

# SOUTHERN VETERANS CAPTURE THE NATIONAL CAPITAL IN TIMES OF APPARENT SECTIONAL PEACE

And Marched to Arlington Cemetery to Decorate the Graves  
of Their Comrades, and Listen to Orators Who Claim,  
That No Apologies Should Be Made

EVEN IF THEY DID TRY TO DESTROY THE UNION

Washington, D C., June 4.—One often hears the remark made here that "The South is in the saddle." Today, onlookers were made to feel this is true, as they gazed upon the scene of the remnant of the Confederate Army marching up Pennsylvania avenue.

Upwards of 15,000 men, women and children of the South gathered at Arlington National Cemetery, when in the presence of President and Mrs. Wilson and other guests, the Confederate veterans did honor to the memory of their comrades of '61. All were gathered there for a common cause, often referred to in eloquent eulogies by the orators of the day, loyalty to the Union and unfaltering support for President Wilson in the great task ahead.

Jefferson Davis, the day being the anniversary of his birth, was eulogized in glowing term. The name of Robert E. Lee was mentioned often, and always stirred the blood of the thousands loyal to Dixieland. But above all, President Wilson, himself a son of the South, was made to feel that the people from the Southern States are with him to the last.

Tribute to the Confederacy's dead was paid by Gen. Bennett H. Young, past commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

He said: "We are here to honor our Confederate dead, who gave their lives for one of the noblest principles that ever moved human hearts, nerved human arms or stirred human souls—the precious doctrine of self-government. We have come to commune with the spirits of our departed, to assure them that neither their sacrifices, nor their courage have been forgotten, but have and ever shall be treasured by the men and women of the South as a most priceless treasure.

"A thrill of pride moves every impulse of our manhood as we proclaim to the world that there are more monuments built to commemorate Confederate history than have ever been erected to any other cause. We are at the foot and in the shadow of the Confederate Arlington monument, designed by the genius and carved by the hands of that illustrious southern soldier, Sir Moses Ezekiel. It is claimed to be the largest bronze casting in the world. And over the Confederate dust sleeping about its base we claim the richest of war spoils, 'ashes of the brave' resting in peace and glory.

"While it is not our purpose to keep alive any of the animosities which were engendered during the four years of fratricidal strife," said Mr. Clark, "it is our purpose to preserve for posterity, the truth with reference to the motives which actuated the soldiers of the Southern Confederacy and the principles for which they contended during that stupendous struggle.

"While we love the one country and the one flag, we of the South do not need to apologize for the action of the veterans of the Southern Confederacy and their comrades of the 'sixties.' No true son of the South would apologize and no brave son of the North would respect him for it if he did."

Think of it. No apologies to make for trying to destroy this grand old Union of States. No apologies to make for the needless sacrifice of precious lives. Today, such expressions may not be regarded as treason, because the South is in the saddle. It got into the saddle because the republicans refused to tote square with colored men, and it will doubtless remain in the saddle as long as the rank and file of the republican party hug the idea that the colored vote is not essential to its success and its long lease of power.

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