
Arthur McArthur No. 5.
Schaumkessel No. 7.

Sophia L. Rice No. 10.
Hamilton Fish No. 16.
Cyrus Hinton No. 17.
Wm. McKinley No. 18.

On March 9th in company with our Dept. Chief-of-Staff Emma Bills and P. D. P. Ada Nelson, I went to Faribault and there with the assistance of Comrade Cook we obtained the names necessary for the Charter Application.

On March 25th, assisted by these Sisters and other Department Officers, I instituted the Wm. H. Caine Auxiliary No. 19, and installed the officers.

I was invited to act as mustering officer at the annual muster in Col. Chas. E. Young and Marie Bond Auxiliaries. Gave the obligation to new members for Chas. E. Young, Marie Bond and Hamilton Fish.

Three schools of instruction were held. The first at Hamilton Fish on "What a Member Should Know"; second at Marie Bond exemplifying the Opening Ceremony, Initiation and Balloting; third at Worth Bagley showing the New Pass-word, Draping Charter and Closing Ceremony. These schools proved to be of general interest and were well attended.

Six meetings of the Department Council of Administration were called:

First, in Duluth following the close of the Convention.
Second, Hamilton Fish Camp and Auxiliary at Ft. Snelling.
Third, Sophia L. Rice Auxiliary at Willmar.
Fourth, Worth Bagley Camp and Auxiliary at St. Paul.
Fifth, Leon C. Brown Camp and Auxiliary at Fairmont.
Sixth, at Austin preceding this Convention.

Every meeting of the Council has been well attended.

Three circular letters to Auxiliary Presidents and three General Orders have been issued; a fourth General Order to follow the close of this Convention. These have been exchanged with National Officers as required by R. and R. and also with many Department Commanders and Presidents.

I have endeavored to respond promptly to all communications and have personally written and answered 248 letters aside from those required by office routine.

All orders and requests of National Officers and Committee Chairmen have been complied with.

Legislative work has probably been the most generally important of all activities this year. Every possible assistance was given by members all over the State. Fifteen telegrams and twenty-eight letters were sent from Department Headquarters to Senators and Congressmen.

I have endeavored to cultivate fraternal interest between our own and other Patriotic Orders. Greetings were sent to the V. F. W. at Little Falls, to the American Legion at Bemidji, to the G. A. R. and allied orders in St. Paul and also to the V. F. W. convention at Marshall.

Was present at the Memorial for Wm. McKinley held in Minneapolis; at the joint Memorial service held by Hamilton Fish Camp U. S. W. V. and Snelling-Skidmore Post V. F. W. and their auxiliaries; the service dedicated to Spanish War Veterans by Chaplain Brasted of Ft. Snelling; the joint Memorial service on Memorial Sunday in Duluth and the Flag Day program at the Soldier's Home. I was a guest at the V. F. W. banquet in Minneapolis; attended our own Department ball, sponsored by the Department Chief-of-Staff W.R. Boyce and Auxiliary Chief-of-Staff Emma Bills, which was a most delightful and successful affair.

I was also a guest at our State-wide Banquet and attended the receptions tendered to department officers by the following camps and auxiliaries: Hamilton Fish, Col. Chas. E. Young, Marie Bond, Worth Bagley, John G. McEwen and Arthur McArthur. Was present at the instituting and installation of the Carl C. and Dyke Camp Sons Spanish American War Veterans in St. Paul at which time our Department presented the Sons with a beautiful flag.

Two official visits were paid to the Veterans Hospital and one to the

Soldier's Home and several visits were made to both Hospital and Home, also visited the D. A. V. rest camp at Big Island.

I went with the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commander and other guests to the tomb of Carl C. VanDyke where a wreath was placed in memory of his services to our Country and our organization.

I have attended as many meetings of my own auxiliary as the work of the department would permit and visited other auxiliaries as often as possible.

In all my trips throughout the state I have been received with hospitality and kindness and I have been given many beautiful gifts and lovely flowers too numerous to mention here but I want to acknowledge my sincere appreciation of all that has been done for me during the year.

Death entered our department family and took from us an earnest worker and a loyal sister and friend, Past Department President Blanche Helman, Department Musician.

To each Department Officer and Committee Chairman I wish to express my appreciation for the work you have done and the way you have done it. What ever measure of success has been attained yours is the credit.

To the Department Color Team, which I was privileged to appoint, and to Department Musician Marian Luth I am indebted. They made the institution of our new auxiliary very impressive and have assisted on other occasions with credit to the Department.

