THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH.

PATRIOTISM OF NEW-YORK SCULPTORS TAKES A BEAUTIFUL FORM.

When the Dewey celebration was first broached the members of the National Sculpture Society decided that the occasion demanded something noteworthy from them, so they suggested a triumphal arch at Madison Square and offered to give their time and skill for nothing if the idea were accepted. The committee thought it a good thing and the beautiful structure at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-fourth st. is the result.

There was little time to prepare designs, and accordingly the arch in general has been modelled after the Arch of Titus and Vespasian in the Forum, at Rome, erected by the Emperor Domitian. It has, however, four piers, or supports, instead of the two in the original, the arch being pierced for the sake of lightness, with a passageway from side to side. The span of the archway measures thirty feet in width, and the height from the street below is seventy-five feet. The total height, from the ground to the wreath in the hand of Victory surmounting the arch, is one hundred feet.

GENEROUS MEN OF ART.

Here are the names of the sculptors and artists who have labored on the arch and the particular work each has done:

[illegible] J. Q. A. Ward. [illegible]

The arch has cost $28,000 for materials alone. There was little time to prepare designs, and accordingly these men, who earn between $5,000 and $20,000 a year each by their work, gave up their private business and devoted all their efforts to doing the work assigned to them on the Dewey Arch or the colonnade. The basement of Madison Square Garden, where the staff work was done, [illegible]. Carl Bitter has been in charge of the force of modellers and plasterers at work on the arch.

F. W. Ruckstuhl, secretary of the Sculpture Society, is advocating a plan to make the Dewey Arch and colonnade permanent. He proposes to reproduce them in marble along an extension of Seventh-ave. through Central Park. Mr. Ruckstuhl estimates the cost of the undertaking at $2,000,000, and says it will give New-York the most magnificent esplanade in the world.

WORKED THEMSELVES TO DEATH.

The succession of sudden deaths of those at work upon the artistic preparations for the reception of Admiral Dewey is remarkable. The first to succumb was [illegible], the sculptor. He was found dead in his studio not long after the beginning of work on the arch in August. Next to die was Giuseppe Turini, for many years considered one of the leading sculptors in this country. He died at his home after a brief illness. Both he and [illegible] were engaged upon figures intended to be placed on the arch. Two days later came the third death, that of Frank E. Crane, a decorator and designer, whose workshops in Paterson and Newark were busy with contracts in connection with the Dewey reception. [illegible] he was found dead, his wife having had no knowledge of the end until she went to call him to breakfast at their home in Paterson. He was a noted designer and had charge of the decoration of the Pension Building in Washington at the time of the McKinley Inaugural Ball.

One more victim, the fourth, of the intense strain, mental and physical, involved in the task of completing within a brief time the welcome to Dewey was John R. Rosch?, an expert in high structures, who died at his home in Degraw-st., Brooklyn, on September 16. Mr. Rosch's most recent work was in overseeing the construction of the scaffolding on Brooklyn Bridge, where the incandescent lights are to flash down the harbor the words "Welcome, Dewey."

There also have been several cases of prostration among sculptors and artists and one accident to a plasterer, who fell from a ladder at the Madison Square arch.

PREVIOUS CELEBRATIONS.

THE WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL IN 1889, COLUMBIAN CELEBRATION IN 1892 AND DEDICATION OF GRANT'S TOMB IN 1897.

New-Yorkers have become connoisseurs in the matter of parades, so many have they seen in the last decade. On April 29, 30 and May 1, 1889, the city was all excitement over the centennial celebration of the founding of the Government of the United States. President Harrison was the principal guest of the city upon that occasion, and he followed the route of the famous boatride of the first President—Washington—from Elizabethport to the East River front. He landed at Wall-st. on the morning of Monday, April 29, and was escorted by a large body of troops and citizens to the Lawyers' Club, in the Equitable Building, where a reception was held.

At this reception, among many notable men, were the Governors of these States: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New-Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon, West Virginia, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana and Washington. A dinner followed the reception, and then the President went to the City Hall, [illegible]

RECEPTION AT CITY HALL.

Mayor Grant then welcomed the President and a public reception was held in the City Hall, where [illegible] passed before Mr. Harrison. The President that night attended a centennial ball at the Metropolitan Opera House. [illegible]

[illegible] held, and from there went to [illegible] Madison Square to review the [illegible] parade. [illegible]

The Columbian celebration of October, 1892, covered parts of five days, beginning on Sunday, October 9th, with religious services and special musical programmes in the churches. On Monday there was a school and college parade, in which it is estimated that twenty-five thousand youths took part. The same evening there was an extensive display of fireworks on the Brooklyn Bridge. On Tuesday there was a naval parade, [illegible] and back to the Battery. The Spanish warship Infanta Isabel took part in it. That evening was devoted to a parade of Catholic societies, almost thirty thousand strong. On Wednesday morning there was a military parade, which started from the Battery [illegible] sixty-five thousand men. General [illegible] Mahon was the grand marshal. [illegible] reviewed it. In the evening there was [illegible] through the streets [illegible] electric lights. Twenty-five hundred [illegible] The celebration closed on Thursday with a public dinner at the Lenox Lyceum, at which Mayor Grant presided.

