

## World Peace and the Pilgrim Compact

November the eleventh, 1918, marks a new epoch in the wonderful history of Provincetown, Massachusetts: the approach of the end of the war was anticipated by all and the preparation for a fitting celebration was left to the wisdom of a committee appointed by the Town Selectmen Monday morning, November the eleventh. The following were named by Mr. A. P. Hannum, Chairman of the Selectmen:

Mr. George E. Mayer, of the War Camp Community Service; Mr. C. O. Smith of the Navy Y. M. C. A., Mr. James Biram, Mr. J. F. Snow, Mr. W. J. Hancock, Reverend Wm. F. Davis. In the committee session Mr. Biram was made permanent Chairman, Mr. Snow Secretary.

Mr. Mayer proposed that inasmuch as the confirmation of the signing of the a mistice is officially reported to us by Commander Burton Miller, that we call for a patriotic celebration at sunset around the Pilgrim Mounment and commemorate two Historic Events. First the signing of The Pilgrim Compact November the eleventh, 1620, which marks the Democracy of America, and the signing of the Armistice Noveler the eleventh, 1918, which marks the Democracy for the world, and furthermore that this celebration be annually observed.

Mr. Wm. J. Hancock moved that the recommendation of Mr. Mayer be inscribed in the minutes of the Town Records and observed today and every subsequent year and was seconded by Mr. John Adams and was unanimously carried.

On the hill from which the Pilgrims viewed God's Country and coveted the same for his Glory and under the protecting shadow of the Pilgrim Monument erected by the defenders of the Christian Faith two thousand citizens gathered to participate in the solemn and historic exercises as arranged by the program committee.

Mr. Biram called the convocation to order and riveted the attention of all on the significance of the hour, followed by the following programme; Reading minutes—John F. Snow, Sec'y.

Singing, Battle Hymn of the Republic—Mrs. Patterson and Children.

Reading of the Beatitudes — Mr. Biram.

Prayer—Mr. Davis.

Song—Mrs. Patterson and school.

Reading of the Compact—Mr. Hannum.

Song—Mrs. Patterson and schools. Announcement of Publicity arranged—W. J. Hancock.

Address—George E. Mayer.

Song—Mrs. Patterson and school.

Mr. Hancock in announcing the arrangement made for a proper publicity for the occasion stated that a full account would be sent to the Boston Post, and other publications and that there had been telegraphed to the following authorities: The President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the two United States Senators from Massachusetts, the member of the House of Representatives from the Cape Cod District, the Speaker of the House, and Governor of Massachusetts:

November 11th, 1918.

"This day, the Town of Provincetown, Massachusetts, commemorates the signing at Provincetown of the Pilgrims' Compact and the establishment of Democracy for America, November eleventh, 1620, old style, and celebrates the signing of the Armistice and establishment of Democracy for the world, November eleventh 1918, new style."

A. P. Hannum,  
James Biram,  
C. N. Rogers,  
Selectmen."

Mr. Mayer of New York City, representing the War and Navy Department Commissions on Training Camp Activities, as speaker of the occasion centered his thought on the text of the Pilgrim's Compact, saying;

"Freedom's battle once begun  
Bequeathed from bleeding Sire  
To Noble Son,  
Tho' often baffled  
Is ever won."

"Centuries have been waiting patiently and prayerfully for this hour which marks the greatest day in the world's history. Caesars have dreamed of and fought for world wide dominion, All have failed. Christ dreamed of and labored for world wide Democracy and today won. It is most fitting that we assemble today about this Pilgrim Monument which commemorates the landing of The Pilgrims in the year 1620, A. D. Our assembly marks the beginning of an anniversary which shall be continued as long as the cycles of the years are measured by the setting sun. It is recorded on the minutes of the Selectmen of Provincetown, Massachusetts, that yearly the public school children and the citizens of this village shall gather under the protecting shadow of this monument to celebrate with appropriate exercises the signing of the Compact which obligated the Pilgrims as it now obligates us to stand for the defence of the Christian Faith.

The foundation of Democratic Government rests on the compact of the Pilgrims. is founded on the Beati-

tudes of Christ, the Carpenter, and rooted in the sayings of Jesus on the occasion of His Public address in the temple of Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has appointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

In 1914 after a clandestine preparation of forty years the military menace of Germany belched forth to overthrow the free and Democratic institutions of France and to quickly destroy Belgium in her march for said purpose. Her iron heel crushed and obliterated every thing upon which it tread. Germany murdered her own soul before she mobilized to destroy the life of Europe. Germany violated and transgressed every Commandment of God. In her insane madness re-enforced by machine monsters of destruction her heartless purposes were the rule of Europe.

A sovereign God called into action France, England, Italy, Servia and other States of Europe and finally the United States of America to destroy beyond the possibility of recovery a souless nation that blasphemed every human and divine instinct and right. To-day celebrates the overthrow of this arch fiend. To-day links inseperably three momentous facts in the history of the world. On November the eleventh in the year of our Lord 1620, the Pilgrims stepped ashore on Cape Cod at Provincetown looked over the outstretching territory from this very hill and coveted this country for God and as the agreement sets forth mutually combined and covenanted to advance the Christian faith, to frame just and equal laws for the general good of the colony.

November eleventh, 1620, old style, marks Democracy for America in the signing of the Compact. November eleventh, 1918, new style, marks the Democracy for the world in the signing of the Armistice by Germany.

November eleventh, 1918, marks the union of the Catholic, Protestant, and Hebrew faith for the purpose of securing such funds as will bring comfort, recreation and joy to the millions of soldiers and sailors who have made possible world wide Democracy. The young manhood of the world representing the Allies and the United States has destroyed the militarism and materialism of Germany which is destroyed forever and the same young manhood with

the young womanhood of the same Nations will ever be United to defend the Democratic Institutions which have made it possible for the peoples of Nations to be great.

Our forefathers who sailed stormy seas, who landed on the shores of Provincetown and who are ardent believers in the Christian faith trusted their Compact to the generations that were to follow, and to you young men and women there is bequeathed the solemn but joyous obligation to promote just and equal laws that shall benefit the community and the country and to provide equal opportunity for all with special privileges for none. It is your duty members of the Junior Republic to advance the glory of God and to promote as did your forefathers the Christian faith.

During the proceedings, the setting of the sun and the time for the lowering of the Navy Section Headquarter's flag was appropriately marked by the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by the Provincetown Band and the audience led by Mrs. Patterson.

At the conclusion of the program, Mr. C. O. Smith of the Navy Y. M. C. A., had charge of the distribution of cards showing the Pilgrim's compact with this special inscription struck off in honor of the day:

Democracy for America Nov. 11, 1620 (Old Style).

Democracy for the World Nov. 11, 1918 (New Style).

PILGRIM MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND BAS RELIEF TABLET.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

The Bas Relief from Ryder Street