

# ARRIVAL AND PROGRESS OF GEN. DIAZ, SPECTACULAR PAGEANT

## ENORMOUS CROWDS ACCLAIM GEN. DIAZ, ITALY'S WAR HERO

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Speak more freely in a more familiar language. He said: "Approaching the American shore, I greet cordially this great nation—the hospitable home of so many Italian workers—which has given us noble an example of humane solidarity and so high a conception of right and civic duty.

"To all America, through its press, I bring a word of faith and friendship. I deliver the expression of the remembrance of the work of those valiant soldiers who died on European battlefields—gave generously of their lives for their high ideals of justice and liberty."

The Italian commander had hardly finished when the guns of Fort William began sounding a nineteen-gun salute.

### ENTHUSIASTS PERCH IN THE PARK TREES.

As the Lexington, with the noisy part-colored fleet training behind it, approached the Battery it came into sight of a multitude which completely covered the tip of Manhattan Island from the sea wall to the big buildings around the edge of the park. The grass plots were as tightly packed as the walks and plazas.

The trees were filled with men and boys—and not a few women—waving Italian flags and yelling their throats raw. Here and there a wild-eyed enthusiast fell off his perch into the crowd below, causing a good-natured diversion and sometimes a little irritation as he fought and struggled to regain his vantage point.

The hundreds of policemen ranged around Pier A had a hard time of it standing off the mighty rush which surged against their lines as the Lexington touched shore. They had to give back a little but were able to save a space for the greeting of Gen. Robert Lee Hylan and his staff to the visitor, which was followed by a welcome by a committee of Usaco Post of the American Legion made up of survivors of an American ambulance section which served throughout the Piave campaign. The members of the committee, Loran Metcalf, Robert Hetsel and Dr. Joseph Foran, had been decorated for heroism by Gen. Diaz on the battlefield.

As the party were getting into automobiles, storms of cheering and flag waving arose across the big assembly in gusts and the echoes came back from the Whitehall Building and other tall structures reinforced by the shouts of men and women who filled every window, waving flags and flinging down streamers and showers of confetti.

The big crowd broke and made for City Hall as soon as the procession left the Battery. The police diverted some of the crush into Washington and Nassau Streets for its own more rapid convenience in keeping up with the movement to City Hall.

### STANDING THROUGH THE TRIUMPHAL DRIVE.

The Police Band headed the marching line, followed by seventy-five mounted policemen, the Twenty-second Infantry and nine automobiles. In the first of them rode Commissioner of Plants and Structures Grover Whalen, as master of ceremonies for the Mayor. Next came Gen. Diaz, who remained standing, meeting the shouted greetings from sidewalks and windows by continuous smiling salutes, raising his hand to the visor of his gold braided kepi.

The scenes of Battery Park were repeated as the procession turned into City Hall Park. Mayor Hylan, surrounded by his commissioners, was at top of the steps with Lieut. Gov. Jeremiah Wood and all of Gov. Miller's staff in uniform. Gov. Miller was unable to be present as he is on an inspection tour with the Waterways Commission.

Mayor Hylan ran down the steps as the Diaz car reached them. Senator Salvatore Cottino, who had been riding on the running board of the General's car, introduced the Mayor to the General. Gen. Diaz, taking the Mayor's hand, bowed profoundly. Lieut. Gov. Wood was followed by Brig. Gen. Leslie Kinkaid, Commander W. M. Josephine, Harrison K. Bird, Col. George W. Burrell, Major Robert Guggenheim, Major Bernard A. Flood, Col. W. T. Starr and Capt. James H. Cook.

Meanwhile a company of the 34th Infantry from Fort Hamilton which had been drawn up before the City Hall presented arms. The Mayor conducted Gen. Diaz to the top steps. In the front rank of the surrounding mass of notable persons were Special Deputy Police Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker and the Cavaliers S. Pandini and Dominic Massone, survivors of the Garibaldi campaigns of 1861-2 in their old uniforms. There were several disturbances caused by excitable persons who wished to carry huge bouquets of flowers to the Italian General, but who were not permitted by the police to interrupt the ceremonies.

