

# 100,000 WELCOME SONS OF 115TH F. A.

DEMONSTRATION WAS ONE OF  
GREATEST EVER WITNESSED  
IN MEMPHIS.

## EVERY MAN IS A WARRIOR

Four Mile Parade Is One Grand Tri-  
umphal March—Bronzed Fight-  
ers Looked Fit to Repeat  
If Necessary.

Memphis—Bronzed and battle-hard-  
ened, the stalwart fighters of the old  
First Tennessee came home under the  
standards and guidons of the 115th  
Field Artillery—home from the hell  
of the Argonne and St. Mihiel—home  
to Memphis, mother of generations of  
southern fighting men.

Forgotten were the agonies and  
gloom of war. Gone were the anguish  
and sorrow, of those other days when  
the regiment marched away to face  
the untold furies of the world cata-  
clysm. Erased were the fears and  
suffering of mothers, wives, sweethearts,  
fathers.

Tears there were in abundance.  
They told the joy of mothers at the  
sight of sons. They were the mani-  
festations of surging souls which  
grasped the magnificent significance  
of the occasion.

Like the true southerners that they  
are, these sturdy youths had gone.  
Out of glorious achievement they re-  
turned. With swelling hearts and  
dimming vision they were greeted, as  
Memphis paid homage to her glorious  
own.

Countless thousands thronged every  
vantage point, and no Roman emperor  
returning victorious to the Holy City  
gained greater acclaim than the trib-  
ute to these sons of Tennessee.

God's purest sunshine graced the  
morning as the regiment detrained.  
As those units swung down the  
driveway from the Union Depot, it re-  
called other days when as national  
guardsmen the regiment moved away  
to the Rio Grande to face the war-  
clouds on the Mexican border; as it  
returned when the clouds had lifted;  
as again it turned the muzzles of its  
rifles toward the bloodhounds of car-  
nage, this time on the faraway soil  
of Belgium and France.

To the strains of the same glorious  
march which graced their welcome  
back from the Mexican frontier, the  
serried ranks began their triumphal  
procession through cheering thou-  
sands.

For two long weary years Memphis  
had awaited this day. And on the sec-  
ond anniversary of the declaration of  
the United States that Germany must  
be crushed, those prayers were  
granted.

Silent and tense the masses of hu-  
manity which packed the streets, wait-  
ed the coming of the steel-helmeted  
gunners. Balconies were filled and  
the roofs of buildings were lined with  
eager watchers.

For nearly two hours the 115th  
Field Artillery traversed the city  
streets, always between closely drawn  
lines of men, women and children.  
Pretty girls, mothers, infants in arms  
—all were there to give throat to their  
tribute. Flags waved and fluttered  
over the throng. Flowers were flung  
to the column. Clouds of confetti  
swirled in the breeze. An occasional  
festive bomb burst harmless but noisily  
in the clear blue of the heavens.

And though they marched modest  
under the plaudits of the multitude,  
their faces, their eyes, their erect, con-  
fident carriage, told the story of fight-

ing men, tried and victorious. They  
left as lads, serious of course, fired  
with the torch of patriotism, but after  
all lads. They returned with fighting  
faces, steeled in the fires of battle.

They went away as the First Ten-  
nessee Infantry, with long and lus-  
trous record. They came back as the  
115th Field Artillery, recognized as  
one of the flowers of the army, ready  
to repeat if necessary.

"Their barrage," acknowledged a  
marine who was at St. Mihiel, "was as  
regular and accurate in front of us, as  
the hops of a rabbit."

And with all the neatness of their  
feared gunfire these dauntless warriors  
marched before their admirers, their  
cadence regular and their tread that  
of the old infantry days, when the unit  
was famed as the best drilled guard  
oufit in the country. Most loved of  
Memphians in those days was Com-  
pany I, the Chickasaw Guards, now a  
part of Battery E, but stripped of  
much of its original makeup by pro-  
motions to the commissioned person-  
nel of the army.

The head of the parade reached the  
Scottish Rite Cathedral at 1:45 p. m.  
and was routed into the southeast cor-  
ner of Forrest Park, where rifles were  
stacked. In a few minutes it was an-  
nounced that the banquet was ready  
and the boys filed into the dining hall  
to one of the most appetizing meals  
they had seen in many months.

Fifty uniformed Red Cross canteen  
workers were gliding noiselessly in  
and out among the tables, putting on  
the finishing touches to the feast,  
when the soldiers started into the hall.  
An orchestra started up a medley  
of southern airs, and cheers rang  
throughout the building.

