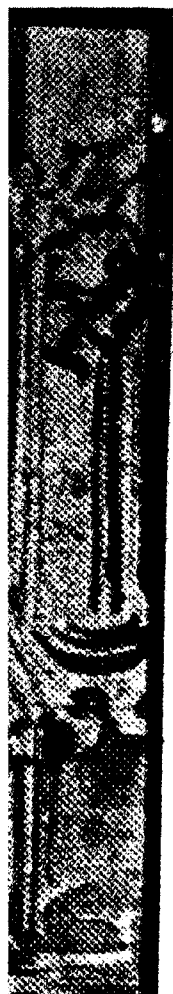


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place on the carpeted gais which had been prepared for him, and which from the color of its carpet resembled a putting green more than anything else, were the cadets from Annapolis. At his left were the West Point boys, a splendid regiment, who never winked when once they were called to attention by their officers. Away out in the background was Troop A of New York, and farther to the right and left were cowboys and rough riders, encircled and surrounded by a small ocean of regulars and militia.

### Not Military Spectacle.

It seemed at first as if the inauguration was being made a purely military spectacle in deference to the Cuban career of the president. One had only to turn toward the capitol, however, to see the mistake, because seat after seat of the rapidly rising timber rows was packed with men and women.

On the cornices of the capitol and away up on the dizzy gallery of the dome were perched human beings in tier after tier until they looked like flies. Even out in front a strange thing happened. The soldiers had kept a great open space of the middle of the plaza to facilitate their movements in retiring toward the White house.

Then the people took matters in their own hands and with a whoop the crowd broke through the line, shouting frantically, waving their hats, and furnishing to the man they familiarly shouted to as "Teddy" the audience of the really plain people, who had no tickets of admission, who had stood in the threatened storm, patiently waiting for their idol, and who, by the mere force of numbers, broke through the military lines and packed themselves like flies on sugar in the forefront, where they could hear the words of the popular idol.

### Few Hear Address.

The president's address was heard by but few people, but they didn't care a snap for that. They saw him go through the motions of taking the oath, and some of them heard him say "So help me God," but every one of the tens of thousands was more than satisfied with the spectacle of seeing a president swear to defend the constitution and the flag, of looking upon the gold lace of the diplomats, and of admiring the middies and the cadets who stood so bravely at attention in the foreground.

As to the parade, which followed the actual inauguration of the president, it was in its military features much like those which have preceded it. Pennsylvania avenue has seen now twenty-six inaugural processions; it has witnessed the funerals of Lincoln, of Garfield, and of McKinley, three murdered presidents; and it has been shaken by the

ciety which are certain to pass away within a short time, and which can scarcely reappear unless civilization itself turns a somersault.

They were each wildly applauded by people all along the line, but a little bit of the funniest thing, and one which perhaps open to criticism as undignified, was the behavior of the cowboys as they passed the reviewing stand, where he stood in the review. Bedizened hats, with the broadest of brims, were thrown in the air, lariats were swung, the cowboys roped each other, and the western yell of the plains was heard above the ordinary confusion of the parade. The president was manifestly "dee-lighted," he gave the riding shake, and there was a hot time, for once, in front of the White house. It lacked only the popping of 44 caliber cartridges to make the whole thing seem a real bit of the wild west, and yet, after there was an unfortunate flavor of the circus about the event which caused some people to regret it.

It was dark before the parade was over, and the president had a chance to steal away into the privacy of his own household, where he could enjoy a dinner free from the clamor and the cheers of the multitude.

### Picnic for Crowds.

As to the crowds, it is a mystery where they became of them and how they were taken care of. Between the ceremonies at the capitol and the view of the parade from the reviewing stand, many little parties had taken time for luncheon, had hurriedly quaffed tall pitchers of beer and bolted digestible portions of chicken salad, though little lunch parties being decidedly one of the most pleasant features of the day along the avenue and being participated in by senators, cabinet officers, and others, much humbler walks of life. It was a grand picnic during the whole day, and people were good natured in spite of the great crush.

There must have been as many people in Washington tonight as during the day, evidently they spread out, because the streets were comparatively deserted away from Pennsylvania avenue as early as 7 o'clock. The fireworks drew an enormous crowd to the big reservation surrounding the Washington monument.

Just why there should be any connection between fireworks and disorder is not easily understood, but it is certain that the crowd south of the White house from 7:30 on made a good deal of disturbance. The pyrotechnic display was fine, as a matter of course, and the colored people especially emitted shouts of delight at the flaming representations of Roosevelt and then of Fairbanks, winding up with the gorgeous spectacle of the American flag floating in the air far above the top of the Washington monument. Nature was too, at night the effect of the copious libations of the day became more parti-