

ARGENTINA.

The Lee Monument Corner Stone Cer-

emonies in Richmond—Grand and

Imposing Military and Civic Demon-

stration—The City Literally Thronged

with a Weather a Front-

ing Feature.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 27.—The day opened

gloomy and wet, with no change in the

condition of the weather from that which

has prevailed for three days past. The

heavy clouds which have enveloped the city

since Sunday night have given an almost

incessant down-pour of rain, the remain-

der unbroken and threatening, and Rich-

mond's big day was ushered in with a misty

rain, which fell steadily to the end of the

day. Despite all this, however, the

people of the city and many thousands

of visitors were early on the streets, and by

9 o'clock the moving multitude was so

great that it was plainly evident that Rich-

mond's population for the day was as large

as any previous occasion.

At an early hour the sound of martial

music was heard in every direction, and

military, mounted and afoot, could be seen

moving to and fro in various positions, prepa-

ing for the formation of the procession.

Mounted marshals and couriers dashed

hither and thither, directing the movements

of troops and arranging the line of march.

Before 10 o'clock the rain had temporarily

ceased, but the clouds remained unbroken

and threatening. The people, however,

seemed not to notice this, but had evidently

made up their minds to carry out the pro-

gramme of the day in all its details, rain

or shine.

The visiting military consists of two

corps of cavalry, one from the Virginia Mil-

itary Institute, and the other from the

Blackburg Agricultural and Mechanical

College; two regiments of Virginia

infantry, three companies of cavalry, four

companies of artillery; also two compa-

nies of infantry from North Carolina

and one from Maryland. Besides these

there are several camps of Confederate

veterans from different parts of the State,

and six hundred veterans of the Maryland

line. The latter arrived here this morning,

and their appearance on the streets with

the Marine Band of Washington at the

head of the line, created considerable inter-

est, and they were everywhere greeted

with enthusiasm.

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ANNOUNCED THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE

WOULD BE DELIVERED TO-NIGHT IN THE

HALL OF DELEGATES. THE CROWD EVEN

THAT SEEMED RELUCTANT TO DISPERSE, BUT

FINALLY SOUGHT SHELTER IN THE BEST OF

HUMOR, AND PROCEEDED TO THE GROUNDS

TO SPEND THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

Among many ex-Confederate pres-

ents who were frequently greeted with cheers

and applause, as they were recognized by

the crowd, were Gen. W. H. F. and Capt.

Henry Lee, sons of the dead chieftain;

Generals Wade Hampton, Joseph E. John-

ston, Jubal A. Early, Daniel Ruggles, J. D.

Imboden, Bradley T. Johnson, Wm.

McComb, R. L. Page, George H. Stuart,

L. L. Lomax, Robert Ransom, Jr., Geo.

Conson, Eppa Hunton, C. M. Wilcox, W. D.

Taliferro, ex-Gov. Wm. Cameron, U. S.

Senator John W. Daniel, also, Colo.

Charles Marshall of Gen. R. E. Lee's staff,

and many others of lesser rank, but equally

well known and revered by the people of

the South.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather

and the muddy condition of the grounds

and vicinity, the vast field was almost cov-

ered with people, the number being esti-

mated at from 15,000 to 20,000.

The Hall of the House of Delegates was

packed to its utmost capacity to-night,

while many persons had to retire for want

of even standing room. Among the au-

dience might be seen many of the promi-

nent personages who had taken part in the

day's ceremonies at the corner-stone lay-

ing; also many ladies.

Shortly after eight o'clock Gov. Lee

ascended the rostrum and called the gather-

ing to order, and after a brief but

clear history of the formation of and work

done by the Lee Monument Association, in

complimentary terms introduced General

Jubal A. Early, who had been selected to

preside over the meeting. Gen. Early was

greeted with thunderous applause, and

his remarks he expressed his gratification

at seeing so large a gathering. He referred

to the original formation of this Monument

Association, over which ex-President

Davis presided, and paid an eloquent tribu-

te to the distinguished ex-President of the

Confederacy and recounted the scenes

from Richmond on this occasion. He said

he knew he gave utterance to the senti-

ments of this vast assembly when he ex-

pressed the hope that Mr. Davis would be

here at the unveiling of the proposed monu-

ment. Gen. Early then said that we owe

it to ourselves to erect it, and

that however certain men may go back

on their principles, the noble women of the

South would be ever true. Gen. Early then

in fitting terms introduced Capt. Wm.

Gordon McCabe, of Edgecombe county, who

giving tribute to the late Capt. James

Barron Hope, the gifted author of the poem

which he was about to read. He then

proceeded with the reading.

Capt. McCabe's recitation of the poem

was masterly in its manner and was fre-

quently interrupted with rapturous applau-

se.

Gen. Early next introduced Col. Charles

Marshall, the Military Secretary of Gen.

R. E. Lee, who delivered the oration of the

day.

At the conclusion of Col. Marshall's ora-

tion the reading of which occupied over

an hour and a half, Gen. Wade Hampton

was called upon and responded in a few

remarks, in the course of which he said he

regarded Lee as even a greater man than

Washington, and spoke of the great ven-

erance of the people of the South in their

loyalty to the dead Confederate chieftain.

Gen. Early then closed the proceedings

with appropriate remarks, and the gather-

ing dispersed; and thus ended a day which