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NATION POURS OUT ITS HEART IN PRIDE AND GLORY FOR NAMELESS DEAD

ARMISTICE DAY ADOPTED AS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BY PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTE AND COUNTY

GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO 104 FALLEN HEROES

Bronze Tablet to Memory of Mecklenburg Men Unveiled.

THRONGS AT EXERCISES

Great Mass of Humanity Silently Bows for Two Minutes at Noon Armistice Day.

Before one of the largest crowds that has gathered in Charlotte in years, possibly the largest that has ever assembled here, impressive Armistice day exercises, features of which were the unveiling of a bronze tablet to the 104 Mecklenburg men who died in the world war and a memorial address by Gov. Cameron Morrison, were held yesterday at 11 o'clock from a stand erected on the steps of the Mecklenburg county courthouse.

The exercises followed a parade in which probably 7,000 people, representative of various patriotic and post-military organizations took part, the parade ending at the courthouse, where the sea of human faces covered the lawn, the sidewalks, streets and as far as the eye could see in every direction.

Splendid tribute was paid by Governor Morrison to the men whose names appear on the memorial tablet erected on the right side of the courthouse, the mothers who gave these sons for the sake of the cause, the patriotic men and women who supported them, to the former service men, white and colored, who served their country in the late emergency, and particularly to the American legion, "the group of men banded together to keep the banner of government and democracy high above the insidious and demoralizing influences that seek to tear it down."

An impressive part of the exercises was the two-minute period of silence observed at 12 o'clock, the mass of humanity bowing its head as one man in memory of the dead soldiers of the nation. The time for the observance came while John W. Berryhill, former service man, was accepting, on behalf of the county and the service men, the memorial tablet presented by Mrs. W. O. Nisbet, regent for Liberty Hall chapter, D. A. R. A bugle called to observance and its notes announced the close of the period, when the exercises were continued.

Lee A. Folger, chairman of the general celebration committee, presided over the exercises. With him on the platform erected as the speakers' stand were Gov. Cameron Morrison and his personal staff, members of Liberty Hall chapter, D. A. R., and other officials of the exercises.

The Shrine band, stationed on the right hand side, near the memorial tablet, opened the exercises with "America," while the vast assemblage stood at attention. Rev. E. A. Penick, Jr., rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, army chaplain during the world war, offered the opening prayer. In a few words Mr. Folger presented the speaker of the day, Gov. Cameron Morrison.

Governor Morrison's Address.

Greeting the soldiers of the world war, the War Mothers, veterans of the army of the Confederacy, veterans of all wars, his countrymen and country women, Governor Morrison recalled that all over the world today will be celebrated the anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

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THRONGS FORM LIVING AVENUE FOR BIG PARADE

One of Most Beautiful and Spectacular Ever Seen Here.

APPLAUSE ACCORDED

Many Organizations in Line of March in Honor of Mecklenburg's War Dead.

Through a living avenue of Charlotte and Mecklenburg citizens who were banked 10 deep along the streets, passed the parade of those taking part in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling yesterday of the tablet to this city's and county's fallen dead.

At once one of the most beautiful and spectacular parades ever held in Charlotte, the line of march was short, and admirably planned. No long waiting, nor long walking after the parade started, made it a tiresome ordeal for those, and especially the older ones, who took part in it.

As group after group of the several organizations passed down the street, they were applauded from the sidewalks and office buildings, at their appeal for such attention had no answer from the on-lookers. All who had a part in the program received their meed of praise from the citizenry who applauded their efforts in bringing to pass that victory over autocracy which was yesterday so well celebrated here, as elsewhere in the country at large.

Forms at Postoffice.

The parade formed on Graham, Mint and West Trade streets, around the postoffice, the several units gathering and taking their designated places shortly after 10 o'clock. There were two divisions in the line, the first forming on Graham street and the second forming along Trade and Mint and falling in after the passage of the first division.

