

BRITISH EMPIRE IS OFF ITS FEET.

Place Carried Away by a Great Wave of Rejoicing.

GRANT STATUE IS UNVEILED.

Marble Figure of the Hero of Appomattox in the National Capitol.

FITTING PLACE SELECTED.

Great General's Statue is Located Between "Surrender of Cornwallis" and "Surrender of Burgoyne."

Washington, May 19.—The statue of Gen. Grant, presented by the G. A. R. to the nation, was unveiled in the great rotunda of the Capitol today and elaborate ceremonies commemorative of the event were held in the Hall of Representatives in the presence of a vast concourse of people who included the widow, daughter and descendants of the hero of the Appomattox, hundreds of his comrades in arms, the officers and committee of the G. A. R. and many distinguished in military, political and social circles.

The statue of the pre-eminent chief of the Union forces in the Civil war represents the contributions of thousands of his comrades of the G. A. R., none of whom was allowed to subscribe more than 15 cents, and is the result of a movement started shortly after Gen. Grant's death at McGregor in July, 1885. It is the work of Franklin Simmons, an American sculptor.

Of marble, of heroic size, it stands on a granite pedestal embellished with a bronze relief of the G. A. R. representing the grim old hero in the full uniform of a general equipped for the field with top boots and gauntlets, his cloak over his left arm and his right hand resting on the hilt of his sword. The counterfeits of soldiers, soldiers and pioneers in marble and bronze adorn the old House of Representatives' chamber of the Capitol, now Statuary hall, but these are gifts of the individual States.

Grant's statue was unveiled in the rotunda as befitting the statue of one whose valiant service was for the whole nation. There it will remain with the statues of Jefferson, Hamilton and Lincoln, which also are in the rotunda, an example and an inspiration to future generations.

The hero of Appomattox stands near the western entrance, flanked on either side by the famous paintings of the "Surrender of Cornwallis" and the "Surrender of Burgoyne."

The unveiling took place shortly before noon in the presence of Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sartoris, Miss Sartoris, the officers of the G. A. R., Speaker Henderson and Senator Frye, president pro tem of the Senate.

The fact of the unveiling was kept secret and a few people witnessed it. There were no ceremonies. Miss Sartoris, attired in white, dressed the ladyward that uncovered the statue. Mrs. Grant inspected it carefully and smiled her approval. The party then repaired to the hall of the House, where the ceremonies occurred.

The ceremonies in the House were profoundly impressive. They consisted of addresses by Mr. McClary (Miss.), Mr. Groves (G.), Mr. Richardson (Tenn.), Mr. Warner (Ill.), Mr. Linney (N. C.), Mr. Gardner (Mich.), Mr. Brossius (Penn.), and Mr. Dilliver (La.).

The gallery opposite the speaker's rostrum had been reserved for the members of the G. A. R. and was crowded with grizzled veterans who came to pay tribute to the memory of their loved comrade. In the area in front of the speaker's rostrum, the officers of the Grand Army and the committee appointed by the grand army encampment at Philadelphia who had been granted the privilege of the floor for the affair by a special resolution in the House.

In the gallery reserved for Mrs. Grant and her family, were Mrs. Grant, her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris; Lieut. Sartoris, Miss Sartoris and Miss Grant, a daughter of Col. Fred Grant. Exactly at 12 o'clock Speaker Henderson, upon a note of an impressive prayer by the blind chaplain, the committee of the Grand Army, among whom were Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, Gen. S. B. Burdette, Gen. R. B. Hoath, U. S. V., Commander-in-Chief Irvin Robbins, Chaplain-Chief J. L. Grimm, were ushered into the House. After the speaker had announced the order of the day, Mr. McClary of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on library, sent to the clerk's desk and had read a letter addressed to the speaker, presenting the statue.

Mr. McClary then offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the House (the Senate concurring) that the thanks of Congress be given to the Grand Army for the statue of Gen. U. S. Grant."

"Resolved, That the statue be accepted and placed in the Capitol, and that a copy of these resolutions, signed by presiding officers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, be forwarded to the chairman of the committee of the G. A. R. on the Grant memorial."

The eloquent eulogies of Gen. Grant, which followed, were listened to attentively and several times wrung round after round of applause from floor and galleries.

The Presbyterians at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 19.—At third day's session of the Presbyterian general assembly today reports on relief for disabled ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers and on the method of appointment of standing committees of the assembly otherwise known as the "Peoria overture" were considered.

The report on ministerial relief was presented by Elder Louis H. Severance, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Severance showed that the contributions of the church had neither kept pace with the advance of the church, nor with the advance of the roll of annuitants. He declared that the churches should very largely increase their usual contributions to the board. Twenty-five thousand dollars more was called for, in contributions, this year, than was paid last night to make the appropriations that will be required by the various presbyteries.

MONTANA MAN SELECTED.

Washington, May 19.—William H. Hunt of Montana has been selected to be secretary of state for the United States government before the Chilean claims commission, a position which he vacated on June 22, 1899. The night before the guests arrived at the hotel the first evening the edifice was struck by lightning and the door was blown off its hinges. The guests were married the next day.