The hall presented a never-to-be-  
forgotten sight as a result of tireless  
efforts of the canteen women. Per-  
fumery permeated the atmosphere.  
The blossoms themselves were spray-  
ed on the walls, on the pillars, in the  
corners and in vases that literally cov-  
ered the tables. Snow-white linen and  
brilliant electric lights added a glow  
to the room that finished off the per-  
fection of decorative beauty. Old  
Glory in many forms hung from a  
hundred places on the ceiling.

The soldiers were guided to their  
places by members of the entertain-  
ment committee. Col. Berry, Lieut. Col.  
Bacon and the staff officers were con-  
ducted to the center table, upon which  
were the three prettiest cakes baked  
by local cooks.

Rev. W. D. Buckner, D. D., rector  
of Calvary Episcopal Church, was mas-  
ter of ceremonies for the occasion. In  
a brief address of welcome he spoke  
of the sentiment of Memphis toward  
her soldier boys, saying that with all  
her heart and soul Memphis welcomed  
them. The Rev. Charles H. William-  
son, pastor of the First Presbyterian  
Church, gave the invocation, followed  
by the dinner.

"You may now proceed," shouted  
Dr. Buckner, and with a laugh the sol-  
diers began eating. Each one was  
served with an individual plate, buffet  
style, with a glassful of sweet milk  
each. The plates contained ham, tur-  
key, chicken, stuffed eggs, lettuce,  
rolls and sweet pickles.

Immediately after the banquet Bish-  
op Gallor made a brief but powerful  
address to the regiment, all the boys  
giving full attention.

"You are our boys," he began, as  
the boys turned to listen. "You have  
upheld every tradition of your fathers.  
They bled and died in the Revolu-  
tion, their bones have bleached in the  
dust of Bunker Hill, and there are  
many of your comrades whose bones  
will remain on French soil.

"While you were away we thought  
of you every minute. We continually  
prayed for you.

"We realize that our government  
has been imperfect, our poor have  
been oppressed. Our mistakes have  
been made; and now you have come  
back to help rectify them. It will be  
up to you. May God bless you for  
your efforts."

**Expresses Thanks To United States**  
Washington.—Ambassador Davis ad-  
vised the state department that the  
queen of Roumania, who is visiting in  
England, had asked that he express to  
the women of America her gratitude  
for their services to the Roumanian  
people during the war. The queen ex-  
pressed her appreciation of many in-  
vitations received to visit America,  
and said she hoped to do so at some  
future time, although at the conclu-  
sion of her present visit to England  
she was going to return to her own  
country.

**Naval Airmen Killed.**  
Pensacola, Fla.—Three naval avi-  
ators were killed and another badly  
injured here in a collision between two  
seaplanes flying over Santa Rosa is-  
land.

The planes, which were attached to  
the training station here, had been out  
for some time, two aviators in each,  
when in some unknown way they col-  
lided about 100 feet above the ground.  
The three men killed met instant  
death, some spectators believing they  
were killed by the force of the colli-  
sion.

**NEWFOUNDLAND-TO-IRELAND**  
London.—From Newfoundland to  
Ireland in twenty hours, making use of  
the prevailing wind, is now figured as  
a very sane problem by Maj. C. C.  
Turner, one of England's foremost avi-  
ators.

This is calculated possible with the  
R-33, the gigantic new rigid airship  
which the British government has just  
started out under experiments. Maj.  
Turner believes that the airship is to  
play a great part in trans-Atlantic voy-  
age for reasons that have not yet  
been fully explained.

**Guarantee Day Workers \$3,300.**  
Berlin.—The Hungarian population  
will be divided into three classes, ac-  
cording to the Budapest correspondent  
of the Kreuz Zeitung. Intellectual  
workers will be assured a minimum  
income of \$7,200 at the peace time  
rate of exchange. Merchants and  
trade and industrial workers will re-  
ceive \$5,000 and workmen and day la-  
borers \$3,300.

The state plans to supplement the  
differences between what the various  
classes earn and the minimum decided  
upon.

**American Camp Closed.**  
Winchester, England.—The Ameri-  
can camp here, through which 700,000  
men had passed since the United  
States entered the war, was closed  
last week. The departing American  
troops were given an enthusiastic  
send-off.

**Situation Grows Worse.**  
Washington.—Swedish press reports  
received at the state department said  
the situation in Petrograd is steadily  
growing worse. Hospitals were re-  
ported still short of medical supplies.

