

BUSINESS CEASES AS ATLANTA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LABOR

Thousands Line Streets
Despite Indications of
Rain to See Most Color-
ful Parade of Year.

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Atlanta with all America celebrated Monday as the day consecrated to the nobility of the new world—labor. The pounding stamp mills of Alaska were silent, the needle shops of Gotham were deserted, not a man was to be seen at the blast furnaces of Pittsburg and the busy cotton mills of Georgia were empty, all activity was halted.

The colossus of labor folded his mighty arms and the wheels of industry stopped turning. It was the annual tribute of a continent to past achievements of the man who carries the burden and for a few hours labor surveyed the conquests of the future, which will be the conquests of peace.

For 24 hours labor rested, looked about, made merry and felt contented. For although the skies of other countries are darkened with ominous clouds and the dreadful ghost of unemployment stalks over the land elsewhere, American labor basks in the sunshine of prosperity and happiness.

Hosts of Labor March.

With unfurled banners and lively music the hosts of labor marched through Atlanta's streets Monday. Colorful pageantry, flags, hunting, streamers, all went to make the labor demonstration the greatest ever staged on the streets of Atlanta. Thousands of people lined the route of procession and the drizzling rain of the morning did not dampen the enthusiasm of either spectators or marchers.

As the bands played and the parade got under way, the sun reappeared and smiled with Georgian brilliance on the marching columns. Every unit of the local trades federation was in line. Boilermakers and engineers, mail carriers and carpenters, painters and bricklayers, a magnificent host, an army greater than the legions of Mars, for their work are the aims of peace, their destiny the building of a greater nation.

Interspersed with the marching ranks came the floats, tastefully decorated and emblematic of the type of activity of the workers immediately behind. Following the grand marshal of the parade, William Strauss, came the float of the Atlanta Federation of Trades and then the floats of the musicians, the garment workers, the blacksmiths, the sign painters, the stone cutters and the moving picture operators.

Employees of the Georgia Railway and Power company had struck upon a happy idea and the miniature street car was the greatest attraction of the parade. On the street car stood the drum, labeled "the largest drum in the world" and the street car was operated by a crew of one man and two children.

Sun Smiles Forth.

Although at first it looked as if the parade was to be abandoned, and the work of months of preparations to go for naught, suddenly the aspect changed, the sun came through the clouds, the bands played "Dixie" and new energy and ambition came over the marchers.

No less than five brass bands enlivened the step of the passing col-

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umns. From afar came the rumble of drums and fifes. As far as the eye could see, swinging, happy companies of the army of peace.

Later in the day there were field day events, barbecue, brilliant fireworks and baseball games at Lakewood park. Here the program was in charge of the Labor day committee consisting of Emmett L. Quinn, T. E. Ball, Walter Caraway, George F. Haney and E. O. McClain.

Only the street car men and the bus operators had a day of real labor. Record crowds were carried in all directions. Moving picture houses and theaters did a roaring business, while the post-office, state capital and many stores were closed in answer to the proclamation of Mayor Sims.

Divisions of Parade.

The parade formed at the state capitol at 10 o'clock. The divisions were as follows:

- 1—Mounted police.
 - 2—Band.
 - 3—Marshal and aids, J. F. Scott, division marshal.
 - 4—Past presidents and delegates of the A. F. of T.
 - 5—Federation float.
- Second division:
- 1—Division marshal, T. L. McBrayer.
 - 2—Georgia Railway and Power company band.
 - 3—Street and electric railway employees, division 732.
 - 4—Garment workers.
 - 5—Motion picture machine operators.
 - 6—Stage employees.
 - 7—Musicians.
 - 8—Barbers.
 - 9—Public service employees.
 - 10—Journeymen tailors.
- Third division:
- 1—Band.
 - 2—Division marshal, G. Voll Webb.
 - 3—Building trades crafts.
- Fourth division:
- 1—Band.
 - 2—Division marshal, E. O. McClain.
 - 3—Machinists, No. 1 and No. 43.
 - 4—Blacksmiths.
 - 5—Molders.
 - 6—Boilermakers.
 - 7—Sheet metal workers, No. 380.
 - 8—Carmen, No. 45 and 354.
 - 9—Steam engineers.
- Fifth division:
- 1—Band.
 - 2—Division marshal, G. L. Cannon.
 - 3—Typographical union.
 - 4—Printing pressmen, No. 3.
 - 5—Web pressmen, No. 10.
 - 6—Stereotypers.
 - 7—Mailers.
- Sixth division:
- 1—Band.
 - 2—Division marshal.
 - 3—Bricklayers, No. 6.
 - 4—Plasterers.
 - 5—Lathers.

SAVANNAH OBSERVES LABOR DAY QUIETLY.

Savannah, Ga., September 3.—Savannah observed Labor day very quietly. There was a program of sports at Daffin park, a municipal recreation during the afternoon. Visiting shooters from Brunswick engaged local marksmen in a contest at clay pigeon shooting at the country club and a delegation of automobilists left today to visit Millen, 60 miles away, where there was to be a barbecue. The business places in the city were closed.

MACON STAGES LABOR DAY PARADE.

Macon, Ga., September 3.—Macon today observed Labor day in a quiet manner. A parade was staged during the morning and during the afternoon athletic contests were staged here under the auspices of the Macon Federation of Trades. Banks closed for the day and most of the business houses closed at noon.