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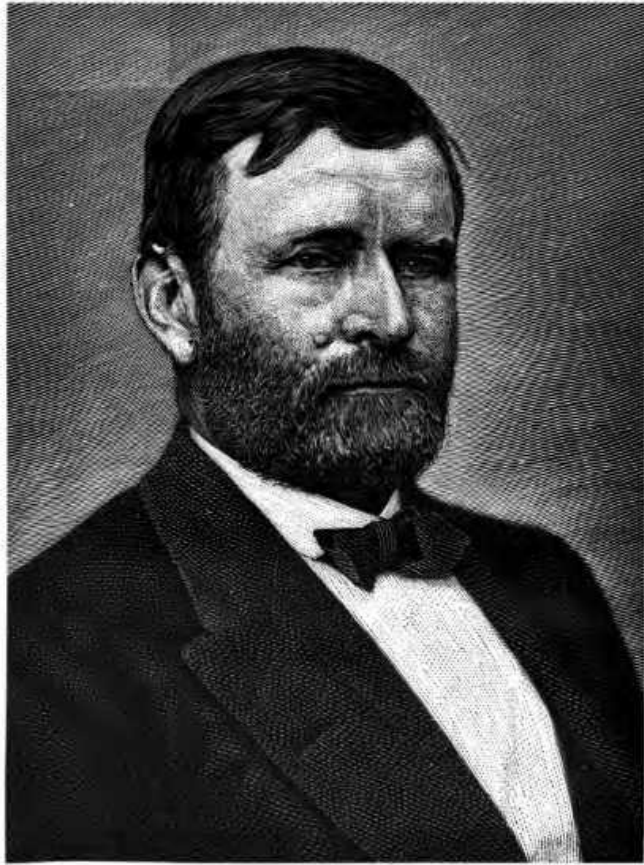
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"THEIR RISING ALL AT ONCE WAS AS THE SOUND
OF THUNDER HEARD REMOTE."

—MILTON

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Amid the commemorative services of this day we may well pause to consider the character and deeds of the Citizen Soldier. In the history of the world the soldier has performed the largest part. From the primitive ages until the present day he has been the most powerful, single factor among the forces which have contributed to the civilization of mankind. We have to reflect, in this connection, that the history of civilization has been the history of violence. The present refinement and progress of the human race did not begin in peaceful and beautiful gardens; in happy spots by the river banks; in flower-decked islands where golden apples grow; but in cruel savagery and the bloody jungles of barbarism.

Out of such a condition it was impossible for man to emerge except by force. In his rudest estate he had to make his way by sword and spear and battle-axe. Every pathway which he trod had to be hewed, not only through the primitive thickets of the ancient