VETERANS AROUSE GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Patriotic Fervor Sweeps Assemblage as J. D. Stevens Makes Memorfal Address.

PARADE NOTABLE FEATURE

Reference to Lusitania Brings Opposing Views, but Plea for Military Preparedness Leads Boys of '65 to Repledge Fealty.

Those old boys who marched through the streets of Portland yesterday to their annual Memorial day exercisesthose old boys, who preceding the great peace of Appomattox, struggled and fought, as Abraham Lincoln said, "that the country might live"-those old boys have many a fight left in them

When aroused to a high pitch of patriotism by the eloquent utterances of John D. Stevens, one of their comrades, many of them arose in the auditorium of the German House, where their ex-ercises were held, waved their hats and cheered, and insisted that they are ready and able even now to fight for their country if their country needs

Mr. Stevens referred frankly to the diplomatic proceedings following the Lusitania disaster and declared that the Nation now is facing a crisis, just as surely as it faced a crisis in the period preceding the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 or the Civil War. He expressed confidence, however, that the present situation will lead to no the present situation will lead to no such serious consequences, "but," he continued, "the sooner that other nations learn that we shall not have our people murdered on the high seas, the better."

Applause Not Unanimous. The gray-haired, old veterans who occupied places in the front of the occupied places in the front of the auditorium rose up and cheered. Those who were too feeble to rise expressed their approval by stamping their feet. Out of the chorus of patriotic cries, however, came several discordant notes. "Let our people stay off of the British ships," shouted an excited old soldier up near the platform.

"British cruisers—that's what they are," insisted another.

"Keep quiet, boys," urged some of the calmer ones.

their conditions.

"And judging by the experience of the past, in the last analysis might always has made right."

He told then, how, in the long range of history, that nation which was not prepared to meet an aggressor almost invariably has suffered the loss of its nationality. He urged a strong united nation, as was Greece in the days of Pericles, and pointed to the fate of Greece after its division, as an example of what doubtless would have happened to this Nation had the Confederacy not falled. federacy not falled.

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the grew foreistic in his criticism of the peace preachers and called atten-tion to China's recent humiliation at the hands of Japan as indicating the inevitable result of a nation unarmed. He declared that the coast defense guns at Fort Stevens have not sufficlent ammunition to supply the mor-tars for more than seven minutes of firing or the larger guns for more than

America Put First.

"I call a situation of that kind national suicide." he shouted, waving his clenched fist above his head and stamping with his left foot upon the floor. "Sure, sure," echoed his comrades before him almost in one voice.

"Let's be prepared," one of them added.

Encouraged by this display of sym-pathy from his comrades, Mr. Stevens touched gently—quite gently, but plainly nevertheless, upon the Lusitania in-Following the confusion that grew

out of this situation he struck another chord that brought many patriotic utterances from his comrades. That was was when he said:
"I care not what nation is the aggressor, I stand first, last and all the time for the American people and their country. I am opposed to any people

I am opposed to any people dictating to us." He wound up by reciting a patriotic poem in which he waved the stars and

stripes both literally and figuratively. The old boys in front almost went wild with enthusiasm when he seized a sliken flag on the speakers' platform and shook it vigorously before them.

Autos Are Rejected.

The exercises at the German house were preceded by a street procession through some of the principal business thoroughfares. The veterans and those participating with them in the memorial day observances, assembled at the east side of the Courthouse at 2 o'clock. Automobiles had been provided but

Automobiles had been provided but most of them preferred to walk.

"We are just as good today as we were 50 years ago," they insisted and most of them looked it, too, as they stepped spryly through the streets.

The procession was bedded by

The procession was headed by a squad of mounted policemen in charge of Sergeant Crate. T. B. McDevitt was marshal of the day.

At the head of the line proudly marched Joseph Smith and Joseph Sommers, bearing the colors. I. S. Thomas and R. A. Wahlforth carried the Course before their respective Crand the flags before their respective Grand

Army posts.
The Oregon National Guard was out The Oregon National Guard was out in force and had a place immediately behind the color bearers. The staff officers were mounted and preceded the Third Infantry band, which led the National Guard section. Colonel Clenard McLaughlin, of the Third Infantry, and his staff, mounted, rode at the head of six infantry companies, all of which marched with splendld military precision. All the companies of the Third were from Portland. They were: A company, Captain Dougherty; B company, Captain Bowman: D company, Lieutensnt Hulse; E company, Captain Porter; F company, Captain Libbl: H company, Captain Plronia.

Regulars in Line.

Regulars in Line. Followed then Battery A, First Field Artillery, Captain Charles W, Helm; Eighth company, Coast Artillery Corps, Captain Frederick W. Wright, and

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Success of the Memorial day parade and the exercises yesterday was due to the following committees who had charge of the preliminary arrange-nents and the actual performances:

Sellwood Celebration Held.
A. J. Smith Post No. 26 and Blackmar
jircle No. 20, Ladies of the Grand Army,
oined in Memorial day exercises yeajoined in Memorial day exercises yes-terday at Wall's Hall on East Thir-teenth street. In the morning members of the post went to Milwaukie Ceme-tery, with children of Sellwood School, and decorated graves of soldiers, but owing to the rains held no services in the cemetery. At 12 o'clock dinner was the cemetery. At 12 o'clock dinner was served to the post members by the Ladies of the Grand Army, and at 2 Ladies of the Grand Army, and at 2
P. M. exercises were conducted in
charge of Mrs. George Edwards. Mrs.
E. R. Eisert of Blackmar circle, delivered the address of welcome, followed
by selections by the Veteran Male
Quartet. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton
sang a duet. Mrs. E. R. Eisert played
several piano selections.

A brief talk was made by Comrade
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J. F. Hamilton, in which he urged that a flag be placed in every church and every Sunday school. Rev. E. F. Atwood, from the Soldiers' Home, made a short address; Mrs. Lotseich gave a reading, and the exercises closed by singing "America." St. Johns Celebrates.

General Compson Post No. 22, the Ladies of Peter A. Porter Circle and Women's Relief Corps held Memorial day exercises in Grand Army Hall yesterday. In the morning a delegation from these bodies decorated graves of soldiers in the local cemeteries. Lunch-eon was served in the Grand Army Hall. The programme was opened in the afternoon with remarks by Commander O. A. Bemis. Comrade J. J. Walter delivered the memorial address, in which he emphasized the marvelous progress this country has made since the close of the war and in the unification of the nearly and Government. tion of the people and Government. Mrs R. M. Gilderhaus sang the "Star-Spangled Banner." A number of musi-cal selections were rendered.

NORMAL SCHOOL SERVICE HELD

Mr. McArthur Gives Memorial Address at Monmouth.

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