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The 2 houses are so full of RR rates, Statehood & other business that it is hard to get their ear on any subject the old Soldiers are interested in. Gen Kidd of Ionia Mich runs a paper. I have written him urgently sending copy of the Press article & 10 copies of letter. He was a splendid soldier. I think he will respond. I have written Heath of Cent' Waters & Devoe of Kansas City Mo. Glasgow, MacDougall, Peck, Sprague, <Brannan> Coburn and Swift urging them to push the newspapers on the line of the Press item. The death of Mr. Patterson [George Robert Patterson, Senator from Pennsylvania died March 21, 1906] lost us a sturdy friend. Senator Cullom [Shelby Moore Cullom, Senator from Illinois] is back & is with us. I saw him yesterday. He will no doubt influence Hopkins [Albert Jarvis Hopkins, Senator from Illinois] all right. Please push the Chicago papers on the question of the precedent and the justice of our request.

Truly Yours
Green B Raum

With my letter of Friday I have filed 84 Records, neatly put together in alphabetical order. They constitute a new History of the War from <Philadelphia> to the Grand Review.

I have received 15 records since they are coming in by every mail. Gen'l Block sent his in last evening. He don't want to be left out of a good thing.

Capt Hull is expected back early this week,

Yours truly, Green B Raum

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I send you the most recent budget from Gen. Raum, received this morning. He failed to enclose the Pioneer Press clipping referred to. If convenient please call when next down town and we will confer as to the practicability of further Chicago publicity.

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"VOLUNTEER RETIRED LIST"

569 51st Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. November 15, 1906.

Dear General:-

Our comrades are unanimous in the wish that a united effort shall be made to secure the passage of the Volunteer Retired List Bill by the coming session of Congress. The influence of those of our number residing in each State constitute an important factor for success; individual effort will do much but organized effort will doubtless do more.

I suggest that the justice of this measure be immediately brought to the attention of members of both houses of Congress in each State particularly the members of the Committees on military affairs, and that they be urgently requested to aid in the passage of the Bill. Herewith you will find a list of members of the Military Committees before whom our Bill is pending.

We claim that in time of war officers of the same rank, performing the same duties, and incurring the same hazards, should be entitled under equal laws to the same rights, honors and emoluments, whether they belong to the Regular or Volunteer forces.

Regular Armies are maintained for service in times of war; but it was the policy of the National Government to prosecute the war for the Union with Volunteers and not by creating a large regular Army; These Volunteers fought in the greatest war of the ages and preserved the Union.

It was obviously unjust after the Volunteers had performed this momentous service for the country that the Generals of that service should be systematically discriminated against.

Under the Act of June 28th, 1866, officers of the Regular Army who had received commissions of higher rank in the Volunteer service were retired with three-quarters pay of the rank of their command in the Volunteer Army; Captains were retired as Major Generals but no volunteer officer who did not hold a commission in the Regular Army was retired, however great his command, however brilliant his service, however serious his disabilities from wounds or otherwise, or however advanced his age.

Under the Act of April 23, 1904, 354 officers who had served with credit during the Civil War and were then on the Retired List were re-retired with the rank and retired pay of one grade above that actually held by them at the time of retirement; 254 of these officers had served in the Volunteer Army of the Civil War and many of them had been retired for thirty years. Thus it is seen that Congress has imputed great merit to Volunteer service when performed by an officer holding a commission in the Regular Army. The only recognition made by General Law for surviving Generals of Volunteers of the Civil War is a pension under the Act of June 27th, 1890, of \$6.00 per month at 62 years of age; \$8.00 per month at 65; \$10.00 per month at 68, and \$12.00 per month 70 years of age.

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These discriminations have been brought to the attention of Congress in certain letters, copies of which were forwarded to our comrades I am sending you some printed matter to bring this subject again to your notice.

