PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY

The object of the Grand Army in its relations to civil life, and aside from its traditional association and charitable work, was to organize the victory which had been won on the field of battle. The great rooms become schools of loyalty, where reverence for the flag as the symbol of the nation has been persistently inculcated and where the national idea has been constantly exalted. Then came the work in the schools of which mention has been made and whereof all the land knows.

It is not too much to say that owing to the far-reaching influence of the Grand Army of the Republic more than to anything else the flag is now universally revered, and there is no longer any question in the land, either in the North or South, that the American people now constitute a nation.

Day after day, as the glory of their achievements in all the arts of peace is finding new acknowledgment in every quarter of the globe, there comes new evidence that they are a unit—the world encompassing power of the future—great, glorious, invincible.

But what of the men who won this priceless heritage in the most stupendous struggle of the modern age? They are passing, passing, swiftly passing. More than ever now each annual encampment brings home the tragedy of death in life. More than ever now each annual encampment emphasizes the grim, solemn fact that soon—all too soon—the Grand Army of the Republic, with all that it symbolizes, will be nothing but a tradition. Figures that do not lie give much food for thought—sad, introspective thought.

In April, 1866, more than a million of men were in the military service of the United States. In these years was added a roll of names which at that time numbered more than three hundred and fifty thousand—the grand army of the dead.

During the four years of the desperate conflict altogether 2,859,132 men had been enrolled in the military service. There had been killed in battle 67,058; died of wounds and other injuries, 43,012; of disease, 224,586; and from causes not classified, 24,852—a total death roll of 359,528.

This vast army had taken part in more than two thousand engagements, many of them of minor importance as to the number of men engaged or results attained, while other battles of mighty battles which strained all the resources and tested the fellest powers of endurance of the great opposing armies, to an extent which must make the legend, which dated from a banner stretched across the front of the Capitol, while the conquerors were marching by during those two memorable days of the grand spectacular pause review, "The Only Nation Of Debt We Never Can Pay is the Debt We Owe the Victorious Union Soldiers," ring down the ages forever.

It was out of all this that the Grand Army of the Republic grew into being in 1878, with a membership of only 21,816, out of all those hundreds of thousands of veterans. But its growth was inevitable—as inevitable as its decline and death. In 1890 the organization reached the high-water mark with an enrollment of 409,489, since which time it has diminished at the rate of two, three, four, five, six, seven, yes, and even eight thousand a year and more. In 1892 the roll had sunk to 263,746. In that year alone 8,200 answered their final summons.

Pause for a moment and think what that means. Over eight thousand members passing away every year and the ranks increasing rapidly. Can your mind grasp the meaning of all this ghastly significance? Eight thousand every year, and soon it may be ten, fifteen—who shall say how many more thousands—till the roster is totally effaced.

Stand on the street when the men who have come to live over again the stirring days of the past go marching by. Count them if you can and you will find that there are nearly eight thousand in line. It is an imposing array; a vast host, the like of which is rarely seen in any country at any time. And then let your mind try to grasp the thought that before another year has passed all those marching thousands will be no more. That is what the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic means.

And try to realize, too, what sentiment clusters round that thought. It will be fresh, vivid, real in the minds of each and every one of those marching thousands—the men who fought and suffered for a glorious cause—the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But notwithstanding this sad decrease it has been stipulated that the membership ought to increase year by year. There are still living over 500,000 of the men who were part of that grand army of the sixties, and of that number less than 250,000 are over 54 years old. Short, therefore, as it may be, the Grand Army may still look forward to a glorious future.—From a speech delivered at the last national encampment of the G. A. R.

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The Rehoisting of the Stars and Stripes in Glory.

Since this flag went down on that dark day who shall tell the mighty woes that have made this land a spectacle to angels and men? The soil has drunk blood and tears and billions mourn for myriads slain, or, enriching the dead, pray for oblivion. Towns and villages have been made. Fruitful fields have been turned back to wilderness. It came to pass, as the prophet said:

"The sun was turned to darkness and the moon into blood."

The course of law was ended. The sword—the chief magistrate in half the nation; industry was paralyzed; labor was corrupted; the public weal invaded and spoiled, and society, which was ravaged by avenging armies. The world was amazed. The earth reeled.

When the flag sank from view, as if political night had come, and all the beasts of night had come forth to prey. That long night is ended. And from the returning day we have come from afar to rejoice and give thanks.

No more war. No more accursed slavery. No more slavery, that spawned them both.

Let no man misread the meaning of this rehoisting flag. It says:

"Government has returned hither."

TIRED, SUFFERING WOMEN.

Women run down and endure daily torment through neglecting the kidneys. Kidney backache makes housework a burden; rest is impossible; sleep fitful; appetite gives out and you are tired all the time. Cure be well until the kidneys are well. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, which have cured thousands of suffering women to health and vigor.

Mrs. William Wallace, of 18 Capitol St., Concord, N. H., says: "I was in the early stages of Bright's Disease, and were it not for Doan's Kidney Pills, I would not be living to-day. Pain in the small of my back would keep at night I had to get out of bed until the paroxysm of pain passed away. I was languid and tired and hadn't the strength to lift a kettle of water. I could not work, but a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me, and I was back cheerfully at work."

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"When I saw his highness the Sultan of Sulu," says J. Hogan in Everybody's Magazine, "he was attired in a tight-fitting, yellow-and-red striped trousers, a jacket red as with small white dots, black and white turban, and Chinese slippers. From his right hand flashed a large diamond on his left he wore a beautiful pearl. He had a squat nose, blackened teeth, bestelred lips; he was not strong in uncompromising savery, but merely repulsive; a mixture of stupidity and viciousness. Weakness and vacillation dominated his expression."

