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The Custom of Decorating Graves Beautiful

GRANTS TOMB NEW YORK

Greater Love Hath No Man Than to Lay Down His Life For His Country

KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEROES

The Thought of the Heroism and Sacrifice of the Thousands Who Gave up All, Makes All Personal Ambition Seem Small and Sordid.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Almost constant rain ranging from a drizzle to a downpour made today's observance of Memorial day the only shadow of elaborate event which had been planned. Sporting events everywhere were cancelled, but the inclement weather did not entirely dampen the ardor of the gray-haired veterans and about 7000 turned out to take part in the parades. Later in the day the rain almost prevented the other big event of the day, gathering at Grant's Tomb at which Secretary Taft delivered his principal address. It was decided finally to carry out the program inside of the Tomb and there the Secretary delivered his address in the presence of a small gathering who could find protection from the rain. Taft said:

My Fellow Citizens:—The custom of decorating the graves of those who have died in war for their country is a beautiful and useful one. It brings us to a contemplation of those crises in our history in which our countrymen, numbered by hundreds of thousands, from a sense of duty solely, parted with all that the nation might live. "Greater love hath no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends." I do not know any place which thrills one's bosom with patriotic ecstasy as the sepulchre of the unknown dead in Arlington Cemetery. The thought of the heroism and sacrifice of those who without a murmur and without even hope of personal credit or glory gave up all to maintain a sacred cause, makes all motive of personal advance and ambition seem small and sordid. This brings back to us the awful losses that the war entailed and renews the fond memories of those known and unknown heroes whose devotion to duty is an ever living assurance of the patriotism of this people, should take us out for a time from the atmosphere of self-seeking, of money-making or pleasure-hunting and of peaceful sloth that we may value again the many instances it revives of mental and physical courage, self-denial, self-restraint and self-sacrifice. The day with its reminiscences, assures us that the hearts of our people today, eager as they seem now in the search for wealth and comfort would furnish a response to the nation's call, as full and as willing as the response when the struggle for the nation's existence began in '61.

It always gives force and emphasis to our interest in memorials of this character if we have in our minds the concrete conceptions of the persons who made the sacrifice that we celebrate; if we have relatives who gave up their lives and those graves we can reconsecrate each returning Decoration day. And to those of us who do not have this inspiring association of kinship for some hero of the war, it gives a personal touch and the necessary concrete element to take up and review the life of one of the leaders of the struggle and learn from the vicissitudes of his career the makings of greatness and the tests of patriotic devotion.

It is appropriate, therefore, for us to gather at this magnificent structure, dedicated to the memory of one whose name in the history of the

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BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast League.
At Portland (morning game)—San Francisco 15, Portland 3.
At Portland (afternoon game)—San Francisco 3, Portland 4 (13 innings).
At Oakland—Oakland 2, Los Angeles 3.
Northwest League.
At Seattle—Seattle 2, Vancouver 1.
At Tacoma (morning game)—Tacoma 4, Aberdeen 2.
At Tacoma (afternoon game)—Tacoma 2, Aberdeen 6.

HONOR TO FIRST GOVERNOR.

George Clinton's Body Buried in Full Military Honors.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—In the midst of a heavy rainstorm the State of New York did obsequies honor to its first governor when the body of George Clinton was buried in full military honors in the first Dutch Church yesterday.

WOMAN SHOTS MAN.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Declaring that John Mara had committed an outrage and assault on her 6-year-old daughter, Mrs. Teresa Phillips shot and instantly killed Mara in Brooklyn today. She was arrested.

CONGRESS CLOSES

Closing Hours Were Spent in Singing of Songs

STONE AND GORE AGAINST BILL

Last Day of Senate Will be Memorial on Account of Filibuster of La Follette—Final Passage of Currency Bill—President Roosevelt in Capital

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Just 10 minutes officially, before the hands of the big round clock in the chambers of the two houses pointed to the hour of midnight, the first session of the 60th Congress came to a close.