To the Drill Team I must again express my appreciation for what they have done. I have been proud of them all year. They have been an asset to the Department because of the publicity they have given us and more especially for the good work they have done.

To Department Treasurer Sister Heckel my thanks. I must not fail to acknowledge her loyalty and faithfulness to duty. Department Treasurers for years to come will thank her for the work she has done this year.

Sister Ruth Dreher, Department Secretary, who has always been willing to sacrifice time and labor for the department and for the individual Comrades and Sisters, I cannot adequately thank for the help she has given. Without her assistance much of our department work would have been impossible. Her cad has always been at my command and she has been on nearly every trip with me, saving money for the department and time and strength for myself. To her our department is deeply indebted.

I could not close my report without thanking the past administration, Sister May Hall, Sister Florence Bakke and especially Sister Ada Nelson for the prompt and efficient manner in which all supplies, books and records were turned over.

Now we are closing our years work, hoping to find your approval for what has been accomplished and your charity for our short comings.

That the coming year will be brighter and better, that our veterans will receive restitution of their benefits and that our Department will grow and prosper is our most humble prayer.

Respectfully submitted in

Fraternity, Patriotism and Humanity,

MARION G. SLADEK,

Department President.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members Department of Minnesota Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans, Assembled in the 20th Annual Convention, Austin, Minnesota, July 9, 10, 11.

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit the following report.

I hereby take the opportunity to thank the sisters for having elected me to the office of Senior Vice President.

I have tried to keep in touch with the affairs of our organization and promote its good work to the best of my ability.

I have attended five council meetings and attended the National Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I expected an invitation to be the guest of the Hector R. Swift Auxiliary of Superior, Wis., and was present at five banquets given in honor of the state officers.

I have enjoyed my year as a department officer.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

EMMA WESTERLUND,

Dept. Senior Vice President.

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the 20th Annual Convention of the Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans.

Greetings:

It was an honor to be elected Junior Vice President at the Duluth Convention.

During the year it has been my privilege and pleasure to attend the council meetings at Duluth, Willmar, St. Paul and Fairmont. I also attended a school of instruction in Minneapolis, sponsored by Marie Bond Auxiliary.

I enjoyed the trip to the Veteran's Hospital. Am sorry I was unable to attend all the receptions given Department Officers and all the other pleasant gatherings that have taken place during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE WETHERBY,

Dept. Jr. Vice President.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Minnesota Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans of the Twentieth Annual Convention here Assembled, July 9, 10, and 11, 1933, Austin, Minn.

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit the following report, having been duly appointed Department Secretary July 12th, 1932, at Duluth, Minn., and installed as same.

I have visited all the Auxiliaries in the State except one.

I have attended all council meetings.

I have visited the Soldier's Home and Veterans Hospital many times.

With the Department President I attended the instituting of the new Auxiliary at Faribault, Minn.

At the request of the President I attended the three day Convention of the National Child Welfare Association which met in Minneapolis.

I also accompanied the Department President, Sister Marion Sladek, in taking the Department Greetings to Department Conventions of other Patriotic Organizations.

I wish to thank the Department President for the honor of having been her Secretary.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

RUTH W. DREHER,

Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of Department of Minnesota Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans, assembled in the Twentieth Annual Convention, Austin, Minnesota, July 9, 10, 11, 1933.

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for 1932-1933.

General Fund, July 12, 1932.....\$175.81

Receipts:

Per Capita\$439.25

Sale of Supplies185.65

Chief-of-Staff170.97

Interest in Tribune Stock1.05

796.92

Total Receipts

\$972.73

Disbursements:

Per Capita to National\$140.50

Supplies from National184.65

President's Traveling Expense	112.37
Secretary's Traveling Expense	11.36
Office Expense, including Supplies, Printing, Stationery, and Postage	93.98
To Hospital Fund	10.00
To Drill Team Fund	25.00
Greetings	3.50
Charter Fee to National	5.00
Flowers (spray)	5.00
Gift to National President	4.50
Flag to Son's	12.80
Refund to Ruth Dreher	3.45
Refund to Auxiliaries	4.95
Tax on Checks	.90

\$617.93

July 1, 1933, Balance General Fund	\$354.80
Memorial Fund Balance July 1, 1933	49.60

Hospital Fund	
Received Collection at Council Meeting	\$ 2.75
Transferred from General Fund	10.00

