

LEARNED MEN AT BREAKFAST TO ORDINARY FOLKS IT WAS JUST LIKE A DINNER.

Historians, Economists, Bibliographers and others gathered for a breakfast and after-prandial oratory and the usual quips and jests.

The economists, the historians, antiquarians, statisticians and bibliographers who have combined to make Manhattan Island topeahy with erudition during their present week long joint conferences gave an impulse to the English daylight agitation yesterday by holding a regular banquet of the old night style in the afternoon.

Out of courtesy to established custom the 500 who sat down to refresh themselves with a light breakfast at the Waldorf at 12:30 o'clock called their collation and the oratory that was its concomitant a breakfast, but the lights, the speakers' table on high and the after dinner jest and appeal to reason were nothing if not of the banquet vivacious.

By 11 o'clock the busy students of profundities did crowd their morning and afternoon sessions a little to permit of three hours pleasure in the middle of the day and threw away their breakfast cigars to plunge directly into more meetings and discussions there was nothing of the scientific or the antiquarian about that breakfast.

Prof. William M. Sloane of Columbia presided as the midday toastmaster and to the right and left of him as the long guests' table sat men whose names are great in the scholastic world. Presidents Lowell of Harvard and Hadley of Yale were his companions. With him, too, sat Gen. Horace Porter, Joseph H. Choate, Ambassador of the Royal Economic Society of Great Britain; G. W. Prothero of England, Eduard Meyer, the historian of Berlin; H. T. Coleridge, representing the historical societies of Holland; R. Fitzmaurice of Oxford, Spain; Camille Erlant, Paris; Herbert L. Fisher of New College, Oxford; Sir Horace Plunkett of Ireland and other of the foreign delegates to the joint conference.

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The grave historians assembled in the darkened hall saw history in a new and ingenious light through the first tablet series of the Shogun in 1853, which was written by Charles Kandel, a former member of the City History Club, was acted by boys from various high schools in true Shakespearean simplicity, sans costume and sans scenery.

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Stephen Van Rensselaer, Miss Janet Townsend and Miss Frances Drake, all down on the programme as descendants of Peter Stuyvesant, appeared in the costumes of the New Amsterdam Dutch. The kindly faced and pleasing Peter was Mr. Van Rensselaer.

Trumbull, the painter, might have caught a glimpse of something familiar had he looked down the spirit and seen the picture of eight periwinkles and powdered Colonial ladies bending earnestly over a deal table upon which lay a scroll. Peter Gerry, great-grandson of Elbridge Gerry; Francis Rogers, great-grandson of Francis Lewis; Robert R. Livingston, great-grandson of Robert R. Livingston of colonial times; all of them signed out in the Declaration of Independence, while the men and women of the twentieth century down in the dark clapped hands noisily.

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TABLEAUX FOR HISTORIANS.

Real Trappings of Old Times With Descendants of the Great to Wear Them.

The real sword and smalls that were worn by the late John Jay at the court of Louis XVI., real pistols that were carried in the Revolution and real great-grandsons and grand-nephews of original signers of the Declaration of Independence all figured as valuable properties in the series of historical tableaux which was given in the ballroom of the Waldorf last night to entertain the delegates of the American Historical Association and of the American Economic Association, their wives and friends.

The reality of the sword and smalls was as unquestioned as that of the genealogies of the participants and in the latter case nearly all of the fifty odd characters that posed behind the drawn curtains of red plush bore names familiar to the students of American history.

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HEAVEN, SMITH AND NAGLE AND MAYBE McLELLAN, KNOW WHAT NAGLE DOES.

No Business of the Commissioners of Accounts, Justice Newburger Says—Charter Does Not Prescribe the Duties of a Private Secretary.

Knowledge of what John E. Nagle, Percy's brother, does to earn his salary of \$1,800 a year as private secretary to Park Commissioner Henry Smith will remain in the exclusive possession of the Deity. Mr. Smith and Mr. Nagle under a ruling of Supreme Court Justice Newburger yesterday. He denied the application of Commissioner of Accounts Mitchell for an order committing both Commissioner Smith and his secretary to jail for refusing to answer questions bearing on that point.

In the investigation of the Park Department Commissioner Mitchell learned from one witness that "God only knows what Nagle does," except that he always turned up on pay day for his check. Commissioner Mitchell then asked Nagle, and got no satisfactory replies. Nagle said his duties and even his days of absence, said and drab, were confidential.

Commissioner Smith was then called, and would say nothing much except that Nagle did some clerical duties of a confidential nature, "which are such that he would not want, for the good of my department, to name them unless compelled to." The Commissioner of Accounts then got orders requiring both Commissioner Smith and Nagle to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt.

When the case came before Justice Newburger yesterday afternoon, Park Commissioner Smith appeared to argue his own case and Assistant Corporation Counsel Nicholson represented the Commissioner of Accounts. Mr. Nicholson said that the Park Commissioner, because an investigation of almost any city department could be hampered by the refusal of city employees to answer questions that they did not care to answer. Justice Newburger asked if there was any mention made in the City Charter of the duties devolving on the private secretary to the Park Commissioner, and Mr. Nicholson said that there wasn't.

Commissioner Smith said that he had the highest respect for the courts and would do whatever the court directed, but didn't feel that the law required him to give any information about what Nagle does except to his chief, the Mayor. The Mayor asked what the Commissioner Smith said that the "police Commissioner might be summoned to say what one of his detectives was doing if a man who had been allowed for five days to come into the city following him wasn't earning his pay."

"Since I have been Park Commissioner I have given the city the best that I could," said the Commissioner. "I would feel remiss in my duty if I disclosed the character of work performed, which was solely in the interest of the city. Now the law is asked to lock me up for refusing to divulge it."

