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CITY INTELLIGENCE THE CELEBRATION YESTERDAY.

[Continued from our Eighth Page.] When everything was at last in readiness. General Harry White, the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, arose amid profound stillness, and spoke as follows :-

GENERAL WHITE'S SPEECH.

prote as follows:-<u>GENERAL WHITE'S OPTECLS</u>. This mass mail for the new count to order. Soldiers, this place, under the shadow of immortal memory is to witness and to aid to perform the last scene phythesis is the state of the state of the state of the state of the phythesis is the state of the state of the state of the state of the phythesis is the state of the state of the state of the state of the phythesis is the state of the state of the state of the state of the phythesis is the state of the phythesis is the state of the phythesis is the state of the phythesis is the state of the phythesis is the stat honor.

honor. When thus placed-these splintered staves, these familiar flags, weather beaten and blood-baptized, will be "sacred shrines-shrines to no creed or sect contined"-around which will continually cluster the venerated memories of the brave dead, and at the venerated memories of the brave dead, and at which the heroic living may always render accept-able offering. We now and here propose no little ceremony. Citizens of Pennsylvania, soldiers of the nation, I congratulate you that you celebrate this great event. (Applause.) Let us all rejoles; let the whole land be glad in its spring-like beauty, for it rests in the pure light of a conquered peace. The next thing in order me the The next thing in order was the

PRAYER BY REV. DR. BRAINERD.

Almighty and most merciful God, the Ruler of nations and the Source of all good, on this day and on this spot made memorable by our nation's birth, we gather to invoke Thy continued protection and

we gather to invoke thy continued protection and to remind ourselves of Thy recent mercies. We humbly acknowledge the sins which have brought Thy just jadgment upon us. We especially deplore that see lish and oppressive spirit by which, while we rejoice on this day in our own liberty left us, yet unmindful of a feeble race among us groaning in bondage. Thou hast for our sins brought us into great peril and while with our of all these recent descent

Thou hast for our sins brought us into great peril and suffering; but out of all these recent dangers Thou hast graciously delivered us. We have found Thee "a wall of fire round about us," "a very present help in time of trouble." We came to Thee here in anguish and tears in the day of our affliction. We would approach thee now with hearty gratitude in this hour of our joyful deliverance. May iny blessing rest on the great nation of which we may form a part. As Thou hast made us equal to the necessity when treason invaded our national life, so now give moderation in victory and virtue to

to the necessity when treason invaded our national life, so now give moderation in victory and virtue to hold in check the vices which run empires. Through-out our broad land may there be the prevalence of order, industry, temperance, charity, and true reli-gion. Save us from the machinations of yet impe-nitent traitors—from the machinations of yet impe-nitent traitors—from the machinations of yet impe-nitent traitors—from the machinations of yet impe-politicians—from the spirit that would crush the faith, or the fear that would shrink from the exercise of justice and the vindication of the right. Give to those who have hited traitorous hands against their country true penitence; a Letter mind and better heait; that, condemning themselves, they may be sately we come to simpathy and the confidence of the logal and the true. Endow with wisdom, patriolism, and virtue Thy servant, the Treadent of these United States, and aid give to our assembled Congress. Thy presence and aid, that they may enact such laws as shall promote order, peace, and justice throughout the land. May we not ask Thy special benediction upon

Mand. May we not ask Thy special benediction upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? Grant to Thy servant, one Chiaf Meanswith the property in spirit, that as with true loyalty he has borne up the hearts of this people in the day of trial, he may share richly in the joys of a nation's mentioned.

