

RECORD THRONG SEES PROVINCETOWN PARADE WITH FLOATS DEPICTING SPIRIT OF OLD TOWN

Cloudburst During Picturesque Procession Fails to Dampen Ardor of Citizens Celebrating
200th Anniversary—Speaker Hull Lauds Gov Fuller in Sacco Case—Sen
Walsh, Congressman Gifford and Others Speak

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PROVINCETOWN, Aug 5—Clad in her best bib and tucker and wholly unashamed of her advancing age, old Lady Provincetown pranced gaily through her paces today in celebration of her 200th birthday.

Even an untimely cloudburst, which broke just in time to drench hundreds of pretty costumes worn in a colorful parade after it had passed over three-fourths of the route, failed to dampen her ardor.

Pretty girls artistically costumed, Cape Cod mothers and Cape Cod daughters wearing their grandmother's

past few months the eyes of all the world have been directed toward him, and the ears of all the world have been awaiting his message. He has spoken and the world has heard and approved.

"We have faith in Massachusetts today. We all know that there is one law in this State, one law for rich and poor, one law for high and low, one law for conservative and radical. The world knows that in Massachusetts we have a Government of laws and not of men.

"Of this we are proud, and you and I are glad to commend the courage of His Excellency, Alvan T. Fuller."

After expressing the thanks of the State and town to Admiral Robertson and the officers and men of the Arkansas for their part in the celebra-

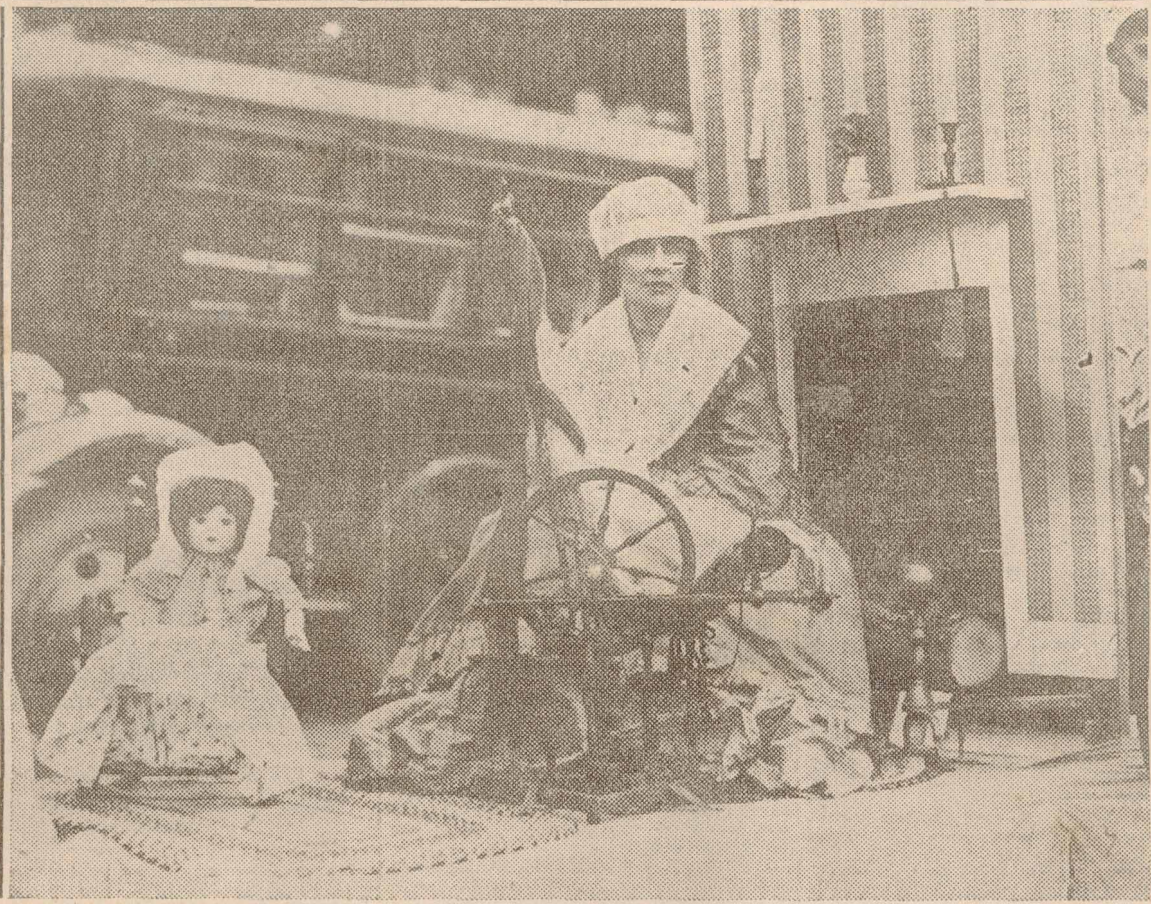
tail of 60 Marines, Capt J. T. Wright commanding.

Thence onward it was a picturesque pageant.

Life Boat Rolls in Streets

The lifeboat of the Race Point Coast Guard station rolled through the streets mounted on its own carriage. Chief bosun's mate James Morris and his men, all in whites, were at the oars with their life preservers on.

Three floats were contributed by the Research Club of Provincetown. One depicted the signing of the compact in the cabin of the Mayflower. On the second a group of girls showed the contrast in styles between 1727 and 1927. A third pictured the deck of a



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hats and dresses, grizzled veterans of the whaling industry flourishing the tools of a vanished trade, dark-skinned sons of Portugal taking a day off from the fishing grounds but hauling trawls for exhibition purposes, artists and art students, gold-braided officers tramping Marines and Blue Jackets from the battleship Arkansas. These were some of the elements which blended to create the most picturesque street pageant the tip of the Cape has witnessed since the Pilgrim tencentenary seven years ago.