### THE GREETING BY LIEUT. GOV. WOOD.

Lieut. Gov. Wood said in part: "As the representative of the Governor of the State of New York I salute you and welcome you to our State and to America—hero of the Piave—destroyer of Austria's holy ambitions—distinguished soldier of Italy—it is most fitting that your Government should send you to America.

"We hope for you, sir, a happy sojourn. We are glad you contemplate a trip through the great State of New York.

"Thousands of Italy's sons and daughters have crossed the sea to find a new home and have become citizens of our republic. Many of her sons have risen to hold rank in the social, commercial, religious and political life of our republic, and best of all they have become assimilated to the social fabric of this Nation and are devoted to its ideals.

"Gen. Diaz, for the State of New



GENERAL DIAZ SALUTING IN RECOGNITION OF NEW YORK'S UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL



GENERAL DIAZ AT THE BATTERY © PAUL THOMPSON



PASSING ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL



THE GENERAL AND ESCORT PASSING UP BROADWAY

York and its 11,000,000 of people, I salute you."

Mr. Wanamaker then introduced the Mayor, explaining to the distinguished guest that the city's Chief Magistrate was known to his admirers as "John Faithful Hylan" for his services to the people. Gen. Diaz bowed low again. Mayor Hylan said in part: "As Chief Executive of the City of New York it is my honorable and official function to extend, on behalf of New York's 5,000,000 inhabitants, a cordial and hearty welcome to the man who has signally distinguished himself not only as a soldier but as a statesman and diplomat—Gen. Armando Diaz.

### LINKED BY ABIDING ADMIRATION AND AFFECTION.

"This city welcomes with open arms an illustrious representative of the country which has always been linked to America by a common understanding and a deep and abiding admiration and affection.

"So deep-rooted has been the friendship between Italy and America that it has been able to withstand the most disastrous storms and to emerge both unshaken and strengthened.

The Mayor spoke of the debt of America to Italy and to the adventurous spirit of Italians from Columbus to Marconi, and concluded: "Let us fervently pray that out of the welter of war there may spring that solidly of sentiment which will ally national prejudices, insure the prosperity which comes from an acknowledgment of our dependence upon one another, and forever put an end to the hatreds, revenges and wars which have reddened the eyes of humanity and insulted the goodness of Almighty God.

Gen. Diaz, it is both a pleasure and a privilege for me to extend to you the freedom of the City of New York, a city which is proud of its vast Italian population and recognizes with a deep sense of gratitude their inestimable aid in helping us to achieve our present growth and grandeur."

The Mayor's speech was frequently stopped by cheers and applause. Gen. Diaz, after referring to the bonds of friendship existing between this country and Italy, said, in part: "Now that the war is over both our countries are for peace, progress and

work. America considers the Italians here as brothers and Italy will never forget them as her sons. Coming from the Battery to your City Hall I saw in the eyes of the Italians along the way the same look of faith that was in their faces as they marched forth to war, and in the eyes of the Americans the same look of sympathy.

The presentation to me of the freedom of your city is a thing which honors me greatly and for which I have no adequate words of gratitude. I would like to hymn what is in my heart."

There were rousing cheers after the General had finished speaking and as soon as it was possible a representative of one of the many Italian organizations of the city stepped forward with a great basket of white chrysanthemums which he presented to Gen. Diaz.

When Gen. Diaz left the City Hall for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel he was accompanied in the automobile by Mayor Hylan, Mr. Wanamaker and Commissioner Whalen.

### "REMOVE CAUSE OF WARS, THEN THE ARMS."

Gen. Diaz lunched in his suite immediately on arriving at the Ritz a little before 1 o'clock. He said he had not known of the make-up of the Italian delegation to the disarmament conference until he learned of them through press dispatches wirelessly to the Giuseppe Verdi from American newspapers.

He seemed inclined to the thought that the most effective disarmament will be to remove the cause of wars before taking the weapons from the nations. His reception in New York he said, appealed to him as though it had been a fete day in Naples—"also one of the most beautiful cities in the

world." He said he was sure that the spirit of the Italians and Americans was very much the same and the only difference in the peoples was in their languages.