pratitude. These soldiers, veterans of our great conflict, we commend to thy care and protection; as they have

to the memory of liberty, these battle stained ban-ners, that have passed through their flery ordeals. In the name of the so diers of Fennsylvania, I present to yon these banners, which were received from the State, and which were borne through the war with honor and credit, and of which we, as soldiers, are justly proud. Receive them, sr, as mementees of the prowess and deeds of valor of the noole sons of Fennsylvania. Cherlsh them for all time to come, and place them in the State Capitol, where our posterity for all genera-tions may see them, to know what their forefathers have done in the hour of trial, and where they may tions may see them, to know what their forefathers have done in the hour of trial, and where they may stand a warning to all future traitors to shun the fate of those who dare to attempt the life of the nation. (Applause.) I will conclude by praying the Great Giver of all Good that He will blees this great contry, upon which He has been pleased to send page once again, that never asain may it be neces-sary for the sons of Pennsylvania to take up arms against those who should be their brothers, to put down insurrection and civil war and treason, but that God will ever bless us that we may be a united and happy people, so that we shall look back to this day and these colors for the proud associations they carry with them.

Governor Curtin then stepped forward, amid prolonged applause, and spoke as follows :-

GOVERNOR CURTIN'S RESPONSE.

General and Soldiers of Pennsylvania --Soon after the commencement of the tate Rebellion, the Cincinnati Society of Pennsylvania presented to the Governor of the State a sum of money, which they asked to be used in the equipment of volunicers. The sum was too small to be of material service in that respect, and the subject having been presented to the Legislature, an act was passed directing the Governor to use the money and whatever additional Governor to use the money, and whatever additional sums were necessary, to procure lings to be carried by Pennsylvania regiments during the war, and with a wise provision, that the flags should be returned to the State at the close of their service, with proper iment. ment

The ceremony of the return of these flags was de-The ceremony of the return of these flags was de-layed until all the regiments in service from Penn-sylvania had been mustered out, and to day, sur-rounded by your fellow-citizens and in the presence of high officials of the National Government, of Governors and officials of sister States, of distin-guished soldiers of othor States, and of the army and navy of the United States, and the representatives navy of the United States, and the representatives of the Government of this Commonwealth, more than two hundred of those emb ems of our country's nationality —all of which have waved amid the rap-ture of strile—all of which have been carried by ture of strile—all of which have been carried by

intromants—an of which have been carried by Pennsylvanians — are returned untarnished. In their azure fields the arms of Pennsylvania have been emblazoned, and her motto, "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence," has been written in letters of fire with pens of steel, by the gallant men before us, and their comrades, living and dead, upon every battle-field of the war. The record is glorious, in memories of the past and in hopes of the luture. If I consulted my own feelings I would receive these flags in silepce, for this occasion is its own most elequent orator. My words cannot add to its sub-limity. Human has cannot express such lessons of patriotism, of sacrifice, and heroism as these sacred relics sublimely attest. The main is to be pitied who c aims to be a citizen of our America, especially of Pennsylvania, who has witnessed these ceremonies without profound emotion, alke of sorrow and exultation—sorrow for the dead who died or liberty, exuitation—sorrow for the dead who died for herty, exuitation—sorrow for the dead who died for herty, exuitation in recalling the blossings of God, the laws vindicated and enforced by the suppression and pun-ishment of treasen, the Government projected and maintained, until the last armed Rebel was beaten down, and the redeemed republic emerged from the smoke of battle.

It might be better to accept the momentous lessons It might be better to accept the momentous lessons taught by these returned standards without a word. In what adequate language can we address you sol-ciers of the republe, who live to take part in this ceremony? We have no words to convey the holy scatiment of veneration and of reverence for the heroic dead that wells up from every heart in your recome.

heroic dead that wells up from every heart in your presence. To the men who carried the steel, the musket, and the sabrc-to the private seldier, to the unknown dead-the demigods of the war, we this day seek in van to express all our gratitude. If there be men more distinguished than others, more entitled to our highest veneration, it is the private soldier of the republic. If we follow bim through all the suffer-ings and privations of the service, his long, weary marches, his perils on the outposts, his wounds and sickness, even in the article of death, we trace him back to that sentiment of devotion to his country that led him to separate from home and its fies, and to offer even his if a sacrifice to the Government his lathers gave him and his children. As the official representative of the Common-wealth, I cannot take back the remnants of the colors she committed to your keeping, without at-tempting to gather into my arms the full measure of her overflowing gratitude and lay if at your feer. I therefore present you with the thanks of your che-rished mother, this such a such and applier formers.

