

**NEW YORK HAS MOST ELABORATE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IN HISTORY**

**Veterans of Three Wars March in Big Parade—Mothers of Merchant Marine Heroes Honored.**

**NEW YORK, May 30.—**Sailors and sailors who gave their lives to America were honored in New York today with the most elaborate program of Memorial Day ceremonies in the history of the Metropolis. On Labor day next, however, was paid the honor due all in the early Spanish American War.

From early morning until the arrival of veterans of the three wars, the parade line at 72nd street and Central Park right when a huge white column of marchers of the Studio of the Stars, the main feature of the program, moved down the avenue, a procession of veterans in uniform, with special organization, took the key spot having in the lead a general.

For the first time in many years there lies in the series of the most important marches were given the place of the major exercises. Then marched the good state mothers of the honored soldiers, two hundred strong, and one thousand of marchers on the Hudson River, and as they passed before the great flags of United States Navy destroyers anchored there, flowers were cast upon the water in memory of those who died at sea whose graves are at the bottom of the sea.

A presidential salute of 21 guns was fired by three destroyers as the mothers sailed slowly down the river. The mothers were escorted by the famous naval review.

**HARDING ENDORSES EFFORTS TO PROMOTE COTTON**

**WASHINGTON, May 29.—**Efforts to promote interests of the cotton industry were condemned by President Harding today in a telegraphic message preceding the meeting of the American Cotton Association in New York City.

"I am glad to do my part in the gathering of American cotton growers, manufacturers and representatives of affiliated interests, gathered here to carry a new advancement of their common interests," Mr. Harding said. "Not only does America produce and supply over half the world's supply of cotton, it is also necessary that her and domestic industries, based on cotton, are among the greatest, while our exports of cotton have for many decades been peculiarly important in maintaining our favorable status in international trade."

"The importance of cotton is not confined to any section; everybody either grows, deals in, manufactures, sells, or uses it. Any disaster to the cotton industry must necessarily be a disaster to the whole country. Any movement, such as ours, which aims to promote the best interests of all concerned in the industries based on cotton deserves the cordial approval of all the people."

"Just at this time it is recognized that cotton industries face a critical situation, and you may be assured that the administration desires in every possible way to cooperate with those seeking to improve conditions."

"To the American delegates who are about to leave for England to attend the World Cotton Conference I want to express my hope that the meeting may be successful and may contribute, not alone to the continued development of the cotton industry, but toward the restoration of sound economic conditions throughout the world."

**ONLY SPLENDID MEMORIES REMAIN SAYS DENBY**

**BEAUFORT, S. C., May 30.—**"Only splendid memories" of the heroic dead of the north and south remain and the bitterness engendered by the nation's great sectional conflict is over," Secretary Denby declared today in a Memorial Day address here. Extolling the courage, generosity and firm conviction of right, which he said inspired the leaders and men of both sides, the secretary added:

"I am a northerner, and my father were the eagles on the uniform of blue, but first I am an American, and you cannot take from me the heritage of pride in Lee and Jackson and Pickett and your beloved Forrest. They were Americans, too, and their own people. Their skill and their daring are mine to glory in."

**TWIN BROTHERS CONFUSE THE JUDGES**

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—**Twin brothers, Elmer and Lauren Healy, who look and act and talk alike, recently represented their interests with the Fourteenth Battalion Company in a military track meet here and so confused the judges that it was decided the latter, in order to play fair, gave them first and second place alternately in the six events they won.

Lauren Healy, 16, started with winning the 100-yard dash from the starting line in .381 and in fourth place.

Babe Ruth, the king of home run hitters, ran into a slump and dropped from .378 to .345. The big slugger has brought his total string of home runs to thirteen.

Harris, of Washington, stole two bases and is showing the way to the base stealers with ten markers.

Other leading batters for twenty or more games are: Brewer, Washington, .378; Sisler, St. Louis, .375; Tobin, St. Louis, .375; Stephenson, Cleveland, .363; Williams, St. Louis, .353; Ruth, New York, .345.

Grimes, of the Chicago Cubs (National), struck his batting strike and climbed from 15th place to fifth in the National League race. Most of last week's leaders went into a slump. Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis star, dropping from .457 to .435. However, he is safely entrenched at the top of the league's batters, who have participated in twenty or more games. Snyder, New York catcher, is runner-up to Hornsby with an average of .363, while McHenry, of St. Louis, is hitting .360, having moved from seventh to third position. Maranville, of Pittsburgh, dropped to fourth place with .359. Grimes, who last week hit .326, is pushing "Rabbit" with .358.

George Kelly, the New York Giant slugger, who is leading the National League home run hitters, failed to add to his total of eight.

Bonie, of Cincinnati, failed to increase his stolen base record, but leads with eight.

Other leading batters: Johnston, Brooklyn, .356; Tierney, Pittsburgh, .352; Kelly, New York, .347; Barber, Chicago, .342; Hargrave, Cincinnati, .340; Cutshaw, Pittsburgh, .340.

**SOUTHERN COTTON MILL STOCK QUOTATIONS**

**AMERICAN WOMEN GOLFERS FIGURE IN BIG MEET**

**TURNBERRY, Scotland, May 30.—**Eleven American women golfers were competitors in the British ladies' open golf championship tournament, which opened here this morning. There were also two Canadian and one French competitor in the field of 113.

The luck of the draw brought together on the first day of the tournament two women considered the premier players of America and Great Britain—Miss Alexa Sterling, of Atlanta, American champion, and Miss Gertrude Leitch, Carlisle and Sidlow, who for the past seven years has held the women's golfing crown in this country.

Hardly secondary in interest was the match between Miss Marion Hollins, of West Brook, Long Island, and Miss Arlington Hughes, of Rhyd.

The weather this morning was dull and there was a rather strong wind blowing. The course has been lengthened and made more difficult since the last tournament was held here in 1912, and a number of new bunkers have been built. As it stands today, the course measures 6,665 yards and from the eleventh hole difficulties to the player increase.

**AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS HOLD HIGH PLACE**

**ST. CLOUD, France, May 30.—**American tennis players held a most prominent place in today's play in the expert singles court tennis championship tournament.

The form shown by the American stars since the opening of the tournament on Saturday grouped the enthusiasm of the great crowds which attended, and today's matches were expected still further to demonstrate the Americans' mastery of the game.

William T. Tilden, of Philadelphia, world's champion, was to oppose W. G. Cradley, of England, and paired with Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Matlack, he was later to meet C. P. Barnes, and Miss Holman, of England, in the mixed doubles.

**RUMORS OF CONFERENCE BETWEEN VALERA AND GEORGE**

**LONDON, May 30.—**Number 10 Downing street, official residence of Prime Minister Lloyd George, has been inundated with requests for confirmation or denial of reports from Belfast that Eamon de Valera and Mr. Lloyd George had held a conference. A definite answer to this query is being withheld.

Those usually informed of the prime minister's movements, however, have been unable to verify his whereabouts during the week end of May 21, which fact is leading some to believe that a secret peace conference between the Irish republican leader and the British prime minister may have occurred then.

Governor Morrison Saturday granted a pardon to Joe Bodles, of Surrey county,

serving a term for the murder of Reilly

Easter. Two other men were convicted

along with him of this crime in 1919.

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