**Killed in Collision.**  
Alexandria, La.—Sergeant Earl  
Chapman, of Camp Beauregard, was in-  
stantly killed here when a fleeing ne-  
gro ran into him with such force that  
his neck was broken. The soldier was  
walking along one of the main streets  
of Alexandria when the negro, follow-  
ed by another, suddenly turned a cor-  
ner and collided with him.

**Bank Robbed of \$10,000.**  
Pine Bluff, Ark.—The Bank of Bas-  
trop, La., was robbed of \$10,000 by  
armed bandits.



## FROM CONTROL OF U. S. GOVERNMENT PERSHING ADVISED OF VOLUNTEERS

MEAT PACKERS RELEASED UN-  
DER PROCLAMATION SIGNED  
BY PRESIDENT IN PARIS.

Washington.—All meat packers were  
released from food administration con-  
trol.

Under a proclamation signed by  
President Wilson, effective April 1,  
"all persons, firms, corporations, or  
associations engaged in importing,  
manufacturing, including packing, stor-  
ing or distributing fresh, canned or  
cured beef, pork, mutton or lard," are  
released from license by the food ad-  
ministration.

A cablegram from Herbert Hoover  
at Paris notified food administration  
officials of the proclamation.

It was stated at the food adminis-  
tration that the president's action re-  
leased packers from supervision of  
every kind exercised by the food ad-  
ministration, including restrictions  
upon margins of profit.

**Wants Wool Growers Protected.**

Washington.—To protect American  
wool growers until the present clip has  
been disposed of Senator King of  
Utah asked Bernard Baruch, former  
chairman of the war industries board,  
who now is serving in an advisory ca-  
pacity with the American peace com-  
mission, to take up with the British  
government the question of tempo-  
rarily stabilizing wool prices among the  
allied governments.

Great Britain is said to have several  
billion pounds of wool available and  
Senator King desires perfection of  
some agreement to prevent this wool  
from being thrown upon the market at  
one time or in such quantities as to  
cause a depression of prices.

**Says Americans Wrought Miracles.**

Charleston, S. C.—L. Buckner, of  
Knoxville, Tenn., a member of Com-  
pany K, 117th Infantry, says a miracle  
was wrought by the Americans when  
they put the great Hindenburg line out  
of business. He cannot tell how it was  
done, but he thinks Providence must  
have especially favored the Americans  
on that occasion. He has a large mongrel  
collie dog which he found wandering  
disconsolately over the shell torn  
terrain and was at once adopted as  
mascot by Company K.

A peculiar feature about the animal  
was that it would not respond to the  
advances of the French, but eagerly  
made friends with all the Americans.

**LOOK FOR PEACE MAY 1.**

Expected That Treaty Will Be Ready  
By Last of This Month.

Paris.—Despite embarrassments, the  
Americans are proceeding on the the-  
ory that the peace treaty will be ready  
by May 1, and that the redraft of the  
covenant of the league of nations will  
be ready.

It cannot be foretold at this time,  
however, how much the Monroe doc-  
trine and the Japanese demands of  
equality of nations will delay matters.

**Crushing Defeat Delivered.**

Archangel.—The allied forces, prin-  
cipally British and Russian, operating  
in the Sredn Makhrens sector, deliv-  
ered a crushing defeat to a large Bol-  
shevik attacking party.

The enemy charged the allied block  
houses and the piles of Bolshevik  
food lying near them next morning  
indicated the severity of the enemy's  
losses.

In addition the allied troops cap-  
tured nearly 160 prisoners, including  
a Bolshevik battalion commander and  
his adjutant.

**\$75,000 Fire At Birmingham.**

Birmingham, Ala.—Fire, which start-  
ed in the carpenter shop of the Fair-  
field steel plant of the Tennessee Coal,  
Iron & Railroad company, destroyed  
\$75,000 worth of property. Work on  
the part of employes of the company  
in fighting the fire kept the plant from  
being entirely destroyed. A strong  
wind spread the flames from the car-  
penter shop to adjoining buildings,  
causing damage to the blacksmith,  
igger and machine shops. The fire  
also reached the electric substation,  
the dry kilns and the electrical shop.

**Censorship Will Cease.**

London.—The censorship of press  
telegrams will be raised April 30, it  
was officially announced.

# WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL PASSES HOUSE TENNESSEE BRIEFLY TOLD EVENTS OF THE STATE

**BILL GRANTING PRESIDENTIAL  
AND MUNICIPAL SUFFRAGE  
PASSED IN HOUSE.**

**FAVOR HIGHWAY BOND ISSUE**

Committee Reports On Meetings in a  
Large Number of Towns—Practi-  
cally All Favor \$50,000,000  
Bond Issue For Highways.

