

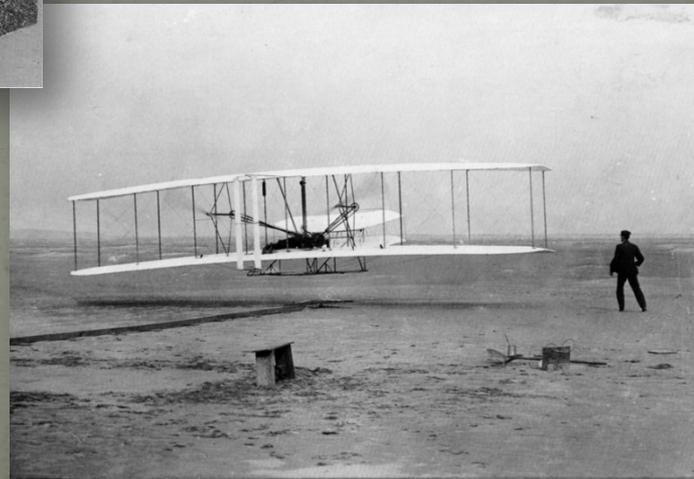
# **The Great Reunion of 1913**

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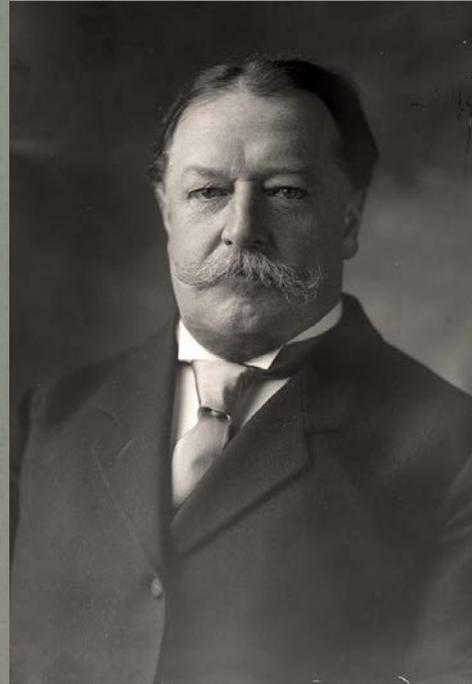
*“The survivors of those great armies meet today not with arms in hand but as citizens of a united country.”*

# America, 1898-1913

The Progressive Party . Women's Suffrage. Tinker Toys. "Model T" . Mary Pickford. Comisky Park. Booker T. Washington. "The Great White Fleet". The Teddy Bear. Hoover Vacuums. Wright Aircraft. Child Labor. American Anarchist Movement. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. Ty Cobb. Boy Scouts of America . Panama Canal. Indianapolis 500. Ivy League Football. "Dollar Diplomacy". Suffragist Movement. Wright Brothers.



# "Political Fury"

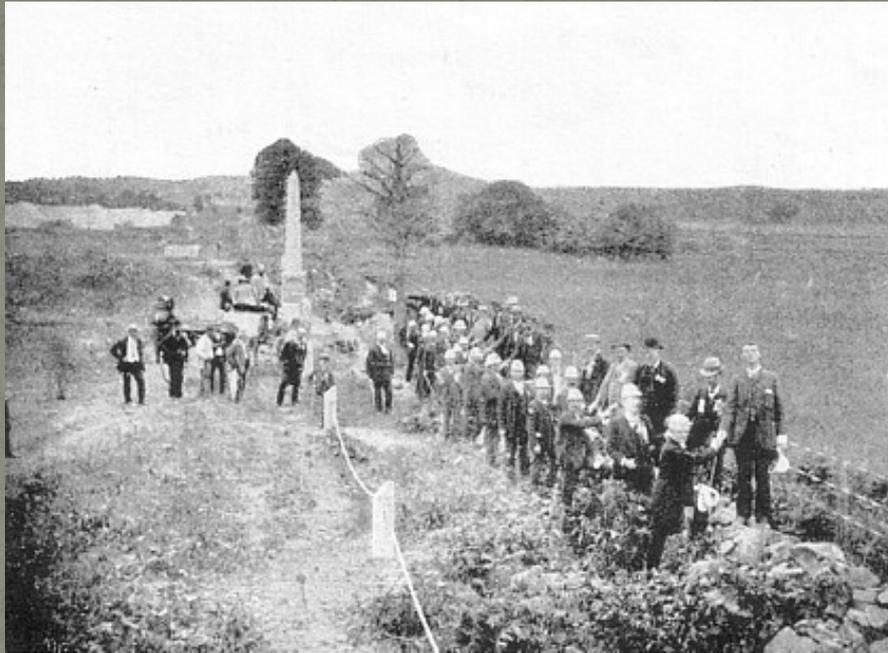


# “It will be a Great Reunion.”

In April 1908, Gen. Henry S. Huidekoper met with Pennsylvania Governor Edwin Stuart to outline his plan for a mutual reunion of Union and Confederate veterans at Gettysburg. A veteran of the 150<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, Huidekoper was seriously wounded at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863. He deeply believed in the spirit of reunification and Gettysburg would be the perfect setting.