Soldiers in uniforms went ahead of each unit as a guide, showing them their several positions in the space at the courthouse. L. D. Southerland, chairman of the marshal committee, had drawn blue prints of the entire situation and it was the most orderly parade, in the matter of locating position, of any ever attempted here.

Praise is due the entire committee for the manner in which the event was handled from the point of formation until the completion of the day's events. Unless this order had been well nigh perfect, chaos would have resulted for it is estimated that from 10,000 to 15,000 people crowded in the streets and vacant spaces around the county courthouse. In addition, immense throngs lined the streets from the postoffice to Independence square, and from there to the courthouse.

Line-Up of the Parade.

Having cleared up the streets of all traffic during the hour of the parade, the work of the police and marshals was carried out the more easily, so that when the mounted escort of police came, leading the van of the parade, they had undisputed passage along the entire line of march.

Always a great part of such civic movements, the Oasis temple band followed the mounted police, playing a march. Under the able leadership of R. L. Keesler the band acquitted itself unusually well.

The marshals of the parade followed Oasis band and after them came Governor Cameron Morrison and his official staff, on foot. The city and county officials followed the governor's party.

Hornets Show Form.

The Hornets Nest Riflemen in light marching order added to the military appearance of the parade. The local company showed to unusual advantage as with clean-lined ranks it swept down the street in perfect unison.

The Gold Star Mothers of the entire county came in automobiles, following the riflemen. There were many in that gathering who had lost an only son, some had lost two; but all were mingling their sorrow together, burying again that loved one who may yet be in foreign soil. There was universal sympathy for those who lost most, as they passed by and through the long lane of people.

Disabled Veterans.

The Disabled American Veterans of the World War came after the Gold Star War Mothers, they also riding in automobiles provided for the occasion. A great many of them could not have participated, but for the thoughtfulness of Red Cross motor corps and other car owners who loaned their machines for the occasion.

Liberty Hall chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which body gave the marker to the county's dead, followed the disabled veterans' carriages, and the Wo-

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BUSINESS LAID ASIDE FOR DAY OF CELEBRATION

Many Thousands Take Part In Honoring Soldier Dead.

MANY MEN IN UNIFORM

Unveiling of Tablet, Address by Governor and Big Parade Features of Occasion.

That Armistice day has entered the calendar as an annual holiday was unmistakably shown here yesterday, when the entire city and county laid aside the working tools of daily vocation and, putting on holiday garb, thronged the streets from early in the morning until a later hour than usual last night.

The day dawned bright and crisp and for the first few hours in the morning, thousands doubtless enjoyed that great luxury, lying a-bed late in the morning. There was no need for early breakfast; for there was no work to do. All the wheels of commerce, except those that are necessary for the orderly carrying on of the affairs of a great city, stopped and there were no whistles, no bells to call to work.

The larger city is the state when the number of automobiles is taken into consideration, Charlotte yesterday turned out thousands of machines and the streets were crowded throughout the entire day. There was not an accident of a serious nature, there were no arrests by the police, all showing the orderliness of the day and the behavior of the people.

For those citizens who had official parts in the program, yesterday was indeed a busy day, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Governor Morrison and his staff, American legion officials, reception committees, Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the American Revolution, all had much to do to keep them busy until 11 o'clock last night when the reception to the governor came to an end and farewells were said.

For those citizens who played the part of onlookers there was one grand holiday with "nothing to do until tomorrow" and they took their pleasure as their desires dictated. Those who were able to do so, came upon the streets for the parade at 10:30 o'clock and later assembled at the county courthouse where an address was delivered by Governor Morrison upon the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to the 104 American soldiers who lost their lives in France.

These exercises, in common with all activities in the United States, paused at 12 o'clock for two minutes and proceeded to the conclusion.

The bronze tablet is attached to the courthouse walls near the main entrance to that building. It was a gift from Liberty Hall chapter, D. A. R. At the conclusion of this pro-

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ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATED BY TWO CAROLINAS

Legal Holiday in Old North State by Legislative Act.

