

GENERAL SICKLES' INSULTING "DEFENSE" OF PENSIONERS.

Mr. Evans, the commissioner of pensions, has done his difficult official duty well; and General Sickles has been the means of making his excellent service widely known. For General Sickles has had a public controversy with Mr. Evans, and has written to the president and to the newspapers to show why the commissioner should be removed from office. He has said, in effect, that the civil war veterans are vindictive mendicants, and that they will punish the political party that keeps a man in office who inquires rigidly into the deserts of new claimants for pensions.

This is the same tiresome and costly parade of our worst public scandal, that has been made at intervals for twenty years, the same insult to honorable pensioners, the same rallying cry to the mendicant ones who have brought the Grand Army into disrepute.

The civil war was ended thirty-six years ago. From the beginning to the end of it there were not more than 2,000,000 different men in the military and naval service. Yet the number of pensioners has been more than 1,500,000. There are about 1,000,000 of them now—long after most of the men who served in the war are dead; and the pension roll last year cost \$189,000,000. The frauds that have been perpetrated by claim agents are beyond reckoning; and the most pitiful display of the weakest side of human nature is that which has been made for years by the continued additions to the pension roll. It is a thing that men who have faith in the honesty of the masses would be glad to forget. Pitiful, too, is General Sickles' echo of the old threat that the mendicants will exert a controlling influence in politics. This likewise is something that one wishes to forget.—World's Work.

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Loans and discounts	320,979.19
Overdrafts	
U. S. Bonds	103,000.00
Other securities	20,347.38
Bank and other real estate	12,779.82
Cash, and due from banks and Treas., U. S.	135,998.81
Total	593,105.20
LIABILITIES,	
Capital	100,000.00
Surplus and profit	11,815.99
Circulation	100,000.00
Deposits	381,289.21
Total	593,105.20
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