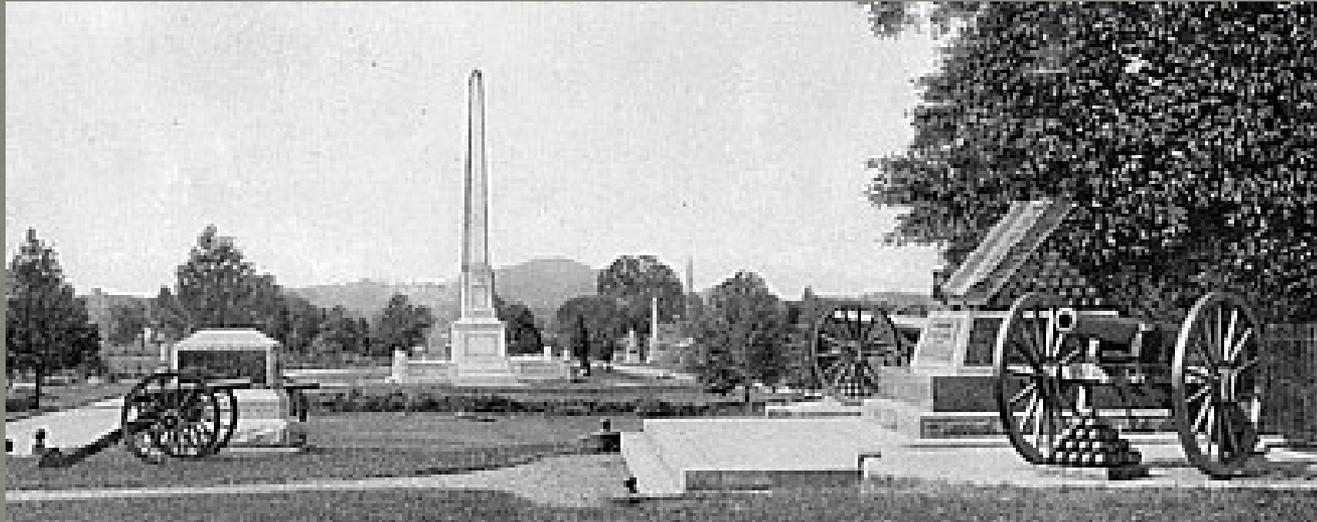


# First Mutual Reunion 1887



Veterans of the Philadelphia Brigade Association and Pickett's Division Association shake hands at the wall in front of the 69<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry monument, 1887. Their bond would fuel interest in the developing park and participation of the GAR and UCV at battle anniversaries including the Great Reunion of 1913.

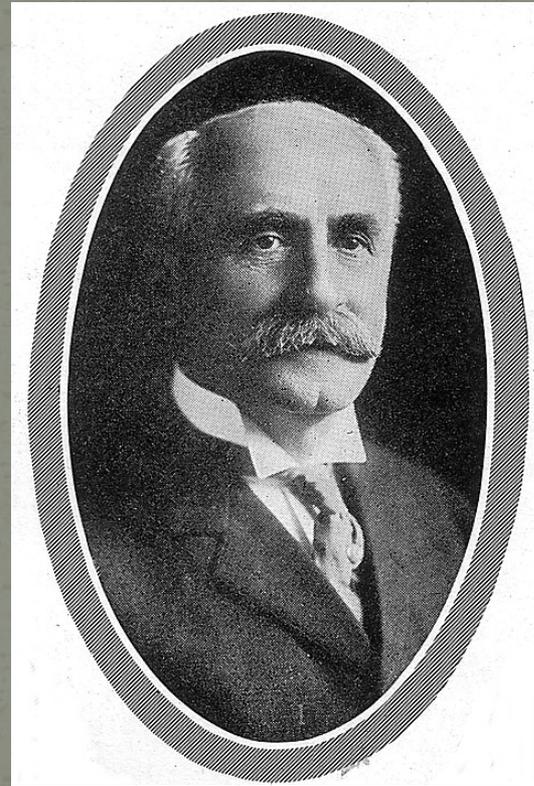
# Planning for the Anniversary



1909- The Pennsylvania Anniversary Commission met with President Howard Taft while the state contacted national commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans. The celebration would be officially held July 1-4, 1913, and open to all honorably discharged veterans, members of the G.A.R. and U.C.V.

# The Pennsylvania Anniversary Commission

James M. Schoonmaker, former colonel of the 14<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry, was appointed chairman of the Pennsylvania Anniversary Commission. The commission would be responsible for organizing the anniversary and reunion, contacting veteran representatives from all states and territories, and co-ordinating Federal support.



# First Meeting at Gettysburg, 1910

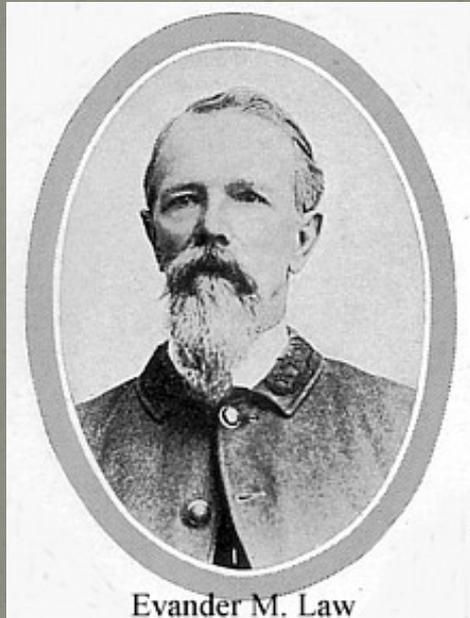


The first meeting of state representatives for the anniversary celebration took place at Gettysburg on October 10-14, 1910. Among those attending were former officers whose reputations were made on this battlefield.