MANY SPEAKERS HEARD

Parades, Memorial Exercises and Church Services Feature Day in Many Towns.

Armistice day was generally observed in cities and towns throughout North Carolina. The day having been made a legal holiday by an act of the legislature, virtually all industrial and business activity ceased.

At the request of Governor Morrison in a proclamation, churches held services at noon at which prayers were offered for world peace and success of the limitation of armaments conference at Washington.

Under the auspices of the Gold Star Mothers of Mecklenburg county, a memorial tablet was unveiled in Charlotte in memory of the Mecklenburg soldiers who died in the world war, Governor Morrison being the orator.

Armistice Day was celebrated in practically every city and town in South Carolina, the American Legion posts staging special programs.

In Columbia memorial exercises were held at the University and in other schools. The Pacific Cotton mills closed down for fifteen minutes before noon, during which period the President's proclamation was read. Rev. J. Boroie Lyon, Jr., chaplain during the world war, preached a sermon to the American Legion, soldiers from Camp Jackson and the people of Columbia. During the service a wreath was presented by the Kiwanis club to the Columbia Legion post.

HIGH POINT HONORS HER SERVICE MEN

Special to The Observer.

HIGH POINT, Nov. 11.—Service men of this section were honored today in the greatest Armistice Day celebration ever held in High Point. Featuring the elaborate program was a colossal street parade, in which hundreds of men and women participated. Exercises were held and speeches were made by local citizens. The celebration closed tonight with a display of fire works, followed b ythe sounding of whistles and bells. More than 5,000 people joined in the celebration.

FIVE THOUSAND MARCH IN ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov. 11.—The Armistic Day parade here this morning was participated in by 5,000 marchers. The chief features were two pageants by children of the city schooles, one portraying the country's history from the discovery by Columbus, and the other representing the League of Nations. Ex-service men, school and college bodies and civic organizations made up the parade, which was declared to be the largest ever seen here. Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford college, delivered an address.

TRINITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEN WHO WERE KILLED

Special to The Observer.

DURHAM, Nov. 11.—Colonel S. G. Chambers, speaking at an Armistic Day celebration at Trinity college this morning, was roundly applauded when he expressed the hope that the disarmament conference in Wash-

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Heart of America Shows Its Love for Mr. Wilson In Spontaneous Outburst

Former President's Drive Down Pennsylvania Avenue Behind Cortege Of "Unknown Soldier" Was A Continuous Personal Ovation—Later Thousands Appeared At Mr. Wilson's Home To Do Him Honor.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. — The real feature of the grand story of the "Unknown Soldier" here today was the tribute paid to his "Commander-in-Chief, Woodrow Wilson." The great demonstration for Mr. Wilson started soon after the procession began to march on Pennsylvania avenue and kept up until he retired to his home later this afternoon with tears in his eyes.

Everybody talked about the spontaneous outburst for the former President. As he rode along in a horse-drawn carriage, with Mrs. Wilson at his side, the crowds by the streetside recognized and cheered him. Such an ovation was out of place at a funeral, but the climax of the emotions of the onlookers had reached the bursting point by the time Mr. Wilson appeared on the scene.

Tribute to Mr. Wilson.

More than 20,000 people gathered about the home of Mr. Wilson this afternoon to honor him. This story is carried by the press associations, but no reporter can overdraw the picture made by the clamoring throngs just outside of the home of the Lame Lion of S Street, the greatest private citizen in the world.

North Carolinians took part in the demonstrations today. Mrs. J. P. Caldwell, of Charlotte, who was the guest of Senator Overman at the ceremonies at Arlington, came all the way here to be one of the thousands who paid tribute to Mr. Wilson this afternoon. General Julian S. Carr, head of the Confederate veterans, clad in his uniform of gray, was one of the very few who got to speak to the invalid hero. He climbed upon the Wilson porch and grasped the hand of the ex-President and gave it a shake and told him that North Carolina was for him to the end.

