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OBSEQUIES OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

HIS BODY LYING IN STATE IN THE EAST ROOM.

We shall, believing that public love and deep affection for the late Abraham Lincoln will long be unsatisfied with the details any single journalist may gather about his death, and his appearance after that pure and honest spirit had been called away from us, place before our readers an extract from the correspondence of the *World*, which is very certainly, taken as a whole, the best addressed to any journal among the New York press:

APPEARANCE OF THE CORPSE.

Death has fastened upon his frozen face all the character and idiosyncrasy of life. He has not changed one line of his grave, grotesque countenance, nor smoothed out a single feature. The lips are rather bloodless and leaden; but he was always sallow. The dark eyebrows seem abruptly arched; the beard, which will grow no more, is shaved close, leaving the chin and mouth bare. The mouth is shut, like that of one who had put the foot down firm, and so are the eyes, which look as calm as slumber. The collar is flat and awkward, turned over the stiff elastic cravat, and whatever energy, or humor, or tender gravity marked the living, face is hardened into its pulseless outline. No corpse in the world is better prepared according to appearances. The white satin around it reflects sufficient light upon the face to show us that death is really there; but there are no ghastly contrasts to mock you. The balmiest of lilies strewn around, as if the flowers had begun to bloom even upon his coffin. We look on uninterruptedly, for there is no pressure of anxious forward the place will be thronged with gazers who will take from the sight its suggestiveness and respect. Three years ago, when little Willie Lincoln died, Drs. Brown and Alexander, the embalmers or injectors, prepared his body so handsomely that the President and his wife took upon it a long look. The same men, in the same way, have made perpetual these beloved lineaments. There is now no blood in the body; it was drained by the jugular vein and carefully preserved, and through a cutting on the inside of the thigh the empty blood-vessels were charged with a chemical preparation which soon hardened to the consistency of the tough muscle and bony body is now hard and stiff, so that beyond its present position it cannot be moved any more than the arms or legs of a statue. Immortal surgeon many changes. The scalp has been removed, the brain scooped out, the chest opened, and veins emptied. All this we see of Abraham Lincoln, so cunningly contained in this special coffin, in which, on the line he has selected, the honor of the country through any peril, as if he had sworn it by the slain man's blood, will follow, patron, and friend. Here also is General McClellan, who has scanned the rebellious South with military roads to send victory along them, and bring back the groaning and the wounded. These are the two grand historic figures. They have looked so often into the mortar's mouth that no brave's blade can make them wince. Do you see the thin-haired, conical head of the viking Farragut, close by General Grant, with many naval heroes close behind, storm-beaten, and every inch Americans in thought and physiognomy!

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

What think the foreign ambassadors of such men, in the light of their own overloaded bodies, where meaningless orders, crosses, and ribbons shine dimly in the gloom? The Russian representative, perhaps, a hundred men, of all civilized races, the Sardinian envoy, jetty-eyed, towering above the rest, but they are still and respectful, gathered thus by a slain ruler, to see how worthy is the Republic he has preserved. Whatever sympathy these have for our institutions, I think that in spite of all, once they must have been impressed with the futility of any thought that either one citizen right or one territorial inch can ever be torn from the United States. Not to speak disparagingly of these noble guests, I was struck with the superior facial energy of our own public servants, who were generally larger, and brighter-faced, born of that self-control which took its patent from Tubal Cain and Abel the goatherd, and graduated in Abraham Lincoln. The Haytien minister, swarthy and fiery-faced, is conspicuous among these.

THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET.

But nearer drawn, and just opposite the catafalque so that it is supremely peculiar to the direction of vision, stand the central powers of our Government, its President and counsellors. President Johnson is facing the head of the coffin upon the inner side; his hands are crossed upon his breast, his dark clothing just revealing his plaited shirt, and upon his full, shaven face, broad and severely compact, two telling grey eyes rest under a thoughtful brow, whose turning hair is straight and smooth. Beside him are Vice President Hamlin, who succeeded, and ex-Governor King, his most intimate friend. The Cabinet are behind, as if arranged for a daguerreotype. Stanton, short and quick-sighted, in long coats and glasses, in abrupt contrast to the tall and snow-tipped shape of Mr. Welles. With the rest, practical and attentive, and at their side is Chief Justice Chase, high, dignified, and handsome, with folded arms, listening, but undemonstrative, a half-foot higher than any spectator, and towering with Charles Sumner, who is near by, the preference for many years of Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Chase are other justices of the Supreme Court, and to their left, near the feet of the corpse, are the reverend Senators, representing the oldest and newest States—splendid faces, a little worn with early and later toils, backed up by the high, classical features of Senator Doolittle, of Wisconsin. Beyond are the representatives and leading officials of the various departments, with a few odd folks like George Peabody, conspicuous as ever, and, for this time only, with nothing to say.

HOME FRIENDS AROUND THE BIER.

