

The Great Silence

Empire's Tribute to Glorious Dead—Moving Scenes at Cenotaph

(Special to the Evening Telegram, Nov. 20.)
 Two minutes at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the Empire for the first time paid solemn homage to the heroes of the Great War who gave their lives that England might live.
 The routine of daily life was interrupted. Many express passengers were reverently stepped out of the streets, having their traffic drew up and pedestrians became statue-like. Cathedral churches were crowded. Every Sabbath repose seemed to be on the land. Children in the street stood in attention at 11 o'clock and joined in the nation's tribute to the dead.
 The Metropolitan large crowds were gathered from an early hour in the

vicinity of the Cenotaph, and when the hour approached for closing the traffic, Whitehall, Trafalgar-square and Horse Guards Avenue were packed with people. They were mostly women and children, many of whom bore branches of flowers, and hardly one was without a French poppy. Along New Scotland Yard and Horse Guards Avenue, vehicles were continually drawing up with wreaths, which were carried to the foot of the memorial by the various regimental societies and other bodies, such as the British League and the Ypres League. A great oblong of black-dressed people look their stand around the Cenotaph, which was filled with the troops of all Services. Just before eleven o'clock there emerged from the Home Office the distinguished figure of the Bare-Headed Premier, his white locks clearly signaling him out even from a great distance. Near him walked the youthful-looking Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, and with them Lord Curzon, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Sir Robert Horne, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Alfred Mond, Dr. Macnamara, Mr. Winston Churchill, and others of the Government, with Sir Robert Perley and distinguished representatives of the Dominions. At the right hand stood high officers of the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines. Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill carried tributes, but before these were laid at the western base of the Cenotaph the Royal representatives appeared, carrying emblems, and stood at attention at the Trafalgar-square side of the memorial. General Lord Horne, representing the King, stepped forward and laid down a massive wreath of white flowers and red poppies. At a little distance it seemed to resemble a beautiful piece of sculpture, the white purity of honour splashed with the blood of sacrifice. Having deposited it reverently, the King's representative withdrew and stood at the salute. Other Royal wreaths were placed close by:—
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"We summon to remembrance the passing of these heroic souls, for to them we owe the freedom and safety of our land. We are called upon this day to act and think that their supreme sacrifice for us be not in vain." "Let us," observed Mr. Justice Bailhache, "at the same time as we thank God for the crowning mercy of peace, pray also for a blessing on the Disarmament Conference, and that it may have a fruitful issue." In the Court of Appeal a few minutes before 11 o'clock a well-known F.C. of the Chancery Bar, who had lost a son in the war, asked the President's permission to leave the court for a few minutes and to interrupt the address he was making. Permission was readily granted and counsel left and remained outside in the corridor during the silence. On returning he thanked their lordships for the indulgence accorded him. In both courts at London Sessions a case was proceeding at 11 o'clock, but a shake of the head from the presiding judges in the direction of the clock signalled a suspension of the proceedings. Judges, counsel, public, and prisoners stood with bowed heads, and a reverential silence fell. At the end of the two minutes the judge resumed his seat, counsel and public followed, and business was resumed.

PEACE AND THE SPIRIT.

Armistice Day, 1918.
 "O Spirit of Peace! I picture thee
 An angel of God; in Thee I see
 A messenger bright from His Great
 Throne—
 Glad tidings to bear unto His own—
 His own who have borne the pangs
 and pain
 That follow so swift in War's red
 train.

"O Spirit of Peace! thy form I greet,
 Thy radiant lace brings comfort sweet
 To hearts that were tortured through
 long years
 In the whirl of strife, of dread and
 tears,
 We gloomily feared our angered Lord
 Had turned on us His avenging
 sword—
 That He'd abandoned us evermore
 To powers Satanic, Hell's uproar.

"But now—as of old to Noah's ark,
 When the surging Flood made hope
 seem dark,
 God sent the dove with a branch of
 peace,
 To be as a sign the Flood should
 cease.
 He sends thee hither to us to tell
 His wrath is averted, all is well.

"O Messenger swift, with feetness
 shod,
 Bear thou our gratitude back to God,
 Tell Him His peoples are purified,
 The haughty are humbled, crushed
 their pride."