"I never had a greater honor," said General Carr tonight. "I am proud to have participated in the ceremonies here today, and especially the demonstration about the home of Mr. Wilson. I was pleased to find him improved."

Most Beautiful Thing.

Representative Charles M. Stedman, the only Confederate veteran in Congress, was deeply impressed by what he saw here today. He said that the honor to Mr. Wilson and the "Unknown Soldier" whom he had commanded was most fitting.

"It, all of it," said Mr. Stedman, "was the most perfectly beautiful thing I ever knew. I dont' think there has ever before been such a tribute paid to any man in the entire world, whatever his standing in life. It was the grandest spectacle all around that I or any other man has ever witnessed in this country. I never have been so impressed as I was today. Another thing, this affair shows the greatness of the republic andethe gratitude of the people for those who fight for them. It was very wonderful.

"As the disabled commander-in-chief of the American soldiers, former President Wilson came in for a share of the honor today. He

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VAST THRONGS FLOW LIKE TIDE INTO ARLINGTON TO DO HONOR TO AMERICA'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Honor and Glory and Pledge of High Endeavor Poured Out Over the Last Resting Place of the Nameless One of Fame to Be Told and Sung by Americans Everywhere For All Time—Living Walls Along Pennsylvania Avenue Held in Solemn, Reverent Hush as Precious Casket is Carried Between Banks of Humanity.

Great Men in the World's Affairs From Many Lands, Along With Multitudes of American Men and Women of All Walks of Life, Mixed in Vast Concourse in the Nation's City of the Dead, Hear Lincoln's Famous Words, "We Here Highly Resolve That These Dead Shall Not Have Died in Vain" Reiterated by the Nation's Present Spokesman, President Harding, Pause for Two Minutes in Breathless Silence of Prayer and Pay Homage to the War Dead Everywhere.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Under the wide and starry skies of his own home land, America's unknown dead from France sleeps tonight, a soldier home from the wars.

Alone he lies in the narrow cell of white stone that guards his body; but his soul has entered into the spirit that is America.

Wherever liberty is held close in men's hearts, the honor and the glory and the pledge of high endeavor poured out over this nameless one of fame will be told and sung by Americans for all time.

Scrolled across the marble arch of the memorial raised to the American soldier and sailor dead everywhere, which stands like a monument behind his tomb, runs this legend:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

The words were spoken by the martyred Lincoln over the [illegible] Gettysburg. And today, with voice strong with determination and throbbing with deep emotion, another President echoed that high resolve over the coffin of the soldier who died for the flag in France.

Great men in the world's affairs heard that high purpose reiterated by the man who stands at the head of the American people.

Tomorrow they will gather in the city that stands nearest to the shrine of the new American shrine of liberty dedicated today. They will talk of peace; of the curbing of the havoc of war. They will speak of the war in France that robbed this soldier of life and name and brought death to comrades of all nations by the hundreds of thousands.

And in their ears when they met must ring President Harding's declaration today beside the flag wrapped, honor laden bier:

"There must be, there shall be, the commanding voice of a conscience civilization against armed warfare."

Far across the seas, other unknown dead hallowed in memory by their countrymen as this American soldier is enshrined in the hearts of America, sleep their last. He in whose veins ran the blood of British forebears lies beneath a great stone in ancient Westminster Abbey; he of France beneath the Arc de Triomphe, and he of Italy under the altar of the fatherland in Rome. And it seemed today that they, too, must be here among the Potomac hills to greet an American comrade come to join their glorious company, to testify their approval of the high words of hope, spoken by America's President.

All day long the nation poured out its heart in pride and glory for the nameless American. Before the first crash of the minute guns rolled its knell for the dead from the shadow of Washington monument, the people who claim him as their own were trooping out to do him honor. They lined the long road from the capitol to the hillside where he slept tonight; they flowed like a tide over the slopes about his burial place; they choked the bridges that lead across the river to the fields of the brave in which he is the latest comer.