therefore present you with the thanks of your feer. I therefore present you with the thanks of your che-rished mother, this ancient and goodly Common-weight of the provident for the great glory, you have given to ther instory. For the great glory, you while public virtue remains, she will never cease to realize, that she could be teraflord to lose the sources of her natural wealth, her rich, tertile valleys, her great differs her exhaustless minerals, then to lose great cities, her exhaustless minerals, than to los from her archieves a single one of these torn, faded, precious, consecrated flags of battle and its history, precious, consecrated man who suffered and fought and of the brave men who suffered and fought around them. A Commonwealth may exist without cherishing her material wealth, but no Common-wealth can worthily, or should exist which does not cherish, as the joy of its life, the heroic valor of its hildren

low from the result of your courage, fidelity, and patriotan

The State of Pennsylvania, during all your ser-yices, has not been unmindful of you. You wore followed to the battle-fields by the benedictions and prayers of the good, and bonevolent people carried to you the contributions of the patriotic and gene-rovs at home. Never, at any time during the war, did this constant benevolence shrink, and always good, Christian men and women were found willing to endure privation and suffering, to reach you on the field and in the hospital. So far as it was possi-ble the Sinte always made ample provision for the removal of the bodies of the stain for Christian inter-ment, amid their kindred and friends. When it was practicable, the sick and wounded were removed to enjoy the tender walching and cute of their friends at home. And as the crowning glory of this great

practicable, the sick and wounded were removed to enjoy the tender watching and care of their friends at home. And as the crowning glory of this great Commonwealth, she has sathered together the help-less and destitute orphates of her dead soldiers and adopted them as the children of the Commonwealth. The Legislature of Pennsytvania, moved by justice and Christian charity, for three years have made munificent appropriations of the public money to place within the care of the State the homeless little ones of your dead comrades. They are to be brought up as the glory and honor of the State, a monument that Pennsylvania raises to the memory of the slain, more enduring than brass or marble, and in har-mony with the Christian teachings of her people. Here are twolve hundred of these little children before you to day, the children of comrades left upon the fields of battle, bright jewels in the crown of glory which encircles this great Commonwealth, the stropgest evidence of the State that it shall endure until the tast orphan of the Pennsylvania soldier shall be trained, autured, and educated. This is a hallowed place—this is a hallowed day. Here, and Low, in the name of Pennsylvania. I accept these colors filly, for we are assembled upon the cybridical to the contemplate the wondrous march of this people to empire, colonization, the Revolution, the Declaration of independence, the Constitution, the Declaration of independence, the constitution, the Declaration of independence, the constitution, the Rebellion, its overthrow, and the purification of cur Government, and the change of our organic laws by the lesson of discord, and our

Revolution, the Declaration of independence, the Constitution, the Rebellion, its overthrow, and the purification of cur Government, and the change of our organic laws by the lesson of discord, and our hopes for the inture, following each other in logical sequence, and the duty and responsibility of this labor of mankind, is devolved, by the grace of God and the harts and arms of our soldlers, upon the loy al people of this land. In the presence of these mute symbols of living soldiers (pointing to the flags), of yonder touching memorials of our dead soldiers (pointing to the children), in fealty to the blood poured out like water; in remembrance of the sorrows yet to be assuaged, and the buidens yet to be borne, the graves yet to be numbered, and the horros yet to be for-gotten; in loyalty to our State, to our country, to our fellow-men everywhere, and to God, let us rise to the height of our great privileges, and place the American Government upon the enduring basis of justice and liberty. This is the great lesson of the war, and the very rock of political trait. "Whoeo-ever falls upon it will be broken, and upon whom-soever it shall fail it will grind him to powder." Then our Government will represent the result of American civilization, and then these od flags will glow with the light of their true meaning, and the value of the solders of the termine will repose its

