BUSINESS CEASES AS ATLANTA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LABOR

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Thousands Line Streets Despite Indications of Rain to See Most Colorful Parade of Year.

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Atlanta's with all America celebrated Monday as the day consecrated to the mobility of the national work—labor. The pounding stamp mills of Alaska were silent, the needle arbors of Gotham were deserted, not a man was to be seen on the blast furnaces of Pittsburg and the busy cotton mills of Georgia were empty, all activity was halted.

The colossus of labor folder 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 earns the burden and for a few hours labor surveyed the conquests of the future, which will be the conquerors 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 builds in the sunshine of prosperity and happiness.

Hosts of Labor March.

With unfurled banners and a lively music the hosts of labor marched through Atlanta's streets Monday. Colorful pageantary, flags, noodle-swinging, 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 dim their enthusiasm of either spectators or marchers.

As the bands played and the parade got under way, the sun reappeared and smiled with golden brilliance on the marching colorful assembly. Every unit of the local trades federation was in line. Bookkeepers and engineers, mail carriers and street cleaners, 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.

Interpreted 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 Stites, came the float of the Atlanta Federation of Trades and then the floats of the machinists, the garment workers, the blacksmiths, the sign painters, the stone cutters and the teamsters and more operators.

Employers of the Georgia railroad and power company had struck upon a happy idea and the Pullman street car was the greatest attraction of the parade. On this car floated the words: "We demand, 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, the work of months of preparations to go for naught, suddenly the sun appeared, the sun came through the clouds, the bands played "Divided we stand" and energy and ambition came over the marchers.

No less than five bands added color and spirit of the passing crowd.
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 Brunsick engaged local marksmen in a contest at clay pigeon shooting at the country club and a delegation of automobilists left today to visit 100 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.