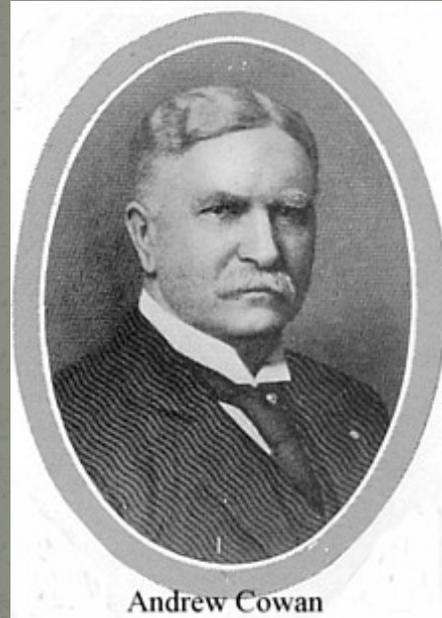
# Notable Gettysburg Commissioners



William E. Miller



Evander M. Law



Andrew Cowan

Gettysburg, Pa Friday October 14 1916

## PLAN FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

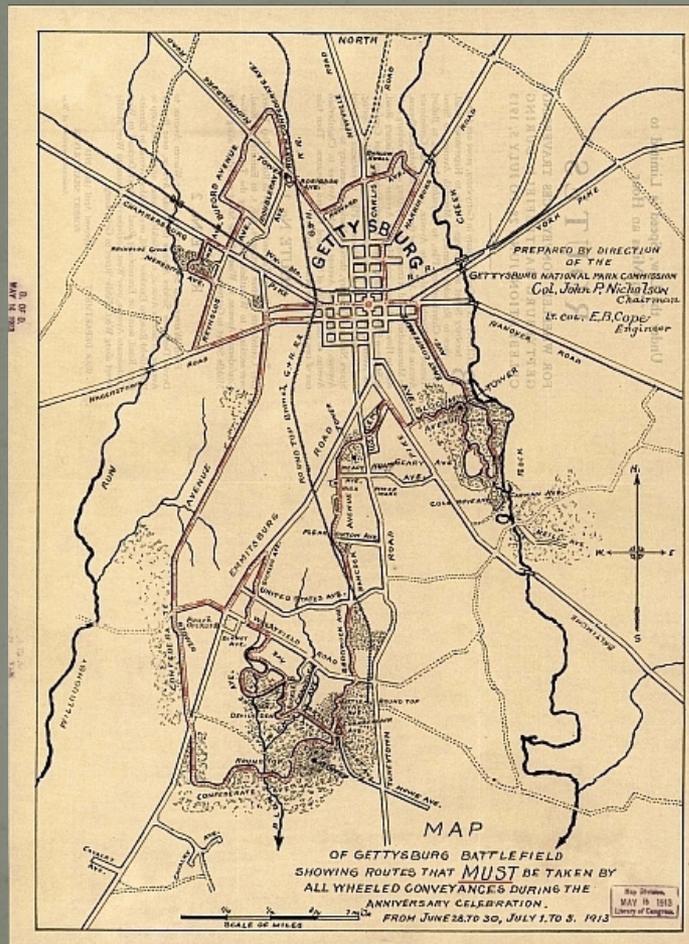
Commission Appointed by Governor  
Stuart Meets with Representa-  
tives from Various States and  
Territories.

At the meeting of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Commission with the National Committee and the representatives from the various states and territories held this morning at the Eagle Hotel it was decided that the celebration in 1918 cover four days, July 1, 2, 3, and 4 and that the fourth day be in the nature of a peace jubilee.

## FRICITION AT COMMISSIONERS' MASS MEETING

Exceptional Meeting Held by Fiftieth Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg Commission. National Grand Army Commander Wounds Confederate Veteran by Unpleasant Remarks. Peace Makers to the Rescue.

# Support for the Encampment



## U.S. ARMY

Quartermaster , Subsistence, Medical.

5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry & 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry

## PA NATIONAL GUARD

Support guests of Pennsylvania and  
guard Governor's Camp

## PA STATE POLICE

Traffic Control in Adams County  
and camp security.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

Medical Support.

## BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

358 scouts to act as veterans' escorts.

# The Great Camp



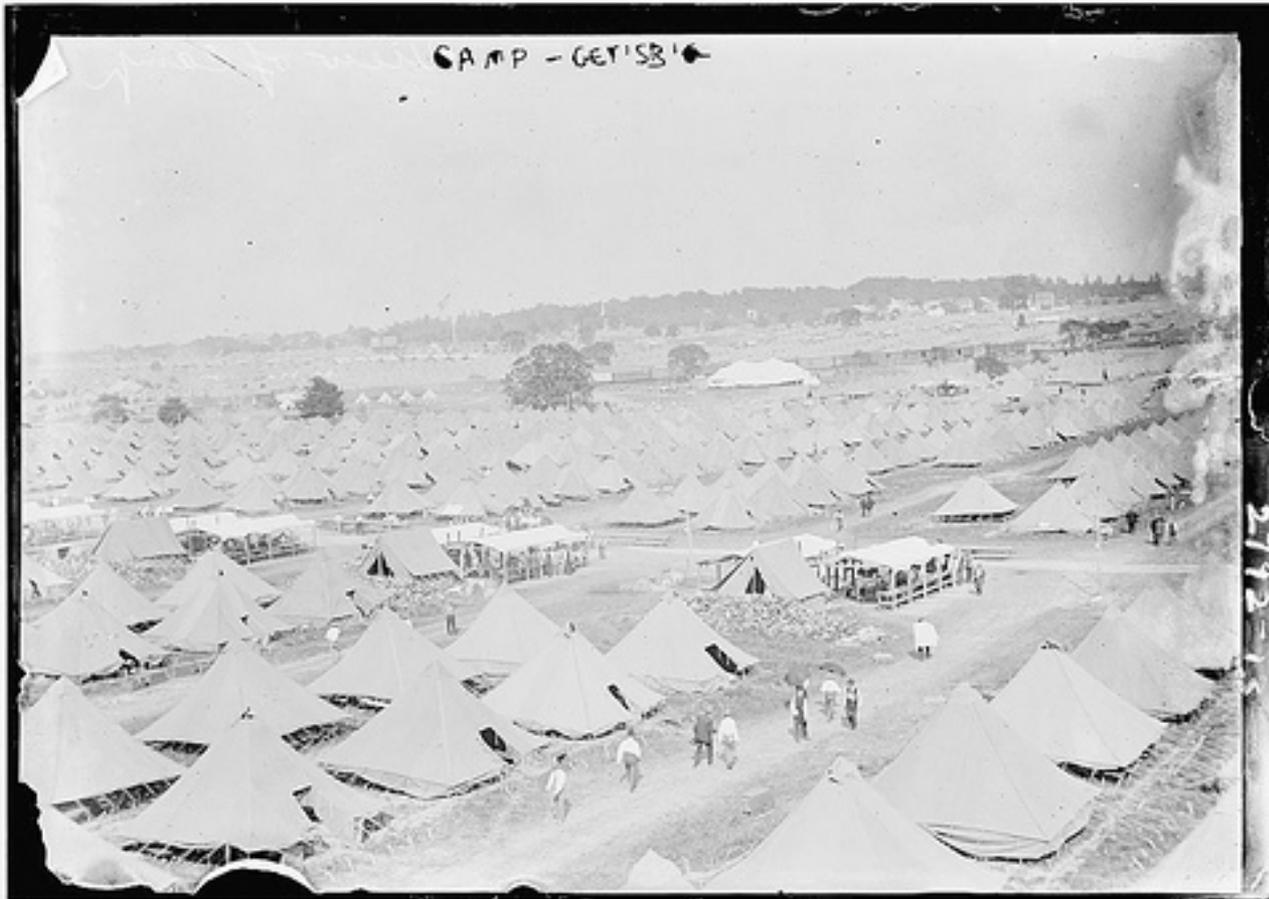
The camp was originally designed to accommodate 40,000 veteran guests. By June 30, 1913, the number had grown to 50,000+.