By the Act of March 3rd, 1905, Congress provided for the retirement of General Joseph R. Hawley and Peter J. Osterhaus as Brigadier Generals with three-quarters pay of that rank. These officers were of the Volunteer Army, - they had never been commissioned in the Regular Army, and had been out of the military service for 39 years, but Congress recognizing the fact that the Pension Act of June 27th, 1890, was not an adequate recognition of the military services of these men during the Civil War provided for their retirement. Nothing can be said in abatement of the valuable services of these two officers; but nothing can be said to justify their retirement that is not applicable to the other surviving Generals of the Civil War.

We now ask to be treated equally with these officers without discrimination or favoritism.

The Bill is before Congress: We present what we believe to be a just claim, warranted by precedent. It is, however, for Congress in its wisdom to determine what shall be the measure of recognition to be granted to these surviving Generals of the great War.

I will be in Washington about December 3rd and will stop at the Ebbitt House.

Very truly yours,

GREEN B. RAUM.

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"VOLUNTEER RETIRED LIST" 569 51st Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. November 15, 1906.

Dear General:-

Our comrades are unanimous in the wish that a united effort shall be made to secure the passage of the Volunteer Retired List Bill by the coming session of Congress. The influence of those of our number residing in each State constitute an important factor for success; individual effort will do much but organized effort will doubtless do more.

I suggest that the justice of this measure be immediately brought to the attention of members of both houses of Congress in each State particularly the members of the Committees on military affairs, and that they be urgently requested to aid in the passage of the Bill. Herewith you will find a list of members of the Military Committees before whom our Bill is pending.

We claim that in time of war officers of the same rank, performing the same duties, and incurring the same hazards, should be entitled under equal laws to the same rights, honors and emoluments, whether they belong to the Regular or Volunteer forces.

Regular Armies are maintained for service in times of war; but it was the policy of the National Government to prosecute the war for the Union with Volunteers and not be creating a large regular Army; these Volunteers fought in the greatest war of the ages and preserved the Union.

It was obviously unjust after the Volunteers had performed this momentous service for the country that the Generals of that service should be systematically discriminated against.

Under the Act of June 28th, 1866, officers of the Regular Army who had received commissions of higher rank in the Volunteer service were retired with three-quarters pay of the rank of the command in the Volunteer Army; Captains were retired as Major Generals but no volunteer officer who did not hold a commission in the Regular Army was retired, however great his command, however brilliant his service, however serious his disabilities from wounds or otherwise, or however advanced his age.

Under the Act of April 23, 1904, 354 officers who had served with credit during the Civil War and were then on the Retired List were re-retired with the rank and retired pay of one grade above that actually held by them at the time of retirement; 254 of these officers had served in the Volunteer Army of the Civil War and many of them had been retired for thirty years. Thus it is seen the Congress has imputed great merit to Volunteer service when performed by an officer holding a commission in the Regular Army. The only recognition made by General Law for surviving Generals of Volunteers of the Civil War is a pension under the Act of June 27th, 1890, of \$6.00 per month at 62 years of age; \$8.00 per month at 65; \$10.00 per month at 68, and \$12.00 per month 70 years of age.

These discriminations have been brought to the attention of Congress in certain letters, copies of which were forward to our comrades. I am sending you some printed matter to bring this subject again to your notice.

By the Act of March 3rd, 1905, Congress provided for the retirement of General Joseph R. Hawley and Peter J. Osterhaus as Brigadier Generals with three-quarters pay of that rank. These officers were of the Volunteer Army, - they had never been commissioned in the Regular Army, and had been out of the military service for 39 years, but Congress recognizing the fact that the Pension Act of June 27th, 1890, was not an adequate recognition of the military services of these men during the Civil War provided for their retirement. Nothing can be said in abatement of the valuable services of these two officers; but nothing can be said to justify their retirement that is not applicable to the other surviving Generals of the Civil War.

We now ask to be treated equally with these officers without discrimination or favoritism.

The Bill is before Congress: We present what we believe to be a just claim, warranted by precedent. It is, however, of recognition to be granted to these surviving Generals of the great War.

I will be in Washington about December 3rd and will stop at the Ebbitt House.

Very truly yours,

GREEN B. RAUM.

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