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The Battle of Lake Erie

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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Herewith is a copy of a letter from the son of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry to the Hon. Harvey Rice. Mr. Rice was a member of the Cleveland City Council, and he was the prime mover in the erection of the Perry statue in the city of Cleveland. The letter is now in the possession of the Western Reserve Historical Society, as is also the copy of the portrait which belonged to Mr. Rice, these having been presented to the Society after the death of Mr. Rice, by his heirs, in accordance with his request.

LOWELL, October 18, 1860.

HARVEY RICE, ESQ.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—

I have taken the liberty to forward by express prepaid to your address, a box containing two copies from "Stuart's" portrait of my father, painted by Mr. Lawson of this city.

You will confer a favor upon me by accepting one of the paintings as a token of my respect and esteem. May I ask you to present the other in my name to your City government, requesting such disposition made of it as may to them seem most appropriate, believing that so patriotic a people will value the portrait of one they have been pleased to honor?

Should you visit the East I shall hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) O. H. PERRY.





THE BURIAL SCENE
By Chevalier

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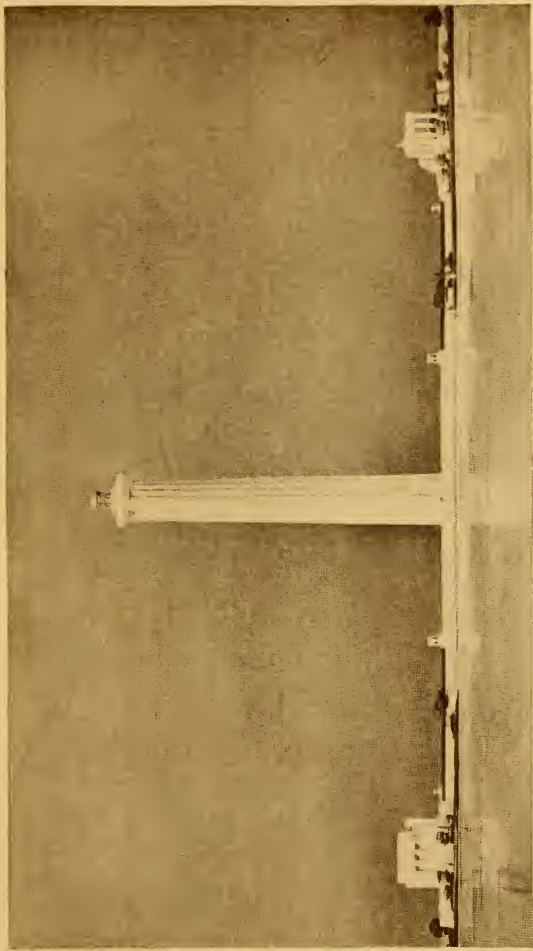
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The Governor of Rhode Island and his staff were present; the officers of the state of Rhode Island; the members of the Rhode Island legislature, and the famous Providence Light Artillery. Also Governor Dennison of Ohio, and his staff were present. And many relatives and descendants of Commodore Perry, and many surviving soldiers of the War of 1812, were the guests of the city of Cleveland for the auspicious occasion. There were two or three who had been with Perry in his engagement. One of these was Dr. Usher Parsons, the surgeon of the flagship. He made an address to the assembled multitude, describing the scenes on board the Lawrence during and after the fierce conflict.

