

THE NATION'S DEAD.

How Memorial Day Was Observed in the Capital City.

Thousands Witness the Fine Military and Civic Pageant—Graves Decorated—Evening Exercises.

The Memorial Day parade and exercises yesterday were more than usually impressive and interesting, as shown by the many thousands of persons who witnessed them both on the street and at the cemetery. The parade itself was an unusually brilliant one, the military and the several uniformed societies turning out in large numbers.

Long before 2 o'clock members began to gather in the vicinity of Capitol Park, where the parade was to form. It was modeled in one respect, which is rather unusual—it started on time, Grand Marshal W. B. Mayfield and his chief aid, O. P. Dodge, met the aids at Turner Hall at 1:30 o'clock and assigned to them their respective positions and duties.

The first Division consisted of a platoon of police, the Grand Marshal and Aids, Brigadier-General Sheehan and staff, Fourth Brigade Signal Corps, Artillery Band, First Artillery Regiment, Colonel Guthrie commanding.

The second Division was under the command of W. H. H. Wiley, Marshal, and was composed of the G. A. R. Drum Corps, Grand Army Posts, President of the Day, Orator and Chaplain in carriage, and a float representing the States of the Union, Sons of Veterans.

The third Division, marshaled by J. S. Jones, consisted of the Hussar Band, Canton Patriotic Militant, L. O. P. Division Uniform Band, K. of P. Knights of Sherwood Forest, Boys' Brigade, Women's Relief and Ladies of the G. A. R. State, county and city officers and citizens in carriages.

The various uniformed societies presented a fine appearance, and the Patriotic Militant, with their chaplains and each with a beautiful wreath of flowers suspended from the shoulder, presented an appearance which drew many admiring remarks from the spectators.

The Knights of Pythias and Knights of Sherwood Forest also the recipients of favorable comment, as well as the Boys' Brigade.

The Hussar Band and G. A. R. Drum Corps presented a fine appearance and did excellent work.

The float containing "Columbia" and forty-eight little girls to represent the States made a beautiful picture. It came near having a serious accident, however, the king bolt coming out and letting the body down upon the wheels, but the horses were stopped without any damage being done.

The crowd dispersed largely after the procession passed down J street and began to look out for means of transportation to the cemetery. Buggies, hacks, wagons and street cars were tested to their utmost capacity, and the sidewalks of Tenth street were lined with those who relied on their feet to carry them there.

Long before the procession had crossed the R street levee the crowds at the cemetery gate rendered it hard to keep the passageway open. By the time the procession arrived the Post in front of the cemetery was surrounded by a dense crowd of many hundreds.

At the cemetery, the cemetery was better, the prettiness with which everything was kept, and the well-trimmed grass and fresh flowers and plants testifying to the care bestowed upon the place.

When the First Artillery Band reached the gate it played a funeral dirge, and the procession moved slowly to the Grand Army plot, where the first of the graves was formed, with the band and the officers and members of the Posts in the center.

By J. Simmons read the following general orders of the Grand Army Commanders in regard to Memorial Day ceremonies: Tuesday, May 30th, will be observed as Memorial Day by all the Posts in this department, in compliance with our law, in accordance with the order of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in obedience to the dictates of hearts united with patriotic and with sacred memories of the men who with their own hands they have laid down their lives for their country.

lived with an address which was well delivered and appropriate to the occasion, and which met with hearty manifestations of approval from the large audience.

Mr. Adams said it was a pleasant duty for him to welcome them all to the ceremonies of the occasion.

He then thanked the societies, the military and all who had taken part in the observations due to the day and in its proper and appropriate celebration.

He said it was not only a pleasure, but a great benefit to all to see and partake in the spirit of respect and patriotism manifested so generally, and he hoped the people of the city would have a more cordial observation of the day a yearly practice in the future.

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It was, he said, peculiarly fitting to show to the rising generation the spirit of love and honor to their country—a spirit that not only honors the heroes who are gone, but makes the heroes of the future. Without such a spirit of love, life would scarcely be worth the living.

The children, he said, would never forget the sentiment thus inculcated and fostered, and nothing could be more beneficial and helpful to them and their country.

Although we knew of no danger now threatened to our country, we could never tell how soon danger might come, and it was as necessary as proper to keep alive and foster the proper spirit of loyalty and patriotism.

An invocation by Rev. A. C. Herick followed, which touched and softened the hearts of those who listened. Following came the recitation by John D. Hart of an original poem entitled, "Decoration Day" which was earnestly applauded.

Mrs. F. Howard sang a paraphrase of the "Child of the Regiment," Americanized in sentiment, splendidly, and in response to an enthusiastic encore, sang "Auld Lang Syne" in a beautiful voice.

Hiram W. Johnson next delivered a rousing oration, which placed him throughout in an ecclesiastical court and Dr. Briggs resumed his argument in his own defense. For a considerable portion of his time Dr. Briggs followed in the same line of argument he used before the New York Presbyterian assembly, with such omissions and additions as were necessary to make it timely and pertinent.

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His Opponents Admit That He Has Made a Strong Presentation of His Case.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—At the opening of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Portland, Or., in this morning the Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted a substitute for the measure regarding the deliverance of the General Assembly at Portland, Or., in 1892, on the inspiration of the Bible. The substitute reaffirms the deliverance of 1892, that the original Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, being immediately inspired of God, are without error. This deliverance enunciates no new doctrine and imposes no new test of orthodoxy.

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