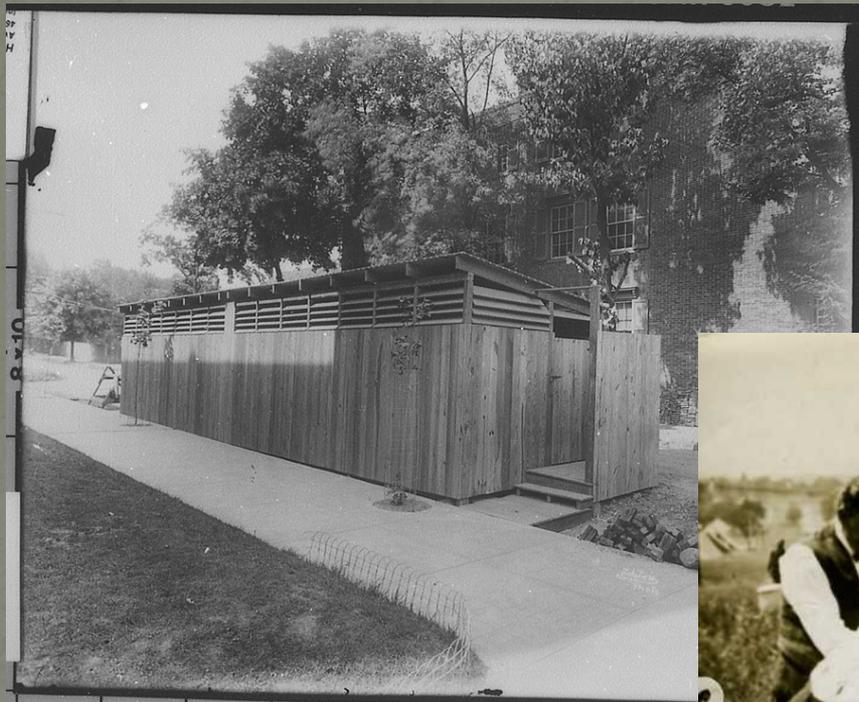
# The Great Camp



“The camp was a model in every respect- well equipped and cared for. At night the grandeur and beauty of this camp was beyond description. Lighted by electricity, it presented a scene that will ever be remembered.”

"The camp's amenities are endless."





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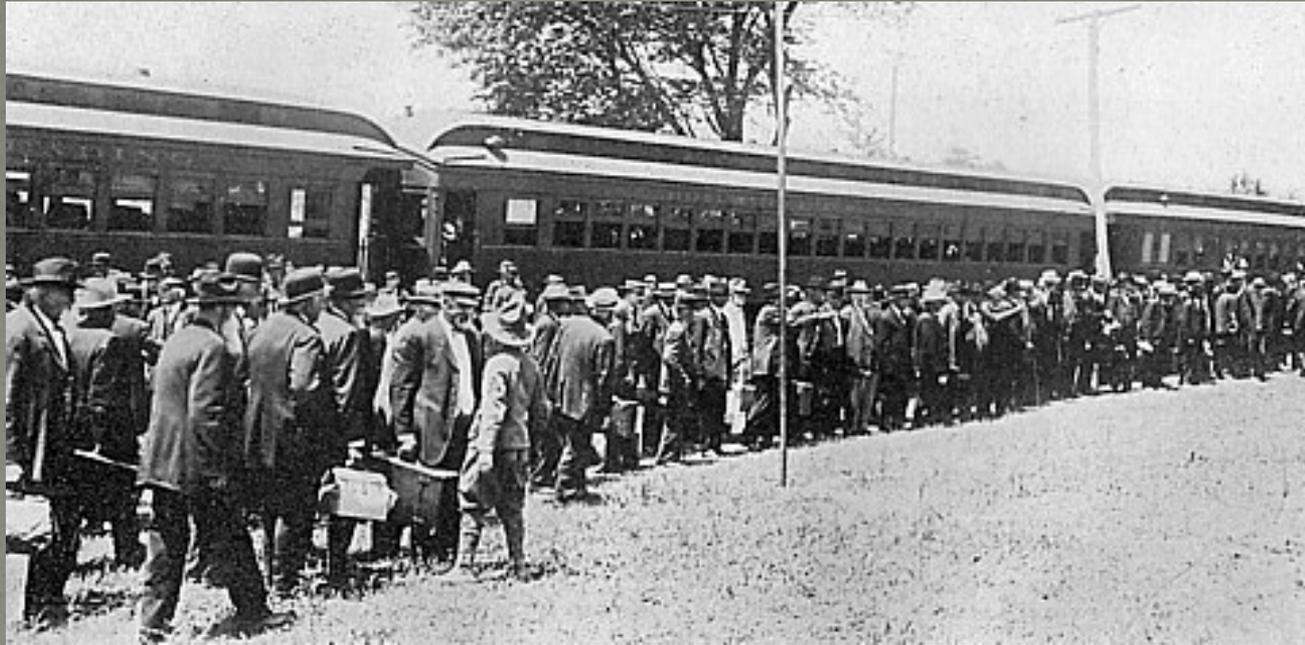
Latrine constructed in Gettysburg to accommodate visitors and veterans during Fiftieth Anniversary (1913). Breckenridge Street, near



# The Great Tent

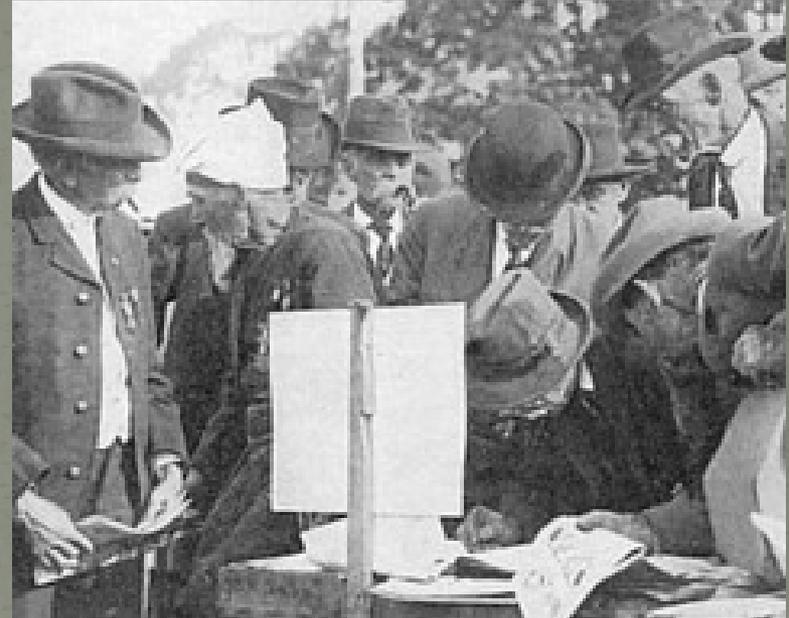


# The Veterans Arrive



June 30, 1913: Thirty four special trains arrive in Gettysburg to discharge veterans at the Great Camp, each loaded with veterans from all across America. Grabbing their single handbag, the vets unloaded, lined up, and enthusiastically marched to their respective quarters in the Great Camp.

