

THE METROPOLIS WILL OBSERVE GRANT'S BIRTHDAY.

Governor Black Issues His Proclamation Declaring April 27 a Legal Holiday in the Counties Adjoining New York.

Possibility That the Official Stands May Not Be Ready in Time.

MAY LABOR ON SUNDAY.

Only Structures Ready for the Public Are Those Containing High Priced Seats.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR MILITIA.

Adjutant-General Tillinghast Gives the National Guard a Few Necessary Instructions.

There is a bare possibility that the official stands about the Grant tomb will not be fully completed on the day of the ceremonies. This alarming condition of things became apparent yesterday, when it was found that almost nothing had been done on the stands south of the tomb. Three hundred men, under Contractor Brady, swarmed like flies over the place, however, and the contractor himself, when asked if he would finish his task on time, answered without much cheerfulness: "I hope so; I hope so."

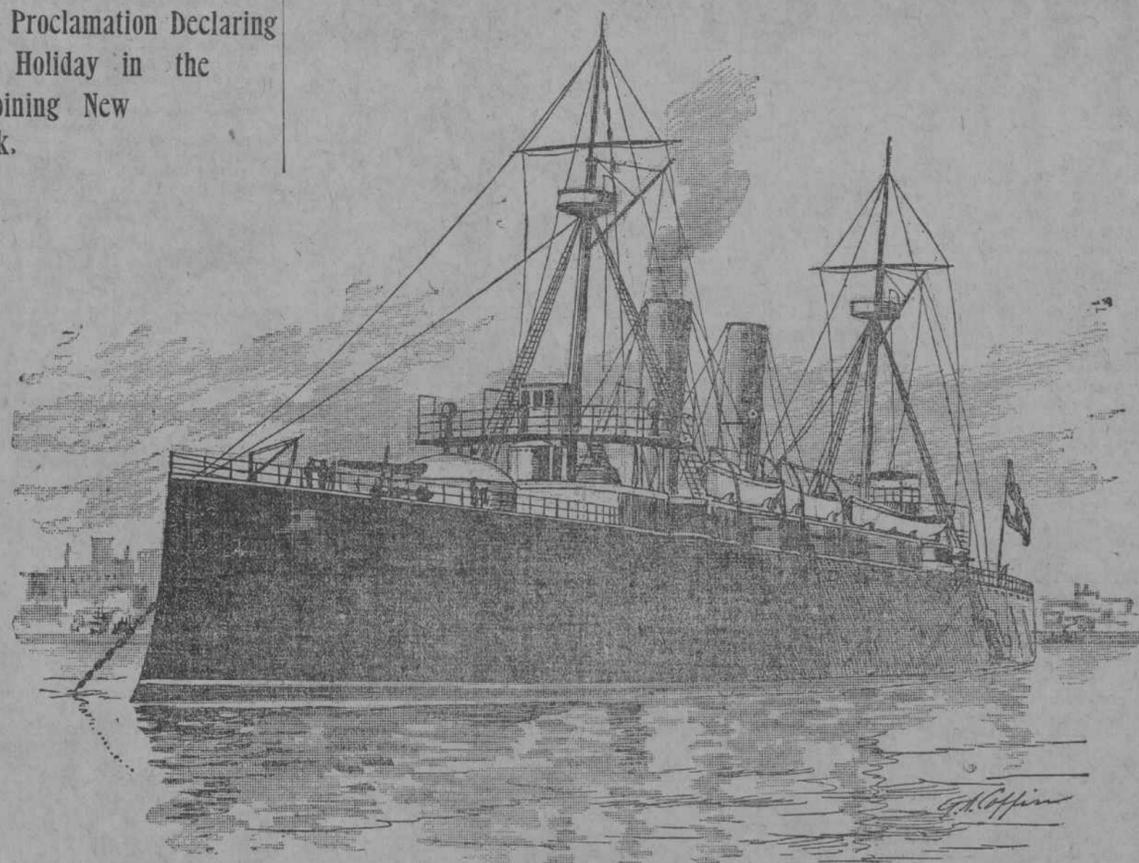
The stand which will face south, with its back against the columns of the monument, is barely begun, but that facing northward, a flat stand, only slightly elevated above the ground, is in a more advanced state. One of the foremen of the work said that with the present force of men and number of hours of work there was grave uncertainty as to the ability of the contractor to complete his job before the morning of the 27th. Indeed, he said, an effort was being made to induce the men to work on Sunday. By this means he had no doubt the work would be finished and the stands be ready for their distinguished occupants by daylight on the 27th. The trouble with this programme is that to do unnecessary work on Sundays is a violation of the law, and while it hardly seems probable, it is quite possible that some zealous believer in strict Sunday observance may take it into his head to stop the work on that day.