Close by the corpse sit the relatives of the deceased, plain, honest, hardy people, typical as much of the simplicity of our institutions as of Mr. Lincoln's self-made eminence. No blood relatives of Mr. Lincoln were to be found. It is a singular evidence of the severity of his origin, and therefore of his success, in the coming report, that, excepting his immediate family, none answering to his name could be discovered. Mrs. Lincoln's relatives were present, however, in some force. Dr. Lyman Beecher Todd, General John B. S. Todd, C. M. Smith, Esq., and Mr. N. W. Edwards; the late President's brother-in-law. Plain, intimate people were here and were sincerely affected. Captain Robert Lincoln sat during the services with his face in his handkerchief, sobbing like a child. The Rev. Dr. Gurley officiated, cried as if his heart would break. Mrs. Lincoln, weak, worn, and nervous, did not enter the East Room to follow the remains. She was the chief Magistrate's lady yesterday; to-day a widow bearing only an immortal name. Among the neighbors of the late President, who came from inland to say respect to his remains, was one old gentleman who left Richmond on Sunday. I had been upon the same train with him as he came, and had made acquaintance with some officers who advised the summary execution of all rebel leaders. This the old man opposed, saying that feeling against him became so intense that he was compelled to retire. He manifested mercy, good faith, and forgiveness. To-day, the men who had called him a traitor, saw him among the family mourners, bent with grief. All these awaiting in solemn lines, standing erect, within a space of several feet between them and the coffin, and here is no bustle nor unseemly curiosity, not a whisper, not a footfall—only the collected nation looking with awed hearts upon eminent death.

The President's Murder.

We excerpt from the pages of the New York *Tribune* the following letter, which has been addressed to it by the well-known Dr. C. Mackay, the English poet, who is acting as correspondent to the London *Times* in this country. It displays a sound common sense which is eminently distinctive of our cousins. Should the suggestion be acted upon, we doubt not that it would scourge assassination out of this country. When the dastardly assassin is caught, let the specific remedy Dr. Mackay suggests be tried:

SIR: It is earnestly to be hoped that the American people in their hour of sorrow and indignation for the dastardly and hideous assassination of the kind-hearted, good, and noble Abraham Lincoln, will not make too much of a hero of the assassin. His crime is gigantic; and it is unfortunately in the nature of gigantic crimes to excite morbid feelings in the minds of the insane or semi insane, and cause them to emulate the deed that fills all men's minds and occupies all men's tongues. Some years ago, several attempts were made to assassinate the harmless and estimable lady who sits on the throne of England. The attempts succeeded each other so rapidly that they seemed an epidemic of madness and assassination in the air—as difficult to explain as the cholera-morbus. It was suddenly suggested by a student of human nature, that the desire of being spoken of, of being made the main actor in a great tragedy, had charms enough in the imagination of people of diseased intellects to induce them to commit atrocious crimes; and that the best way to render attempted assassination unpopular was to flog on the bare back, every morning for a month or six weeks, the first wretch who should thereafter attempt to play the Brutus. The suggestion was acted upon; and since that time the life of Queen Victoria has been safe from the fanatics and the lunatics. These people have no fear of the gallows; but they vehemently abhor a whipping. Preparatory to the hanging of the monster, J. Wilkes Booth, a vigorous daily application of the whip on his naked carcass, on the night and morning of every day intervening between his capture and execution, would perhaps act as a wholesome corrective to the aspirations of any other fools and madmen who may think that there is honor to be won in murder.

Believe me, yours, respectfully,
APRIL 18, 1865. CHAS. MACKAY.

THE NATIONAL MOURNING.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The remains of the late President Lincoln are lying in state to-day in the rotunda, beneath the dome of the Capitol. Ever since eight o'clock this morning the people have been pressing forward in immense crowds to take their last and only look. At ten o'clock this morning the committees appointed to attend the remains to Illinois met and perfected their arrangements.

At 8 A. M. to-morrow the funeral train will leave here for Baltimore and Harrisburg.

This morning there have been no developments relative to the conspiracy. The authorities are pursuing the investigation with less publicity.

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY IN THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The following order has been issued from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, dated April 17, 1865:

"In obedience to General Order No. 69, current series, from the War Department, the flags at all camps of sixteen in large army will be kept at half mast on Wednesday next, the day appointed for the funeral of the late President of the United States, and all labor will be suspended for the day throughout the limits of this command, and the commanding officers of the various corps are charged with the execution of this order. At the camps and detached stations under their respective orders, twenty-one minute guns will be fired under the direction of the chief of artillery, at 12 o'clock M., on the day mentioned.

"By command of Major General Meade.

"G. D. RUSSELL, Ass't Adjt. General."

LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, April 20.—The obsequies of the late President Lincoln were celebrated yesterday by the entire population. Bells were tolled, services were held in many of the churches, and cannon throughout the day proclaimed the sad event which enshrouded the city in mourning. While the church services were progressing, one of the largest military and civic processions ever formed here commenced moving. It included all the various societies of the city, among whom the Masons, Odd Fellows and Turners were present. The chief feature among the Masons was the Knights Templar, who, in full regalia, presented a very imposing appearance. All passed off quietly and with becoming reverence to the illustrious deceased, all parties and classes vieing with each other in the expression of their heartfelt bereavement.

INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 20.—The demonstration yesterday in memory of President Lincoln was of the most solemn and impressive character. The procession was the largest ever seen, including all military forces, the State, Executive, and judicial officers, the Mayor and City Council, Fire Department, Masonic and Odd Fellows, German societies, Mechanics, and all other organized associations. Business was entirely suspended. Religious services were held in all the churches. All business and private houses were draped in mourning. The day was generally observed throughout the State.

NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, April 19.—The procession to-day in honor of the funeral of President Lincoln was the largest and most imposing ever seen in this city. All places of business were closed, and every store and dwelling was appropriately draped in mourning. The procession numbered upwards of fifteen thousand persons, among them Generals Thomas, Rousseau, Miller, Whipple, Fowler, and Donaldson. Now forgiven and forgotten. She and her sons are the property of the nation, associated with its truest glories and its worst bereavement.

THE MOURNERS.

By and by the guests drop in, hat in hand, wearing upon their sleeves waving crape, and some of them slip up to the coffin to carry away a last look. Presently comes the family. But the first accession of force is that of the clergy, sixty in number. They are devout-looking men, darkly attired, and have come from the neighboring cities to pay respect to every denomination. Five years ago these were wrangling over slavery as a theological question, and not the beginning of the war. Now, there are many of their bodies, to carry loyal resolutions. To-day there are here such sincere mourners as Robert Patterson of the Methodist church, who passed much of his life among slaves and masters. He and the rest have come to believe that the President was wise and right, and follow him to his grave, as the apostles the Interpreter of Calvary. All these retire to the south end of the room, facing the feet of the corpse, and stand there silently to wait for the coming of others. Very soon the East Room is filled with the representative intelligence of the entire nation. The Governors of States attend, as they do by the Congress of the Union, with the varied features of Curtin, Brough, Fenton, Stone, Oglesby, and Ingraham. Behind them are the Mayors of Southern and Western towns, paying their last respects to the representative of the source of all municipal freedom. To their left are the corporate officers of Washington, anxious to make their last personal honors atone for the shame of the assassination. With these are sprinkled many scarred and worthy soldiers who have borne the brunt of the great war, and stand here before this shape they loved in quiet civil reverence.

MEN USED TO THE PRESENCE OF DEATH.

Still further down the steps and closer to the catafalque rest the familiar faces of many of our greatest generals—the manly features of Augur, whose blood I have seen trickling forth upon the field of battle; the open, almost beardless contour of Halleck, who has spoken and talked of sieges and campaigns with this homely gentleman who is going to the grave. There are many more bright stars twinkling in contiguous shoulder bars, but sitting in a chair upon the beflowered carpet is Ulysses Grant, who has lived a century in the last three weeks, and comes to-day from the city of the Rebellion to his home to the thrilling and saddened picture. He wears white gloves and sash, and is swarthy, nervous, and almost tearful, his feet crossed, his square receding head turning to one side, his hair, now constellation blazing upon the left shoulder only, but hidden on the right, and I seem to read upon his compact features the tenacious and obstinate will to go, on the line he has selected, the honor of the country through any peril, as if he had sworn it by the slain man's blood, fellow, patron, and friend. Here also is General McClellan, who has scanned the rebellious South with military roads to send victory along them, and bring back the groaning and the wounded. These are the two grand historic figures. They have looked so often into the mortar's mouth that no brave's blade can make them wince. Do you see the thin-haired, conical head of the viking Farragut, close by General Grant, with many naval heroes close behind, storm-beaten, and every inch Americans in thought and physiognomy!

FORMING THE LINE.

As we sit brooding, with the pall straight before us, the tramp of a military guard indicates approach from the far forts, with the tap of drums in the serried street without, where troops and citizens are forming for the grand procession. We see through the window the beautiful spring day that the grass is brightly green, and all the trees in blossom show us through their archways the bronze and marble statues of the heroes. Sometimes there is one at an upper window, seeing all this through her tears, to whom the beautiful noon, with its wealth of odours and sweets, can waft no gratulation. The father of her children, the confidant of her affection and ambition, has passed from life into immortality, and lies below, dumb, cold, murdered. The reeling of sympathy for Lincoln is as wide-spread as the regret for the Chief Magistrate. Whatever indiscretions she may have committed in the hurry of her life and health, and so gifted head of the viking Farragut, close by General Grant, with many naval heroes close behind, storm-beaten, and every inch Americans in thought and physiognomy!

THE PRESIDENT'S HOME.

What think the foreign ambassadors of such men, in the light of their own overloaded bodies, where meaningless orders, crosses, and ribbons shine dimly in the gloom? The Russian representative, perhaps, a hundred men, of all civilized races, the Sardinian envoy, jetty-eyed, towering above the rest, but they are still and respectful, gathered thus by a slain ruler, to see how worthy is the Republic he has preserved. Whatever sympathy these have for our institutions, I think that in sp