

TAFT AT GETTYSBURG

President Spoke at Unveiling on the Historic Battlefield Today—Beautiful Monument Erected.

(Herald Special.)
Gettysburg, Pa., May 31.—A brilliant and distinguished assemblage gathered on the Gettysburg battlefield today and witnessed the unveiling of the first memorial erected to the troops of the regular army who fought in the historic Gettysburg campaign. The event was attended with interesting and impressive ceremonies, in which the president of the United States, members of his cabinet and many distinguished war veterans took part.

A salute of twenty-one guns greeted the arrival of President Taft and his party. Drawn up in line across the field were two thousand regular troops, including a squadron of the 15th cavalry from Fort Myer, the 5th regiment of infantry from Plattsburg, N. Y., four companies of coast artillery from the artillery district of the Potomac, four companies of coast artillery from the artillery district of Delaware, and five companies of coast artillery from the artillery district of Baltimore.

Immediately back of the memorial on the president's stand, which was completely covered in red, white and blue bunting and decorated with American flags, sat the president and several members of his cabinet, members of congress, official representatives of Pennsylvania and other states, prominent veterans of the civil war and army officers from Governor's Island, Washington and other points.

A blare of a score of trumpets announced the opening of the exercises. After an invocation President Taft was introduced by the presiding officer and given an enthusiastic welcome from the great crowd gathered about the stand. The president delivered an eloquent address in which he called attention to the lessons of duty and valor to be learned from the battlefield, and paid a tribute to the courage of the soldiers of the south as well as the north.

As the president concluded his address his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, was escorted to the edge of the memorial where were fastened the silken cords attached to the American flags in which the shaft was shrouded. Miss Taft gave one tug at the cords and the silken folds loosened from around the mass of granite. Straightway twenty trumpeters of the army drawn up in front of the president's stand sounded one prolonged note, and as the flags slowly parted

and the memorial came into view the crowd gave a prolonged cheer that almost drowned the notes of the "Star Spangled Banner" played by the Coast Artillery band. The ceremonies closed with a national salute fired by two batteries of the Third field artillery.

The memorial consists of a handsome granite shaft, 96 feet in height, and was erected by the United States government at a cost of \$75,000. It occupies a conspicuous location in that part of the battlefield known as "The Angle," where the most sanguinary fighting of the memorable conflict took place. Within view are many of the monuments erected by the several states to the volunteer troops.

JOHNSTOWN DISASTER

Twentieth Anniversary of Disaster Is Observed By Decorating Graves of the Unknown Today.

(Herald Special.)
Johnstown, Pa., May 31.—With the decoration of the graves of the unknown dead and the holding of memorial exercises, Johnstown today observed the twentieth anniversary of the great flood that laid waste the Conemaugh Valley in 1889. It was on May 31 of that year that the breaking of the great reservoir dam let the waters sweep down the valley and into the city of Johnstown, dealing death and destruction in the onward rush. Millions of dollars in property and a total of 2,295 lives were lost in the disaster. More than six hundred of the victims were never identified and were buried as unknown, while

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Many Towns Over the Country Report the Observation of National Memorial Day.

(Herald Special.)
City of Mexico, May 31.—Americans resident in this city, including the members of the local post of the G. A. R., observed Memorial Day with appropriate exercises today. One of the features of the observance consisted of the decoration of the graves of the American soldiers buried in the united national cemetery.

Mobile, Ala., May 31.—In Mobile and elsewhere in Alabama the G. A. R. and camps of Confederate veterans united in decorating the graves of the dead.

Springfield, Ill., May 31.—Decoration day services were held today at the tomb of Lincoln, in Oak Ridge cemetery. The graves of about fifteen hundred federal and seven hundred Confederate dead in the national cemetery were decorated by the local G. A. R. posts.

New York, May 31.—An almost total suspension of business marked the local observance of Memorial day. The principal feature was a parade of Grand Army veterans, in which regular and state troops participated. The procession was reviewed at Grant's tomb on Riverside drive, while vessels of the navy lying in the Hudson river near by fired a national salute.

