



COMMEMORATING AN EVENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Gardner Osborn, historian of the New York Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presenting the keys to the old Federal Hall to Frederick Cone, vice president of the chapter, at yesterday's Evacuation Day ceremony on the steps of the Subtreasury in Wall Street.

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WALL ST. MARKS EVACUATION DAY

3,000 Attend Ceremony on the
157th Anniversary of British
Withdrawal From City

George Washington, if he were alive today, would say about Great Britain's present plight, "Help them before it is too late," William L. DeBost, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, declared yesterday at the ceremony on the steps of the Subtreasury Building observing the 157th anniversary of Evacuation Day. Evacuation Day was the day the British evacuated New York and Washington again occupied it.

The colorful exercise, at which the original keys to Federal Hall were presented to Frederick Cone, vice president of the New York Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, was attended by the color guard of the New York Chapter of S. A. R., dressed in the Continental uniforms of Washington's day, and the Sixteenth Infantry Band from Fort Jay.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Darlington, chaplain of the New York Chapter of the S. A. R., opened the ceremony with a "prayer for the nations." Three thousand persons, crowded between Wall and Broad Streets in a chill wind, witnessed the ceremony.

"Today finds Great Britain engaged in a desperate fight against terrific odds for her own liberty," Mr. DeBost declared. "Her courage and endurance are being tested by the most tyrannical and most destructive force the world has ever known. England is defending the last citadel of democracy in the Old World."

Pointing to the statue of Washington on the steps of the Subtreasury Building, the place where he was inaugurated when it was Federal Hall, Mr. DeBost said:

"England, too, has proud monuments venerated for their historical associations. Today many of them lie prostrate in the dust, shattered by the nightly rain of death and destruction from the skies which, in its purpose to cripple defenses, falls alike on hospitals, churches and homes. Shall these things happen to us?"

Mr. DeBost asserted that England was fighting for more than "the salvation of her own liberty." "She is fighting to preserve the high dignity of the English-speaking race of which you and I are a part. So her fight, in a sense, is our fight. We have a choice before us. Either we give England a maximum of help today or we may have to fight alone tomorrow," he said.

Gardner Osborn, historian of the New York Chapter of the S. A. R., reviewed the events of the day 157 years ago when Washington marched into New York again. Mr. Osborn presented the original keys to Federal Hall to Mr. Cone, in place of George McAneny, chairman of Federal Hall Memorial Associates, who was unable to attend because of illness.

In receiving the key Mr. Cone said that no matter what might happen to the bombed cities of England "free men will ultimately prevail over those seeking to enslave them. Thumbs up, Britain! Chins up, America! As long as men and women rededicate themselves to the cause of democracy, with faith in God and man and the future, the democratic way of living shall not perish from the earth," he declared.

The Sixteenth Infantry Band concluded the ceremony by playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."