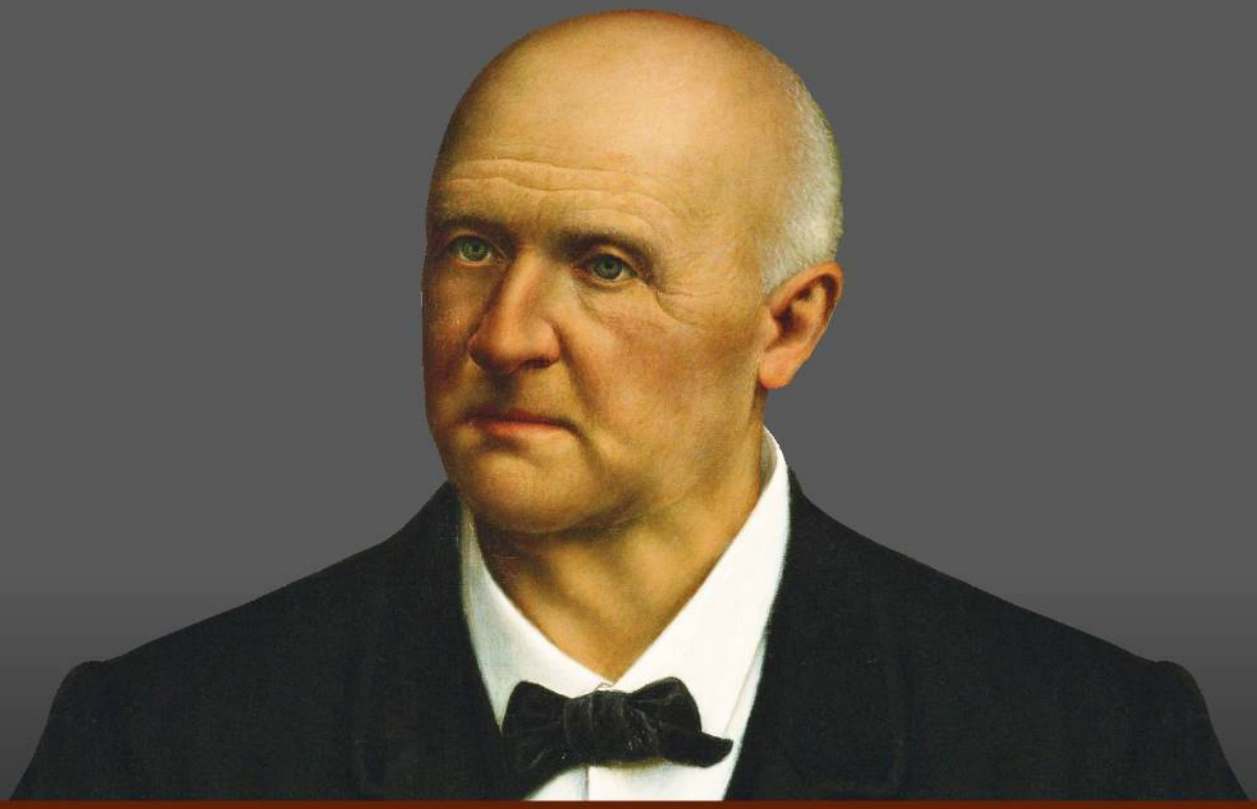


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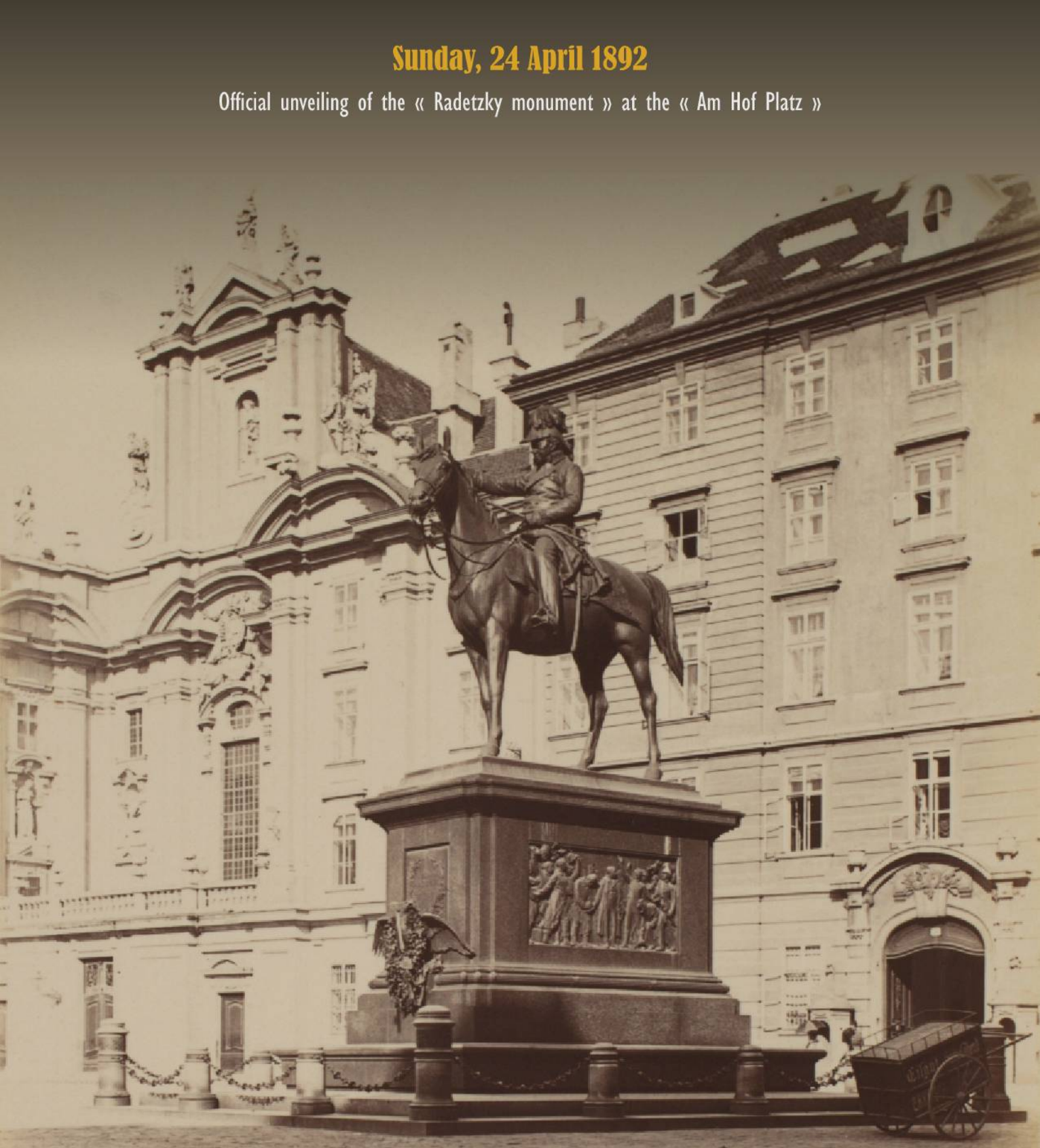