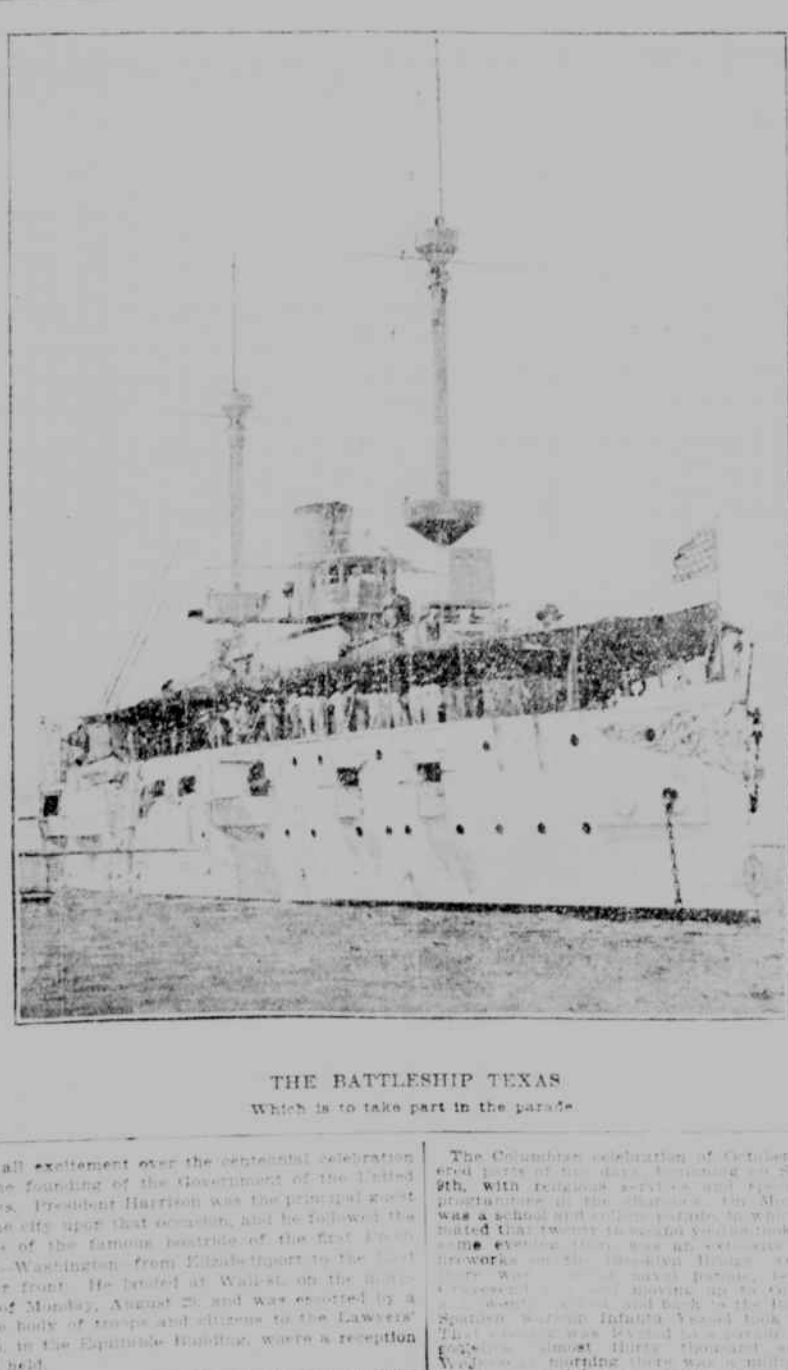
GRANT'S TOMB DEDICATED.

The dedication of Grant's tomb, on Tuesday, April 27, 1897, was the occasion of another imposing military parade, in which more than fifty-five thousand men marched, and also a naval parade which started at Red Hook and rounded a stake boat in the North River off One-hundred-and-fortieth-st. President McKinley reviewed both. A great many organizations were represented by members of the [illegible] who came on from Washington.