In the house the closing hours were spent in singing of songs by the Republicans in honor of Speaker Cannon and by the Democrats in the interest of W. J. Bryan. Excitement was great at times, finally subsided and the session closed with good fellowship among its members. The Senate was extremely quiet during the closing minutes of the session, held together by the necessity of remaining in session for the engrossing and signing of bills. The last day of the senate will be memorable on account of the filibuster of La Follette, Stone and Gore against the emergency currency bill by the remarkable interpretation of the rules which go far to establish cloture in a body noteworthy for freedom of debate and by final passage of the currency bill. President Roosevelt and several members of the cabinet were in the capitol during the evening.

HOUSE ADJOURNS.

After Having Completed Its Labors For the Session.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Having completed its labors for the sessions, the house tonight adopted a resolution to adjourn sine die at 11:50. News that the currency bill had passed the Senate quickly reached the house and evoked great applause. Conference report on public buildings bill which had been held up pending action on the currency bill was quickly brought out and agreed to. This action was immediately followed by the adoption of the conference report on the general deficiency bill. Among the bills passed today was one providing for compensation of government employees for injuries received while in the performance of duties.

KEEPING STEP WITH GRANDPA

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IT was a splendid morning,
With sunshine warm and bright,
With lazy cloudlets sailing
In their aerial flight.
How clearly I remember
That blessed morn in May,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day!

HE told me many stories
About the olden days,
Of deeds of daring valor
Amid the battle's blaze,
As toward the village churchyard
We wound our solemn way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.



I CARRIED blooming branches
From mother's lilac tree,
And every one had flowers
As far as eye could see,
And bands made lovely music
As we pursued our way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.

I THOUGHT of that this morning
When down the village street
The yearly sad procession
Went on with reverent feet;
I thought, as they without him
Pursued their solemn way,

Of keeping step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.

GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN HELD UP BY BANDITS

BUTTE, Mont., May 31.—A special from Great Falls, says: The north bound Great Northern passenger train was held up this evening at mile and a half from this city by seven masked men at 12:30 o'clock, the train being run onto a siding by the bandits who fired a fusillade of shots up and down the train. William

Dumpsey was shot through the leg in attempting to escape from the train after it had stopped and Conductor Hayes was compelled by the robbers to precede them in passing through the cars, he carrying a hat into which the passengers were invited to dump what cash they had about them. Most of them deposited from one

to ten dollars and the booty of the desperadoes is not believed to be greater than several hundred dollars.

While the passengers were being robbed several highwaymen stood guard at the doors of the cars to prevent the passengers from leaving. The robbers finally jumped off the coaches and disappeared in the darkness.

The rain is falling heavily and the night is so dark that no trace of the bandits could be found, although posses were in pursuit within 20 minutes after outlaws had left the train.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The Vice-President tonight announced the appointment of Aldrich, Burrows, Hale, Knox, Daniel, Money and Bailey members currency commission recently authorized by Congress.

HARVEST DEFEATS CORNELL.

Harvard Wins in Fourth Annual Race For Varsity Eights.

BOSTON, May 30.—In the pouring rain and in the teeth of a strong easterly wind, Harvard defeated Cornell in the fourth annual race for varsity eights over a mile and seven-eighths course today by ten lengths. Time of Harvard, 10:47; Cornell, 11:24.

