

WILSON AT ARLINGTON

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NO HINT OF WAR TROUBLES

Gov. Willis Asks Support for Administration in Crisis.

Hold Up Wilson's Hands, He Pleads at Memorial Day Exercises, in "Successful Efforts to Keep Out of Broils of Europe"—Maine Memorial Dedicated, With Secretary Daniels as Orator. G. A. R. and Other Veterans Parade.

Eulogies of America's soldier and sailor dead were voiced here yesterday by President Wilson, Secretary Bryan, Secretary Daniels and Gov. Willis of Ohio, at impressive Memorial day exercises at Arlington National Cemetery. Large crowds seized every opportunity to show that the present international situation was uppermost in their minds.

President Wilson, cheered on his arrival and departure and during his address, carefully avoided any direct reference to problems now facing the United States. He was enthusiastically applauded when he declared that "greater days lie before this nation than it has ever yet seen, and the solemn consciousness of those who bear office in this time is that they must make their best endeavor to embody in what they do and say the best things in the United States."

Gov. Willis for Peace.

Gov. Willis evoked applause when he said "the President of the United States is making a successful effort to keep us out of the broils of Europe," and added, "Now is the time to keep cool, think carefully, and stand by the President. He and his cabinet know vastly more of our delicate relations with European belligerents than the rest of us can possibly know; let us hold up his hands in the patriotic effort he is making in this crisis."

The President sat in the midst of veterans of two wars during the exercises, and uttered an audible "amen" at the conclusion of an invocation by Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, who prayed that the United States might be led aright in the present crisis.

Services at Maine Monument.

At the end of the exercises in the amphitheater of the cemetery, President Wilson was escorted by a regiment of marines to the Maine Memorial monument, which was unveiled and dedicated in honor of the 264 men who lost their lives when the battleship was sunk seventeen years ago in Habana harbor. The monument is the mainmast and fighting top of the Maine set in a granite and marble base chiseled in the form of a gun turret.

Secretary Daniels, the principal speaker at this ceremony, raised a tribute to "sacrifice," saying it was the one attribute to which everybody paid homage.

"The universe teems with stout hearts," said the Secretary. "Courage is the commonest virtue among men. If you once doubted this truth, the abundant display of it on land and sea in the last few months has not left you a skeptic. The call of home and country in the day of danger drowns all the baser cries of self, of passion, of avarice. The love of one's own land stirs as no other affection.

Supreme Passion Unites All.

"One hour the free man stands in the assemblies and declares against what he believes the unjust policies of his government. The next hour another country is in arms against his motherland. In the supreme passion of being true to his own, opposition fades away and the severest critic forgets he had ground for censure."

As part of the ceremony Frank Bagley Daniels and Jonathan Worth Daniels, sons of the Secretary and nephews of Ensign Worth Bagley, the first American officer killed in the Spanish war, raised an ensign to the top of the mast. Fifty white-uniformed marines manned the rigging of the mast.

Others who took part in these exercises were Rev. Father Chidwick, chaplain of the Maine; John McElroy, of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; Maj. Gen. Charles F. Cramer, commander-in-chief United Spanish War Veterans; Gen. H. Oden Lake, national commander Army and Navy Union; Maj. Robert Lee Longstreet, and Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Cuban Minister here.

Bryan to Spanish War Veterans.

Secretary Bryan was the speaker at exercises held by the Spanish War Veterans at the base of the Spanish war monument. He declared that for the past ten months the people had been surfeited with accounts of the war in Europe, and the sympathies of the people had been aroused as they read of the toll of lives, of the newly invented instruments of destruction.

"We are depressed and distressed by the reports of battles," he said, "of skies reddened by the glare of guns and the soil crimsoned by the blood of men, of homes made desolate, and of hospitals filled to overflowing, of babies born fatherless, while sires are burned like worthless stubble in the fields over which the grim reaper has passed."

From the war Secretary Bryan drew

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the lesson that love is manifested by the willingness of people to make sacrifices. He said that the sacrifice shown by the soldier is shared by the women and children, who give up more in war than the man who marches in the ranks.

As President Wilson entered the cemetery a salute of 21 guns was fired from Fort Myer. As he left a volley was fired by marines just over his automobile, and "taps" was softly sounded by buglers in the crow's nest of the Maine mast.

G. A. R. and Other Veterans Parade.

After the cold rain of Sunday night, the forty-eighth Memorial day dawned sunny and warm, and fears that wet grounds and chilly blasts might mar the many exercises planned were dispelled. Holy Rood, Battleground, Soldiers' Home, Oak Hill, Congressional, and many other burial places were visited from early morning until dusk by men, women and children, carrying little flags and garlands of flowers to lay upon the graves of patriots resting there. Indoor celebrations were also held. However, by far the most important exercises took place at Arlington.

Official celebration of the day started with the assembling of G. A. R. veterans, members of the Army and Navy Union and Spanish War Veterans at the headquarters of the first-named organization at 10 a. m. After a short parade terminating at Thirteenth and B streets, the procession boarded special trains at that point, which transported them to Arlington. The G. A. R. division was headed by the Marine Band Drum Corps, and commanded by Capt. John Middleton as chief marshal, with Maj. Frederick S. Hodgson, Byron W. Bonney and W. H. Roach as aids. The Spanish War Veterans were in command of Henry C. Wilson, departmental commander, and the Army and Navy Union by Robert F. Finacune, adjutant.