Canton, O., May 31.—Handsome floral offerings sent by President Taft,

that time on the events of the program will follow in rapid succession, culminating Friday in the graduation exercises. With the sports and the social gayeties, the drills, military and naval exercises and the big farewell ball and graduation of a large class of young future admirals the week will be a busy one and a gay one.

Maccabees in Session.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 31.—One hundred and fifty delegates and many visitors are attending the state convention of the Knights of the Maccabees, which assembled in this city today for a two days' session. A feature of the convention will be the initiation of two hundred candidates into the order.

TRAVELING MEN MEET

Asheville the Scene of Twentieth Annual Convention of National Travelers' Association.

(Herald Special.)
Asheville, N. C., May 31.—The twentieth annual convention of the National Travelers' Protective Association of America was called to order shortly before noon today in the auditorium. President Henry O. Gray presided. There were present when the gavel fell for order more than five hundred delegates, who are accompanied by about fifteen hundred visitors.

Governor Kitchin delivered the principal address in welcome of the visitors, and President Gray responded. When these formalities were concluded the convention took up its regular order of business behind closed

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Philadelphia Horse Show.

(Herald Special.)
Philadelphia, Pa., May 31.—The eighteenth annual open air exhibition of the Philadelphia Horse Show Association opened today on St. Martin's Green, Wissahickon Heights, under conditions of a most favorable character. The show will continue six days. The entries this year are numerous and of an unusually high class. The stables of J. E. Harriman, Reginald Vanderbilt and other prominent exhibitors are represented at the show.

In Memory of James Jeffrey Roche.

Boston, Mass., May 31.—A memorial tablet in honor of the late James Jeffrey Roche, the well known writer who died a year ago in Bern, Switzerland, where he was acting as American consul, was unveiled today in Holyhood cemetery. The ceremonies were conducted by the John Boyle O'Reilly club of Boston.

ex-Secretary Cortelyou and others were placed today in the McKinley tomb in the Canton cemetery.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—Memorial day was observed in the national capital with solemn and impressive ceremonies. All of the departments of the government were closed throughout the day. Graves of the veterans buried in the national cemetery at Arlington, in St. Elizabeth's cemetery and other burying grounds in Washington and vicinity were decorated by the G. A. R. and other patriotic and memorial organizations.

Greenville, Tenn., May 31.—At special memorial exercises held in the Johnson national cemetery here today the initial steps were taken for the organization of an Andrew Johnson Memorial Association. Among those interested in the movement is the Hon. Martin W. Littleton of New York, who was formerly a resident of Tennessee.

Paris, May 31.—The annual Memorial day ceremony of decorating with flowers the tomb of Lafayette in Picpus cemetery took place today. The event was attended by a representative gathering of Americans, including the staffs of the embassy and consulate.

Graduating Week at Annapolis.

Annapolis, Md., May 31.—Many visitors are already arriving in Annapolis in anticipation of the graduation exercises at the United States Naval Academy. The cadets were given a holiday today, though the official program of exercises will not be inaugurated until tomorrow, when the board of visitors will make their annual inspection of the academy. From

doors. An elaborate program of entertainment has been prepared, the initial feature being a reception this evening at the Battery Park Hotel.

The city is decorated and given over to the visitors, who will remain here a week. In addition to other features of entertainment there will be several excursions to points of interest about Asheville.

A spirited contest is on for the honor of entertaining the next convention of the association. Among the applicants for the gathering are Salt Lake City, Omaha, Denver and Portland, Oregon.

REV. I. W. WILLIAMSON'S LETTER

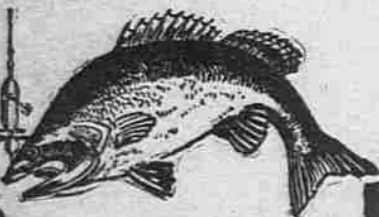
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Meeting of Rural Carriers.

Manitowoc, Wis., May 31.—Several hundred members representing all parts of the state came to Manitowoc today to attend the annual convention of the Wisconsin Rural Carriers' Association. President R. K. Kearney of Milwaukee presided at the opening session of the convention, which met in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Annual reports were submitted and a number of questions relating to the rural service and its betterment were discussed.

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