

FEBRUARY TWENTY-SECOND.

WASHINGTON AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We hail thee, fair, immortal Day! Thou noblest in Time's calendar, Save that which saw the holy ray Of Bethlehem's Christ-riding Star!



From the portrait by James Peale, painted from life for David O. Claypool, of Philadelphia, editor of the Daily Advertiser, the journal chosen by Washington to publish his Farewell Address.

WASHINGTON'S BIG JUMP.

BY IT HE WON A CHARMING PRIZE. In a pretty little village in Virginia there lived, in 1775, a rich and eccentric old farmer, whose daughter was declared to be the loveliest maiden in all the country round.

who had at that moment arrived on horseback before the inn. He was just in time to witness Carroll's great leap.

The first burst of applause over the spectators awoke to the stranger's presence. The man's handsome face and easy address attracted the eyes of the maidens, while his manly and sinewy frame called forth the admiration of the young men.

"Mayhap, sir, stranger, you think you can beat that," said Charlie Simms, remarking the manner in which the newcomer scanned the arena.

"If you can outleap Harry Carroll you beat the best man in the colonies."

"Is it for amusement you are pursuing this pastime?" inquired the youthful stranger, "or is there a prize for the winner?"

"The sweetest prize man ever strove for," answered one of the judges. "Yonder she stands."

The stranger cast a respectful glance at the blushing maiden and his eyes looked admiration.

"Are the lists open to all?" he asked.

"All, young sir," replied Annette's father, with interest, his youthful ardor rising as he surveyed the proportions of the straight limbed young stranger.

With a smile the newcomer threw off his coat, drew his sash tighter around his waist and stepped forward.

Annette looked anxiously at Harry, who stood near with troubled brow and angry eye, and then she cast upon the stranger a glance of piteous entreaty.

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made their descent on Philadelphia in 1777, disembarking at the head of Elk River from Chesapeake Bay, Washington advanced from Philadelphia to meet them.

The hostess, Mrs. Alexander, appeared to be very glad to see them, and they were surprised to find the table already set with a bountiful and elegantly prepared breakfast.

They had begun to partake of the meal, and Lafayette was eating leisurely, as a polite young Frenchman should do, when the mistress of the house stepped out for a moment.

They had scarcely ridden away to a place of security when, turning about, they saw Lord Howe and his staff ride up to the Alexander house.

When General Grant died it was noticed that as many portraits of him were placed on sale as there were nationalities in New York.

COMMODORE MONTAGU STUART, COMMANDANT OF THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD, got orders to have the new monitor Terror ready to go in commission March 1.

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THE YOUNG WASHINGTON. (After a painting by C. W. Peale.) painted at this time give Washington the retreating forehead then fashionable—there is no other word for it in France, and familiar in most pictures of Lafayette.

Later on there was a strong return to the English method, to which belongs the full length military portrait by Trumbull, perhaps the best in existence.

Most familiar of all Washington's likenesses is that made by Gilbert Stuart. It is also, probably, one of the worst. Washington himself was much pleased with the Trumbull picture above referred to, and with two portraits by J. Wright.

Information comes from Madagascar saying that 4700 French soldiers had been in Antananarivo, but were repulsed with the loss of 3000 men.

Mr. James McWade, of Omaha, Neb., who has been unable to speak above a whisper for twenty-four years, suddenly recovered the use of her vocal organs the other day, and attributes her recovery to a nanketchief blessed by Schuster.

T. P. Williams, a white man, who murdered a harness of colored man near Marianna, Ark., committed suicide by taking morphine. Williams feared flogging.

The great boys of Great Britain and Ireland are estimated to be the best equivalent of nearly 4,000,000,000 tons of coal.

REAR ADMIRALS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.



ACTIVITY IN THE NAVY.

Placing Our Ships On as Complete a War Footing as Possible.

A COAST DEFENSE SQUADRON.

Strong Fleets for Both Atlantic and Pacific Coasts to Be Put Into Active Service at Once—New and Formidable Monitor Terror to Be Ready by March 1—Admiral Walker to Command a Squadron.

New York, February 12.—Naval officers on duty in this city and Brooklyn, declare that it is the intention of the Government to place the Navy on as complete a war footing as is possible in time of peace, and demonstrate what the United States can do in the way of coast defenses, not a flying squadron, for which they say the United States has no need at this time, but a coast defense fleet to guard our shores, both on the Pacific and the Atlantic.