Of course the gentlemen in charge of the ceremonies will see to it that the stands are finished on time, even if heavy extra expenditures are necessary. Judging from the progress made so far, the stands will not be completed unless more men are put on and a night shift is used.

These are not the only stands that are slow in construction. Those for which permits have been granted on the Riverside Drive have been barely begun. Many piles of lumber left where these stands are to be, but owing to extreme difficulty in getting contractors to undertake the work progress has been very slow. These are the stands upon which the public had fondly hoped to get "30-cent seats."

Speculators in Clover.

The fact is, the only stands either completed or approaching completion are the high-priced private stands, in which seats are held at from \$3 to \$5, and boxes at from \$75 to \$100. The backward state of the cheap



THE PRIDE OF THE SPANISH NAVY NOW IN THE NORTH RIVER.

The first of the ships sent by Spain to honor Grant's memory and show the friendliness of that country for the United States, the war ship Infanta Maria Theresa, steamed into New York harbor yesterday morning and at 3 o'clock anchored in the North River off Thirty-sixth street.

The Infanta Maria Theresa is one of the most powerful vessels of her size in the world. Her building was attended with the greatest enthusiasm in Spain, and when launched it was the Queen Regent herself who released the ship from the ways. The building of the Infanta Maria Theresa was conceived by patriotic Spaniards, who were ready to advance plenty of money provided the ship was built on Spanish soil. A plant was established at Bilbao, Spain, by Englishmen and Spaniards, under the name of La Sociedad Anonima de los Astilleros del Nervion. From this plant the Infanta Maria Theresa was launched in 1890.

The Spaniards hoped that the advent of the Infanta Maria Theresa would be the signal for renewed interest in the navy of an old-time maritime power. One of the conditions of the contract was that not over 25 per cent of the workmen should be foreigners.

All the material used in the construction is of Spanish origin, and this statement applies to hull, engines and guns. The work of building the big cruiser was carried on under the direction of English managers, and English leading workmen. The most distinguished Englishman connected with the work was Sir Charles Palmer, Bart.

The principal features of the Infanta Maria Theresa are: Length, 354 feet; beam, 65 feet 2 inches, and mean draught, when laden 21 feet 6 inches. With all stores on board the cruiser displaces nearly 7,000 tons.

The armament consists of two 11-inch and ten 5.5-inch guns in the main battery and sixteen rapid-fire guns in the secondary battery. The main battery pieces are of the type known as Hontoria guns.

The armor protection consists of a belt on the water line 12 inches in thickness, extending over a length of 31 feet, and armor 10 1/2 inches in thickness worked around the positions of the heavy guns. There is, furthermore, a protected deck of 3 inches thickness. The main armor belt is 5 feet 6 inches in width.

The coal supply amounts to 1,100 tons, and a number of the bunkers have been so arranged as to offer additional protection to both boilers and engines. The machinery consists of two sets of triple expansion engines, with cylinders measuring 42, 62 and 92 inches in diameter. The common stroke is 46 inches. Steam is furnished from four double-ended and two single ended Scotch marine boilers. In all there are 50 separate engines, of all sizes, on the Infanta Maria Theresa.

On her official trial the Spanish ship made, under forced draught, a speed of 20.24 knots per hour for four hours, and under natural draught a speed of 18.5 knots as a mean of a six hours' run.

seats has made the speculators jubilant, and they are redoubling their efforts to dispose of all their tickets before places can be purchased elsewhere. These speculators who had thought to save themselves when it was announced that fifty-cent seats were

to be built, by cutting their prices, have plucked up courage again, and they are holding their chairs at rates which are thought by some would-be investors to be extortionate. If the work of putting up the stands is going on slowly, other improvements necessary to be done before Dedication Day are progressing satisfactorily. The cement walk around the monument will probably be finished to-day, while to-morrow will see the last touches put on the pavement of Claremont place, the little thoroughfare which the President will be in driving from the reviewing stand to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, where he will board the Dolphin. The old brick vault in which General Grant's body lay for twelve years is still standing, and Mayor Strong has not yet taken possession of the souvenir bricks which are valued so highly. It is unlikely that the little homely box vault will be cleared away before Dedication Day.

