

## PATRIOT

Souls are Gladdened by the Inspiring Words

OF THE NATION'S CHIEF

And His Staunch Advisers, as They Lead the Way

APPOINTED OF DESTINY

Monument-Unveiling at Peoria—Address at Quincy Soldiers' Home—A Lincoln Anniversary Today.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 6.—A good part of the population of Peoria, the second city of Illinois, today took part in an elaborate demonstration to welcome to their city the president of the United States. The great event of the day was the unveiling of a beautiful monument erected by Peoria citizens as a memorial to the soldiers of the rebellion, living and dead.

The monument is a tall shaft of marble, ornamented at the base with bronze groups commemorating scenes of the civil war. It is erected on an elevation in front of the court house and by its base has been constructed a platform upon which the president and the members of his party took seats to review a long procession of militia, veterans of the war and returned volunteers of the Spanish war. The concourse of people surrounding the platform and packing every street in its vicinity was by far the largest which has thus far greeted the president on his western tour.

After his review of the parade the president took his seat facing the unveiled monument, by the side of Hon. Martin Kingman, chairman of the exercises. The monument was unveiled by Mrs. S. A. Kinsey, who has been chairman of the monument committee since its inception in 1888.

A great cheer burst from the multitude as the folds of canvas fell away from the shaft. The President McKinley, leading on the arm of Mr. Kingman and followed by the cabinet officers, made a tour of inspection around the space about the monument, inspecting its beauties closely on all sides. The sculptor of the figures at the base, Mr. Fritz Triebel of Peoria, also walked by the side of the president during this inspection.

The formal exercises of dedication were then proceeded with. An address was given by Mr. Kingman, who was followed by the president, who dedicated the monument in a formal address. The president said:

"Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow-citizens, I am glad, with my fellow-citizens of Peoria county, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Ladies' Memorial association, to stand about this monument, dedicated to patriotic service and heroic devotion in a holy cause as ever sacred mankind. This monument awakens sacred memories, and that is its purpose. It was erected by these patriotic women that it might for all time perpetuate one of the most glorious pages in American history. It tells the whole story of the war—the battle line, the suffering, the sacrifices, of the brave men who from '61 to '65 upheld the flag. (Great applause.) It tells every part of the history of that civil struggle and its triumphant conclusion by Appomattox courthouse, when Grant accepted the surrender from Lee and we were kept a nation, united again forever. I like this monument. I like this symbol that I face today—the defense of the flag. (Cheers.) That is what we do whenever and wherever that flag is assailed. (Applause.) And with us always sleeps when the assault is made. (Applause.) Grant's terms of unconditional surrender. (Great and continued applause.) My fellow-citizens, I do not intend to make a speech here today. (Voice of 'Go on!')

I could add nothing of patriotic sentiment to that which has already been uttered. But I desire to express in this presence my appreciation, not of the tribute that was paid to the president of the United States, but the tribute which the people of Peoria give and Peoria county have paid to the brave defenders of the American flag in time of our greatest peril. You are proud of the monument. You should be proud of the demonstration today which led up to its unveiling. Six thousand children from the schools marching by with the flag of state in their hands and with the love of their country in their hearts. I could not but think as I looked upon that inspiring procession that my country was safe. (Applause.) And thus the patriotic women of the United States (continued applause) and the patriotic band that projected and carried this monument to a successful conclusion. And I must not close without congratulating you that you can find in Peoria—indeed, you have everything in Peoria—an artist of such high skill, born in your own city, to conceive and execute this noble monument. I thank you over and over again for this splendid demonstration of patriotism and devotion to duty." (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the exercises a brief opportunity was given the crowd to shake hands with the president, although the press of time did not allow more than an infinitesimal portion of the surging mob to be presented to him.

The party was not driven to the Corn Palace, a building wretchedly constructed of corn, where the Peoria corn festival was inaugurated by the president. An informal reception and dinner at the residence of J. B. Greenbush was the closing event of the president's visit to Peoria. The party boarded the train at 5:45 o'clock and was rapidly carried to Galesburg to spend the night.

The exercises which will take place at Knox college, Galesburg, tomorrow morning, are designed to commemorate the forty-first anniversary of the famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Ste-

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The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A sensation has been caused here by the report that the Free State government has commandeered 800 tons of coal belonging to the Cape government which was traversing the Free State. Such a seizure would naturally be regarded as an act of war. J. W. Sauer, the commissioner of the interior, was questioned in the assembly regarding the matter, professed ignorance; but I learn that the report was telegraphed to the Cape ministers early in the day. I learn that the Transvaal's threat to put British subjects over the border would necessitate the withdrawal of Conyngham's force. Some surprise is manifested over the report that a large number of British troops are to be landed here instead of at Durban. This is taken to signify that the Transvaal will be invaded from the west and not from Natal."

## GUESSING

Is as Much as the Smartest Yachtsmen Is Good For.

TODAY TO BE DECISIVE

Wind Fresh, and Will Blow the Best Boat Fastest.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—This has been a day of rest on board the racers. The Columbia was towed from Sandy Hook to Bay Ridge to get her out of any danger from the northeast. The Shamrock remained at her anchorage at the Hook, her people seeming willing to take the chances. The wind blew up pretty fresh about 6 o'clock, but there was nothing to threaten harm to a yacht as well protected by tenders and tugs, to say nothing of the powerful Erie. The feeling on both sides is one of confidence. Mr. Iselin thinks he will win. Sir Thomas Linton has a nice little corner in the Erie all ready for the cup. The public is in doubt, and it must be said that there is a feeling of indecision among the expert yachtsmen. The two days of drifting have furnished almost nothing on which to base opinion. They have, however, seemed to strengthen the belief that the Shamrock is a thoroughly dangerous proposition. This is now a well-grounded opinion and if the two days of light air have done anything they have shaken that confident feeling that has prevailed among the backers of the Columbia. Those who have watched most closely the movements of the two yachts are firm in the belief that there is little to choose between them in a drift and as it is remembered that the Shamrock people have never asserted that she was a drifter it can be understood that there is reason for a rise in the Shamrock stock. Twice in the two days of racing there have been times when both boats were sailing under exactly similar conditions, for an hour after Tuesday and for a like length of time after the start on Thursday. Both were sailing dead before a light wind, with the same spread of canvas. On Tuesday the Shamrock drew away from the Columbia. No one can draw lines on the racers from this and it can safely be said that the only change that has taken place in the opinion of yachtsmen is one that tends to increase the doubt. It now looks as though the first race to a finish would come in a good strong breeze. At sundown the wind was blowing hard from the north. The water was pretty high and the racing was in the morning. If it comes, the world will see the greatest struggle in the history of international racing. With her great mainmast snugly stowed stowed on the boom under a waterproof cover, the yacht Columbia lay at anchor off the Seaboard Pier at Bay Ridge today, riding out the evening under the lee of the land. All her other sails were unbuttoned and stowed below, where they will be kept dry until needed. Should there be rain and a strong breeze, however, the sails will not be spared tomorrow for rain or shine. Barring accidents, the yachts will start in their race and make a third attempt to complete the course of fifteen miles to the west or leeward and back. When seen by an Associated Press reporter on board the tender St. Michaels today, C. Oliver Iselin, the Columbia's managing owner, said: "We know practically nothing more of the