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plantation, or the municipal officers thereof, as the case may be, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, one half to the use of the aggrieved party and one half to the county where the cause is tried, to be recovered by an action on the case in any court proper to try the same.

Sec. 11. Aid not forfeited by temporary absence. Any one of the persons named in the first section of this act, as entitled to aid, who shall be temporarily absent from the state or town without abandoning residence therein, shall receive the aid herein specified, provided application shall be made therefor to the municipal officers of the city, town or plantation of their residence.

Sec. 12. Towns to be notified by adjutant general of cases of desertion; also of promotion of non-commissioned officers. It shall be the duty of the adjutant general to give notice in all cases of desertions, to the several cities, towns and plantations of the state, of each soldier, sailor or marine residing therein and also in all cases of return from desertion, and also when any non-commissioned officer or private shall be promoted to the rank of a commissioned officer, as soon as he shall receive the knowledge of such promotion, such notice being in each case a simple statement of fact.

Sec. 13. Secretary of state to furnish towns with attested copy. The secretary of state shall furnish an attested copy of this act to the municipal officers of the several cities, towns and plantations of the state, within twenty days after its approval by the governor.

Sec. 14. When effective. In view of the emergency expressed in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 277.

An Act to Provide State Pay for Soldiers and Sailors in the Volunteer Service of the United States.

Emergency preamble. Whereas the pay allowed by the national government to enlisted men under existing laws and regulations is not sufficient to adequately recompense the volunteers and,

Whereas, increased pay for the soldiers and sailors enlisted in the National Guard of Maine or in the naval service of the United States is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety in the present condition of war and until the pay allowed by the national government is increased,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. State to supplement pay of non-commissioned officers, soldiers and sailors; provisions. There shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the State of Maine to each non-commissioned officer, soldier, sailor

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and marine mustered into the military service of the United States as a part of the quota of the state or enrolled in the naval service for service in the United States or in any foreign country, a sum not in excess of ten dollars a month, as may be necessary, in order that every such non-commissioned officer, soldier or sailor shall receive from the United States and this state in the aggregate the sum of twenty-five dollars per month.

Said amount shall be payable monthly at the office of the adjutant general, and shall date from the enrollment or muster-in to the United States service of said non-commissioned officer, soldier, sailor or marine, and shall continue until the first day of March, nineteen hundred and nineteen, unless the service is sooner terminated. The supply officer of each organization shall submit to the adjutant general payrolls certified to by him as correct, and the amount found necessary as above shall be paid by the adjutant general by check to the enlisted man, or if he so directs in writing, to any member of his family.

Sec. 2. Authorization of expenditure. For the purpose of meeting the expenses authorized by this act, the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for said expenses against any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. When effective. In view of the emergency expressed in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 278.

An Act to Provide for the Organization of the Maine Home Guard, During the Continuance of the War with Germany.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, during the present war with Germany, the creation and maintenance of an organized Home Guard separate and distinct from the National Guard of the State of Maine, is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Maine Home Guard. The commander-in-chief may, during the continuance of the war with Germany, raise by voluntary enlistment and organize the Maine Home Guard from among the citizens of the United States over thirty-five years of age, who are inhabitants of this state.

Sec. 2. Organization, powers, duties and compensation. The home guard may be of such numbers, and shall be so organized, maintained, officered, armed, and equipped, and enlisted for such service within the state, for such time and on such terms as the commander-in-chief may by executive order determine from time to time. When called for service the home guard shall have such duties as shall be established by order of the commander-in-chief, and all members of the home guard shall have and exer-