

THE PRISON SHIP MARTYRS HONORED

Cornerstone of Monument Laid
in Fort Greene Park,
Brooklyn.

GOV. HUGHES SPEAKS

Also Gen. Grant, Who Smiled at Old
Story of His Father and
Lincoln.

There was a picturesque scene at the laying of the cornerstone of the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument, at Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. It was under the auspices of the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument Association and the Society of Old Brooklynites, and apparently all Brooklyn, in a motley of colors which gave an Autumnal effect, was out to witness it. The spectators crowded around the grand stand draped with flags, where were the speakers of the day, Gen. Frederick D. Grant, with members of his staff, representing the army; Gov. Hughes, representing the State, and other prominent men and women.

On guard at the big cornerstone stood six Continental soldiers in cocked hats and the old-time buff uniform, while the Old Brooklynites, each with a blue badge pinned to his coat, crowded the rows of seats which had been provided for them.

The programme for the day was carried out with only one exception; Mayor McClellan, who was to have represented the City of New York, did not appear. Three rousing cheers were given for Gov. Hughes when he was spoken of as a possible Presidential candidate, and the amusing feature of the afternoon was the comparison of Mr. White, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the familiar cocktail incident of to-day with an occurrence in the day of the civil war, relating to President Lincoln and Gen. U. S. Grant, father of the speaker of the day.

Mr. White's opening address was a long one, in which he gave an account of the "concentrated fiendishness" of the treatment of the men confined in Wallabout Bay in the old prison ships, giving as illustration an account of the Jersey, where on one ship alone from five to ten deaths occurred every twenty-four hours. He gave a history of the work of raising funds for the monument and the difficulty in finally deciding upon an appropriate design.

What Lincoln Thought of Grant.

Following Mr. White's address, the cornerstone was laid, the Twenty-third Regiment band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" while the large crowd, the men with uncovered heads, stood, and a number of guns placed at the entrance to the park, just below the hill on which the monument will stand, gave the National salute.

"History repeats itself," said Mr. White as he rose to introduce the first speaker, Gen. Grant, "and all of you who are interested in the discussion upon what may be called the 'Cocktail in High Life,' will be interested to see in it a repetition. You may have been startled at the idea of one man having forty cocktails for luncheon, but as I read this my mind went back to the time of the civil war. At that time the white ribbon angel which sits aloft and inspires committees to be up and doing influenced one to have a talk with President Lincoln upon the conduct of the war.

"The members of this committee told the President frankly that they thought there was too much alcohol in some of the headquarters. They even went so far as to mention the name of a man, whose first initials stood for 'unconditional surrender.' They suggested that something be done to curb the tendencies of this young General who was drinking too much.

"Lincoln heard them through patiently, and with a quaint humorous expression asked the members of the committee if they could tell him the brand of whisky this General was taking. The committee was dumfounded and could not reply.

"Find out as soon as you can," said the President, "because I want to send a barrel of Grant's whisky to every corps and division commander at the front."

"I am going to call on a man to speak now who looks so much like his father at his age," continued Mr. White, "that I can only account for it on the theory that he takes the same kind of liquor that his father did, and I want to warn Gen. Frederick D. Grant, here and now in the presence of this audience, that if he does he may land exactly where his father did on the 4th of March, 1869."

"I presume I do take the same kind of liquor that my father did," responded Gen. Grant, as he rose to speak, "but I can tell you one thing, Mr. White, I've recently sworn off on buttermilk."

"I'm the same kind of an orator my father was," the General added, as he took a few typewritten notes from his pocket, "and I shall have to read my remarks." Gen. Grant spoke of the necessity of the youth of the country being brought up with respect and reverence for their ancestors, who, with many privations, had built up the country, and that this, in present times of wealth and luxury, would keep them from the sordidness which will eventually ruin a nation.

Gov. Hughes Cheered.

Gov. Hughes was introduced as an old Brooklynite, but not old enough to be a member of the "Old Brooklynites."

"I am looking forward to the time when this monument is completed, twelve and a half months hence," said Mr. White, "when upon this same spot I may introduce him again as the candidate-elect for the Presidency. That is the time that every patriot should pray and work zealously for, that prosperity may smile once more upon this perturbed State."

Gov. Hughes's address had nothing political in it, and referred to the old patriots and the proper patriotism which makes for the noblest and best in National life.

"We measure strength too often," he said, "by success and achievement. With the American motto: 'Achieve, achieve, achieve,' must be written: 'Bear ye one another's burdens.'"

Following the Governor's address came one of the most interesting features of the day. From the rear of the Old Brooklynites came a band of old soldiers, Union ex-prisoners of the war, bearing laurel wreaths, a flag, and a floral representation of the old prison ship Jersey in which so many heroes died. This was placed on the big cornerstone and beside it the wreaths, thirteen of them, given in the name of the thirteen original States. The old soldiers then loaded old-time guns with blank cartridges and fired a salute over flower ship, wreaths, and stone, and the band, giving the keynote, the big crowd stood and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

The Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis opened the exercises with prayer, and the Rev. E. W. McCarty closed. Then the band sounded "Taps."

