

PEACE AND REUNION



Taps: "Lights Out!" In Memorial 1915

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Dead: No more a smile illumines the face. No more in their accustomed place...

Dead: It cannot be—their frailty Has put on immortality...

They live: In this the present age Our prayers and hopes presage...

'Twill last: This nation grand will be From stain of slavery free...

'Tis done: Thy servants, Lord, obey Thy call. While we on earth do pray...

GERM OF IMMORTAL ADDRESS

Proof That Lincoln Long Had in Mind Right Idea of What the War Meant.

Hay referred to Browning's suggestion that the North should subjugate the South...

"Some of our Northerners seem bewildered and dazzled by the excitement of the hour," Lincoln replied.

This statement, spoken offhand to his secretary, reveals the foundation of Lincoln's judgment on the Civil War...

IN HONOR OF DEAD

Practically Every Country Has Day Set Apart for Solemn Observances.

THE custom of strewing flowers on the graves of the soldiers originated in the South...

The Romans commemorated a similar occasion and called it "Parentalia." With them it lasted eight days.

Mass of Brilliant Colors: There is a strong contrast in the way this day is observed in different countries.

Thousands of people, thousands of wreaths! The cemeteries are one mass of brilliant color...

Forecast of Coming Deaths: In Austria it is the faith of the peasantry that on All Soul's eve...

The drama might have closed here with marriage bells, but it would not be right to let the Austrian youth count on the death of a parent...

When one observes these customs it is easy to understand that among many people the belief still survives that the dead have some power over the living...

TELLING THE STORY



In their country's wondrous story Learned they of the greater glory...

Appreciated and Honored: Among the many acts which the Grand Army of the Republic has committed...

TO HONOR HIS COMRADES



Then o'er the green mounds where comrades rest, We scatter love's emblems fair...

BILLY'S GREAT DAY

Surely Runaway Youngster's Footsteps Were Guided by a Special Providence.

BILLY had been promised that he should be taken to the cemetery. The blue-coated troops, the booming of the cannon and the grave decorations united in forming a most fascinating occasion...

For an hour Billy engaged in guiding his tin soldiers to a hastily made cemetery, where they shot imaginary guns off over impromptu graves...

He stood on a grassy mound, a picture of profound attention, brown curls flying in the wind, eyes fastened on the enchanting scene.

"No, but grandpa fell at Apple Madocks, and grandma and I always come to celebrate, but she's sick, so I came alone."

Apple Madocks was rapidly translated in the old man's mind to Appomattox. "And your father?"

"Haven't any, Haven't any mother—only grandma." People passing wondered to see tears raining down the cheeks of the old soldier...

"Yes, it is indeed I, Margaret. A year in a southern hospital, a shattered memory, which only returned after many years...

LOVE AND DEVOTION

Ceremonies of Memorial Day Remind Youth of Their Duty to Their Country.

Again the thirtieth of May with its flood of memories both sweet and sad Our national memorial day!

Though he may have scanned the future with a view to divine what would result from the plan he promulgated for Memorial day ceremonies...

While we still pay distinctive tribute to the soldier dead, a custom that should never be abandoned...

Another beautiful and impressive custom has become notable, and is moving in harmony with the Grand Army custom of strewing flowers upon the graves of its patriot dead.

Time Ripe to Unite on Day: With the coming of the northern Memorial day of 1915 there also comes from veterans and patriotic men...



Down the perspective of the years The purple mist transforms the past; The path along war's blood-red moccasins...

The flight of years Has quenched our tears, And given us love and hope, for fear!

Marching together, let us bring Fair wreaths of victory for our dead, Placing them gently as we sing...

Day Should Always Be Cherished: The Constitution for which those brave men fought was dearer to them than their lives...

THE OLD FLAG



Float ever, droop never, forever, old flag! Though the armed world assail you, what coward would lag?

FOR NATIONAL DAY

Plea Is Made That Memorial Observance Be Made General Throughout Country.

FORTY-SEVEN years ago tender and patriotic hearts first consecrated one day to the tear and to the laurel. The grass on the graves of the blue and the gray had shown green...

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Their Example Will Live: It was faith in the great things of life that inspired the soldiers of the nation in the Mexican and Civil wars...

Would Make for Perfect Accord: At no place or spot is the human heart more touched than when bending over a grave...

GEN. MEADE'S RANK

Writer Thinks He has Not Been Accorded His Proper Place by Historians.

By J. A. WATROUS. Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Army (Retired). HIS great achievements, towering military genius, steadfastness of purpose...

The greatest single victory won during the war was achieved under the leadership of Meade. Grant won no single battle that would compare with Gettysburg...



Maj. Gen. George G. Meade.

Chickamauga and his great victory at Nashville will always be regarded as proof of generalship of an exceedingly high type.

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Venerated and Exalted: Never before was there a Memorial day when so few veterans of the great war needed the proofs given of the underlying loyalty, gratitude and devotion of their countrymen...

THE GRAND ARMY: Hark to the strident sound Of life and drum, As slowly up the flag-draped streets they come!

Once more the day rolls round When, halting, weary, gray and glory-crowned, These heroes of an epic grand, These men whose beards were singed by cannon flame...

Before they go "Across the river in the shade to rest," 'Tis well that we, their sons, should let our aches know How honored in our hearts they are and blessed.