

"CORONATION OF A GREAT LIFE."

President M'Kinley Voices the Nation's Sanction of the Tribute to Grant.

With Heartfelt Eulogy General Porter Offers the Monument to the City; the Mayor Accepts.

Majestic Yet Simple Ceremonies Appropriate to the Soldier and to the Man Under a Sky Draped in Sober Gray.

IN ALL the later history of the Union so great a ceremony has never been marked by such splendid simplicity as that which attended the actual exercises of dedication at the tomb of Grant.

The hero of Appomattox, with whom directness and dislike of ostentation were inbred virtues and almost amounted to a passion, might himself have dictated the services, with which his monument was consecrated.

The glint of brass and steel, the beat of drums, the bray of trumpets, the rumble of artillery, the tramp of marching legions and the shouts of a proud people—all these were accessories, the acclamation, more or less barbaric, with which a nation emphasized and clamored to the world its admiration for the man who preserved it.

Attended by such outward pomp and circumstances, the simple proceedings took on a dignity and solemnity perhaps unequalled by any public event of our time. It was a triumph of contrast, and a masterpiece in climax.

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life, sometimes thinking of us and the country be loved so well. Forever with the Lord, he needs not our prayers to cheer his soul, nor our monuments of stone to perpetuate his memory among the sons of men.

And here, as on some sacramental altar, we renew our allegiance to Thee, O God of our fathers, and on this memorable day, by this flowing river, in the presence of this noble monument, expressive of a nation's love and admiration, we pledge ourselves to be true to the cause for which the departed fought, to the Union be preserved, to the institutions be cherished, to love what Thou lovest and to hate what Thou hatest, until our nation shall be the light of the world.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The crowd, bare-headed, joined in the prayer, as it had in the hymn. The religious spirit lives strong in American hearts, and it found utterance here. The spirit of the hour was reverent, and it was not controlled.

The "Old Netherland" folk song, which, too, is in a strain of devotion, was sung by the great chorus. In humble devotion 'fore God, our Creator, and 'neath His dominion we bend our knee. The good 'gainst the bad and the bad 'gainst the bad, His name, who never forgets us, exalted then be.



LITTLE GUESTS OF THE EVENING JOURNAL, CHILDREN WHOSE FATHERS FOUGHT WITH GRANT.

THE Evening Journal won two triumphs yesterday: Its souvenir edition captured the hearts of Greater New York—of cities far away with it was mailed; its grand stand captured the hearts of the children to whom it was a present.

Thomas and Hancock, Logan and McPherson, Farragut, Dupont, and Porter, and a host of others have passed forever from human sight. Those remaining grow dearer to us, and from them and the memory of those who have departed, generous yet unobtrusive, will draw their inspiration and gather strength for patriotic purposes.

He who lies within the portals of yonder tomb is not a dead memory; he is a living reality. He has been consigned to the chamber of death, but not to the realm of forgetfulness.

Victorious in the work which under Divine Providence he was called upon to do, clothed with almost limitless power, he was yet one of the people—patient, patriotic and just. Success did not disturb the even balance of his mind, while fame was powerless to reverse him from the path of duty.

Points of His Character. The salient points in his character were sobriety, truthfulness, becoming modesty, superb courage, moral and physical, inexhaustible patience, unbounded generosity to friends, magnanimity to foes, unswerving loyalty and matchless foresight. He was slow in choosing and in changing friends. He never deserted a friend under fire, but when unfaithful friends had once forfeited his confidence they never regained it.

to ornament the dome of the monument, the work upon which will begin without unreasonable delay. I take great pleasure in testifying to the wise counsel, material assistance and hearty co-operation received at all times from the trustees, officers and members of the committee during the entire period of my official association with this enterprise.

The Mayor Accepts. The Mayor's voice was not strong enough to reach the people who were remote from him. Every man and woman, no matter at what distance, watched him intently. The Mayor said:

General Porter—As Mayor of the City of New York, and on behalf of all its citizens, it is my distinguished honor to formally accept from the Grant Monument Association this magnificent tomb. It is especially fitting that the transfer of this beautiful piece of architecture should take place in the presence of the President and Vice-President of the United States, the members of the Cabinet and many others of high official position, and also the representatives of foreign governments who unite with us to honor the memory of one of whom you have already so feelingly spoken.

Revered as it was by the voluntary contributions of nearly one hundred thousand of our fellow citizens, mostly from the territory of the Greater New York, it will forever perpetuate the name and fame of one of the bravest military chieftains of the country. I tender grateful acknowledgment to the municipal authorities who selected this classic spot to receive his remains. The citizens of our city will be justly proud of their action, for here will be the shrine where his old comrades will worship and where the people of a grateful nation will journey to offer the silent tributes of admiration. Let it be the Mecca where posterity for ages to come will gather fresh inspiration for patriotism. Great in war, greater in peace, let his memory never fade from the heart of a grateful nation.

Chicago, April 27.—Frank Smith, said to have been once a bank cashier in New York, and whose parents, it is claimed, are wealthy residents of San Francisco, committed suicide yesterday in a lodging house in Van Buren street by drinking carbolic acid. Appearances indicated he had seen better days.

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Thanks to God.

Upon the hush which followed the closing notes of the hymn rose the voice of hop Newman, in prayer:

When he had finished Colonel Fred Grant stepped forward and shook hands with him warmly, while the crowd applauded.

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