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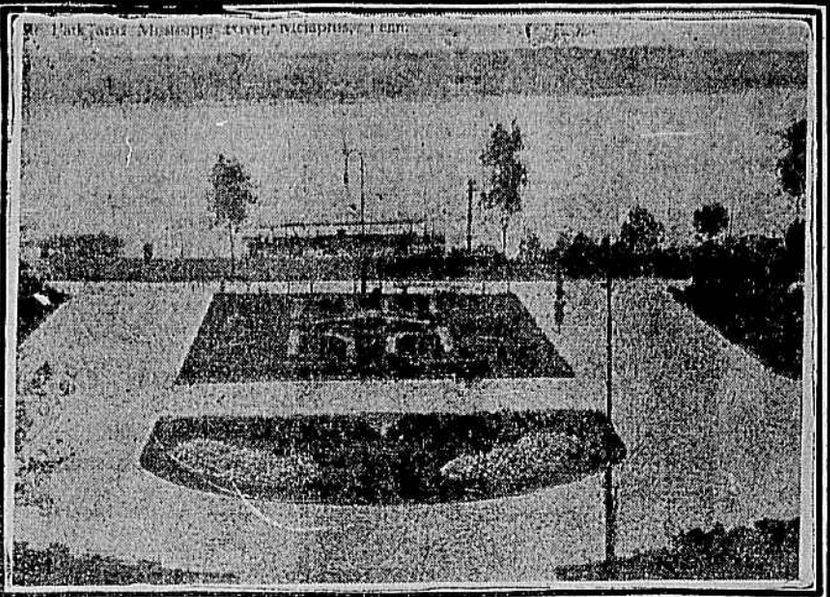

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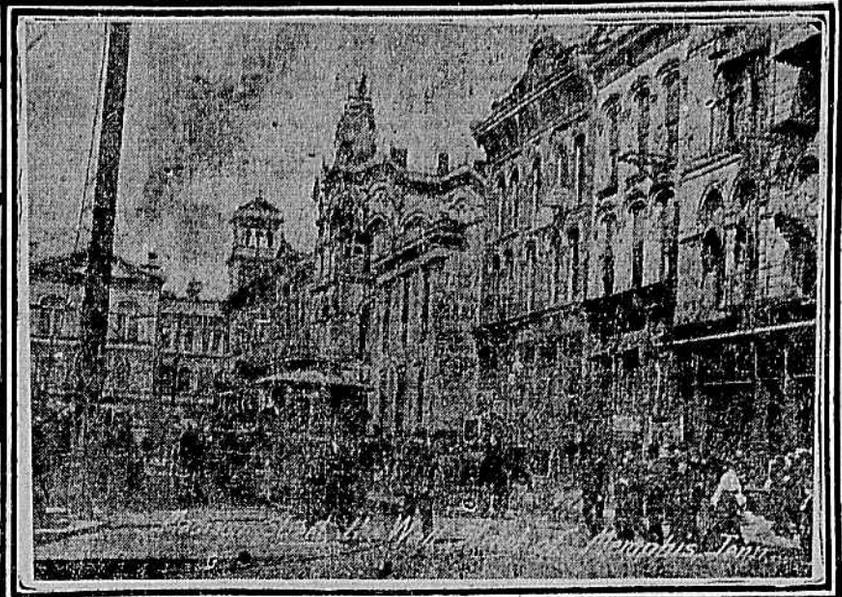
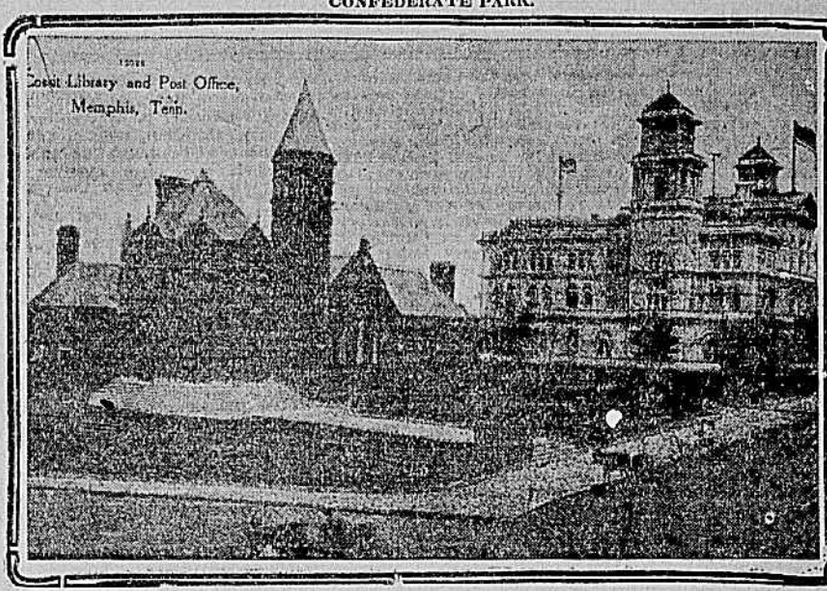


MADISON STREET, WALL STREET OF CITY.