Josef Graf Radetzky

Sunday, 24 April 1892

Official unveiling of the « Radetzky monument » at the « Am Hof Platz »





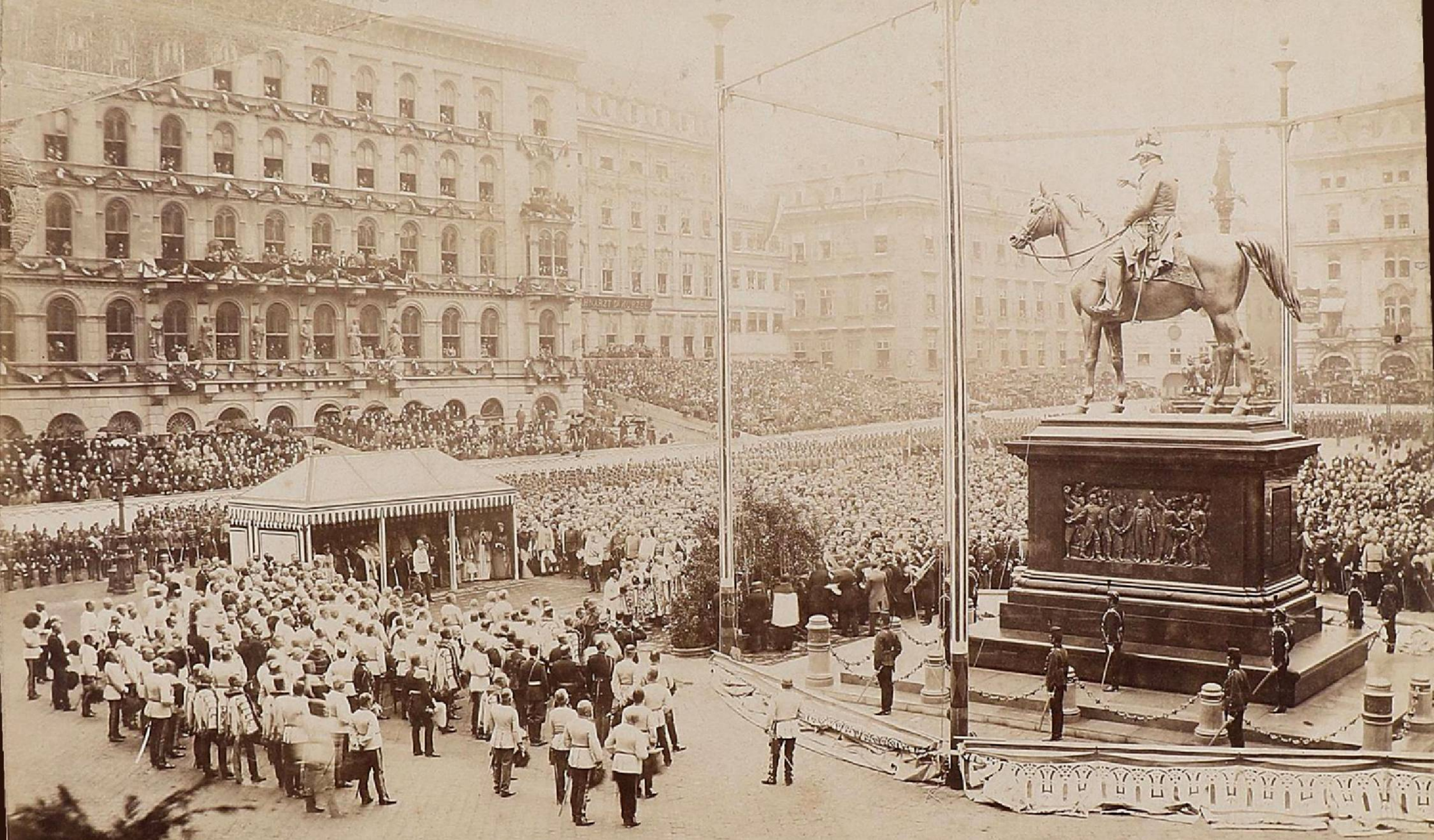


Radetzky monument on " Am Hof Platz "

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