

Grant Post, in the attitude for the occasion on the grave of Rear Admiral I have been honored to have honored you, speak to you, year ago and with bare head, the dust of the our post bears. by reason of the struggle for with unfeigned battle-scarred struggle, and the thoughtful what you did

ld make these graves of your their graves thus keep fresh in fitting es should be to vest and most sons of Delaware lap of wealth or a life of ease rather a life of the service of ntry and ours at generations hat he and you and dead suf-tain.

eventful career is properly a in the neigh-he, at an early rents, to Dela-andywine, not d. At the age President Madi-United States he was offered but preferring

church and I am as free and frank to express at proper times the former as the latter.

Again I thank you for this opportunity to address and beg you to continue your pilgrimage to the graves of your fallen comrades and strew their graves with fragrant flowers and keep their memories fresh and fragrant.

The post marched back to town, stopping on the way at St. Joseph's, Green Hill and Mt. Salem cemeteries, at each of which there were appropriate, but less elaborate ceremonies. The sad offices continued until noon and when the veterans returned to their headquarters they were tired and dust-covered, but all were anxious to participate in the exercises of the afternoon.

Smyth and Sheridan posts visited Wilmington and Brandywine, Riverview, Asbury and Old Swedes cemeteries. At Riverview cemetery children from the public schools beyond the Brandywine assisted the veterans in their work of strewing graves.

Grant Post went to the old and new Cathedral cemeteries and Sumner Post to the colored people's cemeteries.

The chief feature of the Decoration Day observances in Wilmington was the parade of the Grand Army posts, which started shortly after 2.30 o'clock. The line of march was from Fourth and Market to Eleventh, to Delaware avenue, to the Soldiers Monument, to Eighth Street Park, where the meeting was held.

The old veterans marched well, and the parade was handsome and imposing. A number of school children were in the line and flags were plentifully displayed.

The order of parade was as follows:

- Platoon of Police.
- Chief Marshal Jacob Siffer and Staff.
- Department Commander and Staff.
- Post Department Commanders.
- Smyth Post Band.

along the line of the nations of the and yet all that time gnawing at tional vitals, was the cancer of slavery, that national lie that bl the universal truth that we had pro Our brainiest men, our broadest sta our subtlest politicians had in vain to harmonize the irrepressible con pressed in these two conditions. Th was only to inflame men's passi sow broadcast the seeds of seccion It seemed in the providence of C this great scourge could only pass a deluge of blood and in the g heaval of the nation.

There is a legend that in the fou tury before Christ, "an earthqua pened in Rome, a large portio area of the forum sunk down and chasm opened there; all attempts up were vain and the city was with consternation, especially Haruspices had declared that it co be filled by casting into it that o the greatness of Rome depended. every one was hesitating and dou to the meaning of the Haruspici ance the heroic Marcus Curtius p himself and proclaimed that Ro tained nothing more indispensabl greatness, than a valiant citizen f coutred for battle. He offered hi a victim; and having arrayed hi complete armor and mounted horse, galloped into the abyss. T closed; the chasm vanished and resumed its wonted aspect."

The chasm rent in the land of by human slavery was not to be c one nor by a thousand full arm riors. Eight hundred and fifty t of our dead were hurled into its j untold millions of property was consumed. Our country lost three of her people before peace sanc liberty, supported by justice an could cross on the bridge of huma