American civilization, and then these o'd mags will glow with the light of their true meaning, and the valor of the soldiers of the republic will receive its just reward in rendering a memorable service to mankind. Jor then, in the words of our illustrious marity, we will take care "That the Government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

And now, having received these standards, he who addresses you has performed his last official act, connected with the military service of the war, and his relations to you, so long, so intimate, and so cordial, are severed. In this, our last official interview, when the ties

that bound us so closely for these eventful years just passed, and the relations so intimate, so cor-dial, are closing, he would be insensible to the com-mon fidelity, to the pleasant relations, to the for-giveness of error, to the ready and generous sup-port, and the many, very many evidences of kind-ness and affection he has received from you and hear to be a supervised from you and pess and affection he has received from you and your comrades, if he failed to express to you his personal obligation and thanks. He recurs with grainfication to the iact that he did for the soldier what he could. He regrets that he could not have done more. But he will carry with him to his grave, and leave as a rich legacy to his children, the consciousness that you, at least, believed that he did what he could for his distressed country; and that, a ter the experience of five eventful years, the soldiers of Pennsylvania deem him worthy of their confidence and respect. And here, on this hast occasion of the war, he returns his thanks to the great body of the people of Pennsylvania for their kindness and support, and io were always ready to obey his calls to the succor

were always ready to obey his calls to the succor well! May Go almight bloss yon.

speaker was frequently interrupted by loud and long-continued cheering.

Chaplain William R. Gries then made an impresive prover in which he returned thanks to A mights



commend to thy care and protection; as they have borne themseves bravely on the battle field, and have carried the flag untarnished through the horrors of war, give them Thy presence, that while they deposit their torn standards among the archives of their country, they may consecrate also their hearis to yirue and their energies to duty. Bless, O God, the bereaved widows and the help-less orphans of our country's defenders. As their natural guardians have fallen a sacrifice to our coun-

try's life, may their widows and orplans find selace and support in the hearts of a grateful people.

After the singing of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," by the Bandel and Haydn Musical Society, General Meade arose to perform the most interesting ceremony of the day-the presentation of the standards to the Governor of the Commonwealth. Taking at random the colors of the \$2d Regiment, which happened to be nearest, he spoke as follows :--

GENERAL MEADE'S ADDRESS.

GENERAL MEADE'S ADDRESS. GOVERNOR CURTIN: —At the request of the brave and noble men who, on the field of battle, repre-sented our beloved State of Pennsylvania, I am here appont has occasion to present to you, sir, the honored that are banners, which for four years were carried by these noole men amidst the bullets and cumon orar, and in the mee of the enemy. Sir, of all the boners that have been showered upon me, for the humble services which it has been in my power to the men who stand before you. (Applance, Sir, in the dark days of 1861, when treason and rebellion litted their impions hands, and the people of eleven States of this blessed Union, or getting of the memories and associations which had bound us together for three-quartiers of a century, and made us a great and happy which had bound us together for three-quarters of a century, and made us a great and happy people, but, blinded by passion, raised their im-plous arm and threatened the life of this Govern-ment; at that time when you, sir, then, as now, the Chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth it is a matprove an and thread to be dealed, taked is for the ment i at that time when you, sir, then, as now, the Chief Magistrate of this Commonweilth it is a mark of the factor of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of this to the te cue of our country, and send the fit of this to the te cue of our country, and send the fit of this to the te cue of our country, and send the fit of this to the te cue of our country, and send the fit of this to the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the te cue of our country, and send the fit of the fit