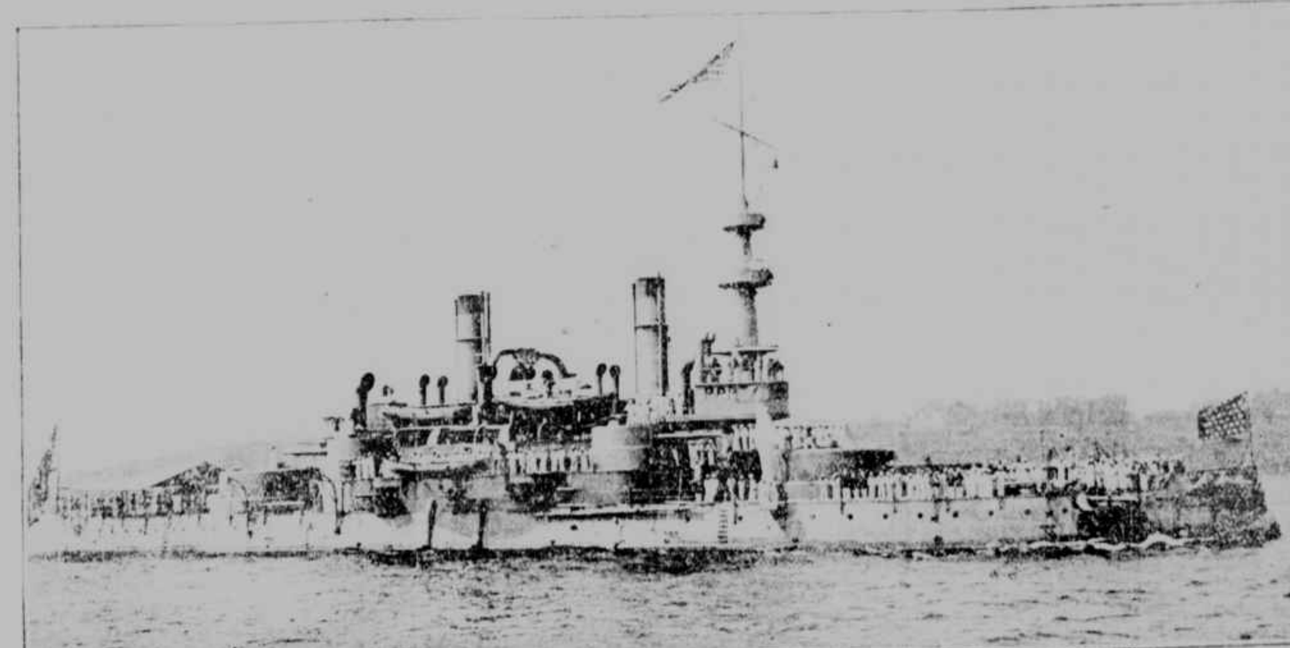
The somewhat hastily arranged but no less hearty welcome given to Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet on its return from Santiago last year is too fresh in the minds of New-Yorkers to need recalling here.

THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH IN MADISON SQUARE.

GOVERNOR E. C. SMITH OF VERMONT,
Who is to take part in the ceremonies.



THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS
Which is to take part in the parade



THE BATTLESHIP INDIANA,
Which is to take part in the naval parade

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

MEN WHO ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THE CELEBRATION.

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MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN, HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, ROBERT A. VAN WYCK.

[illegible]

Newman, Henry.
[illegible]
Henry, Henry
Hammond, David
[illegible]
Stockton, Frank R.
Siedenburg, Reinhardt
[illegible]
[illegible] Franklin
[illegible]

[illegible]

Greene, Francis V., General
[illegible]
Huntington, Collis P.
Smith, G. Waldo
[illegible]
Schliemann, Julius
Lauterbach, Edward.
Loughran, John
Levy, Jefferson M.
[illegible], Colonel
Lewis, Alfred Henry.
Livingston, George
[illegible]
[illegible], Bishop
Lafarge, John
[illegible]
Low, Seth
[illegible]
Wenman, James F.
Waite, Charles G. F.
West, David S.
[illegible]
Whittier, Charles A., Gen.
Wright, James A.
[illegible]
York, Bernard J.
[illegible]

From this committee the following sub-committees were chosen, upon which the success of the celebration rests:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN, GENERAL DANIEL BUTTERFIELD.
VICE-CHAIRMAN, TUNIS G. BERGEN.
ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN, N. O. FANNING.
SECRETARY, WARREN W. FOSTER.

Whitney, William C.
Tracy, Benjamin F., Gen.
Cooper, Edward
Vanderbilt, Cornelius
[illegible]
Astor, John Jacob
Belmont, Perry
Bergen, Tunis G.
Croker, Richard.
[illegible]
Hearst, William R.
[illegible]
[illegible], Andrew H.
Leith, Adam H.