SAMUEL MOSER'S AWFUL CRIME.

Tells the "News" How He Murdered His Wife and Three Children —Attempted to Kill Himself This Morning and Failed—Shot Himself and Tumbled Into the Jordan River.

Samuel Moser, who on Sunday, May 13, brutally murdered his wife and three children at his farm near Tremont, Ill., this morning attempted to take his own life by shooting himself in the head and then plunging into the Jordan river.

Moser had made his arrangements with great care. He got out on the bridge over the river at Second South street, and fired, expecting that his body would fall into the river and float away. The bullet, however, was deflected, inflicting only a flesh wound, so that he was merely stunned. The plunge into the icy waters restored him to semi-consciousness, and the instinct of self-preservation being aroused, he struck out for the shore and succeeded in reaching the bank. Then, in a dazed condition, he made his way up town and fell down on Second South street, where he was found by Officer Palmer early this morning and taken to the police station.

Moser was in a pitiable condition. His clothing was soaked, and the blood was still trickling from the wound in the forehead. He understood the situation thoroughly, however, and wept bitterly over his failure. To the officers he briefly outlined his story, telling them that he had murdered his wife and children and had come here to end his life. At first, of course, they could hardly credit his weird story, believing it must be the result of his disordered brain. In his pocket was found a sheet of paper, on which was scrawled in pencil:

"My name SAM MOSER. Investigate. Harris House, 140 W. 2nd South, opposite postoffice."

An officer was at once sent to the Harris House, and it was found that Moser had a room there. Entering the two letters were found in stamped envelopes. One was addressed to "the Police," and was as follows:

LETTER TO THE POLICE.

"I wish to say to the people of this world, if there is any truth in Bible, so by my judgment you are in your last hours. It appears to me that man's doing is appearing only for that night. I do not say this to alarm delirious in no way, as this city I like, and if I thought I would be safe and never come known that I commit the crime, I would have tried to pull through, but I think there are enough bad people for to shine onto."

"If I could have got around the penalties of death, and could gotten friends and satisfaction, I should have been content with my days work and meals with a good appetite as long as it reached, before I could agree to the ruin of my life. I choose to die. I have been under this circumstance 5 years, with no change of change, unless agreeing to this order."

"If my wife could have content herself outside of community of these people and would have respected me as a husband, by depriving some of these people, I can this crime have been saved. But there relatives kept her from doing so, and forced these religion; however, that she should esteem it more than me, it is a hard matter to express all these doctrine and rule, they keep the children ignorant of things of these world, by not letting them have music and enjoyment as many wished to have, they value them ignorantly, partly, and after they become old, many are not fit for law and rule of this world. I beg to say to the people of this world to destroy and clean the fact of the earth of all such ministers, interferences between man and wife."

A LETTER TO THE PRESS.

This letter was written in pencil, and was, in places, difficult to decipher, but the general meaning of it was clear. The second letter was addressed to the Peoria Herald, at Peoria, Ill., and was also in pencil. It was as follows:

Editor Peoria Herald:—I do not want to make myself better, as I am. I know I deserve the rope, but as a good many people know me in Tazewell county, I think most people could make out what I mean to bring such a dark and mournful day to their, especially friends. If you do not feel to publish, send it to my father, B. Moser, Bloomington, Ill.

"I see in the paper of my deeds, and so I am ready to die. It circles in my head to accept the last appointment. He is a son of the late Secretary Hunt, and a lawyer of high standing in his own State."

Still No Bishop.

Chicago, May 19.—Soon after the Methodist general conference assembled today the result of the ninth ballot for bishops was announced as follows:

J. F. Berry, 257; H. Spillmeyer, 255; D. B. Moore, 253; J. W. Hamilton, 251; T. B. Neely, 239; C. J. Little, 155. Others from 1 to 7 votes. Necessary to a choice 460.

The 12th ballot was taken amid considerable confusion. The result was as follows: J. F. Berry, 296; J. W. Hamilton, 272; D. B. Moore, 254; H. Spillmeyer, 251; J. R. Day, 23; E. J. Little, 22.

A motion to indefinitely postpone further balloting for bishops was voted down, and at 1:15 p. m., the conference adjourned for the day.

Niagara at Queenstown.

Queenstown, May 19.—Howard Gould's yacht, Niagara, with its owner and party on board, arrived this morning. All are well. The Niagara will remain until Monday when she will proceed for the continent.

Pneumatic Tubes Defeated.

Washington, May 19.—By a vote of 31 to 15 the House amendment and the committee amendment to the postoffice appropriation relating to the pneumatic tube service were laid on the table. This defeats the pneumatic tube proposition.

UTAH VS. NEVADA

WE ARE SAFE FROM BUBONIC PLAGUE

NEXT FRIDAY.

Students of the Beehive and Sagebrush States to Meet.

EVENT TO BE INTERESTING.

Oratorical Contest to be Followed by a Peaceful Dispute for First Place Upon the Campus.

The University of Utah is to meet the University of Nevada in debate next Friday night. This is the first interstate contest ever held here and promises for this reason to be an interesting one. The question to be argued is: "Resolved, That territorial expansion will be a benefit to the United States."