cheinen, as the joy of its life, the heroic valor of its children. In the name of Pennsylvania I gave you these standards tresh and whole, and asked you, in all irials, to maintain your lovality and detend them; and to-day you bring them back to me, torn with letele shot, and with the goom of some reverses, bright with the light of many triumphs, but, beyond al, saved by your courage from dishoror, reddened by the blood of your dead brothers, worne over the ridges of a hundred battles, and planted at last upon the summits of vic-tory. Surely State never had nobler chil-dren, nor received at their hands more precious gi is. What heroism, excelling the lables of romance; leading toftorn hopes; charging into the "imminent deadly breach;" "riding into the jaws of death tail all the world won-dered." What sufferings of pain a d hunger, out-rage and death; what ardent love of country; what purest love of home; woat tender messages to mother, wife, children, and betrotheir maiden; what last prayers to God, do these old and tattered flags suprest and unford."

purest love of home; what tender messages to nother, write, children, and betrotheir maiden; what last prayers to God. do these old and tattered flags suggest and unfold! This State will guard them reverently and lovingly until, in the fulness of time, some genius will arise to marshal their legends into the immortal beauty of poetry; and then, at last, will be found fit expression for the part Femsylvania has acted in the bloody drama. It will then be remembered that our State was represented at Fort Sumter, when traitors first fired upon the flag of the nation, and that the volun-teers of our State first reached the National Capitol, and were at Appomatics Court House, where traitors fired their last volley, and in all the terrible interme-diate struggies in every rebellious State, in every important battle on land and water, where treason was to be confronted and Robellion to be conquered, the soldiers and sailors of Pennsylvania were to be found conitoning the one and conquering the other—that her people never failtered in their flagity to their distressed Governn ent. It was in due historic fitness, therefore, that the wisk of struggie to destroy the Union should culmi-uate upon our soil, its topmost wave be dashed against our Capital, and its decisive defeat be sui-fered here; and accordingly, from Gettysburg the Rebellion stagered backwards to its grave. Alas, how many other graves it illed before it filled its own? How many brave and familiar faces we miss to-day, who helped to b ar these colors to the ironit, and on whose graves are growing the wild flowers of the Southern iand? Our words can no longer reach them, nor our

the iront, and on whose graves are growing the wild flowers of the Southern and! Our words can no longer reach them, nor our pratitude serve them; but we thank Heaven that those they loved better than he are with us; that the widow of the war, and the ophan children of the southers, are within the reach of our cherishing care. We must hever forces that every soldier of Pennsylvama, who died that the nation might live thereby, entitlen his widow to be kept from want, and his fatherless children to find a father in the Commonwealth.

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God for the glorious return of peace to a distracted country.

After the singing of "Old Hundred," by the Han deland Haydn Society, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Bishop Simpson, and the regu lar exercises, as laid down upon the programme already published, were concluded by the performance of Meyerbeer's "Coronation March," by Birgfield's Band.

Loud and imperative calls were now made for General Hancock, who at last came forward, and in a few terse sentences thanked those present for the atlention they had given to the ceremonies of the day. He stated that he had discharged bis duty when he arrived at the Square, and now that the ceremonies were concluded had only to request the audience to disperse.

But the audience were not yet satisfied. "Geary, Geary," resounded on all sides, and nothing would satisfy them but a speech from; him. So he followed the example set by General Hancock, remarking that he felt privileged to appear before soldiers on the present occasion, being himself a soldier. He briefly but eloquently alluded to the unknown but valuable services and sacrifices of the private soldier, than whom none deserved better at the hands of the grateful and upright people of our State and nation Those who had fallen would not soon be forgotten, and their orphans and helpless ones would be prowided for by the State in a spirit not of charity, but of stern public duty. He then bade the assemblage farewell.

General Negley, who occupied a prominent posiion on the stand, was next favored by the multitade with a demand for a speech. He said simply that, as the regular exercises had closed, he hoped the audience would excuse him and disperse in as good order and with as much credit as they had assembled.

This timely advice was reluctantly acted upon by the vast and enthusiastic multirude



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