

GRANT STATUE UNVEILED

President McKinley Attends the Ceremony in Philadelphia.

THE GENERAL'S FAMILY THERE

Miss Sartoris, His Granddaughter, Pulls the Cord Which Releases the Draperies About the Figure.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—In the presence of President McKinley and his wife, members of his Cabinet, three generations of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's family, and a great crowd of people, Miss Rosemary Sartoris, granddaughter of Gen. Grant, to-day unveiled a heroic equestrian statue of her grandfather in Fairmount Park. The statue is located in a beautiful spot on the East Drive of the Schuylkill River. It is the gift of the Fairmount Park Art Association to the City of Philadelphia.

The ceremonies of the day began at 12:30 o'clock, when the Presidential party arrived from Washington. Besides the President and Mrs. McKinley, the party included the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Gage, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Long, Attorney General Griggs, and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock. They were escorted to the Bellevue Hotel by the First Philadelphia City Troop. At the hotel an informal luncheon was served, lasting until 2 o'clock, when the start was made for Fairmount Park. In the carriage with the President were Secretary Gage, Mayor Samuel H. Ashbridge, and John H. Converse, representing the Fairmount Park Art Association.

When the Presidential party reached the monument at 2:50 o'clock they found a great crowd awaiting them. As the President stepped from his carriage he was saluted by twenty-one guns, fired by Division A, Naval Force of Pennsylvania. The President was escorted to a place in the centre of the stand, which was close to the statue. As the invited guests passed him he shook hands with each. He had an especially warm greeting for Mrs. Grant and Miss Sartoris. Mrs. Grant occupied the seat nearest the monument. Next to her was Mrs. McKinley, and at the latter's left sat Mrs. Mary Grant Kramer, Gen. Grant's sister. Miss Sartoris was escorted to a seat behind her grandmother. The young woman was attired in a gown of pink silk, and in her hand she carried a hugh bunch of sweet peas. Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, who had just arrived from Puerto Rico, took a seat beside Miss Sartoris, and next to her was her brother, Capt. Algernon Sartoris.

Mayor Ashbridge presided at the ceremonies, and after formally welcoming the President to Philadelphia, he called upon Bishop Whitaker of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania to deliver the invocation. The Mayor then made a short address, and was followed by Mr. Converse, who presented the statue to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park. As he concluded speaking, Miss Sartoris mounted a small platform near the statue and pulled the cord which held the National colors about the figure, and the horse and rider were brought to view. As the drapery fell Battery D, National Guard of Pennsylvania, fired a salute of seventeen guns, and the cruiser Raleigh, lying in the Delaware River, nearly four miles away, receiving a signal at the same moment, gave a similar salute.

As A. Loudon Snowden was making an address accepting the monument on behalf of the Park Commission, the Chinese Naval Reserves of this city marched up and laid a wreath at the base of the statue. The President becoming interested in them, it was explained to him that they were organized last Fall during the peace jubilee by the Christian League of this city. The wreath was a magnificent one and measured more than 3 feet in diameter. In the centre was the following inscription:

"From his excellency, the Chinese Minister to the United States, Wu Ting-Tang, as a token of his respect for the memory of the late Gen. U. S. Grant, and a tribute of friendship from the Chinese Empire."

Wreaths were also laid at the base of the statue by the Daughters of the Revolution and the Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

A review of 6,000 troops closed the ceremonies at the park. The column was led by two companies of sailors from the cruiser Raleigh, in command of Lieut. Commander Phelps. The sailors were the heroes of the procession. President McKinley clapped his hands vigorously as they marched by him, keeping perfect step.

After the review the President and his party returned to the hotel. On the return trip Gen. Miles rode in the carriage with the President.

After a brief rest at the hotel President McKinley was entertained at dinner by John H. Converse, in the assembly room of the Union League. About 1000 guests were present. Upon invitation of Mr. Converse the President made a few remarks. He said:

"I rise simply that I may thank the Union League for its welcome and the many manifestations of good-will which it has shown to me. I am specially glad to be here to-day to join with the people of Philadelphia in honoring the great warrior who saved the American Union. [Applause.] If we shall always be loyal to his memory, we will always be faithful to the Union. [Applause.]

"The Baldwin Locomotive Works does not always follow the flag, but often precedes it. [Laughter.] And I am told that its products are everywhere. Indeed, the City of Philadelphia is getting everywhere. [Laughter.] It is doing quite as well as the army and navy have been doing in the last twelve months. I am told you are about to span the Nile with a bridge built in the City of Philadelphia. [Applause.]

"I thank you for your warm greeting, and I propose the toast, 'Our Splendid Army and Navy.'" [Loud applause.]

Secretary Long and Gen. Grant also spoke briefly.

The Grant monument unveiled to-day is of the same size as the one in Union Square, New York. It was designed by Daniel Chester French and Edward C. Potter, both American artists. The former modeled the figure of Gen. Grant and the latter the horse. There is an absence of dramatic action, the attitude of the General being indicative of deep thought. He is clad in field garb, with high cavalry boots, close-buttoned coat, and a long cape or coat, which falls in folds over the horse. The latter stands firmly on his four feet, with head turned slightly to one side. The height of the statue from the bottom of the plinth to the top of the rider's hat is fifteen feet one inch. The total weight is five tons. The pedestal is built of Jonesborough granite. The total cost was \$32,675.35.