	\$ 12.75
Disbursed to Hospital Chairman	\$ 12.75
Drill Team Fund	

Receipts:	
Transferred from General Fund	\$ 25.00
Arthur McArthur Auxiliary	15.00
Marie Bond Auxiliary	15.00
John G. McEwen Auxiliary	5.00
Worth Bagley Auxiliary	15.00

	\$ 75.00
Disbursed to Florence Bakke	\$ 75.00
Soldier's Home Hospital Fountain	

Receipts:	
Edward Dolan Auxiliary	\$ 1.00
Cyrus Hinton Auxiliary	1.00
John G. McEwen Auxiliary	3.00

\$ 5.00

Balance All Funds	\$409.40
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I want to thank our Department President for the Honor of serving as Department Treasurer. Needless to say it has been a pleasure to work with her for our Department.

Respectfully submitted in F. P. and H.,
ELIZABETH HECKEL,
Department Treasurer.

Treasurer's Supplemental Report

General Fund Balance, per Auditor, July 5	\$354.80
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Receipts:	
Per Capita	\$ 3.00
Chief-of-Staff	25.00
Supplies Sold	3.70
Initiation Fees	6.00

37.70

\$392.50

Disbursements:	
Office Expense	\$ 2.06
Secretary's Mileage and Salary	28.30
Treasurer's Mileage and Salary	28.30
Dept. President's Mileage and Salary	18.30
Accountant	5.00

K. Friedlander, Postage	3.15
Printing 1932 Proceedings	36.75
Rent Typewriter	2.00
Prize to Auxiliary	2.50
Stenographer	10.00
Musician	5.00
Theresa Ericksen Gift	5.00
Chairman Committee A. U. S. W. V.,	
Battle Mountain Sanatorium	5.00
Flowers	3.50

\$154.86

Tax on Outstanding Checks	.54
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\$155.40

Balance General Fund	\$237.10
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Memorial Fund, July 5	\$ 49.60
Received	17.62

67.22

Fountain Soldier's Home Hospital	5.00
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5.00

Total All Funds	\$309.32
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Assets:	
National Tribune Stock, 15 shares	\$ 15.00
Supplies on Hand	19.98
One Corona Typewriter	48.00

ELIZABETH HECKEL, Dept. Treas.
MAUDE WETHERBY,
FLORENCE BAKKE,

Auditing Committee.

DEPARTMENT CHIEF-OF STAFF'S REPORT

Department President, Officers and Members of Twentieth Annual Convention
United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Greetings:

Permit me to present the following report of my activities as Chief-of-Staff to Marion Sladek, Department President, and to thank her for this opportunity to serve our beloved order.

The outstanding activity of the year from the stand point of hard work and resulting achievement is the Department Ball given under the joint sponsorship to whom we both extend thanks for their assistance and co-operation. The sorship of Major Boyce and myself aided by a most able and efficient committee Department President. Twenty boy scouts assisted in flag ceremony and banner parade. Practically every camp and auxiliary took part in making ball was opened by a grand march lead by our Department Commander and this affair a success, socially as well as financially. Our thanks is extended to the publicity committee—they succeeded in getting the name of our organization before the public most favorably. The press, particularly the St. Paul papers, was especially generous to us—in all we were given nearly six columns of space and eighteen pictures were shown. Our total receipts were \$210.50. After deducting the expense of \$90.30, we showed a profit of \$120.20, which was divided equally between the Department and Auxiliary.

It was my privilege to represent the Department at the South Dakota convention. We found our Sisters and Comrades a most hospitable group who are doing a wonderful work. They have the National Sanatorium at Battle Mountain to look after and it is my earnest wish that this convention do something to show them how much we appreciate the cheer that they extend to many of our own Comrades who go there for medical attention.

At the request of our President I acted in her behalf at the Mothers Day party given the guests at the Women's Building at the Soldier's Home. A short program was given by our Sisters, after which cake and ice cream were served.

I acted as chauffeur for the Department President and others who assisted in re-organizing the auxiliary at Faribault. We all enjoyed the opportunity to become well acquainted with our Sisters of the new Auxiliary.

At several receptions given for new citizens in the Hennepin County Court House, I gave talks on Americanization and handed out the cards provided for that purpose.

In so far as possible I have attended the council meetings and receptions given the Department Officers and have enjoyed every minute of the work in connection with my office.

The following is a report of money collected for the treasury—the amount may or may not be equal to previous years, but together with the aides I say that we have done our best in view of existing conditions as many of the auxiliaries have their funds tied up in banks.