“Just like the old days! Fall in!”



“After getting off the train we were ordered to fall in by company which we did and we marched away amid cheers that was most deafening, escorted by the Regulars and Boy Scouts.” - A Minnesota Veteran, June 30, 1913.

# “Here is this great encampment...

of 50,000 men, and of such men as never before assembled upon the face of the Globe. They are what is left of the Armies of the North and the South which actually fought the battles of the Civil War which ended at Appomattox. The heroes of Bull Run & Antietam, of Fredericksburg & Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor ... the Wilderness...Vicksburg (and) Lookout Mountain... representatives of that mighty host with Grant and Lee at the famous Appletree, that made up the Grand Review at Washington & the march homeward and southward in 1865 in the presence of an admiring and grateful people, the wonder of the civilized World.”



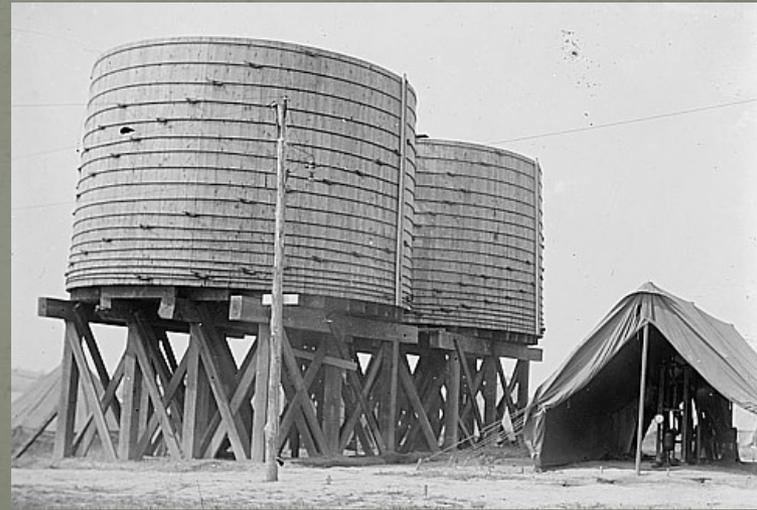
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# Meal Service for 54,000



Three hot meals per day were served to the veterans from the cook tents at the end of the streets. Each man was issued a cup, plate and utensils that he could take with him after the reunion. The favorite beverage? Coffee- 12, 206 lbs. worth, with lots of sugar.

# “Bread, beans and coffee”



# Handshakes for the Cameras



“I wish you could see these old fellows when they clasp hands with the boys in blue and say, ‘God bless you, brother. We’re just as good Americans as any of you!’” – C.G. Lelard, June 30, 1913.

# Honored Guests

Former congressman and Union general Daniel E. Sickles, the last surviving corps commander of either army, attended the reunion accompanied by a group of supporters and his private nurses. When asked by a reporter whether he was upset there was no monument to him at Gettysburg, the old general replied, *“Hell, the whole battlefield is my monument!”*



"The Last of His Kind....."



# Government Officials



General Hunter Liggett , Army commander of the encampment with Lindley M. Garrison, Secretary of War, and General Leonard Wood, Army Chief of Staff.



Vice-President Thomas Marshall and Mrs. Marshall at General Liggett's headquarters.

# Tuesday, July 1- Veteran's Day



“I am half a thousand miles away from home but all the same I am home. This is my home, this country of ours, America. There is no better guarantee of the perpetuity of this nation than this assembly here today. It is the birth of the New America”

- H. Bennett Young, United Confederate Veterans

# Wednesday, July 2- Military Day

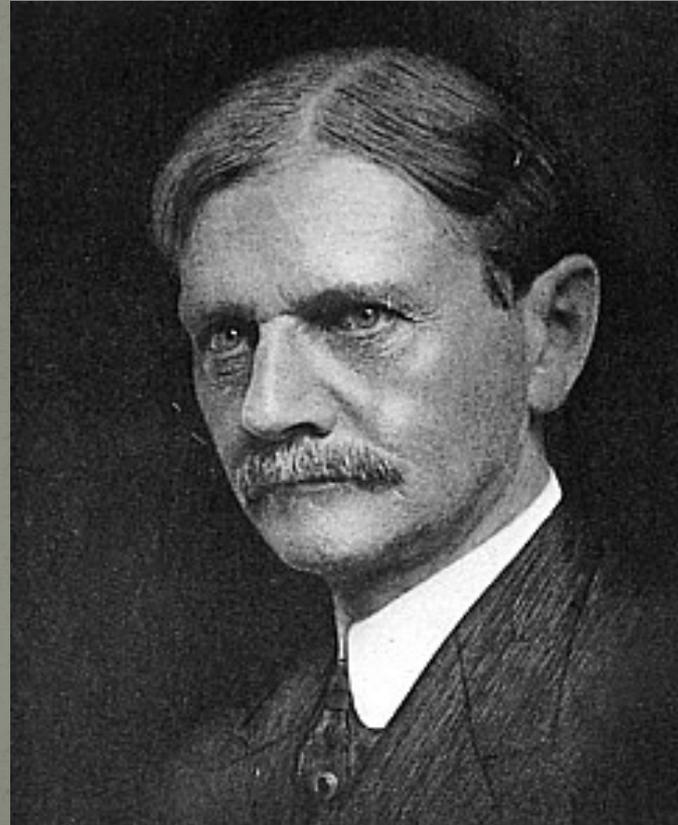


“So long as men love valor and worship heroes, the name of Gettysburg and those who fought there, will be ever on their lips.” -Lindley Garrison, Secretary of War

# Thursday, July 3- Governor's Day

“I would not have you forget the years that are gone. I would not have you yield one jot or tittle of that faith and devotion in the cause for which you fought, but I would have you believe that this day we are a re-united people.”

