

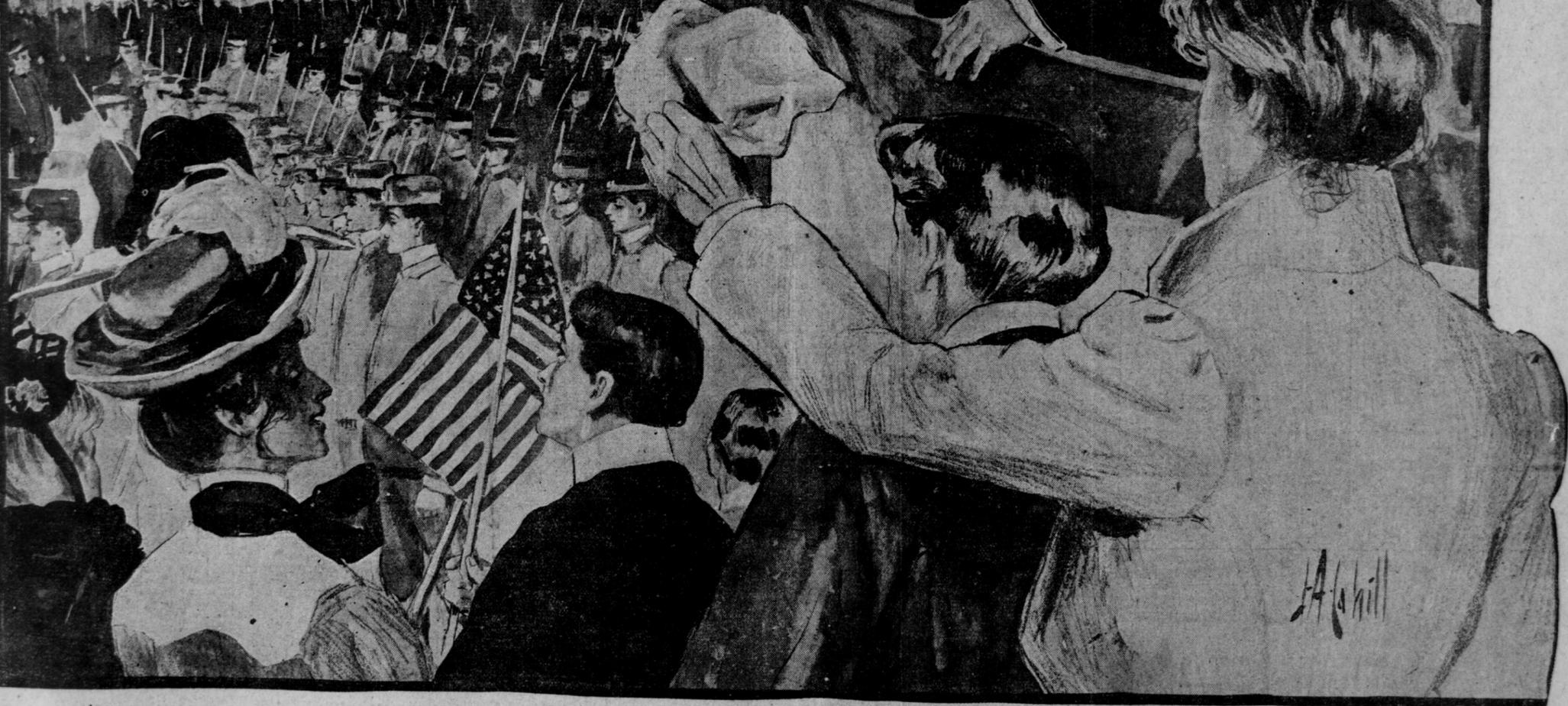
IN A FERVENT SPEECH TO THE LEAGUE OF THE CROSS CADETS PRESIDENT MCKINLEY PRAISES THE BOYS FOR THEIR PLEDGE AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO BE STEADFAST

MRS. MCKINLEY THANKS SAN FRANCISCO PEOPLE.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S first message to the people of San Francisco is given this morning through The Call. Last evening the President's wife was seen at the temporary executive residence at Clay and Laguna streets, and in speaking of the fact that all the functions of last week had been canceled, expressed deep regret, desired that her thanks be conveyed to the people of San Francisco for their heartfelt sympathy, and said she hoped that, inasmuch as she has recovered from illness, the original programme may be carried out.

PRESIDENT'S WIFE TO ENJOY A DRIVE TO-MORROW.

THE IMPROVEMENT in Mrs. McKinley's condition is so pronounced that it was stated last evening positively that the chief executive and his wife will start for the East on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The President's train will make no stops en route other than the usual ones necessary in railroad travel. Mrs. McKinley will be taken for a short drive to-morrow while the President is in Oakland reviewing the school children of that city providing the weather permits.



SCENE AS THE CADETS MARCHED DOWN THE HALL AND PASSED THE PRESIDENT AS HE STOOD LEANING ON RAIL OF THE STAND.

BESIDES the honor of being reviewed by the President, for once the contest for the officers' trophy took second place in the minds and hearts of the League of the Cross Cadets. They drilled and marched and bore themselves last evening as never before, and with the words of the President's approval ringing in their ears they felt that perhaps the loss of the trophy might be survived. The regiment was drawn up in line of masses to receive the President as he

came in. He entered, accompanied by Archbishop Riordan, and as he turned into the main hall every saber flashed to the chin and gleamed above the lines of silent, motionless men like a forest of steel. A cheer ran down the audience on both sides of the hall, above and below, and thousands of flags fluttered in bewildering confusion. Every one had been given a flag, and every one waved the little bit of color as long as strength of arm would allow. Down the line of battalions the President marched with the Archbishop, and following him were

Mayor Phelan, Chief of Police Sullivan and civil officers, and General Shafter, followed by his aids and accompanied by Congressman Julius Kahn. Mr. Courtley was with the President. Mr. McKinley took his place in the reviewing stand and the Archbishop came forward to present the regiment to him. In making the presentation the Archbishop said: Welcome to McKinley. Mr. President: It is my happy privilege in the name of the cadets of the League of the Cross to extend to you a most hearty welcome

and to thank you for the honor which your presence confers upon their organization. The cordial and spontaneous greeting which has met you at every point of your journey has met you as the chief magistrate of our country and to one who fulfills in so signal a manner the duties of his exalted position. It is also an expression of the deep and abiding love of the people of this State of all classes for the institutions under which they live and which join with the hope that these institutions may be permanent. I can say to you that the cadets and their many friends willingly partake of this unbounded enthusiasm which greets you

and are one with all of the other citizens in their loyalty to the Government and in their respect to its distinguished magistrate. (Applause.) These young men, banded together in the name of temperance, prepare themselves by a discipline of self-restraint to enact worthily their part as citizens of this country and to show by their example that sobriety is an important factor in the success of an individual, as it is an important factor of national prosperity. We appreciate your most gracious condescension in coming to these young boys this evening, and I may be permitted to interpret your presence here as an ap-

proval and sanction of the purpose for which they are united into a society. I thank you again for having come to visit us, and, thanking you from my heart in their name, I beg leave to present to you, Mr. President, these boys of the League of the Cross. (Great applause.) More than once the Archbishop was interrupted with cheers, and there were more cheers when he had finished, and the President bowed his acknowledgements, but when McKinley commenced

MRS. MCKINLEY is rapidly regaining her normal state of health and yesterday she was sufficiently strong to be able to sit by the window of the President's room at the temporary home of the chief executive. In the morning Mrs. McKinley was reported to have had a very restful night, and after partaking of breakfast was assisted from her own apartment to the President's room, overlooking the Golden