According to figures furnished by the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the seating capacity of the stands to be erected in Riverside Park on Grant Day, hundreds of persons called at the Arsenal to get tickets for the stands. They wanted the tickets for fifty cents each, the price those obtaining permits agreed to charge for the seats; but few were successful in

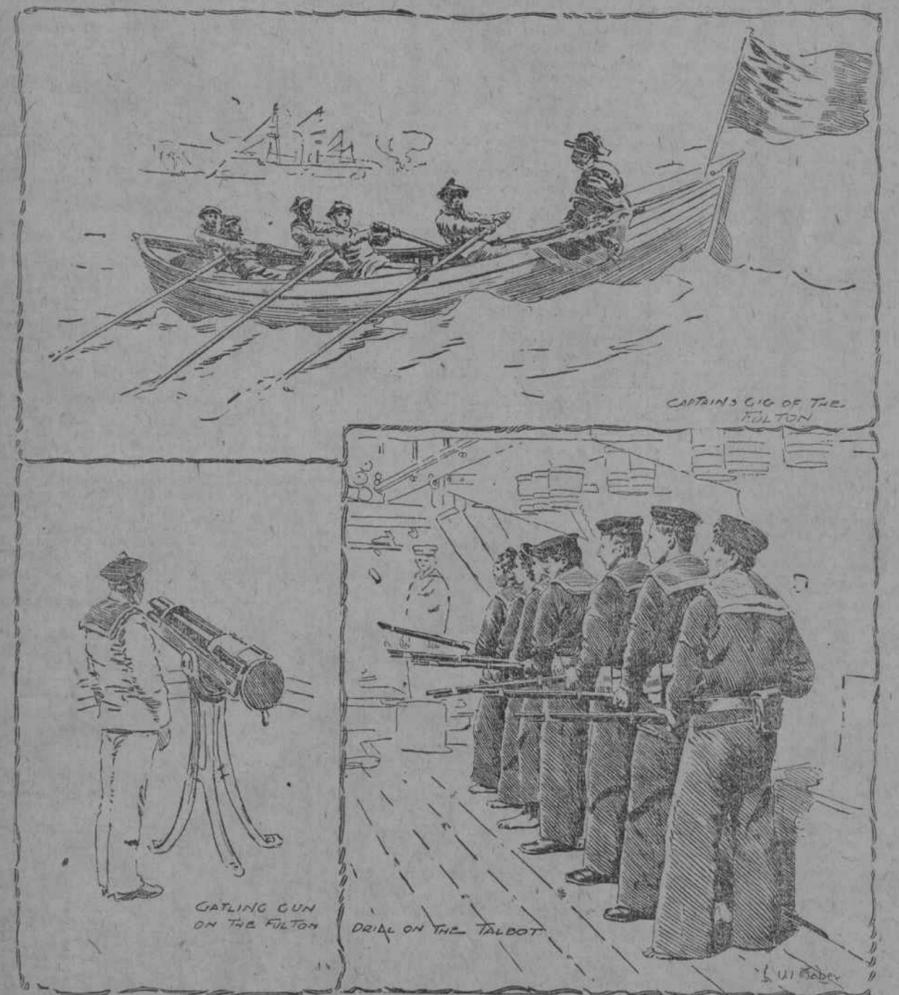
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With the Sailors of the Foreign War Ships.

The public is manifesting much interest in the gallant tars who have come to New York to participate in the Grant dedication ceremonies. Although all strangers are not welcomed aboard the visiting vessels except on regular visiting days, small boats bearing passengers to and from the men-of-war, form a procession that never stops while daylight flashes on the water.

the 27th, to participate with them in the parade, and the Adjutant-General will be at the intersection of East Twenty-seventh street and Madison avenue at 10 a. m. of that day, at which time the commanding officers of the brigades and the naval militia will report to him the presence of their respective commands. The formation for the parade will be in the following order: Commander-in-Chief, Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, First Brigade, Second Brigade, Third Brigade, Fourth Brigade, Naval militia. Commanding officers will form their respective commands for the parade, heads of columns resting on Madison avenue, as follows: First Brigade on Twenty-seventh street, east of Madison avenue, and Twenty-eighth street, east of Broadway. Second Brigade, on Twenty-ninth street, east of Broadway. Third Brigade, on Thirtieth street, east of Broadway. Fourth Brigade, on Thirty-first street, east of Broadway. Naval militia, on Thirty-second street, west of Madison avenue. The Commander-in-Chief and his staff will take position on East Twenty-seventh street, west of Madison avenue. The column will move at 10:30 A. M., from Twenty-sixth street, on Madison avenue, to Fifty-fifth street, to the Boulevard, and there halt for five minutes; to Seventy-second street, to drive to Fifty-fifth street, and there halt for five minutes; to near One Hundred and Twenty-second street, and there halt for twenty minutes; thence on the western to the eastern division of Riverside Drive to One Hundred and Twenty-second street, to Claremont avenue to One Hundred and Nineteenth street, to the eastern portion of the Boulevard, and pass in review before the Grand Marshal.