Nashville.—The bill granting presidential  
and municipal suffrage to the women of  
Tennessee passed final reading in the  
house of representatives by a vote of  
54 to 32. The bill now goes to the  
senate, where it lacks one vote.

**Everybody Favors Bond Issue.**  
The committee appointed to make  
recommendations for a method of con-  
structing a system of state highways  
reported that it had held public meet-  
ings in a large number of towns of the  
state and had found practically every-  
body for the \$50,000,000 bond issue.  
The committee recommended this plan  
as the only feasible way to construct a  
system of state highways.

**Amendments Adopted.**

A session of the senate was taken  
up with discussions on the general ap-  
propriation bill. A number of amend-  
ments were adopted. Everything went  
very smoothly until the salary of the  
secretary to the governor was reached,  
when Mr. McFarland offered an amend-  
ment to change the salary from \$3,500  
per annum to \$2,500 per annum, as  
was the original salary. Mr. McFarland  
said the governor, when making his  
campaign speeches, had stated that if  
elected he would require his secretary  
to perform the duties of pardon and  
parole clerk and secretary to the fund-  
ing board without additional salary,  
and the senator stated that he was  
anxious to aid the governor in keeping  
his pre-election pledges. His amend-  
ment was lost by a vote of 9 to 13.

**Bills On Final Reading.**

Bills were passed in the senate on  
final reading providing that it shall be  
a felony for a dairyman to adulterate  
milk; to make women eligible as Jepp-  
uty county officials in all the counties  
of the state; to provide for the dealing  
in cotton futures; to provide punish-  
ment for persons who are connected  
with the operation of any public hotel  
or boarding house to aid in its use as  
a place for prostitution, and to make it  
a felony for any person to alter, re-  
move or deface the number of any en-  
gine of a self-propelled vehicle for the  
purpose of making its identity obscure.

**Resolutions Pass Third Reading.**

A bill was introduced in the senate  
by Senator Gwin providing for the call-  
ing of a constitutional convention. A  
number of resolutions passed the sen-  
ate on third reading proposing amend-  
ments to the constitution. One of these  
would provide for the classification of  
property for the purpose of taxation,  
and another would amend the consti-  
tution that a single legislature may  
submit an amendment directly to the  
people for ratification.

**Find Tax Mixup.**

The committee appointed to make  
an investigation of the auto tax collec-  
tions in the State Highway department  
made its report to both houses and  
claimed to have found a number of dis-  
crepancies. The committee suggested  
that a bill be enacted to provide that  
these funds shall be paid into the state  
treasury and paid out upon a warrant  
issued by the comptroller.

**Bill To Abolish Office.**

Representative Bell of Shelby intro-  
duced a bill to abolish the state land  
office. Another measure passed its  
reading in the house which would in-  
crease the pensions to Confederate vet-  
erans over the age of 80 years. The  
measure providing for the calling of a  
constitutional convention, subject to  
the vote of the people, passed first  
reading in the house.

**\$10,000 For Law Enforcement.**

Mr. Fuller moved to provide a fund  
of \$10,000 to be used under the direc-  
tion of the governor for the enforce-  
ment of the laws of the state. The  
amendment was adopted.

**A Large Number of Unimportant Bills**

were recommended by the house ju-  
diciary committee for rejection. Most  
important among those rejected were  
the bill against usury by loan sharks,  
bill to raise fee of justice of peace, bill  
to change system of chancery pleading,  
felony conviction bill and the bill on  
eligibility of ousted officials.

**Mr. Patton Moved to Amend So as to**

allow the governor a salary of \$5,000  
per year instead of \$4,000. After being  
informed that the salary could not be  
changed in this way, the amendment  
was withdrawn.

**The bill provides that the office ex-**

penses of the governor shall be fixed  
at \$3,000 per year. Mr. McFarland  
moved to place this item back as it  
now is, \$1,500 per year. He said he  
insisted that the governor had pledged  
himself to economy, and he was inter-  
ested to see that his pledges were ful-  
filled. The motion was defeated.

Cincinnati—Cleveland, Ohio, capital  
ists, headed by Roland C. Meehan,  
have organized the Columbia Chemical  
company, with capital stock of \$1,500,  
000, an Ohio corporation, to develop  
the great Tennessee phosphate mines  
located near Columbia, Tenn. A plant  
to cost about \$150,000 will at once be  
erected on the Pulaski pike, four miles  
from Columbia, and 178 acres of phos-  
phate lands be mined at once, Walter  
C. Baker declared. A. Baker, Cleve-  
land banker, will be vice president; E.  
T. Schuler of Gadsden, Ala., will be  
treasurer and manager; J. H. Curtis  
will be attorney and secretary; H. C.  
Robinson of Cleveland and E. W. Steed  
of Chicago will be on the board of di-  
rectors.

