

ROOSEVELT'S CABINET GRANITE PILE

Roosevelt Speaks at Ceremonies at Hodgenville and Cornerstone Is Laid.

EX-SLAVE MAKES SPEECH

To Assembled Host of Kentuckians President Declares Lincoln One of Two Greatest Americans. Nation Is Now United.

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Many of them had come on special trains from Louisville and other Kentucky centers. The bulk of the assembly was composed, however, of the country folk from Larue and adjacent counties. There was a notable absence of negroes in the crowd, but those present were wedged in with the whites, showing that none had been kept away by race prejudice.

Among those who had been expected to be present was Mrs. Ben Hardin Helm, the only surviving sister of Mrs. Lincoln, 92 years old, but she was kept at her home in Louisville, much to the regret of all, by her infirmities.

President's Arrival on Scene.

The exercises were conducted under a tent, erected along the bank in which Lincoln was born 100 years ago. The weather was sufficiently disagreeable to render the tent useful. The President and his immediate party arrived shortly before 1 o'clock after a drive over a heavy red clay road from Hodgenville, and five minutes afterward Governor Wilson called the assembly to order and introduced Rev. E. L. Powell, of the First Christian Church of Louisville, who pronounced the invocation.

The President was frequently interrupted by applause Mr. Roosevelt confined himself closely to his manuscript, except at the beginning he departed from it to make reply to complimentary allusions to himself by Governor Folk. The extemporaneous part of the speech was as follows:

Party Differences Forgotten.

Before I begin my speech I wish to say a word as to the composition of the people who address you today, and what that means. Here we have to greet us men of both political parties, men representing the North and the South; we have a Governor of Kentucky who has been elected by the Presidential election your state went the other way.

Now, Governor Folk, the stranger is growing less and less mysterious. I have been called the "Great Emancipator" and I have stood for the same National principle of respect for the rights of the colored people as you have.

Two Greatest Americans. We have met here to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of one of the two greatest Americans of the nineteenth century; of one of the greatest men in the world's history. The other was the man who passed his unglorious youth in the dire poverty of the poor, and who, through the flames of a weary and painful labor, lived to lead his people through the burning flames of a weary and painful labor, lived to lead his people through the burning flames of a weary and painful labor.

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During the afternoon the Vice-President-elect spoke at the convocation exercises of the University of Pittsburgh at Carnegie Hall.

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Perhaps the most beautiful thing of all was the extraordinary way in which Lincoln could fight valiantly against what he deemed wrong and yet preserve unimpaired his love and respect for the brother from whom he differed. In the hour of a triumph that would have turned any weaker man's head, in the heat of a struggle which spurred many a good man to dreadful vindictiveness, he remained as calm as though he had been in his office he had never willingly planted a thorn in any man's back, and he sought his support in the incidents of the trial through which they were passing, as philosophy would have it, wisdom and not as weapons to be avenged; ending with the solemn proclamation that, as the strain over, all should remain in a common effort to save their common country. He did not hate the man whom he defeated. He was as generous as forgiveness to his strong, gentle nature, but his outrage was of a quality so great that it needed no bolstering of dark passions. He saw clearly that the same high qualities the same courage, and willingness, and devotion, and reverence, and respect, was given them to see the right, belonged both to the men of the North and to the men of the South.

Proud of Mightiest of Men.

As the years roll by, and as all of us, wherever we dwell, grow to feel an equal pride in the valor and self-devotion, alike of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray, so this whole Nation will grow to feel a prouder sense of pride in the mightiest of the mighty men who mastered the mighty days, the lover of his country and of all mankind; the man whose blood was shed for the union of his people and for the freedom of a race, Abraham Lincoln.

The President applied the first rowel of mortar that will hold the corner-

stone in its place. Under the stone was a metallic box, containing copies of the Constitution of the United States and important historic documents, some of which were placed in it by the President and others by other members of the party. Among the contributors to this treasure were Clarence Mackay, Robert J. Collier and Richard Lloyd Jones, of New York, all of whom have actively participated in the movement for the memorial building.

To an aged negro, Isaac T. Montgomery, of Mount Bayou, Miss., who is said to have been a slave of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was assigned the appropriate task of depositing in the box a copy of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, and in doing so he made a brief speech in which he referred to slaves to whom Lincoln gave freedom, of slaves to whom Lincoln gave freedom, and the representative of ten millions of grateful negro citizens.

