

THE GIGANTIC DRAMA

Enacted in Commemoration of Washington's Inauguration.

MAGNIFICENT MARINE PAGEANT.

The President Follows in the Footsteps of His Illustrious Predecessor.

AN IMPOSING MILITARY PARADE.

George Washington Would Have Been Paralyzed with Astonishment if He Could Have Witnessed the Ceremonies in His Honor at New York Today—The Crowds, the Speeches, the Pageantry and the Enthusiasm Were Something Unprecedented Even in the American Metropolis.

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 29.—President Harrison, Mrs. Harrison, the president's private secretary, the other immediate members of the president's party, the members of the cabinet, the vice president and the justices of the United States supreme court arrived here on a special vestibuled train of the Pennsylvania railroad at 8 o'clock this morning. The president's car was detached at the station, and the president was greeted by Governor Green and staff, escorted to a carriage and conveyed to the governor's house, where he breakfasted and received some of the distinguished men of New Jersey. The remainder of the travelers from Washington proceeded in the train to Elizabethport.

The Parade at Elizabeth.

After breakfast President Harrison and Governor Green reviewed a parade of over 5,000 men, made up principally



of New Jersey officials and militia, and including the famous City troop, of Philadelphia. A novel feature of the parade was a division of farmers of Union county, accompanied by floats representing farming scenes of the days of Gen. Washington and of the present day. Another conspicuous object was forty-two school girls dressed in white and carrying banners.

There were five stands and three arches. All the church bells were rung and the town and port are lavishly decorated. The town was filled with country people from all around Elizabeth, and they packed close along the water's edge to see the presidential party off. The president and his party embarked in a launch from the float of the Alcyone club boat and were taken to the Dispatch. The launch had to be used because the water at the shore is only three feet deep and the Dispatch draws sixteen feet. The exact spot where Washington stepped from the Jersey shore is not known, but the boat club float is within 100 feet of it.

THE NAVAL PAGEANT.

An Unprecedented Marine Display Greets the President's Progress Up the Bay.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The centennial celebration of George Washington's inauguration as the first president of the United States began this morning under auspicious circumstances and has proceeded thus far with conspicuous success.

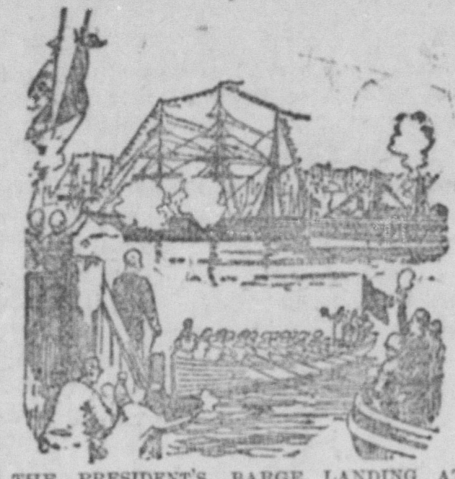
The naval parade was the most magnificent display ever seen in American waters. Compared with the gathering of steam, sail, and our craft seen on the waters of New York harbor today, all

between the parallel lines of steamers occupied about an hour. The vessels were gorgeously decorated with the national colors. The war vessels dipped their colors as the president's boat passed and each fired a salute of twenty-one guns. The sailors manned the yards, officers and crews uncovered, marine guards and sentries presented arms, drummers beat four ruffles and the bands played national airs. The innumerable tugs and steamboats greeted the Dispatch with shrieking whistles and made a discordant din more enthusiastic than melodious.

When the last gun of the Chicago had been fired the Dispatch was well clear

passage ways open for the carriages of the guests.

Major Grant, as host and chairman of the committee on the centennial celebration, arrived shortly after 10 o'clock, and a little after half past 10 President Harrison arrived, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, Vice President Morton and Mrs. Morton, and Lieut. Governor Jones and Mrs. Jones. The manager of the ball, Mr. E. C. Stanton, met the president at his carriage and conducted him into the building, where the mayor gave the party a formal reception, the members of



THE PRESIDENT'S BARGE LANDING AT WALL STREET.

on her way to Wall Street. The naval squadron, the yachts and the revenue cutters proceeded directly up the Hudson.

The Merchant Marine.

Meanwhile the squadrons of the merchant marine steamed into line and followed the Dispatch to the foot of Wall street, and then continued up the east side of the East river to Hunter's Point, turned a stake boat there and returned down the west side of the river, round the Battery and up the east side of the Hudson. It rounded the column of the naval and revenue vessels which had anchored at Fifty-first street, came down the river, passed the admiral's flag ship and dispersed.

The Scene at Wall Street.

During all this booming of cannon and shrieking of steam whistles a mighty multitude of patient patriots had taken possession of every possible point of vantage on the piers near the foot of Wall street, and the thoroughfares were choked with a surging throng of expectant humanity. It was just such a good natured jam as is always seen in New York on similar occasions to the present. And the people were gifted with a persistence and patience that explains the wonderful progress this town has made since George Washington landed near the same spot 100 years ago.