One-half profit on the ball	\$ 60.10
(The other half given to Department.)	
Bond Auxiliary	35.00
Arthur McArthur Auxiliary	39.00
Worth Bagley Auxiliary	20.50
John G. McEwen Auxiliary	8.50
Clarence Miller Auxiliary	7.87
Chas. Young Auxiliary	5.00
Leon C. Brown Auxiliary	5.00
Hamilton Fish Auxiliary	5.00
Norman Sandberg Auxiliary	5.00
Past President's Club	5.00

\$195.97

May I again thank our President for this opportunity to serve—to work under her guidance has been a delight, and in closing I feel I can say for all her officers that to know her better is to love her more.

Yours in F. P. & H.,
EMMA M. BILLS,
Chief-of-Staff.

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention United Spanish War Veterans here assembled.

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit the following report of my office as Patriotic Instructor for the year ending July 11th, 1933.

I attended four council meetings and four receptions during the year. I also attended the installation of Officers of the Clarence Miller Auxiliary of Winona and the instituting of the William H. Caine Auxiliary at Faribault.

I attended the McKinley Memorial at the Wesley M. E. Church in Minneapolis.

June 11th I attended the Flag Day exercises at the Minnesota Soldier's Home.

I presented twelve flags to the George Bancroft School of Minneapolis and one flag to the Minneapolis Juvenile Court. These flags were given by the Marie Bond Auxiliary of Minneapolis.

April 7th I presented a flag from the Department Auxiliary to the Carl C. VanDyke Camp of Sons in St. Paul.

Friday evening, June 29th, I gave an ice cream social at my home sponsored by the Marie Bond Auxiliary. This netted the Department \$14.62.

I received one dollar from the Leon C. Brown Auxiliary as a donation to the flag. John G. McEwen Auxiliary No. 3 donated \$2.00 to the same.

At the Annual Convention at Austin I presented a flag to the City of Austin. This flag, the largest ever given at Convention, was donated to the Department by the Department of Minnesota Drill Team No. 1, of which Maude Holt is Captain.

Yours in F. P. & H.,
HAZEL B. SMITH,
Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention United Spanish War Veterans here assembled.

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Greetings:

The following report is hereby submitted by me with appreciation of the honor of electing me to this office at Duluth in July, 1932.

I have received reports from 12 Auxiliaries.

On March 25th, 1933, our Department President, Marion Sladek, instituted and installed the Wm. H. Caine Auxiliary No. 19 at Faribault. Sister Emge was installed as President.

The information requested by the National Historian was not obtained, as the book of Department History was not given to me and details of Department History could not be compiled.

I suggest that a record book be acquired by one department for the use of the Department Historian and previous History placed in the hands of Department Historian.

To my successor I extend my heartiest congratulations.

Yours in F. P. & H.,
ROSE CURTIS,
Department Historian.

DEPARTMENT REPORTER'S REPORT

Madam Department President and Members of the Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans in the Twentieth Annual Convention Assembled.

Greetings:

Upon my appointment as reporter for the Department Auxiliary U. S. W. V., I have endeavored at all times to secure for the Department such publicity as would reflect credit and honor upon the organization at all times.

Twenty-two notices have been sent to the papers of the Twin Cities through the mail and others phoned to the Society Editor.

Requests were made through a Department Order early in the year to send in as much publicity as possible so that our activities may be before the public, during this season of the Economy Commission's attack on the Veterans. Worth Bagley Auxiliary deserves much credit for their publicity.

I attended three Council meetings and three schools of instruction which were under the direction of Department President, Marion G. Sladek.

Attended all Spanish War and Veteran activities and at all times worked for the good of our service men.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHRYN FRIEDLANDER,
Department Reporter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members in Convention here Assembled:

As Chairman of Appeals and Grievances I wish to make the following report.

During this year no Grievances have come to my attention. Which proves that our Department President has had a very harmonious year. Thanking you for putting me on a committee that has had nothing to do.

Yours in F. P. & H.,
ADA NELSON, P. D. P.

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to The United Spanish War Veterans, Austin, Minn., July 9th, 10th and 11th, 1933.

All orders from the National Legislative chairman were complied with.

All auxiliary presidents were notified as to the sending of letters, telegrams and night letters to Senators and Congressmen with reference to Veterans' legislation.

I called all auxiliary presidents, that could be reached in time, to notify them of the meeting called by the V. F. W. inviting all allied organizations to meet at the State Capitol, in protest of the Economy Bill. Results were a good attendance from all auxiliaries contacted.