In the box placed in the cornerstone were a Certificate of Incorporation of the Martyrs' Monument Association, By-laws and Early Directors of the Association, list of the Present Directors, an Almanac of 1907, copies of the daily papers of Manhattan and Brooklyn, Secretary's Report of Obsequies, June 15, 1900; Poem of B. H. Huntington, a Letter of Regret from Major Gen. Sickles, Invitations and Tickets, a Report of the Unveiling of the McClellan Monument, First Brooklyn Directory by the Hon. S. M. Griswold, and a large number of pamphlets.

INVITED MAYOR TOO LATE.

He Wasn't Present to Speak at Prison
Martyrs' Monument Ceremonies.

The Mayor was to have spoken yesterday at the laying of the Prison Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, but he did not know it. His Honor

was largely instrumental in having the monument pushed to completion, and it was generally believed that he would be asked to make the principal speech. The invitation, however, did not reach the City Hall until yesterday morning, the Mayor having gone to Princeton for the week-end on Friday evening.

It appears that the committee having the matter in charge left it to Elijah R. Kennedy to notify the Mayor of the date. The general programme of the affair was talked over with him some time ago, before the date was fixed. Mr. Kennedy sent the invitation yesterday, and it reached the City Hall in the morning mail. The Mayor was at once notified over the telephone by his secretary. He had no speech prepared, however, and could not have reached the city in time in any event.

It was said at the City Hall that the Mayor was very much annoyed by the incident. Gov. Hughes, Secretary Taft, and the Mayor met several months ago and formulated the plans for completing the monument, and the Mayor has always expressed deep interest in the project.

XMAS GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Government Will Transport Them to
the Philippines or Cuba Free.

Gen. Aleshire, the Quartermaster General of the army, has issued an order informing persons who desire to remember at Christmas their soldier friends in distant lands that the Government transports gifts to the Philippines or Cuba free of charge. The presents for the Philippines must be in San Francisco before the transports scheduled to leave in November sail.

This is Gen. Aleshire's order:

War Department,
Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington.

The Secretary of War having authorized the Quartermaster General to forward from San Francisco any Christmas boxes or boxes of reading matter which may be delivered there for officers and soldiers in the Philippines, it is requested that the following directions be accurately observed in order to insure prompt action:

1. Boxes should be consigned to Major J. B. Bellinger, General Superintendent Army Transport Service, San Francisco, Cal.

2. The name of the officer or soldier for whom intended, with the company and regiment or other organization to which he belongs should be plainly marked on the box; also the notation "Christmas box" or "Reading matter," as the case may be.

Example:

Private John Brown,
Co. "C," 38th Infantry,
Manila, P. I.

Christmas box.

3. These boxes should contain no perishable matter, should not exceed twenty pounds in weight, and all freight or express charges must be prepaid on them to San Francisco.

The Quartermaster's Department assumes no responsibility for the condition of these boxes when delivered, but will exercise every care to deliver them safely and in good condition.

DR. GILLETTE HOPEFUL.

His Attorney Says He Expects to Get
Bail To-morrow—His Family Calls.

Dr. Walter R. Gillette, ex-Vice President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who was convicted on a charge of perjury before Justice Dowling in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court last Thursday, and who was taken to the Tombs to await the result of an application by his attorney to-morrow for a certificate of reasonable doubt, was more cheerful yesterday than at any time since his conviction. He had not slept for two nights, and owing to his age it was feared that he might have a collapse.

During the morning hours yesterday his son, accompanied by his wife, visited Dr. Gillette in the Tombs. A few moments later the former insurance man's daughter called at the prison, and all of his relatives spent an hour in the reception room with him.

Ex-Judge Hatch, who conducted the case for the defense, also called on his client yesterday. He said afterward that it is his belief that the certificate of reasonable doubt which he will ask for will be granted, and that his client will be released under a bail bond to-morrow.

TRUNKS FALL ON PASSENGERS

Baggage on a Truck Sent Flying When
Engine Hits It.

Twenty passengers, mostly women, were fusilladed by a shower of trunks, express packages, and crates of empty bottles at the Main Street station of the Long Island Railroad at Flushing yesterday morning as the 11:04 train for Long Island City came in. Miss Lillian Bailey of Woodside, L. I., was knocked down by a flying trunk and injured. She was sent to the Flushing Hospital.

The accident was caused by the locomotive hitting the end of a big baggage truck which had been run out too far on the platform. The truck was caught by the locomotive and was dragged for some distance along the platform, and the passengers had great difficulty in escaping it.