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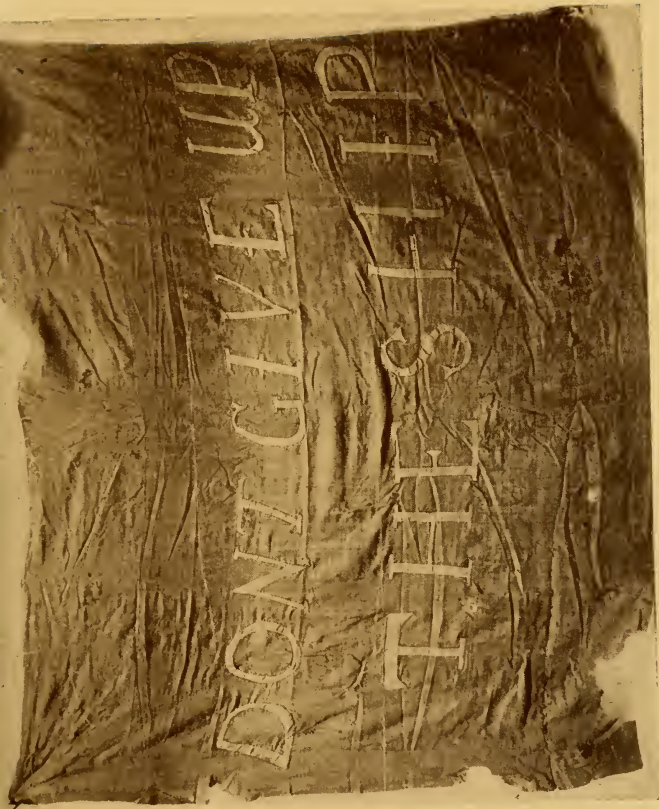
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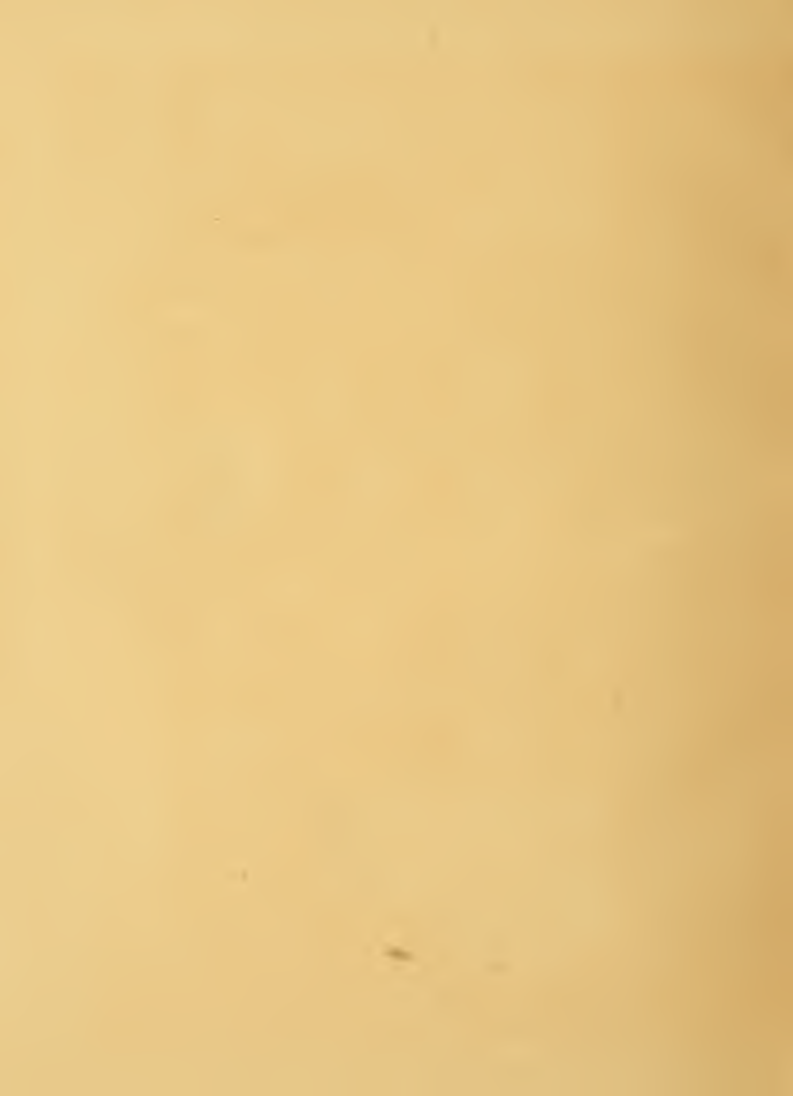
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Rodway, it is charged, illegally assessed the tax, which was paid, under coercion and protest and Worthington immediately filed with Rodway a written claim for refund which was referred to the United States commissioner of internal revenue, who rejected it.

RECEIVER FOR AUTO FIRM

Man Appointed by Federal Court—Four File Bankruptcy Petitions.

United States Judge William I. Day yesterday appointed Frank Butler of Cleveland receiver for the Ohio Auto Carriage Co., Ralph Goldsworthy, proprietor, at the request of creditors who filed involuntary bankruptcy proceedings in federal court. The petitioners are Dr. H. D. Champlin, the Horning Electric Co. and the Alienized Water Co., all of Cleveland.

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FEAR WOMAN MURDERED

Police Start Search After Finding Clothing Near Yacht Club.

Patrick McGinty, 2741 Commercial-st. N. W., foreman of the city dump at the foot of E. 9th-st., yesterday morning found a woman's dress, waist and hat lying close to the shore of the lake near the Cleveland Yacht club house.

The clothes were torn as if they had been pulled off the wearer's back by force. Just at the water's edge there was a small heel mark made by a woman's shoe. Sergt. Holcomb and Patrolman McTigue of the second precinct made a search for anything that would throw light on the case.

John Voght and another man employed at the yacht club spent several hours dogging the lake bottom, but discovered no trace of a body. The police are inclined to think the clothing may belong to some girl who met with foul play.

NORMAL'S LEGION AVAILABLE.

Money May be Used Until April, Attorney General Rules.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 24.—Attorney General Hogan today held that the money appropriated by the last legislature for the new normal school at Bowling Green will continue to be available after the meeting of the next legislature. The trustees feared that such would not be the case and asked for his opinion.

The money will be available until April, and if not used then will revert to the state treasury.

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