Commodore Montgomery Stuart, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, got orders to have the new monitor Terror ready to go in commission March 1. The ship has been under construction for years, and it will tax the capacity of the yard to finish her in time. The orders are, however, imperative.

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All these ships are to be put in active service within the next three weeks. The other ships of this iron-clad squadron, already in commission, are to be the first-class battleship Indiana, the second-class battleship Albatross, now at Hampton Roads, and the double-turreted monitor Amphitrite, now at Key West.

An officer at the Navy Yard, who had recently returned from a visit to Washington, said that the Administration had made a decision to place in commission a reserve list of ships to draw on as Great Britain has, but enough ships can be placed in commission to make a reserve list as soon as possible. The United States has not as big a reserve list of ships to draw on as Great Britain has, but enough ships can be placed in commission to make a reserve list as soon as possible.

"I heard it said in Washington that one of the Admirals of the service, presumably Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, was to be assigned to the command of the fleet of iron-clads on the North Atlantic, which is to be known as the Home Guard Squadron, or something of that kind."

The Terror will be a formidable ship. She is of the class of double-turreted coast defense monitors, with sides armor-plated their entire length. The side-plating is seven inches thick as far as possible. Her armor is not so dense as might be imagined by all the talk whenever there is a war scare.

Lord Salisbury vigorously attacked Lord Salisbury's policy, but every speech breathed out by the Premier in the House of Commons will end happily. Mr. Balfour said our Government had asked for all the information England could give to help our Commission, and it was announced that it would be forthcoming.

Robbers effected an entrance into the Leaning (Ohio) Bank safe by the use of explosives. The vault door was first blown open and then the burglar proof safe was blown to pieces. All the money, amounting to about \$50,000, was taken.

Shot His Wife's Parents and Self. At Newton, Iowa, Charles Phares, a barber, shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. R. T. Smith, fatally shot his father-in-law, and then put a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly. He was out of work and despondent.

A post-rail on a Mississippi steamboat was killed by the breaking of a hammer a few days ago. The boat was endeavoring to get away from a landing when the rope, which had been pulled very tight, snapped, and the end struck the colored man and broke his neck, killing him instantly.

SHEA DIES IN THE CHAIR.

The Troy Politician Suffers the Death Penalty at Dannemora.

Bartholomew O'Boe" Shea was electrocuted at 9.30 a. m. in Dannemora (N. Y.) Prison. The twenty-seven witnesses made up almost exclusively of physicians and newspaper men, all present in official capacities. At 9.30 a. m. they were assembled in the hotel office and marched to the death chamber. It was just before the procession entered the room, First Sergeant Warden Thayer and Deputy Warden, and immediately behind them was Shea, escorted by Warden General Smith, of Troy, and Father Be'anger, of Dannemora. Shea's face was pale. He walked firmly to the chair, and during the minute it took to affix the straps he gazed calmly around the room. His eyes were bright and he looked more like a spectator than the victim. At 9.56 the current was turned on and continued for one minute and twenty-one seconds. It was then shut off and Shea was pronounced dead. The highest voltage was 1800. This, however, was continued only eleven seconds, when it was reduced to 150 volts and continued at that until the end. The autopsy developed nothing out of the ordinary.

Shea was convicted of killing Robert Ross during a political fight at the polls in Troy on Election Day in the spring of 1894. Shea was once a club of political workers with Ross and his brother to another party. They met at the polls and a free fight began. Clubs and pistols were used. Robert Ross was killed and his brother, William Ross, killed. John McGough was sentenced to twenty years in prison for wounding William Ross, while Shea was sentenced to the electric chair for killing Robert Ross.

Every effort was made to save Shea. The execution of his sentence was three times stayed by results from the governor and the action of the courts. McGough, last December, confessed that he fired the shot which killed Robert Ross, but, on examination, James Matham, of Schenectady, pronounced the confession worthless.

PARDON OFFERED WALLER.

Provided That No Claims for Damages Be Made Against France.

The President sent to Congress a report from Secretary Olney and all the correspondents in the case of John L. Waller, ex-United States Consul to Tananarivo, Madagascar, and now confined in a French prison under conviction of treason. Secretary Olney says that Waller was unquestionably guilty of the offense charged, but that the penalty inflicted would be considered exceedingly moderate, but the French Government made an



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offer to release Waller from further imprisonment and to pay the expenses of his transportation to the United States, on condition that the affair be thereby terminated as between the two Governments, and that the United States should make no claim for damages in behalf of the persons injured on the basis of his arrest, conviction and imprisonment.

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