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FDR's speech at a memorial service at
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MEMORIAL SUNDAY OBSERVED IN CITY

Special Exercises by Patriotic Societies Honor Memory of Wars' Dead.

Patriotic societies throughout the city gathered for special exercises today to observe Memorial Sunday, the anniversary of the death of the soldiers who were killed in the various wars of the United States. The exercises were held at the Washington National Armory, where the Rev. Franklin D. Roosevelt, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, presided.

At St. Elizabeth Hospital. Dr. William D. Harvey, superintendent of St. Elizabeth Hospital, presided at the exercises held at the Washington National Armory. He was assisted by the Rev. Franklin D. Roosevelt, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The exercises were held in the auditorium of the hospital.

Exercises at Capitol Building. Special exercises were held at the Capitol Building today. The exercises were held in the rotunda of the building. The Rev. Franklin D. Roosevelt presided.

At Douglas Memorial Church. Special exercises were held at Douglas Memorial Church today. The exercises were held in the sanctuary of the church. The Rev. Franklin D. Roosevelt presided.

ARMY ENGINEERS' LABORS DID MUCH TO CONQUER HUN

Men Fought and Worked Behind and in Front Line Giving Indispensable Aid.

While tribute has been given and with justice, to the accomplishments of the military heroes, all service and auxiliary in bringing Germany to her knees, the men behind and in front of the unspectacular tasks which fell to the lot of the engineer department of the Army, her heroes sang the last of the brave American servicemen.

With on the line and back in the position of repair, the service engineers and the other which rendered constant service to the soldiers on a hard and long campaign of the Hun. They had the reputation of being men who "knew all day and all night."

Built 200 Miles of Barracks. Frank W. Beard, U. S. A., of the office of the chief of engineers in Washington, has recently issued that the military engineers built a total length of 200 miles of barracks for the army during the war. The barracks were built in a hurry and were of a simple design.

Worked on Fighting Front. But it was on the actual fighting front that the engineers were called on to display the greatest courage and equipment. They were in the front lines, working on the fighting front.

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Won Fighting Menors. As Captain and Chief Engineer the engineers fought as well as worked, and for the day they were in the front lines with the marines, and a few weeks later, in the month of May, the engineers were in the front lines with the marines.

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SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT BILL WILL BE PUSHED

Members Will Be Selected This Week Before Public Lands Committee.

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The soldiers' settlement bill, introduced by House Leader Mondell, after conferences with Secretary Lane of the Interior Department, is going to be put through the House just as soon as possible. Hearings will be started this week before the public lands committee. Chairman Sinnott of Oregon said today that he expects to be able to report this bill to the House within two weeks.

The public lands committee had a conference this morning and expressed its desire to expedite the passage of this bill as much as possible and to present it to the House in phraseology that will be acceptable to the entire membership.

The members of the committee and leaders on both sides of the House are being flooded with letters and telegrams from all over the country urging the prompt passage of this measure. They say that they have received no adverse criticisms or proposals for amendment. Chairman Sinnott and House Leader Mondell are going to ask that 100,000 extra copies of the bill may be printed in order to supply the requests that are coming from trade organizations and communities throughout the country.