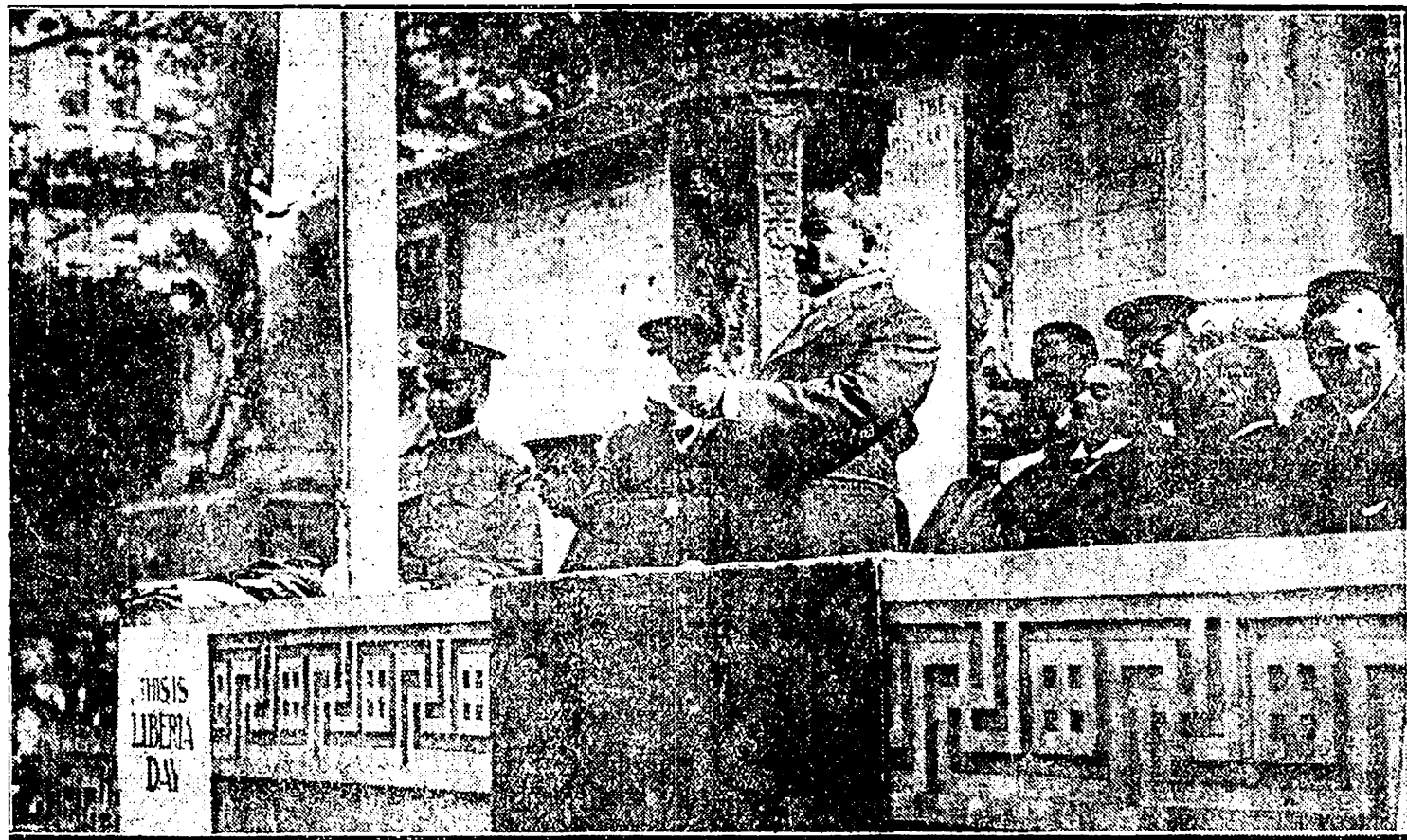


LIBERIA DAY AT THE ALTAR OF LIBERTY



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Dr. Ernest Lyons, consul general of Liberia, addressing the vast throng that assembled to pay homage to the republic of Liberia. The celebration was held under the auspices of the Liberty Loan committee of New York City.

New York, Oct. 18.—An impressive ceremony was held last Thursday at the Altar of Liberty in Madison square, 23d street and Fifth avenue, under the auspices of the Liberty Loan committee of New York City in honor of the Republic of Liberia as one of the twenty-two allied nations united in the overthrow of Prussian autocracy and militarism. The Liberian delegation met at the Waldorf-Astoria, 34th street and Fifth avenue, at 11:30 a. m., from whence the party was conducted under military escort down Fifth avenue to the Altar of Liberty in Madison square, where the ceremonies were held. The principal persons present were George S. Chappell, chairman of the executive committee, Altar of Liberty; Mr. Vogell, assistant United States treasurer; Liberian Consul General Dr. Ernest Lyon and Mrs. Lyon, Col. William H. Chappin, E. G. Merrill, consul of Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell, J. A. Davis, Rev. Richard M. Bolden, Henry B. Duncan, F. A. Cullen, T. R. Parker, Mrs. Mose Chappelle, Alfred R. Cooley, Marion Sydes and Rev. W. H. Brooks.

Mr. Vogell spoke in behalf of the United States of America, conveying to the republic through its representatives the deep feeling of good will and appreciation which this country has for Liberia. Consul General Lyon spoke next in very touching words of the great and good step which the Republic of Liberia took in aligning herself against Prussianism and for democracy; this great feat has served more than anything else to claim for her a place of honor and consideration among the family of allies.

A special cable from President Howard of Liberia to the government of the United States was read to the audience expressing the amity and loyalty of that republic to the righteous cause of the allies. No less important was the raising of the Liberian flag amidst the strains of the national anthems of that country by Henry B. Duncan after Mrs. H. C. Powell had placed on the altar a beautiful bouquet of flowers. After the ceremonies were ended the party marched up Fifth avenue to the Knickerbocker Hotel, 42d street and Broadway, where dinner was served.