SENATE WORN OUT

La Follette Breaks Record for Long Distance Talking

DECISIVE VOTE WAS 43 TO 22

Filibuster Was Continued by Senator Stone and Gore—Stone Held Floor For Six Hours, and Gore Spoke Over Two Hours.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—At 4:30 today the senate adopted the report of the conferees of the two houses of Congress on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill by a decisive vote of 43 to 22. The result came unexpectedly but not until the senate had been worn out by filibuster which while it was not largely supported, made up in intensity what it lacked in numbers. The obstructive tactics were begun by La Follette, when the report was taken up by the senate yesterday and after being prosecuted by him all night the filibuster was continued today by Senator Stone and Senator Gore. La Follette broke the record for long distance speaking. Stone held the floor for six hours and Gore spoke something more than two hours. It looked for a time as though the filibusterers might be able to continue the tactics well into, if not through the night and in the afternoon consternation was caused by a report that Senator Jefferson Davis was on his way to Washington, prepared to assist in the filibuster, in the two days' speech provided the objectors could hold it out until Monday morning. The end of the filibuster came with a suddenness almost that was startling. When Gore concluded, it was opinion among those who were not in the confidence of the leaders that the end of the fight was still a way off and even the leaders were not certain that it was not. It was generally understood that Stone would attempt to resume his speech and that Senator La Follette also would make a determined fight to regain the floor.

The passage of the government employees' liability bill and the adoption bill immediately following the final legislation on the Aldrich-Vreeland compromise currency bill in the Senate today, disposed of most of the remaining legislation before that body. At 6:30 the Senate adjourned until 8:30 and at 11:50 it adjourned sine die. As finally passed the general deficiency bill carried nearly \$30,750,000.

MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS

On the Battlefield of Gettysburg

HON. PHILANDER KNOX

What But Love of the Country Makes It Glorious to Die

23 THOUSAND UNION HEROES

And so There Died Upon the Field of Battle 23,000 Patriots Who Offered up Their Lives, a Willing Sacrifice to Free Their Country.

GETTYSBURG, May 30.—United States Senator Knox was the orator of today's Memorial Day exercises in the National cemetery at Cemetery Ridge. Knox spoke from the famous rostrum on the spot where President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg address in 1863.

In the last days of June, 1863, the Confederate forces, raiding on the North and East and advancing from the West, were recalled and concentrated towards this spot under the pressure of the Union forces coming up from the South. On the afternoon of June 30th, the weary and dusty troopers of Buford's vanguard rode through the village and threw out their picket lines in readiness to touch the advance from the west of the Army of Northern Virginia.

On the morning of July 1st, at nine o'clock an officer of another staff came clattering up to Buford and was sharply questioned and ordered to return immediately to his command. Just as he protested—"Why, what's the matter, General?"—the far-off sound of a single cannon shot was heard. Buford's signal to his skirmishers to open on the enemy, and Buford said, "That's the matter!" The battle of Gettysburg had begun. At the close of that pitiless and terrible July day, the Union forces, reulsed but not beaten, fell back to Cemetery Ridge, and the brave antagonists waited for the morrow and fought, and again waited for the morrow and fought with the result that all the world knows.

Let us leave the battle now, leave the recital of its details of valor to the tongues of those whose proud memories of their past achievements qualify and entitle for Gettysburg; discover, if possible, its fundamental cause; find what indeed was the matter; why it was necessary that Gettysburg should be; what law had the American people broken that they should receive this baptism of fraternal blood and how such crises in National life are to be averted.

We know that the laws of the material universe, if observed, so govern and control matter that it continues to develop until it results in perfection of form and strength, but if those laws are disturbed destruction follows.

We also know that in the spiritual world the laws promulgated by the Creator, which are to govern men in this world, if observed by man, either consciously or unconsciously, make him to grow in spirit and in righteousness.

So it is with the nations of the earth. They are subject to ethical laws, the observance of which means life for the nation, and the rejection of which means death.

Nations have passed through such crises and have survived or perished, just as moral laws have prevailed or been overthrown.

"Man proposes but God disposes," and His dispositions are controlled by His own immutable and inexorable laws and inscrutable purposes.

Speaking of Napoleon and Waterloo, Victor Hugo says:

"Was it possible that Napoleon should win this battle? We answer—no! Why? Because of Wellington? Because of Bucher? No: Because of God."

"For Bonaparte to be conqueror at Waterloo was not in the law of the

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