

The last chapter of the direct cause of the Spanish-American war was written some days ago when the bones of 64 sailors who perished in Havana Harbor were laid to rest in Arlington with all the pomp and impressive ceremony that could be accorded them. Thirty four caskets, mounted on caissons, and heaped with flowers and designs passed slowly through Washington last Saturday, escorted by several thousand sailors and soldiers and viewed by a vast throng of citizens and visitors. The solemn pageant halted at the State War and Navy Building in the presence of 10,000 persons, including the President, members of the cabinet, members of the House and Senate and other dignitaries. An address by the President, followed Bishop C.S. prayer, and during the entire ceremony the crowd stood hushed in a cold drizzle of rain. At 4.30 the procession headed by the chief Executive went to Arlington where the remains of the heroes were buried with full military honors. As the funeral procession left the State War and Navy building a salute of 21 guns was fired from the Monument Park. The crowd which witnessed the ceremony and surged into Pennsylvania is said to have been greater than any since the Roosevelt inauguration. The downtown streets were almost impassable and the crowd in front of the State War and Navy Building was only held in check by a large detail of police and soldiers. The sight of the caissons draped in the American flag and piled high with floral designs, stretching for almost a half-mile made one of the most impressive sights witnessed in Washington in many a day. Crowds, bareheaded, lined the curb and all regulations as to trespassers at the White lot were rescinded for the occasion.