As he was carried past through the banks of humanity that lined Pennsylvania avenue, a solemn, reverent hush held the livingwalls. There was not so much of sorrow as of high pride in it all, a pride beyond the reach of the shouting and the clamor that marks less sacred moments in life.

Out there in the broad avenue was a simple soldier, dead for honor of the flag. He was nameless. No man knew what part in the great life of the nation he had filled when last he passed over his home soil. But in France he had died as Americans always have been ready to die, for the flag and what it means. They read the message of the pageant in these silent thousands along the way.

They stood in almost holy awe to take their own part in what was theirs, the glory of the American people honored here in the honor showered on America's nameless son from France.

Army and navy and marines all played their part in the thrilling spectacle as the cortege rolled along. And just behind the casket with its faded French flowers on the draped flag, walked the President, the chosen leader of a hundred millions in whose name he was chief mourner at this bier. Beside him, strode the man under whom the fallen hero had lived and died in France, General Pershing, wearing only the simple medal of victory that every American soldier might wear as his only decoration.

Then, row on row, came the men who lead the nation today or have guided its destinies before. They were all there, walking proudly with age and frailties of the flesh forgotten. Judges, senators, representatives, highest officers of every military arm of government and a trudging little group of the nation's most valorous sons, the medal of honor men. Some were gray and bent and drooping with old wounds; some trim and erect as the day they won their way to fame. All walked gladly in the nameless comrade's last parade.

Behind these came the carriage in which rode Woodrow Wilson, stricken down by infirmities as he served in the highest place of the nation, just as an humble private, riding in such state about, had gone down before a shell or bullet. For that dead man's sake the former President had put aside his dread of appearing in parade his physical weakness and risked health, perhaps life, to appear among the mourners for the fallen. There was hand-clapping and a cheer here and there for the man in the carriage, a tribute to the spirit that induced him to honor the nation's nameless hero whose commander-in-chief he had been.

Long Road to Tomb.

After President Harding and most of the high dignitaries of government had turned aside at the White House, the procession headed by its solid blocks of soldiery and the battalions of sailor-comrades, moved on with Pershing, now flanked by Secretaries Weeks and Denby, for the long road to the tomb. It marched on, always between the human borders of the way of victory the nation had made for itself of the great avenue; on over the [illegible] that spans the Potomac, up the long hill to Fort Myer and through the gate of the great cemetery beyond where soldier and sailor sleep by thousands.

There the honoring [illegible] artillery [illegible] drew their [illegible] out of the line and [illegible]

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Eyes of the World Fixed Hopefully Upon Conference

NEW YORK JOINS WITH ARLINGTON IN CEREMONIES

Madison Square Garden Throng Joins Harding in Prayer.

Vast Audience in New York Held Securely in Spirit of Services at Washington by Wire.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—New York's throbbing heart of trade was stilled today in reverent tribute to that heroic heart forever stilled, that was land to rest with the highest honors the world could pay in Arlington National cemetery.

A vast crowd in and around Madison Square Garden, obeying the same trumpet call that summoned the throng at Arlington to attention at noon, stood with bowed heads, motionless, for two minutes, offering prayers for the dead and for perpetuation of the peace he died to win.

At the same moment, the city's wheels of industry droned into silence; transportation ceased; tugs and ferries idled in the harbor; telephone service was suspended, telegraph instruments ceased their clatter, citizens everywhere—in their homes, in their offices, in the great railroad terminals, even on the streets—stood with bared heads bowed in homage to the symbolic unknown who had died that they might live.

Mourning Colors Everywhere.

Flags at half mast flew throughout the city. Public buildings, military posts, visiting ships in the harbor—ships that bear the flags of nearly all the nations of the world, not excepting the German—displayed their colors mourning.