Your chairman attended every session of the Legislature when she knew

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Veterans' bills were pending and tried to keep herself posted on such legislation so as to be helpful when called upon.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA NELSON,

Dept. Legislative Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HOSPITALIZATION

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

I hereby submit the following report as Department Hospital Chairman:

Auxiliary No. 1, Worth Bagley, St. Paul:

31 Card Table Covers.

4 Dresser Scarfs.

6 Bed Bags.

13 Utility Bags.

80 Used Pencils.

150 Small Packs of Matches.

258 Magazines.

1000 Stamps.

45 Packs Playing Cards.

6 Pounds Sewed Carpet Rags.

1 Large Bundle of Stockings.

Prizes furnished for Department party at Veteran's Hospital.

Auxiliary No. 3, John G. McEwen, Duluth, Minn.:

For Soldier's Home, material for chair backs and cushion covers (made by the housekeeper), \$8.75.

Check for Christmas party that was given by Minneapolis Hospital Association, \$5.00.

8 Utility Bags.

8 Balls of carpet rags.

4 Large boxes carpet rags sent direct to hospital.

\$2.00 check for prizes for Department party.

Auxiliary No. 4, Marie Bond, Minneapolis:

24 Pillow cases.

14 Utility bags.

10 Laundry bags.

10 Cribbage boards.

Auxiliary members furnished 30 prizes for Department party at Veteran's Hospital.

Auxiliary No. 5, Arthur McArthur, Minneapolis:

50 Hot water bottle covers.

50 Cushion covers.

Jellies.

7 Foot stools to the Minnesota Soldier's Home and Hospital.

10 Prizes for Department party at Veteran's Hospital.

Auxiliary No. 7, Schaumkessel, Waseca, Minn.:

Served at Soldier's Home and sent 5 prizes for Department Card party at Veteran's Hospital.

Auxiliary No. 8, Sophia L. Rice, Willmar, Minn.:

Sent 2 prizes for Department card party at Veteran's Hospital.

Auxiliary No. 11, Leon C. Brown, Fairmont, Minn.:

Donated \$5.00, which was used for Minneapolis Hospital Association Xmas Party, Department Auxiliary getting the credit.

Auxiliary No. 14, Wm. Butler, Hibbing, Minn.:

Carpet Rags.

4 Table covers.

Auxiliary No. 16, Hamilton Fish, Fort Snelling, Minn.:

12 Bed bags.

6 Card table covers and other miscellaneous work

Auxiliary No. 17, Cyrus Hinton, St. James, Minn.:

Carpet Rags.

Auxiliary No. 18, Wm. McKinley, Bemidji, Minn.:

12 Bags.

8 Dresser scarfs.

I am very proud of this record under existing conditions. The Department card party was held March 13th, I solicited all Auxiliaries for prizes and the response was very generous. We had a wonderful party, the comrades all enjoyed themselves. I visited the hospital many times, Miss Webster being a great help in letting me know what our comrades needed most.

May 12th, our National Hospital Day, I was the representative, also my two aides Madam Eastman and Kretchmer, at which time the recreational aide requested no further activities until July 1st as the entire personnel was disrupted.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE C. HOWE,

Dept. Hospital Chairman.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT AMERICANIZATION CHAIRMAN

To the Officers and Members of the Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans.

Greetings:

We are very grateful to our Department President for having printed over a thousand cards with the pledge of Americanization. These she planned to have presented to the members of the Boy and Girl Scout Organizations and to the naturalized citizens.

Through the co-operation of the Auxiliaries throughout the State many valuable lessons in patriotism will be impressed upon those presented with pledges, and there is no more comprehensive definition of Americanism than is found in this card.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH W. MORLAND,

Dept. Chairman Americanization.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Convention of Auxiliaries of United Spanish War Veterans.

We, the auditing committee, have audited the Treasurer's books and have found them correct and in splendid shape.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE WETHERBY,

FLORENCE BAKKE,

ALMA STRAIGHT,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE

To Members of Convention here Assembled.

Greetings:

I am very happy to report that my services as Judge Advocate were not needed as I have heard of no trouble in any of the Auxiliaries. I have enjoyed my work very much and wish for my successor a year as harmonious as mine.

Yours in F. P. & H.

MAY L. HALL,

Dept. Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention here Assembled:

We, the Credential Committee, have the honor to report that eighty-eight voting members have duly registered.

Respectfully submitted,

NAOMI KAHL,

MARION DOCKERAY,

KATHERYN FRIEDLANDER,

Credential Committee.