-Thomas Marshall, Vice President of the United States



# “Pickett’s Charge”, 1913



“Under the brow of the ridge in the bloody angle was a handful of blue waiting to meet the onslaught of peace.”  
Union veterans await their Confederate counterparts near the “Angle”, July 3, 1913.

# Pickett's Charge, 1913



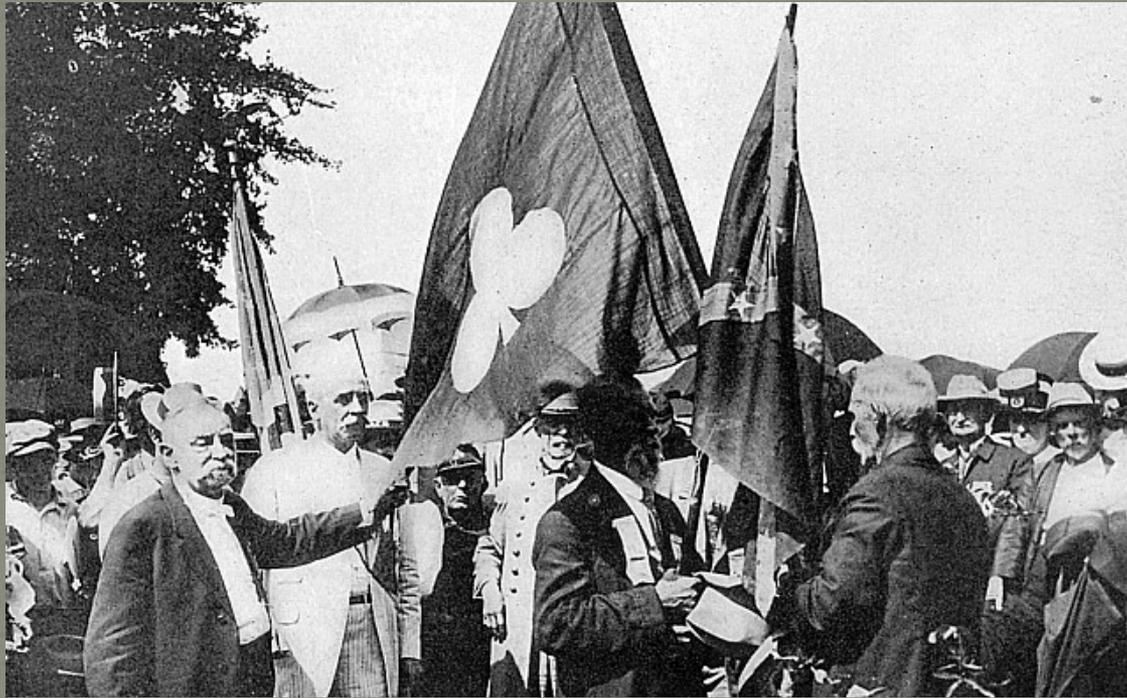
“The veterans in gray marched a quarter of a mile over the ground they traversed during the charge. Progress was slow and painful for the timothy was high and its plowed surface was not easy for world weary feet.”

# Pickett's Charge, 1913



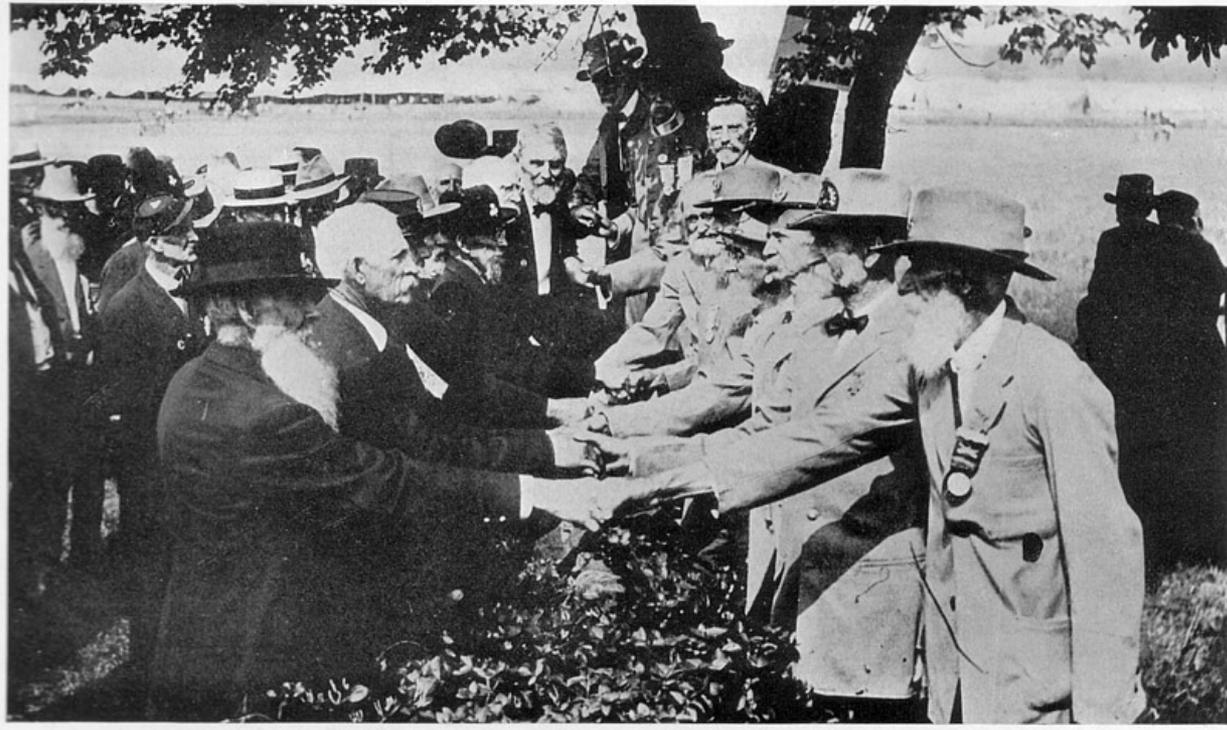
“Wide indeed, was the breach that put you asunder, and long were the years of bitterness and misunderstanding that ensued; but you have outlived them all.” - Rep. J. Hampton Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Pennsylvania