MRS. R. H. VANCE, of Memphis, Matron of Honor for entire South.

GENERAL CLEMENT A. EVANS, of Atlanta, Ga., Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.



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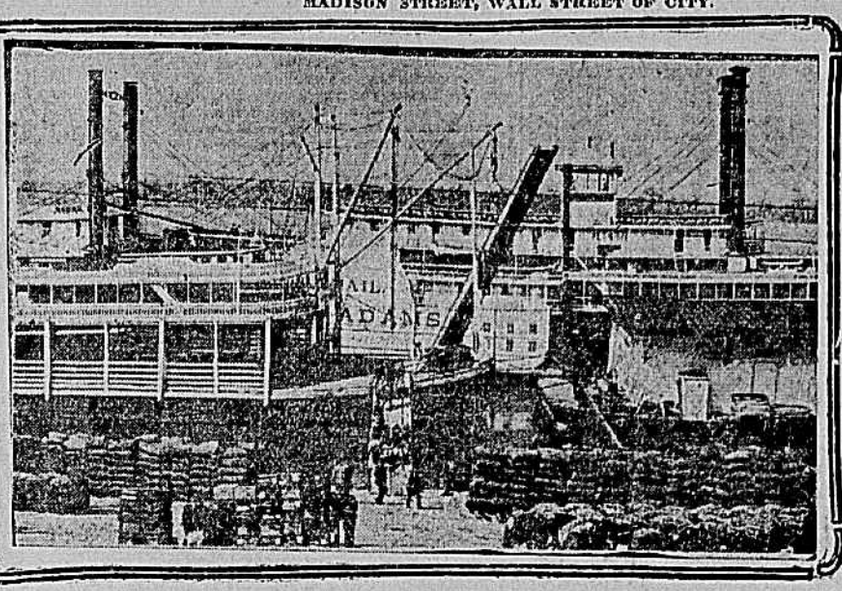
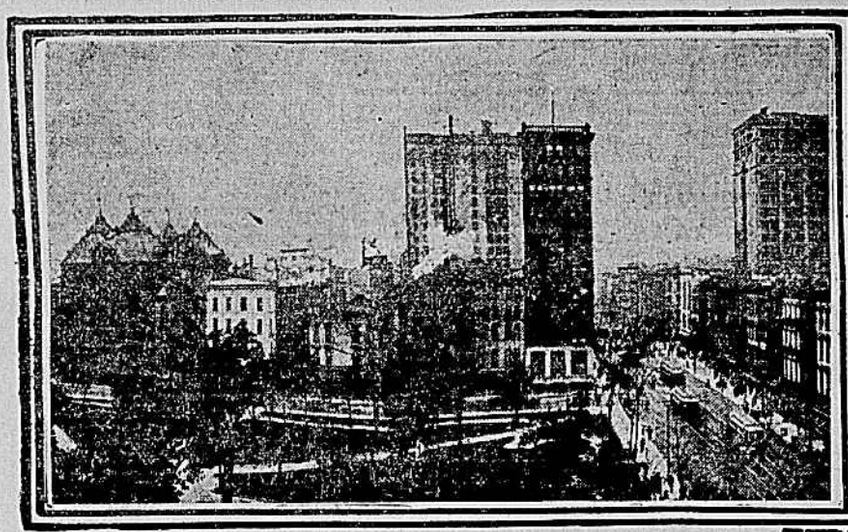


UNLOADING COTTON AT LEVEE.

GENERAL THEODORE S. GARNETT, of Norfolk, Va., an officer on the staff of General J. E. B. Stuart, who has been selected as orator to the Memphis Reunion.

MISS KATE MASON ROWLAND, of Georgetown, D. C., who has been selected by the Virginia Daughters of the Confederacy to prepare a paper in answer to Miss Boyson's much criticized essay.



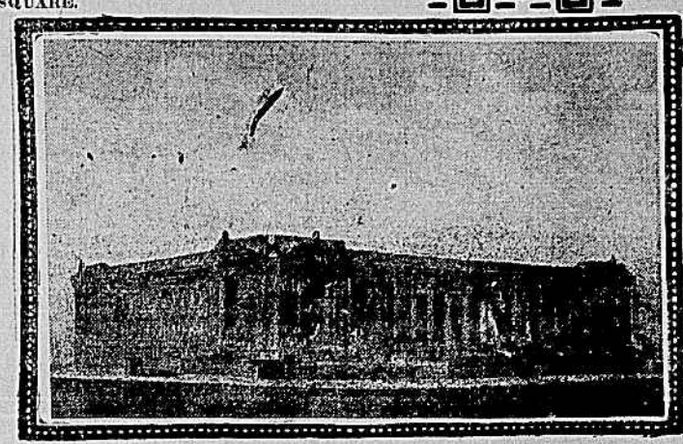
COURT SQUARE.

GREAT EADS BRIDGE.

MISS CHRISTINE BOYSON, of Minnesota, whose prize essay on Lee was repudiated by many chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which body will probably ask the indorsement of the veteran camp in the stand they have taken.

