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INAUGURATION.

The Ceremonies Incidental to a Change of Governmental Administration.

Harrison and Morton Qualify as President and Vice President of the United States.

Notwithstanding Bad Weather the Crowd Proves the Largest That Has Ever Visited Washington.

The Inaugural Ball in the Pension Building a Brilliant Affair—An Acre of Dancing Floor—The Music—Decorations—Toilets—Receptions—The Grand Parade.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Probably a hundred thousand visitors, and as many more resident people of Washington, were along the line of march waiting patiently to witness the inaugural of the president. It was perhaps the most stupendous and significant pageant on the face of the earth. The crowd was something unprecedented even in this city, accustomed to receiving outpourings of the nation's populace. Although the doors of the Capitol were not to be opened until 10 o'clock, ticket holders began to assemble long before the hour, and the throng around the building became so dense that a



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struggle for breathing began. The principal attractions was the senate chamber, where the vice president was to be sworn in. Before 11, when the senate doors were thrown open, the public galleries were nearly full. A few minutes before 12 the president of the United States was announced, followed a moment later by the president-elect. They were taken to seats directly in front of Presiding Officer Ingalls. At noon the vice president-elect was announced and escorted to the platform of the presiding officer. Every one in the chamber arose and remained standing while Senator Ingalls administered to Morton the oath of office. After short addresses by Ingalls and Morton the new senators were sworn in and a message of the president convening the senate in extra session was read. The senate having completed its organization, the vice-president announced it would proceed to the east front of the Capitol,



LEVI P. MORTON.



VICE PRESIDENT MORTON TAKING THE OATH, where the president of the United States would be sworn in. A heavy down-pour of rain during the entire forenoon threatened to materially change the ceremonies, but at a few minutes before noon the president-elect announced that he would not disappoint the large crowd gathered, and rain or shine, the inaugural address would be delivered on the east portico of the Capitol.

The procession formed in the senate, headed by the marshal of the

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, and proceeded through the rotunda of the Capitol, through the main entrance at the east front, and out upon the great platform, which had been erected upon the central portico. As the president and president-elect appeared they were greeted with cheer after cheer from the dense throng that surrounded the platform. They took seats reserved for them at the front of the stand, the chief justice on the right and the sergeant-at-



HARRISON TAKING THE OATH. When all had been seated the president-elect arose and the chief justice administered the oath of office. The great crowd on the platform arose and remained with uncovered heads during the ceremony. As the president bowed his head and kissed the open book the great crowd cheered again and again. Turning from the chief justice to a little rostrum in front of the stand President Harrison began delivering his inaugural address.

THE PARADE AND REVIEW.

Long Lines of Troops and Civilians with Banners Flying.

About 8:30 a fine, penetrating rain began to fall. The work of the decorators presented a fine effect. The sixteen large Corinthian columns supporting the arched roof of the portico, were draped with large American banners. From the top of the six columns two large flags of the United States hung down and were gathered over the passageway through which the president walked to deliver his address. Above this passage in a space made by the looping of flags, was a large blue silken banner stretching from the column, an eagle with wings plumed for flight, and in its claws an olive branch and a bundle of silvery arrows. In the apex of the roof a huge American flag was run out, and from three points the numerous pennants of the nations of the world swung one above the other from ropes stretched far upwards to the first balcony of the dome of the Capitol.

The inaugural stand was also gay with flags, banners and shields. The several residences of public men in the



HARRISON DELIVERING INAUGURAL.

neighborhood of the Capitol were handsomely decorated. The plaza in front of the Capitol, the adjacent sidewalks, porticos, and every coign of vantage from which even a glimpse of the presidential party could be obtained, was black with people. Organizations to take part in the return parade marched with bands playing by side streets and avenues to places adjoining the Capitol grounds, where they were to assemble. The noise of the bands was drowned at intervals by the hoarse roar of the crowd as it greeted with applause some organization.

With wonderful patience the expectant spectators waited for the procession while the inauguration ceremonies were in progress. The rain had abated somewhat and taken the form of a fine, driving mist. In spite of all untoward sur-

roundings the crowd preserved a good humor. Finally the heads of the great procession turned into Pennsylvania avenue on the march to the White House and interest in all else ceased.

Gen. Beaver rode in advance with his head uncovered a great part of the time in acknowledgement of the greeting of the great multitude. Long lines of troops and militia and civilians with banners and guidons flying in the northern wind, completely filled the vision. Over all was heard the continuous roar made up of the voices of the thousands and thousands of spectators as they cheered the presidential party or greeted some particularly fine looking body of troops. When the head of the procession reached the treasury a halt was called and the presidential party in its own carriages turned off and drove rapidly to the White House. When a hasty luncheon had been taken the party, with the exception of Mrs. Cleveland, repaired to the reviewing stand, and the president and vice president had their first view of the grand pageant in which they had taken so conspicuous a part. When they had taken their place at the front of the stand they were at once recognized by the crowd gathered beneath them and a mighty shout rent the air. The stand was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, and presented a pretty picture, despite the rain. It was thronged with ladies in gay costumes, army and navy officers in full uniform. Many diplomats and prominent officials, with their families, were scattered in



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF PARADE FROM STATE, WAR AND NAVY BUILDING.

the throng. The review began immediately after the president's arrival, and was indeed a beautiful spectacle.