The President boarded his train for Louisville at 2:45 P. M., expecting to arrive at Washington about 2 P. M. tomorrow.

Uncouth as Lincoln's Life.

Something of the uncouthness so inseparable from Lincoln during his life time was distinct in the heart of the ceremony. The enshrining of a flower-mantled, but withal dingy structure of logs, within a noble structure of marble, one block of which would buy a settlement such as that in which the Lincoln lived when Abraham was born, cannot but retain some elements of the rural and the homely.

Cabin Set in Flowers.

By the suggestion of some of the kindly Kentuckians, whose co-operation made the entire celebration possible, the rural cabin, the native cabin, was set in a basket of flowers, the gift of the school children of Kentucky.

The cabin stands a half mile inside the gate of the farm, and as none was allowed to bring his vehicle within this gate, there was a forking delta of humanity and color settling toward and around the cabin, the delta being headed by the monies and it was seen that there was no more room within the tent.

The only incident worthy of note on the run from Lexington to the monument of Salt River, which was accomplished at West Point. There the President delivered a few words of greeting to a small crowd standing in the mud, but made no reference to the proximity of the historic stream on whose bank his train stood.

SHERMAN SPEAKS ON LINCOLN

Vice-President-elect Principal Orator at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—Vice-President-elect James S. Sherman, of New York, was the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Hotel Schenck here tonight. An address on "The Spirit of Lincoln" was delivered by Congressman James E. Watson, of Indiana.

Mr. Sherman emphasized the fact that Lincoln was the choice of the majority of a party and the Nation was divided on a great constitutional question in which the liberty of a race foreign to the country, brought here in bondage, and in slavery, was involved. He continued:

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Impressive Observance of Centenary at Former Home of Martyr.

BRYAN AS CHIEF ORATOR

Tells How Lincoln's Gifts of Speech Made Him President—Jusserand and Bryce Speak for France and Great Britain.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—Amid a scene of unrivaled brilliancy at the state armory tonight, three nations paid tribute to the emancipator and to each other. French Ambassador Jusserand brought the message from France; British Ambassador Bryce the eulogy from England; while W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and United States Senator J. P. Dooliver, of Iowa, laid America's wreath of respect at the feet of Lincoln.

This was a fitting climax for the remarkable all-day celebration that took the distinguished guests and two score others over the scenes associated with Lincoln's life.

An impressive feature of the celebration was the scene at the Lincoln tomb, where Robert Lincoln, son of the martyred President, stood beside the sarcophagus in which the remains of his father rest, and with tear-dimmed eyes spent several moments in silent meditation.

Message From France.

M. Jusserand spoke on "Abraham Lincoln as France's Greatest Hero." He spoke of France's regard for Lincoln's death and her devotion to his greatness. Mr. Bryce's address was a message of love and respect, saying Lincoln belonged to a mighty race and was great because he was endowed with intellect and character.

A letter from Booker T. Washington read at the banquet tonight urged negroes to be law-abiding and added that "every member of my race who does not work, who leads an immoral life, dishonors the name and memory of Lincoln."

The negroes of Springfield, having been excluded from the Lincoln centennial banquet, held a competitive event tonight.

Mr. Bryan spoke in part as follows: Oved Success to Oratory.

Lincoln's fame as a statesman and as the Nation's Chief Executive in his most crucial period has so overshadowed his fame as an orator that his merits as a public speaker have not been sufficiently emphasized. When it is remembered that his nomination was directly due to the prominence which he won upon the stump, that in the most brilliant series of debates known to history he held his own against one of the most brilliant orators America produced; and that to his speeches, more than to the arguments of any other one man, or in fact, of all other public men combined, was due the success of his party—when all these facts are borne in mind, it will appear plain that Lincoln's fame as an orator is well deserved.

Today's exercises included also: Dedication of memorial tablet on building in which Lincoln had his law office, planting of Lincoln elm at courthouse where Lincoln tried the law cases, dedication of memorial tablet at Presbyterian Church where Lincoln attended his first church service, and a luncheon at the home of Mrs. William J. Bryan, Mrs. Donald McLean, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and others.

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