

Dedicating Columbus Monument Site in St. Mary's Circle



Upper left—Exercises in St. Mary's circle; upper right, section of the parade passing thru South Salina street; lower left, Dwight James Baum, architect; lower center, John W. Barnell, program chairman, and lower right, Corrado Armeri, Italian consular agent in Syracuse.

THROUGH JOINS RITES AT SITE OF MONUMENT

Colorful Ceremonies Mark Dedication of Plot in Circle

While airplanes droned and dipped overhead as pilots scattered roses in the wind, with massed bands playing the martial airs of America and Italy and thousands of men, women and children filling St. Mary's circle, that site was dedicated yesterday afternoon as a memorial to Christopher Columbus, discoverer of the New World, and the first shoreful of earth was turned in the work of erecting a monument, which will be unveiled on that spot one year from yesterday, Columbus day, 1923.

It was the greatest Columbus day celebration Syracuse ever saw, surpassing even that of 1892 when the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America was observed, but there is promise it will be eclipsed when the Columbus monument is finished and unveiled a year hence.

With a temperature just under 50, a strong northwest wind blowing, some rain, a bit of snow and occasional sunshine, the weather of the afternoon was as variable as it could well be, yet, on the whole, it might have been far worse, and those who were in St. Mary's circle for the celebration were imbued with the spirit of the occasion to the extent the weather mattered little.

Parade Arrives on Time

It was just 2 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremonies to begin, when the head of the parade which had proceeded it came into St. Mary's circle thru East Onondaga street, flags flying, bands playing, men in many uniforms marching, decorated floats and all, and the square sounded with cheer after cheer as the divisions passed the reviewing and the speakers' stand in the center of the circle.

Those who were to take part in the program and other prominent citizens were upon this platform, while in front of the courthouse was a grandstand for 600 school children and another section for spectators. On the south side, in front of the College of Law building, was another stand on which were children representing Ukrainians, in native garb, and others of Italian ancestry.

Stands, sidewalks, windows of buildings, every bit of space, were filled with people, there to honor Columbus.

Thruout the program were heard words spoken in the language of Italy and America, and songs were sung which included the national anthem of the United States and the hymn of the Pasceist.

Bands are Grouped

As the parade moved thru the square, the floats and cars were sent south thru Montgomery street, while the marchers took place where they could and the bands were grouped about the speakers' platform in the circle.

John W. Barnell presided, and as the program opened Rev. Angelo Stramoni, pastor of St. Peter's (Italian) church, began the prayer while the thousands in the square stood silently and with bared heads, listening intently to the invocation given in Italian.

School children sang "America, the Beautiful," directed by Miss Elizabeth V. Beach, supervisor of music in the Syracuse public schools.

"This is without doubt one of the most inspiring spectacles I have ever had the privilege of looking upon," said Mayor Marvin as he began his short speech, presenting the site. "I feel too much honor cannot be given the discoverer of America, and so Syracuse gives as a site for a monument to him the best it has to give. One year from today we will see here unveiled in his honor one of the finest monuments of its kind in America."

Site is Accepted

Mr. Barnell spoke a few words of acceptance, and was followed by Corrado Armeri, Italian consular agent, who gave an address in the language of Italy, telling of the debt the entire world owes to Columbus for what he did, speaking of his daring in venturing forth on an unknown sea and

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