# Pickett's Charge, 1913



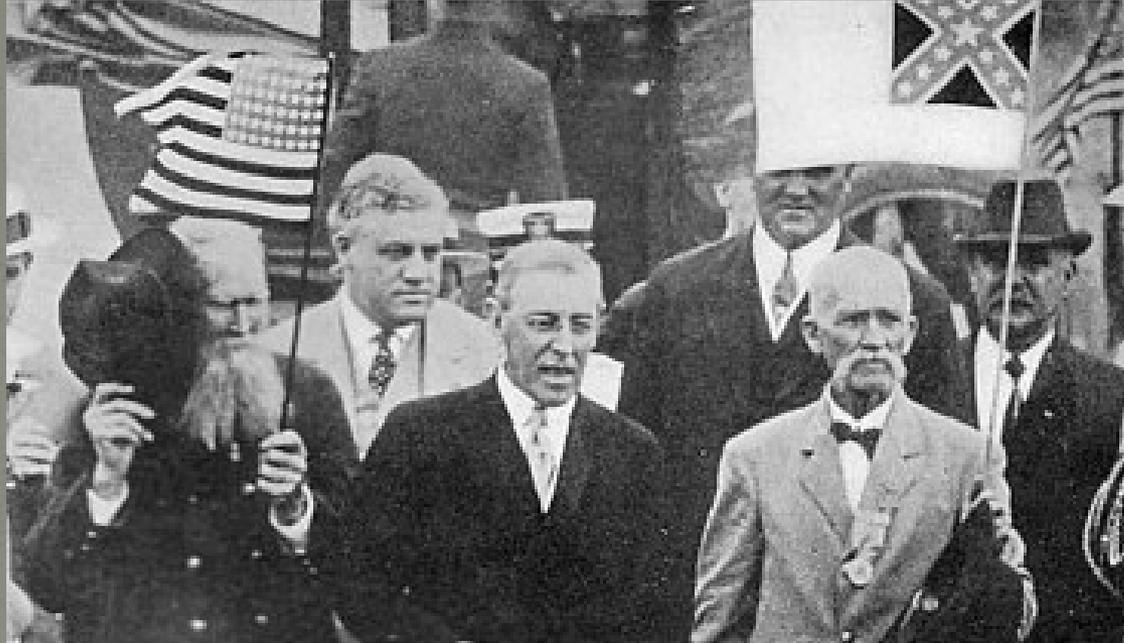
“The stars and bars and the flag of the second corps were crossed in amity; the stars and stripes was unfurled and the crowd that came to watch burst into a cheer.”

# Handshakes at the Wall, 1913.



“They crowded over the wall, shook hands and the charge was over.”

# President Wilson Arrives



“We are made by these tragic, epic things to know what it costs to make a nation- the blood and sacrifice of multitudes of unknown men lifted to their manly willingness to serve.” - President Woodrow Wilson, July 4, 1913.