Observance of the sacred moment centered at Madison Square Garden, where telephonic amplifying devices had been set up to unite Arlington and New York.

The great hall, festooned with flags of America and the allies, was packed far beyond its seating capacity of 15,000 and the crowd outside filled every available inch of Madison Square Park long before the first voice came over the wires from Arlington, announcing that the body of the unknown was being placed on the catafalque and that President and Mrs. Harding were entering the amphitheater.

In Spirit United.

From that moment until the last tremulous strains of "taps" died away, the audience was in spirit in the vast cemetery at Arlington. Every word that was spoken, every hymn that was sung; descriptions of the casket with the military medals of eight na-

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Accredited Spokesmen of the Powers to Meet Today.

Prospects Never Better

Outward Manifestations of Confidence Increasing.

All Seem Determined

Today's Opening Session, Likely to be Perfunctory —Harding to Sound Keynote.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—With the eyes of the world fixed hopefully upon them, the accredited spokesmen of the powers will meet in Washington tomorrow to try to find a way to ease the heavy burden of armaments.

In the historic quest Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the United States, a group which acting together can turn the whole tide of civilization into new channels, all have pledged a solemn and determined co-operation.

In addition, China, Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands, invited because of their vital interest in the pertinent and crucial problems of the far east, will sit in conference to complete the circle of those who are to strive for the new day of international relationship.

Prospects Never Brighter.

Outward manifestations of confidence in the success of the negotiations never have been more in prominence than on the eve of the assembling of the delegates in formal conclave. Every nation is declared by its leaders to be ready to come to the conference table with a spirit of unqualified good will for every other, and behind there is a great urging force of world opinion seeking translation into the covenants of permanent friendship.

Among the statesmen and diplomats of the visiting nations the great topic of interest tonight was the address made at Arlington today by President Harding, who summoned the conference into being and who will welcome it to American soil tomorrow. Upon every hand were heard expressions of satisfaction that in paying his tribute to America's soldier dead the chief executive grasped his opportunity to renew the pledge of the United States to take its full share of leadership in the attainment of a better order.

In the fulfillmen of that pledge it is the expectation of all the delegates that the American government will place before the conference as soon as it begins its work a concrete proposal for armament limitation. Such a proposal has been prepared by the American delegates and there seems to be universal agreement that as the initiator of the negotiations the United States should have the first say. Whether the proposal will be submitted tomorrow, however, is a question which present indications would answer in the negative.

Americans in Conference.

The American delegation held a

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Big Lay-Out of Features For the Sunday Observer

It has been a long time since The Sunday Observer had so many important feature articles for its readers as it will carry tomorrow, in addition to the usual daily features and the news of the day. Look at this line-up:

George Bernard Shaw—England's greatest living publicist.—An article on the Disarmament Conference, which he says is not to be a "disarmament" conference at all.

Rear Admiral Fiske.—An article on the Armaments Conference. Fears America would fail in war with Japan unless assisted by some powerful nation.

Frank H. Simonds.—Another of those masterful articles on international politics, with special reference to the big conference.

Life-Story of Lloyd George.—"From Cabin to British Cabinet"—by Harold Spender—First installment of a series of six Sunday articles.

President Harding.—Full text of his address at the opening of the Armaments Conference.

William J. Bryan.—Second of His Weekly Bible Talks, which are to run a full year in The Sunday Observer.

News Service.—The leased wire reports of Universal service obtained by The Observer will be inaugurated tonight, giving The Sunday Observer the service of two leased wires, including the full night and day report of The Associated Press, greatest of all news gathering agencies. In addition The Sunday Observer will carry the day's news and views, several pages of society news of Charlotte and the Carolinas, a colored comic section of four pages, "Forward Observation Post," "Echoes from Clubdom," and other features.

JO JO SAYS

Fair and holder today; fair Sunday.

Life is one thing after another; love is two fools after one another.