

# HOW DEWEY CARRIED OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS

## Theme of Secretary Long's Eloquent Address on the Sword Presentation at Washington Yesterday.

### PRESIDENT DELIVERS THE SWORD

Pronounced the Most Picturesque and Impressive Ceremony Ever Witnessed in the National Capital—Brilliant Parade.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The magnificent sword awarded by act of congress to the nation's hero was bestowed upon Admiral Dewey today in the presence of the president and members of the cabinet and the judiciary, the highest officers of the army and navy and a vast crowd of the plain people.

In strong contrast with all the ceremonies that have taken place since Admiral Dewey reached the shores of his native land, today's function was severely official in character. The administration was executing the will of the whole American people, and locality and community disappeared. The scene of the presentation was appropriately located under the shadow of the great white capitol of the nation—a spot filled with memories of other stately ceremonies.

The escort which marched in line with the admiral was made up entirely of soldiers and sailors. There was nothing in the general arrangements as the immense crowd swept through the beautiful plaza to indicate that the occasion was anything less than a presidential inauguration. It was before this vast assemblage, amid a profound hush, that Admiral George Dewey received from the hands of his chief executive the sword the nation gave him. In the focus of thousands of eyes, the central figure of the magnificent tableau, he stood and listened to the eloquent tributes paid him by the president and naval chief, speaking for the people. A sun as brilliant as that which shone on that May day in a distant ocean gleamed back from from the jeweled sword as he received it, and thousands of voices drowned the crash of brass instruments, flags waved in a glorious sea of color and the most picturesque and impressive ceremony the nation's capitol has ever had, ended.

The start from Mr. McLean's residence was made promptly at 10 o'clock. When the admiral appeared, resplendent in the heavy equestrian and gold lace, the great throng mingled in the adjacent streets broke into a long and loud cheer of applause. Accompanied by an escort of police and the committee and headed by the Marine band, the admiral was driven to the White House through the cheering crowds. The progress was slow, and he repeatedly bowed and smiled his acknowledgments of the greetings. He entered the White House grounds by the west gate and was shown into the white room, where he was met by the president and members of the cabinet.

Only a few minutes elapsed before the admiral reappeared with the president, and took seats in the White House carriage. The members of the cabinet occupied the next three carriages, ex-Secretary Alger sitting with Secretary Long, and then followed the various officials who had been assigned places near the central figure of the demonstration.

As the carriages swept briskly into Pennsylvania avenue there was a blare of bugle commands, a clash of bands and the great procession started. It was magnificent and inspiring sight as the parade swung into the long stretch of the handsome thoroughfare. At the head of the line rode Major General Miles, commanding general of the army, in the full uniform of his rank with the yellow field marshal's sash from shoulder to hip. He was on a superb horse, richly caparisoned. Back of him rode rank after rank of military aides, all officers of high rank. The brilliant coated Marine band added color and inspiring music to the gay scene, and following them came every describable kind of soldier, sailor and marine mounted and afoot, infantry and cavalry, battery after battery, of light artillery, the mammoth 5-inch siege guns of the Seventh artillery, each drawn by eight horses, then the crimson trappings of the artillery changed into the yellow cavalry as the after line of yellow cavalry troopers rode by and then—Dewey.

All that had gone before was but

struggling manhood, have been fostered and protected by the wisdom and courage of great men. Their blood has given us independence abroad and freedom at home. We have withstood foreign war and domestic malice chiefly through them. To them it is due that we but yesterday stood a united though isolated nation and sent forth to the world a challenge in the name of humanity.

It was your signal good fortune that made you the challenger. But it was altogether your own great qualities that made the challenge good; that won the fight; that maintained the victory that put the nation's flag so high in the eastern sky that all eyes see it; that made the whole world know and say that our nation is a citizen of the world, come to play a man's part and to demand a man's power and honor. These great qualities the nation today formally recognizes. Happy you; you hear with your own ears what too often children of the great listen to. May you live so long that you will behold your own best monument in your country's good, grown great through your deeds. Again welcome to your own true home—this city of the nation.

Mr. Perry ended by introducing Secretary Long, who was received with enthusiasm. Standing bareheaded, Mr. Long addressed his remarks directly to Dewey, who remained bareheaded and seated.

#### SECRETARY LONG'S ADDRESS

Secretary Long spoke as follows: My Dear Admiral—Let me read a few extracts from our official correspondence covering less than a fortnight's time and now known the world over:

"WASHINGTON, April 24.—Dewey, Hongkong: War has commenced between the United States and Spain. Proceed at once to Philippine Islands. Begin operations at once, particularly against the Spanish fleet. You must capture vessels or destroy. Use utmost endeavors.