Gen. Beaver, chief marshal, headed the line, with Gen. Hastings as chief of staff, followed by a great number of aides. As they approached the stand they bared their heads and gave the president a marching salute. The president and Mr. Morton returned the compliment by removing their hats. At the same time the band played "Hail to the Chief" and the crowd cheered vociferously. The first division presented a splendid appearance. It was composed of United States troops, marines, naval apprentices and National guards of the District. The president recognized the salute of each commanding officer by raising his hat, and he also uncovered his head as each flag was dipped in salute. He spoke freely to Mr. Morton in commendation of the marching of the different regiments.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, at this time a number of organizations dropped out of the line and did not pass the reviewing stand, consequently the programme of the procession was somewhat broken. The cowboy club of Denver, Col., headed by Buffalo Bill, Buck Taylor and Maj. Burke, formed one of the most interesting features of



HARRISON REVIEWING PARADE.

the parade. They were well mounted and wore the picturesque dress of the far west. They were accompanied by the band of the Flambeau club of Dodge City and bore two unique banners surmounted by enormous horns. Continuous rounds of cheers greeted them all along the line. Last of all came the contingent of the colored Harrison and Morton clubs from old Virginia, winding up one of the grandest civic and military pageants ever seen in Washington, just as twilight began to thicken into darkness of night. When the last of the participants had passed the stand, President Harrison with his son Russell

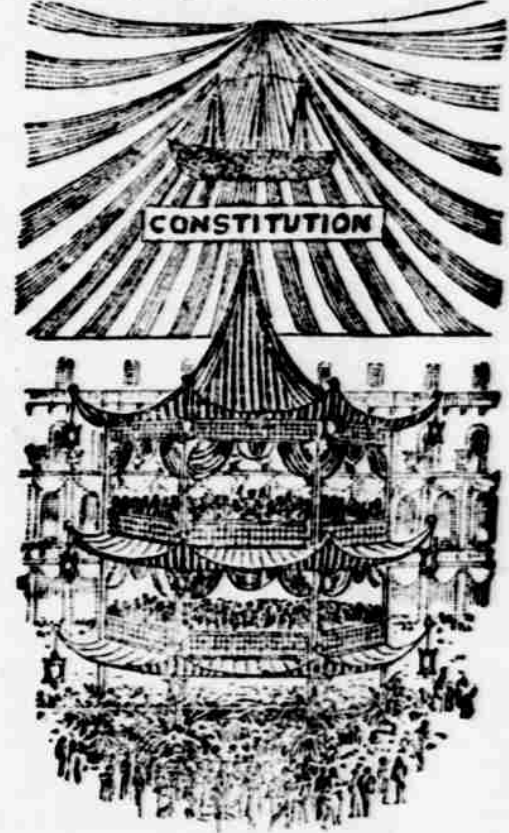


THE RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE. walked rapidly to the White House, followed by Vice-President Morton and party, and passed within the open portals, out of which beamed generous promise of warmth and light after the fatigues of the day. The White House was the only building in the city which was devoid of decorations. The American flag, however, floated from the staff on the roof.

THE INAUGURAL BALL.

An Acre of Dancing Floor—A Dazzling, Entrancing Scene.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The climax of the great events of the day was the grand ball at the pension building. In all its conditions, it was the most impressive social gathering in the history of this, or perhaps any other country. The colossal grandeur of the building, the beauty of the decorations, the blazing brilliancy of the illumination, and the enormous throngs of superbly dressed men and women, made a scene that in turn delighted, dazzled and entranced the beholders. The pension building court, with its acre of dancing floor, was beautifully garlanded with flags and flowers. In the centre stood a two-story Japanese pagoda. The lower



BALL IN THE PENSION OFFICE. part of the structure was a grotto built of rocks and ferns. The first floor was occupied by the Germania orchestra of 100 Philadelphia performers, who played the dance music. Above them, on the second floor, the Marine band was stationed. Under the direction of Bandmaster Sousa, it furnished the music for the promenaders. The unique structure was ablaze with lights and parti-colored streamers, and on its top, in letters of fire, was the word "Constitution."

The eight great central pillars of the court were entwined with laurel and bunting. The surface fronts of the galleries were festooned with the national colors and in the spaces between were placed alternately silver-plated armor mounted in plush and the coats of arms of all the states and nation. Carved