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**President McKinley and Admiral Dewey Reviewing the Troops-
Presentation of the Sword, Washington, D.C. Oct. 3. 1899.**

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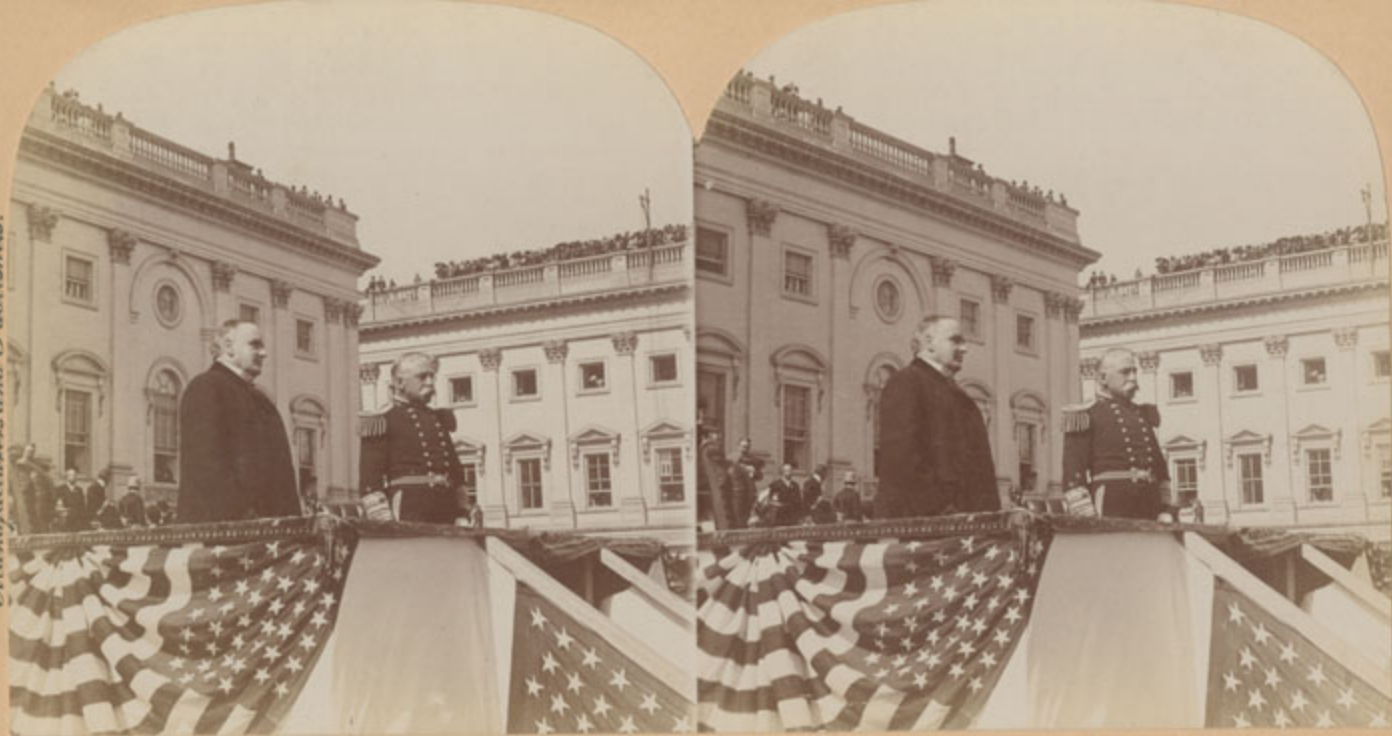
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The home-coming of Admiral Dewey was made the occasion of the greatest tribute ever paid by Washington to any individual. President McKinley with official associates, and citizens from every community of the nation, joined in acclaiming their pride and affection for the returning hero. The decorations of the city were very elaborate. The line of march was one mass of colored bunting. The central portion of the grandstand, erected on the board steps beneath the dome of the Capitol, was fashioned in close imitation of the prow of the Olympia, and there the crowning act of honor took place. After the Star Spangled Banner by the Marine Band and a brief address of welcome in behalf of the city. Secretary Long delivered an eminently fitting presentation address and President McKinley, amid shouts of applause, presented the Admiral with the beautiful jeweled sword, the gift of the nation.

In reply Admiral Dewey said:

"I thank you, Mr. President, for this great honor you have conferred upon me. I thank the Congress for what it has done. I thank the Secretary of the Navy for his gracious words. I thank my countrymen for this beautiful gift, which shall be an heirloom in my family forever, as an evidence that republics are not ungrateful, and I thank you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Committee, for the gracious, cordial and kindly welcome which you have given me to my home."

After the benediction by Cardinal Gibbons and the national anthem in which the vast concourse joined, the troops were put in motion and passed before the President and Admiral.