"(Signed) LONG."  
"MANILA, May 1, 1898.—Secretary of Navy, Washington: The squadron arrived at Manila at daybreak this morning. Immediately engaged enemy and destroyed the following vessels: \* \* \*

"The squadron is uninjured. Few men were slightly wounded."  
"(Signed) DEWEY."  
"May 4.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: I have taken position off the naval station Philippine Islands. I control bay completely and can take city at any time. The squadron in excellent health and spirits. I am assisting and protecting sick and wounded."  
"(Signed) DEWEY."

"WASHINGTON, May 17, 1898.—Dewey: The president, in the name of the American people, thanks you and your officers and men for your splendid achievements and overwhelming victory. In recognition, he has appointed you acting rear admiral, and will recommend a vote of thanks to you by congress as a foundation for further promotion."

In those few words, what a volume of history, what a record of swift, high heroic discharge of duty; you went, you saw, you conquered. It seems but yesterday that the Republic, full of anxiety, strained its listening ear to catch the first word from those distant islands of the sea. It came flashing over the wires that May morning as the sun burst through the clouds and filled every heart with the illumination of its good cheer. In the twinkling of an eye your name was on every lip the blessing of every American was on your head and your country strode instantly forward, a mightier power among the nations of the world. As we welcome you back, there comes back also the vivid picture of that time, with all its hopes and fears, with all its swift succeeding triumph and glory. Let us now read the act of congress in pursuance of which we are here.

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the secretary of the navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to present a sword of honor to Commodore George Dewey, and to cause to be struck bronze medals, commemorating the battle of Manila bay, and distribute such medals to the officers and men of the ships of the Atlantic squadron of the United States navy, under command of Commodore George Dewey, on May 1, 1898, and that, to enable the secretary to carry out this resolution the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated."

Approved June 2, 1898. It was by this solemn enactment, approved by the president, that the people of the United States made provision for putting in material form one expression of their appreciation of your

valor as an officer of this navy, and of your great achievement as their representative in opening the door to a new era in the civilization of the world.

The victory at Manila bay gave you rank with the most distinguished naval heroes of all times. Nor was your merit most in the brilliant victory which you achieved in a battle fought with the utmost gallantry and skill, waged without errors, and crowned with overwhelming success. It was still more in the nerve with which you sailed from Hongkong to Manila harbor; in the spirit of your coöperation of attack; in your high command confidence as a leader who had weighed every risk and prepared for every emergency, and who also had the unflinching determination to win and that utter freedom from his purpose which are the very assurances of victory.

No captain ever faced a more crucial test than when that morning, bearing the fate and honor of your country in your hand, thousands of miles from home, with every foreign port in the world shut to you, nothing between you and annihilation but the thin sheathing of your ships, your cannon and your devoted officers and men, you moved upon the enemy's batteries on shore and on sea with unflinching faith and nerve, and before the sun was half way up in the heavens had silenced the guns of the foe, sunk the hostile fleet, demonstrating the supremacy of the American sea power and transferred to the United States an empire of the islands of the Pacific.

Later, by your display of large powers of administration, by your poise and prudence and by your great discretion, not only in act but also in word, which is almost more important, you proved yourself a great representative citizen of the United States as well as a great naval hero. The lustre of the American navy was gloriously bright before, and you have added to it new lustre. Its constellation of stars was glorious before, and you have added to it another star of the first magnitude.

And yet, many of your grateful countrymen feel that, in the time to come, it may be your still greater honor that you struck the first blow, under the providence of God, in the enfranchisement of those beautiful islands which make the great empire of the sea; in relieving them from the bondage and oppression of centuries and putting them on their way, under the protecting shield of your country's guidance, to take their place in the civilization, the arts, the industries, the liberties and all the good things of the most enlightened and happy nations of the world, so that generations hence your name shall be to them a household word, enshrined in their history and in their hearts. Clouds and darkness may linger about them now, but the shining outcome is as sure as the rising sun.

Whatever the passing tribulations and difficulties of the present moment, they will in due time surely give way to the dawn of a glorious new day—the day, not of any mere selfish imperial dominion of one people over another, but of the imperial moral and physical growth and expansion of all the peoples, whatever their race or language or color, who have come under the shelter of the broad shield of the United States of America.

By authorizing the presentation of this sword to you as the mark of its approval, your country has recognized therefore not only the great rich fruits which, even before returning from your victory, you have poured into her lap, but also her own responsibility to discharge the great trust which is thus put upon her and fulfill the destiny of her own growth and of the empire that is now her charge. It is a new demand upon all the resources of her con-

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