There were many women and girls on the gaily-decorated floats, but with true Cape Cod spirit they swallowed their disappointment and disdained running to cover when the rain came, remaining in their places to pass in review before the visiting dignitaries at Town Hall.

These included Senator David I. Walsh, Admiral Ashley H. Robertson, U. S. N., and officers of his flagship, the Arkansas; Congressman Charles L. Gifford and Speaker John C. Hull of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Sun Comes Out Again Soon

"Fine day for it," remarked an out-towner to a Provincetown woman around noontime when there wasn't a cloud in the sky. "Ought to get one good day in 200 years," the woman retorted.

The remark was rendered doubly ironical by nature's tantrum in the afternoon. The shower did not last long, however, and the sun came out again in time to permit the spell binders to speak their pieces from the steps of the Town Hall to a crowd assembled on the lawn.

A heavy influx of tourists and excursionists swelled Provincetown's population to the highest point of the Summer, and created a traffic problem in the narrow streets for the local police and the detail of 10 motorcycle patrolmen sent here from the State Constabulary.

This was the second and biggest day of the four-day celebration in honor of Provincetown's 200 years as an incorporated community. In order to give the excursionists a chance to see the parade, the steamer Dorothy Bradford deferred her sailing on the return trip to Boston until 4:30 p. m.

Reference to Gov Fuller's decision in the Sacco-Vanzetti case was made during his remarks at Town Hall by Speaker Hull, the Governor's personal representative.

"You know why he (Gov Fuller) is not here," Mr Hull told the crowd. "I am sure under the circumstances you are glad to excuse him."

Tells of Pride in Fuller

"We are all proud today—I am more proud of our splendid Governor, Alvan T. Fuller, than ever before. For the

tion, Senator Walsh discussed the ideals which brought the early settlers to New England.

"They had," the Senator said, "a profound respect for religion. To be sure, they were a little intolerant of other religions than their own, but they



HERSEY D. TAYLOR
Marshal of the Parade

believed and trusted in God. Certainly they were inspired by the ideal of self-government. They believed that the ruled should be the rulers. They rebelled against the idea that the masses should be subject to a ruling class. They risked all for the right of men and women to name their own rulers and to enact their own laws.

Confident of Immigrants

"The same ideals have brought millions of later immigrants to our shores. I believe the country is safe in the hands of the newer elements of our population."

Congressman Gifford delivered some humorous remarks, admitting that it required the influence of Senator Walsh to bring the battleship Arkansas to Provincetown and Admiral Robertson, whose engaging personality has captured Provincetown, declared he would like nothing better than to be here for the party on its 300th birthday.

Clerk of Courts Charles N. Rogers introduced the speakers. Chairman Frank H. Barnett of the Selectmen voiced the town's official welcome to its guests.

The parade, however, not the speech-making, was the real feature of the day. This is the sort of thing which Provincetown, with its romantic history, its fishing industry, its art colony, does best. Beauty, originality and quaintness characterized the floats which made today's procession a series of delightful pictures.

Three Mashpee Indians in full regalia marched in the vanguard behind town police officers William D. Carlos and Frank Thomas. Then came a detachment of 500 bluejackets from the Arkansas under command of Lieut Commander H. T. Bartlett and a de-

Provincetown whaler in 1850, with two veteran whalemen, Capt Ed Walter Smith and Everett Small, in oilskins exhibiting whaling gun, harpoon and whale knives.

The local chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America displayed the interior of a little red schoolhouse, with Mrs Frank A. Days, wearing an old colonial red ribbon in her hair, presiding over a class of little tots.

Along came a dory, with three bronzed fishermen, real fishermen, Frank Crowley, Serafin Taves and Manuel Perry, hauling real fish, a heterogeneous catch, right over the side. Crowley wore radio earphones while he toiled.

The creation of the Nautilus Club was like a picture on a magazine cover. The judges gave it first prize. It was a picture of a little Colonial house. There was a garden outside. Inside at her spinning wheel before a open fire sat the "Mother of 1727," with Mrs Edward Loring in the title role.

The students of Charles W. Hawthorne's Cape Cod School of Art went for both the beautiful and the grotesque. On one float a group was depicted worshipping the goddess of art. Miss Marjory Prather, dressed in white, gold bands around her golden hair, was the goddess. But on another float, labeled "Redgoddess of Beauty," a group was made up to caricature some of the well-known artists of the Provincetown Colony.

Other Floats Picturesque

Edward Rich, S. R. Goodwin, W. K. Nickerson, James Dyer, David L. Allen and James Rich manned the float of the Anchor and Ark (Masonic) Club. They were all in oilskins, and were salting down mackerel on the deck of a vessel.

On a float entered by the local chapter of St Michael's Society, connected with St Peter's Catholic Church, a little angel, with wings and everything (Miss Alice Silva), was slaying the devil in the guise of a dragon.

The pretty girls of the Victory Club, dressed in their Sunday best, were drinking the health of Miss Provincetown and cutting a huge birthday cake, which had 200 candles.

Provincetown Council, K. of C., had rigged up a model of Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, and was given second prize. Other floats, which won high commendation were entered by the local post of the American Legion., the Sunshine Club, the Daughters of Rebecca and Provincetown Chapter of Eastern Star.

The Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association, trustees of the Provincetown monument, held its annual dinner and meeting at the Gifford House today, with Ex-Congressman Thomas C. Thacher in the chair, and re-elected William B. Lawrence of Medford as president. Mr Lawrence is now in Europe.

A band concert and dance in the Town Hall ended today's festivities.