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CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

The time has arrived when the educational and organization work necessary to the election of a democratic congress should be begun. The legislation promised in the democratic platform adopted at Baltimore has only partly been fulfilled. It will require the active cooperation of a democratic congress during the next two years to assist President Wilson in fulfilling the other platform pledges.

Sectionalism Is Dead

June 4th may well be regarded in history as the day when the animosities aroused by the war were finally buried and the complete reunion of the once estranged sections formally proclaimed, for there was unveiled on that day at the Arlington national cemetery a beautiful monument, erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the southern soldiers who died for the confederate cause.

The ceremonies of the unveiling were impressive and beautiful. General Young, commander-in-chief of the United States Confederate veterans, opened the exercises with an address full of sentiment and rich in information.

Your flag and my flag and how it flies today, O'er your land and my land and half the world away, Rose red and blood red its stripes forever gleam; Snow white and soul white, the good forefathers' dream;

Your flag and my flag, and oh! how much it holds, Your land and my land secure within its folds, Your heart and my heart beat quicker at its sight; Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, the red, the blue, the white;

Colonel Hilary A. Herbert, who was secretary of the navy during the Cleveland administration, described the seven years' work of the Arlington Confederate Monument association leading up to the completion of the memorial.

"I assure you that I am profoundly aware of the solemn significance of the thing that has now taken place. The Daughters of the Confederacy have presented a memorial of their dead to the government of the United States.

"I am not so much happy as proud to participate in this capacity on such an occasion; proud that I should represent such a people. Am I mis-

taken, ladies and gentlemen, in supposing that nothing of this sort could have occurred in anything but a democracy? The people of a democracy are not related to their rulers as subjects are related to a government.

"This chapter in the history of the United States is now closed and I can bid you turn with me your faces to the future, quickened by the memories of the past, but with nothing to do with the contests of the past, knowing as we have shed our blood upon opposite sides we now face and admire one another.

It was a day not to be forgotten—marking an old era closed and a new era begun. Where else in all the world, or in what former time could such a scene be witnessed as that enacted on June 4th!

WASHINGTON GARDNER'S SPEECH

Following is the speech of Washington Gardner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., delivered at unveiling of confederate monument at Arlington the afternoon of June 4th:

It seems fitting that here in this place and on these grounds, once the home of Robert E. Lee, there should rest the remains of some of the gallant men who followed that great soldier even unto death.

The presence of the chief magistrate of the nation, members of his cabinet, and of others high in the councils of the government with that of representatives from every section of the country, participating in these dedicatory exercises serve to illustrate anew that the sectional bitterness and hate long preceding and which culminated in the great war no longer find a place in the hearts nor expression upon the lips of our countrymen.

Monuments of whatever enduring material are the visible expression of appreciation, of gratitude, or of affection. A monumentless people is either a people without a history or else a people without a heart.

This memorial structure speaks the language of peace and good will. It says to all who come hither and read the superscription that the swords and bayonets that once gleamed along the battle's fiery front have been "beaten into plowshares and pruning hooks."

There is room in the hearts of the people of all the land for cherished recollections of the valorous dead, and, at the same time, for the most unflinching love and loyalty and devotion to the union of all the states. Without the ex-

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