

Statue of Liberty

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Statue of Liberty National Monument

This Day In History: Oct. 28, 1886

New York City holds first Ticker-Tape Parade in honor of the dedication of the statue of 'Liberty Enlightening the World.'

Water parade of approximately 300 vessels passes in front of the Statue. Visibility is less than a quarter of a mile due of fog and rain throughout the day.

Between 2,000 and 2,500 people attend the dedication.

The New York State Woman Suffrage Association, unable to obtain tickets to the dedication as they were unaccompanied women, charters a boat to view the island ceremonies from the water.

President Grover Cleveland formally accepts the Statue on behalf of the United States of America as a gift of friendship from France.

Fireworks planned for the dedication have to be moved to Nov.1, 1886, due to the continuing poor weather.

