

# CHEERED BY THE BRITONS

## THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY IN LONDON.

**The Streets Crowded with People to Greet the American Soldiers—Received by the Honorable Artillery Company of London—Given a Grand Banquet, at Which the Prince of Wales and Many Distinguished Guests Were Present.**

LIVERPOOL, July 7.—Upward of 20,000 persons crowded the landing stage and the adjoining streets when the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston landed from the steamer *Servia*, and cheered the visitors repeatedly and with enthusiasm.

Instead of marching to the Lime Street Station, the company hastened to the Riverside Station, in order to catch a special train, which left at 4:50 P. M., so that they might arrive in London in time to attend the banquet which was given in their honor this evening. A deputation of the Honorable Artillery Company, whose guest the Boston company will be during their visit, and the municipal authorities of Liverpool gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Among those who have accepted invitations to the banquet in London to-night are the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, Commander in Chief of the British forces; Field Marshal Lord Roberts, commanding the forces in Ireland; Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart, Governor of the Royal Hospital, at Chelsea; Lord Salisbury, Prime Minister, and all the members of his Cabinet; ex-Premier Lord Rosebery, and most of the leading statesmen of Great Britain.

LONDON, July 7.—The trip from Liverpool to this city was uneventful, but upon the arrival of the Americans here at 8:45 o'clock to-night they were the recipients of a remarkable spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm. The streets around the station in Euston Square, the London terminus of the London and Northwestern Railway, over which the special train of the Americans came, were blocked with people who were wildly desirous of getting a glimpse of the celebrated American artillery company. Many of the railway employes were fully as anxious as the outside crowd to see the visitors, and climbed upon the roofs of cars standing in the station to obtain a view of them.

The train was drawn by two engines decked with American flags. As it rolled into the station the crowd that had assembled greeted it with loud and prolonged cheering. The fine band of the London Honourable Artillery Company was waiting in the station and as the Americans alighted, they were greeted with the strains of "Yankee Doodle." A number of the officers of the London organization were present to meet their guests. It had been arranged that the Americans should march to the armory of the Honourable Artillery Company, but the hour at which they arrived was so late that this plan was abandoned, and the waiting crowds were, therefore, greatly disappointed. Thirty private omnibuses had been secured, and in these the visitors were driven to the armory. The crowd was so dense for some distance along the route that it was impossible for the horses to go faster than a walk.

The reception extended to them by the crowd was, without doubt, more enthusiastic than was ever before given to Americans in this city. As the omnibuses passed along they were followed by continuous cheering and the waving of hats and handkerchiefs. From the windows of houses along the route women waved shawls and other articles of apparel.

The Americans were apparently delighted with the warmth of their reception, and their features were wreathed in smiles as they heard the welcoming of the London crowd. They took off their helmets and bowed repeatedly in response to the salutations offered them, and finally they returned the cheers of the British. There is not the slightest doubt that the visitors will become extremely popular, and everything possible will be done to make their visit a memorable one.

The banquet was given at the Armory House, Finsbury, the headquarters of the London company. The Earl of Denbigh and Desmond, Lieutenant Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, presided. There were present about 400 guests, including Lieut. Commander William S. Cowles, Naval Attaché of the American Embassy; Gen. Patrick A. Collins, the American Consul General at London; Admiral Sir Francis McClintock, and Major Gen. Sir Francis Grenfell, in addition to those above named as having accepted invitations.

Toasts were offered to the Queen, the President of the United States, and the Prince of Wales, and were drunk with all the honors. The Earl of Denbigh then proposed a toast to the American guests, whom he warmly welcomed. He said that he hoped their visit to England would inaugurate an epoch of peace and staunchest friendship.

Col. Henry Walker, commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, made an eloquent response, in which he spoke of the kinship of the Americans and British, and referred to their standing shoulder to shoulder in the march of civilization.