"Amid quieter scenes."  
Comrades in Blue

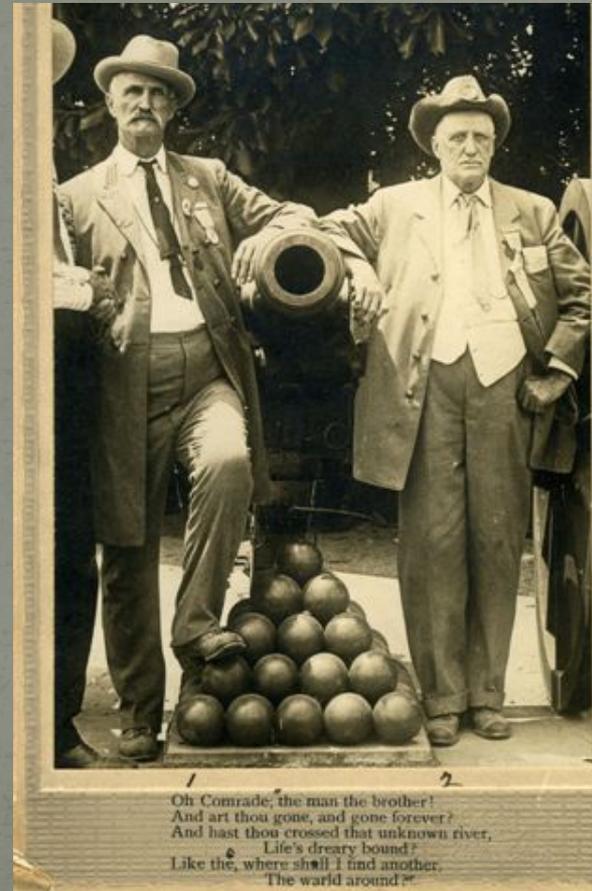


# Comrades in Gray

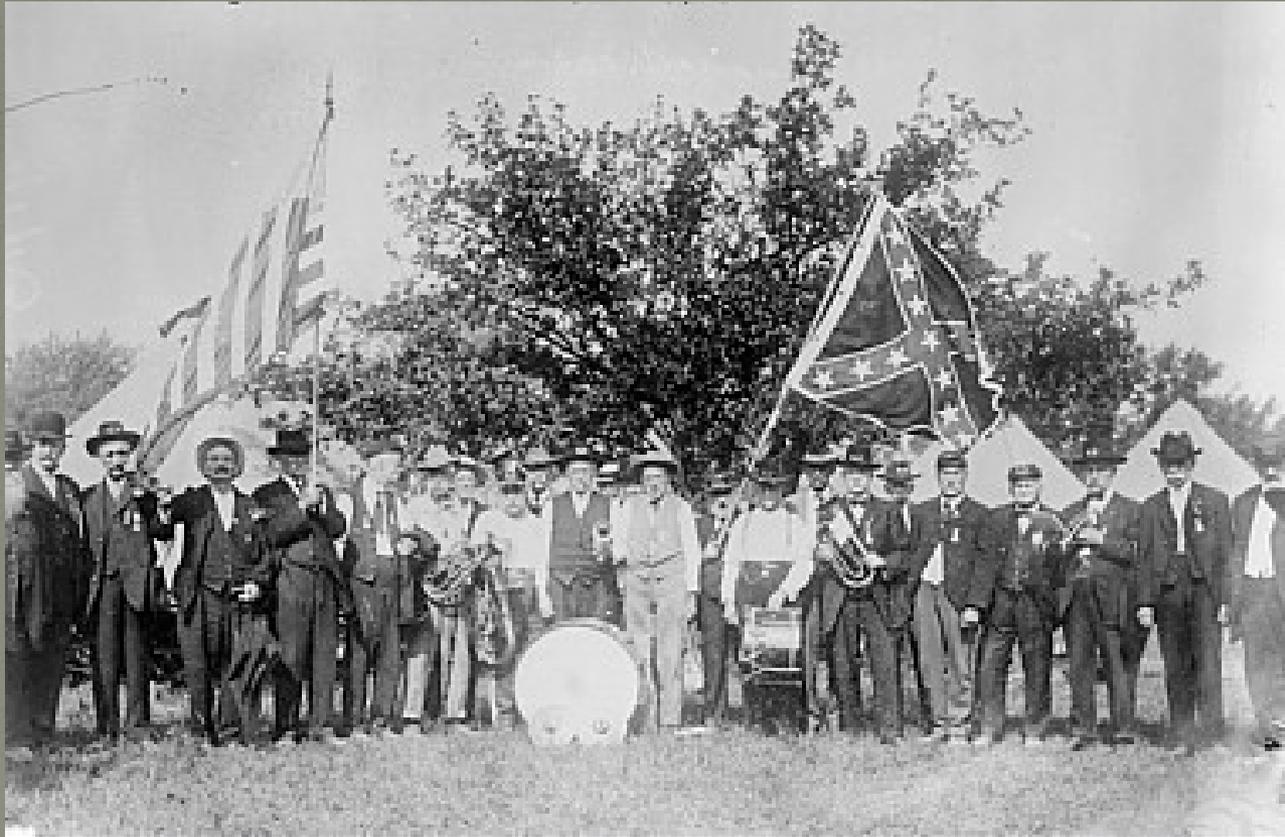


# Confederate Veterans of Gettysburg

The Great Reunion was also a family affair. Capt. William T. Baldwin (left) served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry. Captured in 1864, he escaped from the Camp Chase, Ohio, prison camp and served until 1865. His cousin, Albert Gibboney (right), also in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Virginia, was as an aide de camp to General Henry Heth at Gettysburg. It is estimated that over 200 sets of veteran brothers attended the reunion.



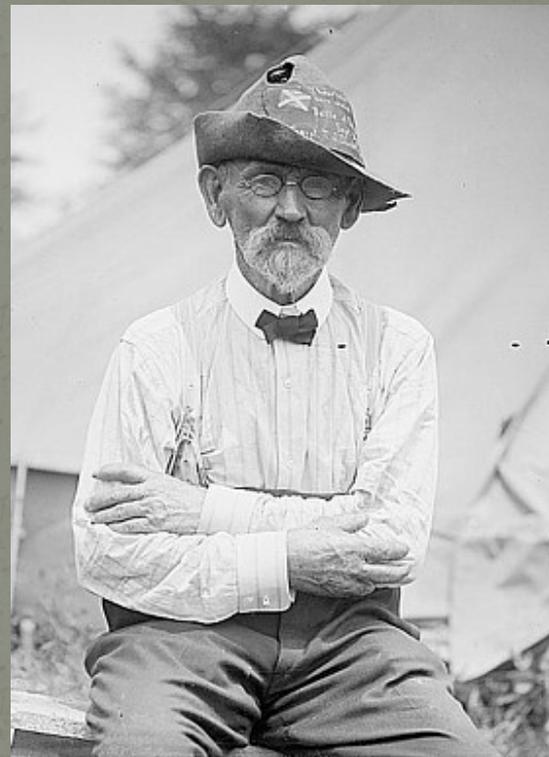
# The Blue and Gray Gather Together...



# Music and Song Filled the Air.



Some brought relics of the War.



# “Oh, it was a grand time!”

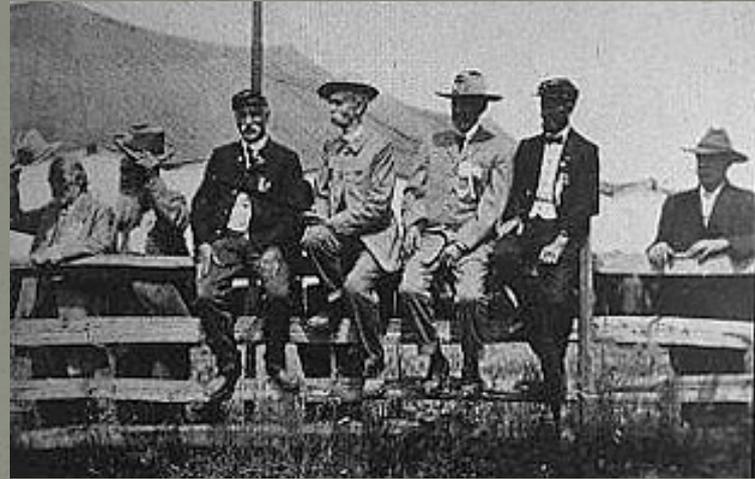
## FAKE SOUVENIRS ARE BEING UNLOADED ON GETTYSBURG VISITORS

GETTYSBURG, Pa., July 3.—The reward of fame in the form of dollars is pouring into the coffers of about everybody in the village of Gettysburg.

Nothing is free. Not even a drink of water. One cent a glass for just water and 5 cents for ice water is the charge. To get from the village to the camp, a distance of about a mile, \$1.50 a head is charged, unless somebody refuses to pay that price when the auto driver may be induced to drop to 40 cents or a quarter.

The visitors and the old veterans are being loaded up with all sorts of fake souvenirs. You can buy for a half dollar the very bullet that killed General Farnsworth, the very piece of shell which swept the leg from General Bickles. You can buy anything you want and as often as you will produce the price and the Lord knows plenty of persons are producing the price. Relics of every sort and description, fakes of course, are offered for sale at every step in the road and thousands of dollars are being extracted from the pockets of the gullible.

There is plentiful, too plentiful for the welfare of the old soldiers in this hot weather, yet great care is being taken to keep them from getting into trouble or from being robbed.



# Peace Eternal in a Nation United



Dedicated in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Eternal Light Peace Memorial stands on Oak Ridge overlooking the battlefield of July 1, 1863. The monument was the desire and wish of the veterans who gathered at Gettysburg in 1913.

“Good to see you, Yank.”  
“You too, Johnny”

“One in Confederate gray,  
the other in Union blue,  
sat arm in arm, secure in  
the know-ledge that only a  
soldier who has seen death  
and lived to tell about it  
can understand what war  
truly is.”