MISS MARY HALL, of Augusta, Ga., an unreconstructed Confederate and the only woman member of a veteran camp, who attends all the reunions and marches on foot in the parades with the old soldiers.

MISS ELIZABETH DONELSON LAKE, of Memphis, Tenn., daughter of Colonel Richard P. Lake, said to have been the youngest commissioned officer in the Confederate service, who has been selected as maid of honor to the Confederate Reunion.



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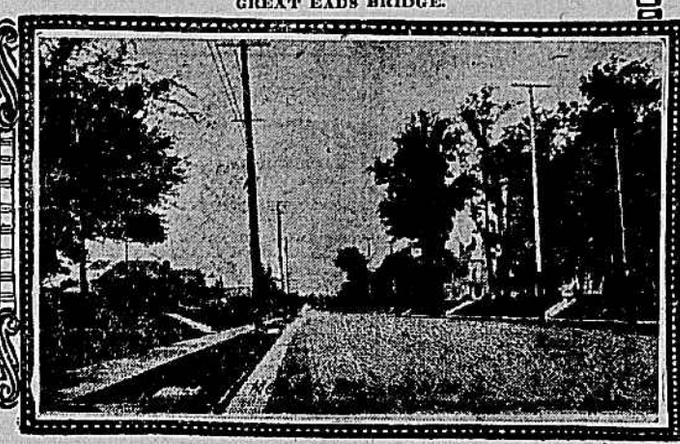

UNION STREET.

MISS SARAH LEE EVANS, Daughter of General Evans, Sponsor for the South at the Birmingham Reunion last year, who is scheduled to take an active part in the social galeties in connection with the Memphis Reunion.

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 5.—Memphis is in readiness for the annual reunions of the United Confederate Veterans, the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the 100,000 visitors their gatherings are expected to attract to this city. For months an executive committee composed of thirty prominent business men has been planning for the reunion, and now they express the opinion that the nineteenth annual meeting of the veterans of the "Lost Cause" will be the greatest in the history of the organization.

Because of the splendid prosperity of the South this year, it is thought that the crowds attending the Memphis reunion will be the largest that have ever attended a gathering of that character. While it is true that the ranks of the veterans are yearly growing thinner, they have lost nothing of the position they hold in the hearts of a loyal Southern people, and with good crops and plenty of money, more than ever, Southern people will flock to Memphis to do honor to the heroes of '61-'65.

A "Veterans' Reunion."

With the veterans and their sons—as of yore—will come a host of speakers and maids of honor, taken from the fairest of Southern womanhood, and, as in the days of old, all sides will join in doing them honor. Early in the preparations for the reunion it was announced by the executive committee that this would be a veterans' reunion, and that the various individual organizations naming sponsors and maids would have to look to the expense of bringing them here and entertaining them in the way they deserve. If possible, this has aroused a greater interest than ever in this pretty feature of Confederate reunions, and the fair sponsor will reign side by side with the veteran hero. Elaborate entertainments have been planned in their honor, and they are scheduled to shine in all their pristine glory.

Miss Varina Davis Cook, of Batesville, Ark., has been selected by General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, as sponsor for the entire South, and John W. Apperson, of Memphis, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, has named Miss Amelia Alcorn Russell, of Memphis, as his sponsor-in-chief. Upon Miss Russell, as a Memphis girl, has fallen the duty of reunion hostess, and her contribution to the galties of the occasion will be a monster reception and tea at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Russell, in Belvidere Boulevard, on the afternoon of Wednesday.

Tuesday evening there will be an informal dance in honor of the sponsors at the Tri-State Country Club; Wednesday evening they will be guests on an excursion down the Mississippi, and Thursday evening the grand reunion ball will be held at the Auditorium. On this occasion General Clement A. Evans will lead the grand march with Miss Cook as his partner.

A committee of 500 club and society men of Memphis has been named for the special purpose of taking care of and entertaining the sponsors and their maids, and they will be looked after every moment they are in the city.

Important Business.

There is a deal of important business to come before the two conventions. Above all else is the proposition of interest to both organizations—the selection of fitting memorials to be erected in every seceding State in honor of the Southern mothers. A joint convention will be held to pass on this proposition. Among the sons, it is probable John W. Apperson will not seek re-election as commander-in-chief, and Clarence J. Owens, of Abbeville, Ala., commander of the Department of Tennessee, will probably be named to succeed him.

For the 100,000 visitors Memphis is expecting there will be plenty of amusement. A monster floral parade, in which the wealth and beauty of Memphis and surrounding States is scheduled to participate, will take place. Then daily there will be a series of big automobile races, fireworks at night, and countless other entertainments.

Memphis is well able to take care of the host expected. Cheap rates have been made by all the railroads; extra efforts have been made to make the expenses of those attending the affair at a minimum, and it is planned to allow nothing to stand in the way of fun. For the bona fide Confederate veteran who comes here without the means to pay for his own entertainment, he will find every courtesy. A monster cotton warehouse has been converted into a mess-room, and meals will be served at all hours for those who cannot afford to pay for what they want to eat. Likewise, they will be provided with lodgings, and in every way their comfort will be provided for.

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