Visit Tomb of Unknown Dead.

During the morning the thousands of soldiers' graves in the National Cemetery had been decorated by members of men's and women's patriotic societies. On arrival of the body of veterans, every one proceeded to the tomb of the unknown dead, where were placed many wreaths and flags, while the Fifth Cavalry Band played a dirge.

At 12:15 the exercises of the Spanish War Veterans began at the foot of the monument erected by the Colonial Dames of America. The call to order was sounded by Commander Wilson. The invocation was given by Department Chaplain W. I. Jenkins. Miss Emmy A. Dittoe sang a solo, and the sounding of taps ended the ceremonies.

Memorial services started promptly at 1 o'clock, with the arrival at the amphitheater of President Wilson, accompanied by Col. W. W. Harts, U. S. A.; Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, and his niece, Mrs. Anna Cochran. After the rendition of selections by the Marine Band, the assembly was called to order by John McElroy, acting commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R. The rites of the presentation of the flag were performed by Officer of the Day John Middleton, and the invocation delivered by the Rev. Earl Cranston, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Osborn H. Oldroyd, assistant adjutant general, read general orders, and Past Department Commander A. P. Tasker the order of establishment of Memorial day. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given by Past Department Commander George H. Slaybaugh.

Wicked Wars Must Come.

Col. McElroy delivered an address in which he said:

"Our bronze and marble will corrode and crumble; mighty armies become like a watch in the night, but these graves will fill men's hearts with higher and holier aspirations until all the lights of time are paled in the glories of the eternal morning.

"Despite all the sweet gospeling of peace on earth and good will to man, the bitter fact remains that wars will come as unexpectedly, as causelessly and as wickedly as the unholy struggle which is scourging Europe."

After the President had delivered his address, which was received with much applause, Gov. Frank B. Willis of Ohio, one of the honor guests, made a short speech in which, after calling upon Americans to uphold the President in his efforts for peace, he said:

"Our flag must mean the same to all the world as it means to us; it must stand for calm courage, steadfast devotion and lofty purposes in all our dealings with foreign nations. Righteousness is the strength of our cause. America is for the preservation of the rights of Americans; for equity and justice and peace with honor."

Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, of the Woman's Relief Corps, delivered an original poem, "The Unknown Dead," and the exercises ended with the singing of "America." The Fifth cavalry of Fort Myer and a division of marines formed a guard of honor. Boy Scouts performed efficiently in policing the grounds.

With the impressive dedication of the Maine memorial, which occurred at 3 o'clock, the celebration came to a

close. The President and his party sat throughout the ceremony. A feature was the presence of Mrs. Worth Bagley, mother of Ensign Bagley, U. S. N., killed during the Spanish war, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and sister of the dead officer.

Covered with the names of those lost with the American battleship blown up in Habana harbor February 15, 1898, the circular marble memorial is surmounted by the mast and fighting-top of the doomed warship, and a bronze shield, affixed by the Habana chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution while the hulk still rested in the roads.

After the presentation of the colors and invocation by the Rev. Father Chidwick, introductory remarks were made by Col. McElroy, and communications of regret read by W. H. Roach.

Then Masters Jonathan and Frank Daniels, sons of the Secretary of the Navy, toiled away at halyards, which broke out the Stars and Stripes and signal flags spelling "Maine, 1915." An historical address was made by Rear Admiral Baird, U. S. N., retired.

Commemorate Self-Sacrifice.

The oration was by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

"It is not because men were soldiers or sailors that we commemorate their lives," Mr. Daniels said, but because sacrifice was incarnated in them in a way not common in our work-a-day world.

"It is right that we should hallow this Memorial day by honoring the heroes whose tragic deaths touches every American home. Memorial day is born of appreciation of self-sacrifice for home, for children and for country."

Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Minister from Cuba, bore greetings from his president to President Wilson.

"I bring the American people," he continued, "the everlasting gratitude of the Cubans for what they did, not in self-interest, but for their relief in the struggle against a more powerful nation, looked upon with indifference by the rest of the world. You were the only people that helped us put an end to tyranny and revolution as well. Cuba, with the United States, will ever honor the men of the Maine."

Oath of Allegiance to Country.

Maj. Charles F. Cramer, commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans, asked the throngs of spectators to repeat after him the oath of allegiance to the United States, which all present responded to, standing with bared heads.

In the name of the Army and Navy Union, National Commander H. Oden Lake thanked the government for the erection of the Maine memorial, and made a short address. Robert Lee Longstreet, a veteran of the Spanish war, and son of the famous Confederate general, pleaded for a better military organization in this country.

"Patriotism we undoubtedly have when the guns begin to roar," he said, "but let patriotism do its work now by bringing about the creation of a trained army capable of defending the United States against any foe. Of what use is love of country and willingness to die for her if when war comes we are unprepared?"

The closing exercises were singularly impressive. From inside the bronze-doored memorial resounded the strains of taps, played by buglers of the marine division, who stood by at attention. Three volleys rang out, and the ceremonies were over. The breaking out of the flags on the mast had been marked by the dull boom of 21 fieldpieces, firing the national salute from the parade ground of Fort Myer.

President Wilson sent wreaths of flowers yesterday to the graves of Washington, Grant, Harrison, McKinley and several other former Presidents, and also to the grave of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the Confederate and Spanish-American war leader.

The grave at Arlington Cemetery containing many unknown civil war dead was signaled out by the President for an especially large wreath.