MOTHER M'KINLEY, 83.

She Celebrated Her Birthday Yesterday Amid Congratulations and Received Fifty Members of the Sorosis.

Canton, O., April 22.—Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the Nation's President, celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday in this city to-day. She is in excellent health, barring slight attacks of rheumatism. All day letters and telegrams of congratulation were received by her, and a delegation of fifty women, composed of members of the Cleveland Sorosis, Aron

MUSIC AND SPEECHES OF THE GRANT CEREMONIES.

General Porter Will Turn Over the Monument and Everybody Will Sing the Doxology.

1. Hymn, "America, My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
2. Prayer, by Bishop J. Newman.
3. Hymn of Thanks, "Old Netherland Folk Song."
4. Address, by the President of the United States.
5. "Star Spangled Banner."
6. Oration, by General Horace Porter, president of the Grant Monument Association.
7. Acceptance of the monument by Mayor Strong.
8. Halleleluah Chorus, from Handel's "Messiah."
9. Doxology.

The Doxology will be sung by the chorus under Frank Damrosch, and the assemblage in the vicinity of the monument is invited to join. After the exercises the People's Choral Union and the Oratorio Society of New York will sing the following selections: 1. Kaisermarsch, Wagner, with words specially selected for the occasion. 2. "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

on the Boulevard opposite One Hundred and Seventeenth street. By direction of the Grand Marshal, marching south will be held opposite Seventeenth street to the commander of the veteran grand division and the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Grand Army of the Republic will be in review before the Commander-in-Chief, the Hon. Frank S. Black, at the intersection of One Hundred and Seventeenth street with Madison avenue, having passed in review, the commanding officers of the brigades and the naval militia may dismiss their respective commands. General Dodge yesterday appointed the personal escort of Mrs. U. S. Grant and family as follows: Representing the Army of the Tennessee—Colonel William H. Brewster, Eighteenth Missouri, Sixteenth Corps; Colonel William G. Keeler, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, Sixteenth Corps; Captain H. D. Boylston, Forty-fifth Illinois, Seventeenth Corps; Lieutenant John Crane, Seventeenth Wisconsin, Seventeenth Corps. The New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion—Brigadier-General Edward H. Ripley, U. S. Volunteers; Brigadier-General J. Fred Pierson, U. S. Volunteers; Major Frank G. Loveland, U. S. Volunteers; Major Ivan Talbot, U. S. Volunteers. Representing George G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania—Past Commander Clayton McMichael, Past Commander Robert M. Green, Past Commander Benjamin Brooke, Comrade A. Lowden Snowden.

The four members of the Army of the Tennessee and of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion will be mounted. The four members of the Meade Post will be provided with a carriage. The detail will report to Major-General Daniel Butterfield at 10 a. m. on the morning of the 27th of April at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

OLD GUARD CELEBRATES.

Exercises at St. Thomas's Church to Commemorate Its Seventy-first Anniversary.

The Old Guard celebrated its seventy-first anniversary yesterday afternoon. The exercises began with the installation of the officers who were recently elected, headed by St. Ellis Briggs, the major commanding. This took place in the armory at Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue, but after a brief period of speeches and congratulations the Guard formed in line and marched up to St. Thomas's Church, at Fifty-third street and Fifth avenue. There the rector, the Rev. Dr. John W. Brown, who is also the chaplain of the Guard, conducted services and preached a short sermon.

The musical programme was especially elaborate, the Old Guard Band taking part, as well as the regular choir of the church. The programme opened with a march, "Aida," played by George William Warren, the organist; then there was a salutation to the colors, the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner." Following this was an overture, "Stabat Mater," also by the band, and then, as a professional, there was "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a composition by Mr. Warren. "America" was sung by the congregation, and there was an anthem, "Sing with All the Sons of Glory." The recessional was, "Magnify Jehovah's Name."

As an interlude the band rendered "The Palm," by Faure, with a cymbal solo by Special Notices. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, colic, &c. THE C. H. BROWN CO., INCORPORATED, Steam Carpet Cleaning, 221 East 25th st., 1331 28th st., Altering and Relaying.

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The twenty-seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the anniversary of the birth of the late General Ulysses S. Grant, has been selected for the dedication in the city of New York of a monument to his memory and in his honor.

The Legislature having designated the day of this dedication as a public holiday in the counties of New York, Kings, Westchester and Queens, I therefore recommend that Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of April, instant, be observed in the counties named as a day of general thanksgiving.

FRANK S. BLACK.

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