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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY, THE 4th INST.

In the course of another day our ears will catch the tramp of many feet as the various processions move on their way to Bannerman Park to participate in the Memorial Services of this year. It will be an impressive affair—full of dignity, sympathy and respect for the gallant dead; touching in the simplicity of the service and truly appreciative in its treatment of the sacrifices the day commemorates.

The Navy will be represented by a firing party; the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Newfoundland Regiment is asked to attend with the war veterans (with or without uniform); the City Brigades and the Boy Scouts

are also asked to be present, and the Nurses, V.A.D.'s, and the other gallant women workers in the Great War are likewise invited to attend; no formal invitation has been issued other than the official programme which was a request in itself.

In view of the fact that some of the city schools have closed for the summer vacation, it is felt that perhaps they may not be able to parade in a body, as they did last year, and in this connection would the parents of those children who have not been instructed by their teachers to assemble after the Church services and march to the park, kindly bring the little ones along with them, so that they may be cared for?

For the attention of all ranks, it is hoped that they will wear all military decorations (full dress), as the parade

is a ceremonial one.

As a final appeal, may we hope that the returned men will attend in large numbers, and thereby pay tribute to their gallant comrades who so often stood by them in those dark moments in the North Sea, in those thrilling moments in the attack at dawn or fought the monarchs in the woods in Northern Scotland. By a general spirit of co-operation the Memorial Services on to-morrow morning will be what the Committee intends they should be—a sincere tribute to our heroic dead who have symbolized the passage.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

LEO C. MURPHY, Captain, Secretary Memorial Day Committee, July 2nd, 1920.

NOTES OF TRAVEL:

And Reminiscences of a Pleasant Tour.

L. C. MORRIS, CHAPTER XXV, AT BOSTON.

The Police strike had just been settled when we reached Boston; but on every side we heard of the trouble, and of the mistake the police had made. There did not appear to be much sympathy with the policemen in their action, and the watch word of the moment was law and Order. This settlement was strongly and practically expressed in the election of Governor Coolidge; and his return to office had a wholesome effect upon the public thought of the city. At the same time there was an undercurrent of regret on behalf of the older members of the Police Force, and they had the sympathy of those who knew the situation. It seems that these men went on strike much against their will. They did not want to strike, but they were over-ruled by the younger members of their company.

The result of the strike was, that the entire police force of the city forfeited their position, and the older men forfeited their pensions. Some of these had put in twenty, and twenty-five, and thirty years service, and all their career was marked by efficiency and honor. They had devoted the prime of their lives to the service of the city; and in their position had earned the confidence of the people. They must have been good men. What a pity therefore, that after all their servitude they should have been so victimized as to lose the claim of such long and faithful service. We understand that some of these men pleaded hard to be re-instated; but in vain their plea; they had gone against the advice of their friends, and betrayed their trust as sworn custodians of the public peace; and much as some people would have wished to see them restored, the common feeling on behalf of law and order was so strong, that no leniency could be shown, and every man who went out, was left out. They all suffered alike; the men who wanted to strike, and the men who did not want to strike—the innocent, with the guilty. Such, somehow, seems the way of life.

The policemen having left their post of duty, the city was, of course, without protection, and for awhile there was some minor disturbances. But the situation was soon met, and instead of the regular burly policemen with their brass buttoned blue suits, there appeared the youthful state-guards in Khaki. To the number of five hundred, these latter men were commissioned, and for fully three months they patrolled the city. The change was

marked. The regular police were slow, and cautious of step; and were looked upon as a sort of institutional; but the state-guards presented quite a militant front, and their agility stood out in bold contrast to their blue-coated predecessors. As a rule, policemen move slowly while on regular duty, because their work is as much to observe and watch, as to parade; hence their apparent inactivity. But in the case of the state-guards it seemed all reversed, and instead of the stationary officer, there was the alert, gunsman. In all the city duties, in which the guards served, they won the esteem of the people; nor were they long in adapting themselves to the situation. At every point they appeared to advantage, and their most regrettable feature of their service was, that they bore arms. The policeman's baton is bad enough to see in this age, but the guns of the state-guards were more so. But then these things must be; for boast as we may of our civilization, or hope as we will of our christianity, there is still a lot of the old Adam left; and because of this, the state must ever be prepared to assume the defensive.

We saw the state-guards to much advantage during our rambles of three months in and about Boston; and we joined with the average citizen in the admiration of their work. But it was at the street crossings, and the great thoroughfares, that we mostly admired them. At such places as these the throngs of people are very numerous, and the line of wheeled vehicles intensify the congestion. This put the guards on their mettle, and really showed what they were made of, and it must have proved a heavy tax upon them. But to their credit be it said, they measured up to the standard; and amid the swaying crowds, and busy throngs, they directed the traffic to the entire satisfaction of the great populace of the city. The men's street crossings, did not, we think bear arms. They were so busy with their whistles, and so occupied with the crowds, that arms would seem an encumbrance, and in their way. But whatever they had, or whatever they bore, they did their duty well, and in some things taught a lesson or two, to the regular policemen; and the city of Boston is to be congratulated upon the excellent service which the state-guards rendered; and the state is to be equally congratulated upon having had such trained men ready to aid, when emergency demanded.

(Continued on Tuesday.)

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