

INVASION AND OVATION

Pittsburg Does the Handsome Thing by Coxeys Army.

ESCORTED BY A BIG PROCESSION

Allegheny Streets Thronged by an Excited Multitude—Some of the Houses Elaborately Decorated—Policemen, Bicyclers, and a Trades Union Delegation Accompany the Three Hundred Pedestrians to Their Camp on Smoky Island.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 3.—People swarmed into Sewickley's main street to see the Coxeys Commonwealth Army leave that town to-day. From that town, through the dozen suburban towns along the river road to the line of Allegheny City at every point the roadside was crowded. The river road traversed was a hilly one and three times the army stopped for rests, halting for lunch at Jack's Run.

Populist headquarters, J. H. Stevenson's office, 100 Fifth avenue, presented a lively scene this morning. Gen. Coxeys Pittsburg lieutenants were hustling about perfecting arrangements for this afternoon's reception of the Commonwealth soldiers. Honorary Marshal Burrows appointed J. H. Stevenson marshal of the Pittsburg escort at noon. Without any demonstration the local committee started for Wood's Run, in the lower part of Allegheny City, where it was expected that Coxeys army would arrive at 2 o'clock.

From the noon hour throngs of people began to assemble in the streets at the lower part of Allegheny. By 2 o'clock the thoroughfares were simply packed. At that hour Chief Browne, of the Allegheny public safety department, and Chief of Police Murphy informed Marshals Burrows and Stevenson that on account of the great throng and manifest excitement the army would not be permitted to enter Allegheny City via the Wood's Run route. The chiefs directed that the marshals and escorts go to the New Brighton pike, over which it had been arranged for the army to enter the city. A grand rush in the direction of the pike, several squares distant, followed. Many of the houses and stores in lower Allegheny City were elaborately decorated in honor of the occasion. In the escort, which numbers almost 1,000 men, were 100 cyclers on their wheels bearing banners marked "Coxey, Brigade."

About 5,000 people met the army half a mile from the city limits and accompanied the marchers in. The army crossed the city line at 2:20 o'clock. The march from this point to the camping ground on Smoky Island was continued as follows: Police escort, buggies containing Allegheny City police and other officials, the bicycle brigade, seven police officers, Browne, Coxeys and Coxeys son, the newspaper correspondents in buggies, the Pittsburg escort, numbering about 800 men; "Unknown" Smith, followed by the Commonwealth army, numbering about 300 men.

The army reached their inclosed camping ground a few minutes after 3 o'clock, and immediately began the erection of the camp outfit. The march through the city streets was an almost continuous ovation.

It is alleged that the so-called "Great Unknown" of Coxeys army is none other than Dr. Cyrus Teed, of Washington Heights fame. The Commonwealth leaders talk "good roads" some, but re-incarnation more. They are re-incarnationists; so is Teed. They proclaim the Coxeys movement will usher in the second coming of Christ; Teed claims to be that Christ. Some time since, Teed made much money and some converts in the same locality in California from which Browne hails.

After supper Coxeys and Browne addressed a mass meeting of fully 8,000 people. After Coxeys had finished his speech he was almost overwhelmed with the crowds of people anxious to shake his hand and speak a word with him. A collection taken during the evening netted a handsome sum of money to the Commonwealth.

General orders issued at 8 o'clock say that to-morrow a parade march will be made through the streets of Pittsburg and Allegheny, to be followed by a mass meeting on the Allegheny wharf, Pittsburg. In the evening the men in body will attend a local theater and another meeting will be held in Old City Hall at night. Recruiting Sergeant Ball states that twenty-four enlistments were recorded during the evening.