

MASARYK.

Czechs-Slovaks

They called him the President Liberator --- Thomas Masaryk
~~who rose from obscurity as the son of a coachman to~~ ^{create and} ~~lead~~

~~lead the Czechs-Slovaks. At his lying in state they came~~
~~to pay tribute to this grey-headed old man who had guided their~~
~~destinies for nearly twenty years.~~ He died at Lana Castle.

And from there to Prague the capital they brought him in a midnight
procession. Thousands lined the route of his passing --- gazing
~~and~~ reverently as the torchlight reflected a transient
brilliance upon each sorrowful face in that silent crowd.

On the day of his funeral, troops followed in the procession
and mounted guard beside the gun-carriage. Two million
people waited in the streets as Masaryk was taken home --- to the
little village cemetery where he was laid to rest beside his wife.