Wartrace.—The program has been  
completed for the Middle Tennessee  
Baptist Sunday School and B. P. P. U.  
convention, which will be held here  
April 22-24. The Middle Tennessee Wo-  
man's Missionary Union convention  
will also be held at the same time. The  
Rev. M. E. Ward of Nashville is pres-  
ident of the Middle Tennessee Sunday  
School and B. Y. P. U. organizations,  
and the Rev. C. F. Clark of Nashville  
is the secretary and treasurer. Mrs. A.  
F. Burnley of Clarksdale is vice pres-  
ident of the W. M. U. U. D. W. Yell of  
Wartrace is chairman of the entertain-  
ment committee.

Nashville.—Gov. Roberts commis-  
sioned the following persons as coal of  
inspectors for the cities named: Dick-  
son, B. B. Underhill; Springfield, D. A.  
Payne; McMinnville, Geo. W. Webb;  
Lafollette, C. B. Gallaher; Jellico, R. B.  
Baird.

D. M. Coleman was commissioned for  
four more years as a member of the  
state commission for the blind. He has  
been on the commission for some time.

Nashville.—Crosstie manufacturers  
of the state are to send a committee to  
Washington April 15 to endeavor to  
have the local purchasing boards of  
the railroad administration abolished.  
They claim that the boards, in their ef-  
forts to buy ties directly from the own-  
ers of the timber, have caused an ad-  
vance in prices to the railroads and at  
the same time have ruined the busi-  
ness of the manufacturers and dealers.

Chattanooga.—The department of  
justice released 63 civilian alien en-  
emies who have been interned at Fort  
Oglethorpe during a greater part of the  
war period. The men released were di-  
vided among the cities of New York,  
New Orleans and Baltimore. They left  
immediately for their respective  
homes. The government agents re-  
fused to make public the names under  
instructions from the department of  
justice.

Bristol.—At a meeting of the board  
of directors of Milligan college here  
plans were announced of the prepara-  
tions being made to re-erect the part of  
the college which was destroyed by  
fire several months ago. It is planned  
to raise funds by carrying on a cam-  
paign among former students.

Chattanooga.—Fire, entailing a loss  
of near \$100,000, occurred here. The  
Chattanooga, Tennessee River power  
station, F. G. Joyce automobile shops,  
Co-operative overall factory, West Side  
livery stables and Trenton House were  
totally destroyed. The estimated in-  
surance is \$50,000.

Nashville.—The annual sessions of  
the Tennessee State Medical society  
met here April 8, 9 and 10. More than  
a score of papers on various topics  
were read by physicians from West  
Tennessee. The meeting is the 68th  
annual convention of the association.

Jackson.—J. W. McGehee, prominent  
mill man of Milan, died at the Civic  
League hospital from injuries he received  
in an accident at his plant. He was  
prominent in Masonic and Odd Fellow  
circles in the state.

Arcady.—Two store houses, a mill,  
granary and barn were destroyed by  
fire here, entailing a loss of \$110,000.  
The property belonged to Samuel and  
M. L. Hicks and was partially covered  
by insurance.

Washington, D. C.—There are 33 Ten-  
nessee soldiers in Walter Reed hos-  
pital, this city, under treatment for  
wounds received on battle fronts in  
France. Their wounds range from  
shattered bones in the legs or arms to  
those of a more serious nature. Two  
of these boys are from Memphis and  
six from towns in the Memphis terri-  
tory, as follows: Clarence Shelto and  
Joseph Johnson, Memphis; Harry K.  
Vandyke, Paris; David Thomas, Hum-  
boldt; Armour Radcliff, Union City;  
William Leach, Atwood; Albert Han-  
nah, Lucy; James Tomlin, Parsons.  
The latter village is in Henderson  
county.

Nearly every day the patients at this  
great government hospital receive  
fruit, candy, sandwiches and cakes,  
smoking tobacco, magazines and  
newspapers from visitors seeking to  
make their enforced confinement as  
comfortable and pleasant as possible  
such by kindly ministrations.

In many instances citizens of a par-  
ticular state will locate the convales-  
cents and upon them concentrate their  
attentions. Several Tennesseans last  
week visited the soldiers from that  
state and made them all happy with  
gifts of toothsome edibles.