At last the Dispatch was seen rounding pier 8. The word was passed and cheer after cheer arose from the multitude. After their long and weary wait the people were eager to see, and the crowd surged forward with an impetus that seemed sufficient to overpower all barriers and precipitate the whole mass of wriggling humanity into the river.

The President Disembarks.

The Dispatch anchored. The tugs and steamers, covered with eager excursionists, closed in around. The excitement increased. The Dispatch whistled; the steamers whistled. The noise added to the confusion and excitement, and pandemonium reigned. At this moment the crew of the venerable shipmasters, who were to row the president ashore, were seen coming down the ladder to their barge. One of them was mistaken for the president. The tugs screamed; the populace yelled. The president finally appeared, and the noise and excitement became overwhelming.

Venerable Jack Tars.

The president descended the ladder and took his seat in the stern sheet of the barge. The ancient and honorable shipmasters, who were once more Jack Tars for this august occasion, were already in their places. Their oars were lifted and smote the water with an accord, and the barge sped on her way to the ladder at the Wall street pier, 100 fathoms away, and so, while cannon thundered and strong men cheered and fair ladies fluttered their handkerchiefs and small boys did such things as small boys commonly do under the pressure of tremendous excitement, the president landed.

The president was greeted by Governor David B. Hill, Mayor Hugh J. Grant



THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON'S PEW AT ST. PAUL'S.

line on march, were crowded with early birds eager to secure available posts from which to view the military parade, and many sought admission to the grand stands at an early hour.

At daylight the vicinity of the sub-treasury was occupied by a crowd of the like of which the "Street," with all the stirring and momentous scenes it has witnessed, never saw before at such an hour. And they waited there for hours with the bare possibility of getting close enough at the appointed time to listen to the dulcet tones of Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, the orator of the day, or to get a bare glimpse of the president and see his lips move beneath his ample beard.

The President Proceeds to St. Paul's.

Shortly after 8 o'clock carriages containing the chief justice, cabinet officers and other distinguished guests drove up in front of Mr. Morton's mansion on Fifth avenue, near Eighteenth street. The president and vice president were ready, and in Mr. Morton's private carriage headed the procession and turned down the avenue, preceded by a platoon

of mounted police. The road to St. Paul's was thronged with vociferous thousands, eager to catch a glimpse of the chief magistrate. The president,

showed frequently an acknowledgment of their cheers, and rode with uncovered head.

At the Vesey street gate the president was met by the committee of the vestry of Trinity church, and escorted to the pew wherein Gen. Washington worshipped on the day of his inauguration. The services were as follows:

1. Processional hymn of W. Washington, etc.; 2. Psalm lxxxv; 3. First lesson, Eccles. xlv; 4. Te Deum; 5. Second lesson, St. John viii; 6. Benedictus; 7. Prayers; 8. Address by the Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, bishop of New York; 9. Recessional hymn.

Appraising the Populace in Wall Street.

Meantime Pat Gilmore's Twenty-second Regiment band discoursed patriotic melodies for the delectation of the impatient multitude assembled in front of the sub-treasury building. The music began at 9 o'clock and included "The star spangled banner," "Washington's grand march," "Overture, Semiramis," by Rossini, grand selection from "The prophet," "Caprice," Rubenstein; popular fantasia, airs of all nations; Hartman; grand march, "Tannhauser;" national air "Hail Columbia."

From St. Paul's to Wall Street.

At the close of the religious services at 9:45 a. m., the president and party proceeded to the sub-treasury building, at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, the scene of the inauguration ceremony on April 30, 1789.

The Literary Exercises.

When the party had successfully buffeted their way through the crowd to the places reserved for them on the platform, the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D.D., LL.D., opened the ceremonies with an invocation.

The venerable John Greenleaf Whitte followed with a centennial ode extolling the virtues of Washington and breathing the patriotic sentiments of love and veneration in which his name is held. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew delivered the oration in his usual eloquent and happy vein, and added to his fame as the chief of American orators.

When the president sought to speak he was greeted with prolonged cheering and the band played "Hail to the Chief." His address was a long one, and reviewed the vicissitudes and marvelous progress of the republic which had been inaugurated under the illustrious leader-

ship of Washington on that spot a century before.

The ceremonies closed with an impressive benediction by the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Corrigan, archbishop of New York.

At the conclusion of the literary exercises the distinguished guests were driven in carriages, in about the same order observed in the preceding procession, to the reviewing stand at Madison square.

The Military Parade.

Just as the literary exercises at the sub-treasury began, the military parade started from Pine street and Broadway. The troops formed in various side streets up town, and proceeded down town by avenues east and west of Broadway and of Fifth avenue to join the main line below Pine street, 14,000 men joining the head of the parade by way of Pine street on the east, and 34,000 men joining it from the west by the way of Rector street and the side streets from there to the Battery.

The column marched up Broadway, past the great stand at City Hall park to Waverly place, and past the great stands at Washington square, up Fifth avenue to Fourteenth street, to Union square and past the monster stands which lined its four sides, back to Fifth avenue on Fifteenth street and up that thoroughfare, past the president's reviewing stand at Madison square to Fifty-seventh street, where the footsore legions dispersed as soon as they arrive. From present indications the last of the perspiring patriots will not reach that goal before nightfall.

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