The University debaters are N. T. Porter, Ernest Bramwell and Arthur Wellen. It is said that the speakers from our neighboring State are well up in their subject and are first class in their method of delivery. However, the University representatives feel confident of success.

Arrangements have also been made to meet the Nevada boys in an athletic contest to be held on the University campus Saturday, May 26. The University of Nevada is noted for its athletic sports, and this year put up a very close contest with Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California. For this reason the Utah boys are putting in their best efforts in practicing for the event. The track is undergoing a more thorough preparation and a number of new seats are being made. Both institutions are confident of victory and are determined to make this contest the best exhibition of their work. A number of citizens of Salt Lake have promised their support in this contest.

The Nevada boys are brought to Salt Lake at great expense, but the University students are sure of the public support of the city and surrounding districts.

RELIEF FUND.

The grand total of the Scofield relief fund is calculated to now be about \$122,000, minus the \$5,000 appropriated by the City Council and voted by the Mayor. Contributions through the Relief fund today were:

John Croft, Peterson	\$14.50
West Jordan	5.00
Total	\$19.50

GRANITE STAKE CONFERENCE.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Murray, May 19.—The first quarterly conference of the Granite Stake was held in the South Cottonwood meeting house today, there being two sessions, the first at 10 a. m. and the second at 2 p. m.

When the conference opened this morning there was a large attendance and much interest. There were present of the Twelve Apostles, Heber J. Grant and Anthon H. Lund; of the presiding Bishopric, John R. Winder; of the Stake Presidency, President Frank Y. Taylor and Counselor Edwin Bennion; eight high counselors, three alternates, Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools Geo. M. Cannon, and one assistant; Superintendent W. C. Winder of the Y. M. I. A.; of the Relief Society, President E. S. Woodruff and Counselor Catherine H. Brockbank; of the Y. L. Association, Freden H. Cannon; of the Primary Association, Rena M. Wheeler. The musical exercises were rendered by the South Cottonwood choir under the efficient leadership of Elder H. V. Ballard. The meeting was called to order by President Taylor, after which the following Bishops reported their wards as being in excellent condition: South Cottonwood, Bishop J. S. Rawlins; East Mill Creek, Bishop John Neff; Hunter, Bishop Christopher Layton; Mill Creek, Bishop James C. Hamilton.

The choir then sang "Behold the mountain of the Lord," after which Superintendent George M. Cannon reported the ninth Sunday school of the Stake in good order. President Emma S. Woodruff of the Relief Society made similar report of the organization under her jurisdiction, as did also Superintendent W. C. Winder of the Young Men's Association.

Apostle Lund was the first and principal speaker. His remarks were full of interest and instruction. The choir sang and the conference adjourned to meet again this afternoon.

ILLINOIS OFFICERS NOTIFIED.

Chief Hilton this morning notified the authorities of Tazewell county of the arrest of Moser, and an answer is expected this afternoon. It is a foregone conclusion that Moser will be returned speedily to Illinois.

IN HOT PURSUIT OF SENATORSHIP.

Helen, Mont., May 19.—Gov. Smith reached Helena today and affixed his signature to the commission of Major Martin Maginnis, who will leave tonight for Washington and present to the Senate the document. Concerning the appointment Gov. Smith said:

"If the Senate adopts the committee resolution and decides that Clark was never legally elected and had nothing to resign then my appointment of Major Maginnis may not be recognized."

Benton and Blair Statutes Accepted.

Washington, May 19.—At 2:30 p. m. the ceremony according to the statutes of Benton and Blair from Missouri began, the other business of the Senate being laid aside.

River Steamer Destroyed.

Omaha, May 19.—The John R. Hugo, a steamer employed on the government work on the Missouri river at Florence, was totally destroyed by fire last night.

With the Transatlantic Liners.

Queenstown, May 19.—Arrived: Etruria from New York, for Liverpool. Philadelphia, May 19.—Steamer Rhynland sailed for Liverpool 1 p. m.

DECLARED TO BE BUBONIC PLAGUE

Pestilence is in San Francisco—Six Deaths in the Past Three Months—Government Orders Surgeon from Chicago to Aid in Checking the Disease.

San Francisco, May 19.—The board of health has adopted a resolution declaring that bubonic plague exists in San Francisco. The health authorities say that while there is no living case here, there have been six deaths during the past three months and they have decided to take precautions against the development and spread of the disease. The resolution which was adopted late last night reads as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that bubonic plague exists in the city and county of San Francisco, and that all necessary steps already taken for the prevention of its spread be continued together with such additional measures as may be required. This morning a force of physicians went through Chinatown to treat Chinese with Haffkine prophylactic as a preventive against the plague. The members of the board of health say that there is absolutely no danger of the spread of the disease in San Francisco, but that they do not propose to take any chances and it is their duty to take precautions.

Chicago, May 19.—Assistant Surgeon A. S. Lloyd, of the U. S. marine hospital here, has been ordered to San Francisco to assist in the work of preventing the spread of bubonic plague if it should break out.

Assistant Surgeon Ammes of Detroit, it was given out here, has left Detroit for Honolulu, on a similar mission.