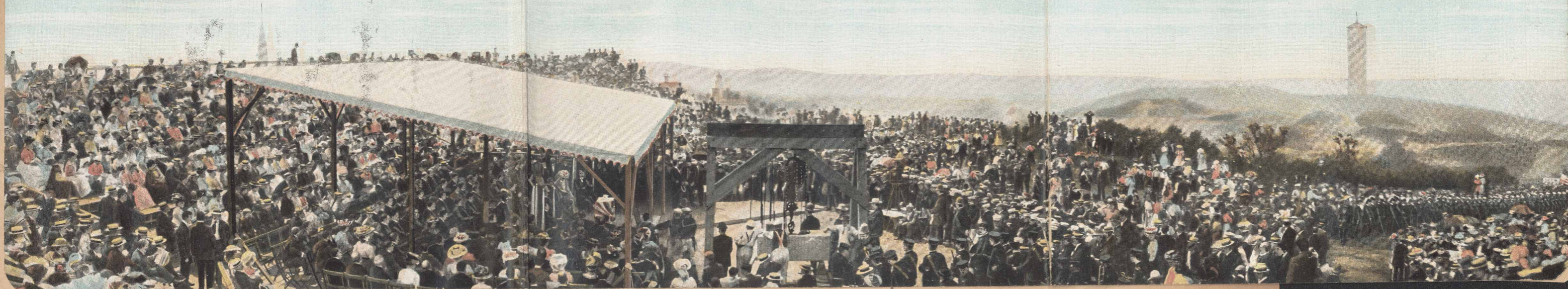


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Laying of the Corner Stone of the Pilgrim Monument on Town Hill, Provincetown, Mass. August 20th, 1907, to commemorate the signing of the Compact and the first Landing Place of the Pilgrims at Provincetown, Mass. Nov. 11th, 1620.



The Background is slightly exaggerated!

**Fifty Years Ago**  
July 25, 1901

The revival of the movement for the erection of a Pilgrim monument at Provincetown has received favorable notice from a large number of papers, but none will be more pleasing to the people of Cape Cod than the following editorial from the Old Colony Memorial of Plymouth:

A meeting was held at Brewster, last Monday, of those who are interested in the erection of a monument at Provincetown, to commemorate the events which took place there in connection with the arrival of the Pilgrims in this country, before making their permanent settlement at Plymouth. The hook of the Cape gave the Mayflower her first shelter; there the famous compact was signed; the first birth, that of Peregrine White, and the first death, that of Dorothy, wife of Gov. Bradford, took place there, and it was from Cape Cod harbor, as headquarters, that the several exploring expeditions in the shallop sailed, and effected a number of "landings" along the Bay coast. It is eminently fitting that an imposing Memorial should be placed on the spot where these first events occurred, and all who hold the Pilgrim Fathers in veneration will wish success to the movers in this project, of which Capt. J. H. Sears and Roland C. Nickerson, Esq., appear to be the principal promoters.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
July 3rd, 1902

Gov. Crane last week signed the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the Pilgrim Monument on Town Hill, Provincetown. The act provides that the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association of Provincetown shall raise a like sum within three years.

**50 Years Ago July 1902**

At the annual meeting of the Pilgrim club in Brewster Captain J. Henry Sears reported what had been done concerning the proposed monument to commemorate the first landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown. He exhibited the quill pen with which Governor Crane signed the bill for \$25,000 which Massachusetts promises to give, provided a similar sum for building the monument shall be contributed by the people of Cape Cod.

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