

Armistice Day

Oakland can well be proud of the Armistice Day celebration of November 11, 1929. From reports received, it was the finest ever held in the country in a city anywhere approaching the population of Oakland, and vied with the celebrations held by the great cities in the United States. Not only was it proper that Oakland, in commemoration of Armistice Day and in memory of the many Oakland men and women who lost their lives in the World War, should fittingly celebrate Armistice Day, but the magnitude of the last year's celebration was of high value from the national advertising standpoint. The sum of \$2,000 appropriated by the City Council, and \$1,000 for Oakland's celebration by Alameda County Board of Supervisors, are insignificant compared to what the Armistice Day celebration did for our city.

To head the committee, I appointed Colonel Charles I. Anderson, an outstanding Legionnaire, now Commissioner of Streets. With him I appointed fourteen other veterans—the majority of these, naturally, are American Legion men; but all veteran organizations had representation as well. Most of these committeemen had had experience on previous committees and were familiar with the details and method of procedure. Over ten thousand marchers were in the parade, some four thousand visiting Army, Navy and Marine Corps men were given a barbecue in Lakeside Park, and over four hundred officers and visiting officials attended the luncheon at Hotel Oakland. In the afternoon the great Pacific Coast Army-Navy football game was held in the University of California Memorial Stadium before an audience of over seventy thousand.

It is my intention, in view of the success of this committee's activities, to appoint a skeleton permanent committee which will be perpetually active to make such celebrations as Armistice Day and Fourth of July ever bigger and better. It is my belief that the people of Oakland owe the 1929 Armistice Day Committee their thanks, and I give the names and the organizations which they represent herewith:

Committee	Organization
Col. Chas. I. Anderson.....	American Legion
Col. C. P. Mader.....	American Legion
Captain Rufus M. Whaley.....	American Legion
Judge Howard Bacon.....	American Legion
Harry A. Nelson.....	American Legion
Lieutenant Howard Riggs.....	American Legion
Colonel Walter K. Knox.....	American Legion
Major Leroy Bartlett.....	American Legion
Lee Brown.....	Disabled American War Veterans
H. W. Winne.....	Disabled American War Veterans
Major W. H. Loving.....	Retired Army Officer
Colonel Theodore H. James.....	Grand Army of the Republic
Peter Van Houtte.....	United Spanish War Veterans
Roy Day.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Eugene Sturtevant.....	Naval Reserve
Dale Hollingsworth.....	ex-Navy, World War
Captain S. H. Grant.....	British Great War Veterans
Captain A. C. McGilvrey.....	British Great War Veterans

MAYOR'S "OAKLAND PUBLICITY" TOUR OF EUROPE

In January, 1929, I received notice from Mr. Harold Eby, Pacific representative of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, that his company was starting construction in the spring of a large freight and passenger ship to be named *Oakland* in honor of our city. The company, through him, requested me, as Mayor, to visit Hamburg and take part at the christening ceremonies. Following receipt of this information I received, on February 10th, an invitation from the Alcalde of Seville, Spain, to attend the Fourth