Spring Fever.

Spring fever is simply that tired feeling," a localist caused by a sluggish condition of the blood. The liver and bowels need a cleaning out to bring about healthy action and at the same time as a pleasant to take as Dr. Bull's Sweet Spring Pepsin. Make the skin clear, the work that the bowels and kidneys should do. A billious, constipated condition means a yellow skin, bitter taste, foul breath, and a general worn out feeling. All this may be remedied by the use of Dr. Bull's (Laxative) Syrup Pepsin, which is sold by all druggists and dealers in medicine.

Midgets to Present Plays.

Mrs. Tom Thumb (the Countess Magri) and some two score other midgets have arrived in New York from Europe, having been brought to this country by an enterprising showman, who will make exhibition of the Lilliputians at Coney Island. With them are two Chinese dwarfs, 3 feet 2 inches tall. The midgets will give dramas and other performances. They will first appear in Paris, where there is a colony of dwarfs.

The advance of civilization into Thibet will continue. Latest statistics: Thibetans, 200 killed. British, 1 killed. 21 wounded.

Those Who Have Tried It

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YELLOW FEVER MAY BE CARRIED BY VESSELS

Report to Philippine Commission Shows That Dread Disease May Follow Opening of Canal.

Washington dispatch: Dr. Richard P. Strong, director of the biological laboratory at Manila, has a paper in the fourth annual report of the Philippine commission showing how the Panama canal may become a factor in introducing yellow fever into our Eastern possessions and the entire world.

He shows that the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and the Philippines will be exposed to the introduction of cases of yellow fever or of infected stegomyia of yellow fever—mila, Panama, stegomyia fasciatia (the mosquito which carries the fever) unless the disease can be banished from Panama.

The disease often follows the lines of commercial maritime travel and many instances are on record of its introduction by vessels into hitherto uninfected regions.

It does not seem improbable, therefore, says Dr. Strong, that such extreme precautions are taken against vessels coming from these regions and bound for ports in the far East infected ships and even cases of yellow fever will be compelled to pass the above-mentioned cities to Honolulu, or even further to Guam, Hong Kong and the Philippines islands.

FOE OF THE PRESIDENT HANGS FROM A BRIDGE

Man Suspected of Having Murderous Designs on Chief Executive Committed Suicide.

Minneapolis Minn. dispatch: The lifeless body of Peter O. Elliott, the man who was arrested several months ago in Chicago, on suspicion of being a lunatic with probably murderous designs on President Roosevelt, was found early morning suspended from the girder of a railroad bridge in South Minneapolis. Elliott had been an inmate of the Illinois Eastern asylum and of the St. Peter insane hospital, but had been released.

In Chicago, a way for self-destruction he had made careful plans to make the leap. Here life had tied the rope in such a manner that when he jumped from the bridge his neck was broken.

On the body was found a long letter in Bavarian dialect, in the assumption of his life and conduct, while prominent Swedes say the language of the letter shows that the man was finely educated, they are unable to translate the letter into intelligible English.

WOMAN DROWNS AT MADISON

Fatal Ending to Boating Excursion of Five Nurses.

Madison, Wis., dispatch: Dorothea Swan was drowned in Lake Mendota, Ethel Pringle, Myrtle Smith and Salvalde Abbott were rescued with difficulty as the result of a boating accident to five nurses of the Madison sanitarium. Miss Swan was saved George Hyland, fisherman, saved the life of Miss Wood, plunging into the water and recovering her body after she was unconscious and nearly dead. Miss Swan was taken from the water in minutes later, but was dead. Her home is in Morrill, Wis., and she was 22 years old. The nurses went boating on Lake Monona for the first time in months. They were in shallow water and when the brisk wind took their boat out some distance they became frightened and the boat was capsized. The Madison sanitarium is one of the large institution at Battle Creek.

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Switchman Closes Unique Transaction With Old Silver Coin.

East St. Louis, Ill., dispatch: John Edwards, switchman, has startled the occupants of the real estate office of J. M. Chamberlain, Jr., by throwing down a single silver dollar and said he had $1,200 bonds he had purchased from the firm in exchange for his change, stating that the value of the coin was $1,250. After a consultation with a numismatist the deal was closed on Edwards' terms.

DEATH OF WOMAN MISSIONARY

Mrs. Briggs Graduate of Northwestern University, Meets End in India.

Springfield, Ill., special: Rev. Thos. S. Wright has received a cable dispatch announcing the death in India of Mrs. Briggs, a missionary, who was associated with Mrs. Mary Wright Pease. Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Pease were graduates of Northwestern university in 1900 and both left with their husbands as missionaries for India soon after graduating.

To Destroy Villages.

Constantinople cable: It is said that the authorities contemplate destroying all Armenian villages in the Sassoun district of Asia Minor, in order to cut off supplies from the insurgents in the mountains, and the installation of the villagers pay for a police, where they may be better supervised.

Exiled Monks Are Arrested.

Caracas cablegram: When the Spanish monks who came here from the Philippines received the order of the government to leave the country, they answered that they would leave only at the point of bayonets, in the orders of their superior. All were immediately arrested.

A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is fading away and she has no hopes of ever being cured. But such was my feeling a few months ago when I was worn. The weight in my lower abdomen was so great that I could not walk a knoll to me, I felt that my sun had gone down. Life was a burden, and death seemed to me as an elixir of life; it restored the lost forces and built me up until my health was restored. For four months I took your Vegetable Compound daily and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for this help I obtained through its use."—MRS. FLORENCE DANFORTH, 1007 Miles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.

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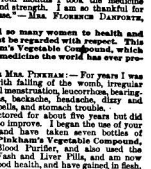

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