Police Inspector Hallock at the Battery had a regiment man keeping the joy of the multitude within bounds. He was assisted by distinguished aides, Commissioner Grover Whalen of Plant and Structures, Magistrate Mancuso, Justice John J. Freschi, Capt. A. R. Publisse and Senator Salvatore Cottino. Mr. Whalen spoke no Italian but he covered more ground than the others. Senator Cottino and Detective Sergeant Fiaschetti, assigned as personal bodyguard to Gen. Diaz, were so busy looking out for others that they missed the Lexing-

ton, carrying the official committee, and had to wait at the Battery for its return.

Included in the welcoming party were the following representatives of the Italian Government: Guido Latella, counselor and charge d'affaires of the Italian Embassy; Commissioner Adolfo Vincini, Italian High Commissioner Francisco Quatrone, Military Attache Col. di Bernizzo, his assistant, Capt. Carlo Huntington, Naval Attache Capt. Pietro Civalieri, Air Attache Lieut. Col. A. Guidoni and Consul General Commissioner Bernardi.

Gen. Diaz is fifty-nine years old and has been a soldier thirty-nine years.

The itinerary of his stay in the United States up to Nov. 11 is as follows: Oct. 18, arrival in New York; 19th to 21st, sightseeing in New York;

22d, visit to West Point; 23d, Washington; 24th, luncheon with the President; 25th, morning, visit to Fort Myer; afternoon, visit to Mount Vernon; evening, reception; 26th, Aberdeen and Edgewood arsenals; 27th, visit to the Naval Academy; 28th, leave for Kansas City; Nov. 2, leaves Kansas City; 4th, arrival in New York and participation in reception mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in memory of the unknown Italian here buried that day in Rome; 5th and 6th, visit to Philadelphia; 7th, leaves Phil-

adelphia for Chicago; 8th, Chicago; 9th, leaves for Baltimore; 10th, Baltimore; 11th, Washington and the ceremony at Arlington Cemetery in memory of an unknown American soldier.

### Two Overcome by Gas.

John Langman, thirty-two, and Harry Lester, forty-two, were found unconscious from gas in their room at No. 92 7th Street early today and were revived by a doctor from Bellevue. The gas had escaped from a leaky jet, the police said.

## Tramp Dog Is He, Fed by Girls, Chary of Men

### Leads Gay Life, Sleeps in \$30 Flower Bed, Eludes Police Who Would Capture Him.

He's just a tramp, answering to the name Neil, Jack, Pido or Bill, but for the last two months he has slept in a bed of geraniums, ferns and palms worth \$300. His boudoir is City Hall Park, north side, and daily he looks on the greenward, where numerous men are employed to keep the flower bed spick and span.

Food he gets plenty, for stenographers and clerks in the Supreme Court toss him a bit of meat and a bone. But withal he leads a strenuous life, for the police and the Park Department are at their wits' end to oust him from his Elysian home.

Just plain mutt, that's all he is, with a long tail and ears, and cadaverous looking, marked yellow and white. Any name he'll answer to, but since he "blew into" City Hall Park he's made life miserable for the custodians of the flower bed. Tempting morsels of meat in the hands of amateur dog catchers have failed to entice him. Hours have been spent by laborers in trying to catch him, but intuitively the mongrel knows they are his enemies, so he plays to the girls, who toss him food.

To-day a knowing one rigged up a trap, consisting of a large box held up by a block of wood. Attached to the block is a rope several feet long. Underneath the box the trapped placed bones, fish and meat. The dog slowly walked toward the bait, stopped near the trap, took a firm hold of the rope, slipped it and, disappointedly walked away as the inventor, in disgust, dropped the rope and gave up the job.

Neil, Jack, Pido or Bill, or what you care to call him, slunk to the further end of the park and happily plied himself with a bone.

## OLDEST VANDERBILT DIES AT AGE OF 92

The body of Mrs. Ellen Casser, oldest member of the Vanderbilt family, was brought to Station Island today from Annapolis, Md., where she died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dudley Carpenter. Funerals services have not been announced, but they will be held in Rosebank and burial will be in the Vanderbilt plot at the Moravian Cemetery.

Mrs. Casser was born July 31, 1829, daughter of Capt. Jacob Vanderburgh. She leaves a son, Philip, living in Tacoma, Wash., and two daughters, Mrs. Carpenter of Annapolis and Mrs. Paul Ralston of New Brighton.

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