The angel listened. Then answered
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 Then followed Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill. The wreath deposited by the Prime Minister was from the entire Cabinet. It bore the words: "The members of the Cabinet offer this tribute to the memory of the Glorious Dead." Hardly had these tokens been placed in position than the chimes began to echo from Big Ben.
Uttering in the Eleventh Hour.
 Slowly the great bell boomed, hats were lifted, heads were bowed, and as the fast note died away, the crash of a maroon split the sky, and the Great Silence ensued. Just as the last few seconds were expiring, from the Home Office balcony came a woman's agonizing cry, followed by unrestrained sobbing. In a second or so the echo of it was heard in other balconies, and from the hushed and deeply-moved throng on the pavements below. A crack like thunder signified the termination of the silence, and a band of ex-Service men struck up familiar chords. All Whitehall broke into singing "O God, our Help in Ages Past." Then came another great quiet, which buglers of the Marines broke with the ringing "Reveille." Afterwards a pilgrimage was begun, headed by deputations bearing tributes in flowers and evergreens, which they laid at the foot of the Cenotaph. First came Lord Haig's great cushion of poppies with his name "Douglas Haig" worked in green lay across it; a wreath from the War Office, one from the British Legion, and a great chaplet from the Empire League. Hour after hour through the afternoon and far into the evening, the silent procession of men, women, and children continued, and the great mound of flowers at the base of the memorial swelled in magnitude as fresh wreaths and crosses and bunches of blooms were added to it. At times the solemnity of the scene was heightened by incidents more poignant, if that be possible, than the wonderful procession itself. There was the great parade of unemployed past the Cenotaph shortly before two o'clock. At the Cenotaph banners were "dipped," and the men, bareheaded, tramped slowly past to the muffled beat of black-draped drums. There were hundreds of ex-Service men in these ranks, wearing the medals of their service, here and there a man displaying the ribbon of the 1914 Star, or of the Military Medal bearing testimony to his gallantry in the field. Dusk was beginning to fall when a company of L.O.O.C. drivers and conductors marched up in fours from Grosvenor-road, each man wearing war medals. Before them on a kind of stretcher was borne a number of beautiful wreaths. The company halted for a few moments at attention before the Cenotaph after the tokens had been deposited, and then marched away in military fashion. All the while the seemingly endless stream of individual mourners never ceased to file past the Cenotaph.

ABREX CEREMONIAL.
 Nothing could have been more moving in its simplicity than the service in Westminster Abbey, when the Ypres burial flag, which has covered the grave of the Unknown Warrior, was solemnly dedicated, and the tablet for the tomb, hewn from marble found near the field of Waterloo, was unveiled. The transepts were occupied by the general public, and the nave, which was lined by sailors, soldiers, airmen, and ex-Service men, was filled with representatives of the services and the diplomatic corps. Among those present was the American Ambassador. At 10.45, the Dean took up the Ypres flag, which has covered the Unknown's grave since the interment last year, and handed it to the Rev. D. Ralston, who used it during the war service as Army chaplain, and who originated the idea of the burial of the Unknown Warrior. Led by the choir, singing "The Supreme Sacrifice," the procession, including Earl Haig, Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Salmond, and Admiral Sir Henry Wilson, and the Rev. D. Ralston bearing the flag in the rear, moved to the high altar. Here the Dean took the flag, laid it upon the altar, and dedicated it "in perpetual memory of all who gave their lives fighting by land and sea and air for their King, for Great Britain and Ireland, and for the Dominions beyond the seas." Then followed a prayer, and as the Dean uttered the last words of the hymn of the maroon was heard. The two minutes' silence followed, during which the group at the altar remained motionless with the red, white and blue flag among them. The troops lining the aisle stood stiffly to attention, and the congregation stood with bowed heads. Here and there a woman in black slipped upon her knees and prayed. After the second maroon the "Confession of the faithful departed" was sung. The procession returned to the grave, and then—
A Solemn Moment Followed.
 The Rev. D. Ralston handed the Ypres flag to Lieut. J. J. Sheppard, who in turn gave it to Co. Sgt.-Major H. J. Evans, of the 17th London, a soldier of 30 years' service, who mounted a ladder with the flag and placed it in position on a neighbouring pillar, where it will remain. Immediately underneath, the oak case containing the American Congressional Medal

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