The Assistant Corporation Counsel said that the motion to punish would be granted if the Commissioner then failed to answer the questions put to them. "We won't answer them," said Commissioner Smith.

Justice Newburger then turned to the Assistant Corporation Counsel and said: "In view of your statement that the Charter does not define the duties of the secretary to the Commissioner, I must conclude that they are of a confidential nature, and I know of no law that can compel the Park Commissioner to state them. It is asked to be different if the city had refused to pay him his salary, and on his suing to recover it, got an order requiring him to testify that his duties were. I must dismiss this proceeding."

DEATH OF WILLIAM W. NIXON.

Brother of Lewis Nixon Fatally Stricken in Railway Station.

William Westwood Nixon, brother and business associate of Lewis Nixon, the former Tammany Hall leader, died of acute cardiac trouble at 215 o'clock yesterday morning at the City Hospital, Jersey City. He was stricken at the Jersey Central station at the end of a trip from Virginia to a Baltimore and Ohio train which arrived in Jersey City at 11:30 p. m. Mr. Nixon was 34 years old and unmarried. He lived in Waverly place, in this city. He was associated with various business enterprises. He was treasurer of the International Powder Company and manager of its plant at Parlin, N. J., and when he was in Jersey City he was in charge of the Jersey City plant.

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MORE OF MISSING GIRL CASE.

CABLE INDICATES THAT SHE IS IN GERMANY.

Case Against Alleged Abductor Will Go On To-day—Boehmke Accuses Smith to Their Story—Girl's Father Gets a Letter Thought to Be a Fake.

Mrs. Fritz Tittelbach, wife of the Hoboken saloon keeper who caused the arrest of William Boehmke, an elderly well to do acquaintance, on a charge of abducting his pretty fifteen-year-old daughter, Elfrida Tittelbach, now missing from her home since December 19, received the following cablegram yesterday from Hamburg, Germany:

Safe arrival. Everything all right. Send birth certificate. Letter follows. SCARAB.

The message was in response to a cablegram sent to Folks Sundblad, a young man who was in love with the girl and who said he was anxious to marry her, asking him if he had seen the absent girl. Chief of Police Patrick Hayes of Hoboken forwarded directions by cable yesterday to a brother-in-law of Tittelbach living near Hamburg to get possession of the girl and hold her until her father can get her. Tittelbach said he would sail for Germany just as soon as he receives word that his daughter is in his brother-in-law's keeping.

Boehmke insists that the story told by Fritz Boehmke, a bar-keeper, and Edward Richter, a luncheoner, that he got them \$200 with which they purchased steamship tickets for themselves and the girl on the steamship La Lorraine is not true. He says money in large amounts was given to the men as a loan and declares that he did not negotiate with them to take Elfrida out of the country.

Boehmke will have a hearing to-day before Recorder John J. McGovern. Boehmke and Richter will be arraigned with him on the charge of aiding and abetting. The young men still stick to their original story that after they made sure the girl wouldn't sail they repented of the alleged bargain with Boehmke and returned the steamship tickets to him.

The following letter, addressed to Mrs. Tittelbach, was received at the Tittelbach home yesterday:

DEAR FATHER: I pay \$2,000 to these men, for I am held a prisoner in the Bronx. These men are German. Two women are in this house and the door is kept locked all day. Very little to eat. Your dear, ELFRIDA TITTELBACH.

HIS WIFE FROM GREECE COMES.

Says She Finds Another Wife and \$25,000 Which She Wants a Chance At.

Mrs. Marigo Delamarens, who says that her husband, Nicholas, deserted her in Greece thirteen years ago and took her two little girls away with him, sent Supreme Court Justice Newburger yesterday to grant her \$100 a week alimony and \$1,000 counsel fee pending her suit for a divorce. She said she got track of her husband only a few months ago and came right here, only to find that he has two grocery stores, another wife, and four children by her.

The woman said that she learned where Delamarens was from her oldest daughter, who ran away from home a short time ago with a clerk in one of her father's stores and married him in Montreal. Her father wouldn't forgive her for the marriage so she wrote and told her mother where he was. Mrs. Delamarens came right on from Greece and stopped in Montreal long enough to get affidavits from the daughter. The wife has also brought suit to recover \$18,000 for which she had got a judgment in Greece, the lawyer said. Decision was reserved.

APPOINTMENTS BY WITTPENN. Jersey City's Mayor Retains Davis and Hennessy—Others Must Go.

Mayor H. Otto Wittpenn of Jersey City announced yesterday that he had reappointed Robert Davis as City Collector at a salary of \$5,000 a year and James E. Hennessy as a member of the Tax Commission at a salary of \$2,500. Davis is the leader of the Hudson county Democratic organization, and Hennessy is chairman of the county committee in his right hand man.

The Mayor will make public the rest of his yearly appointments to-day. Much to the disgust of the Democratic machine he will name successors to Police Commissioners Mortimer J. Gleason and William C. Farmer and Fire Commissioner Herbert Thompson. Great pressure was brought to bear upon him to retain these men in office, but the Mayor said it was up to him, and he refused to let others dictate his selections.

Servants Not Guilty of Stealing Records. The case of the Supreme Council of the Serbian orthodox society Sborbram, in which Trivan Lashic, 65 years old, of 1216 Bingham street, Pittsburg, Pa., charged Chedamir Pavich of 636 West Twenty-third street, editor of a paper published by the society, and Pavich's brother, a lawyer, with the theft of a book of records, financial secretary with grand larceny of the records of the society, etc., was dismissed by Magistrate Howard Jefferson Market court yesterday afternoon. Prof. M. I. Pupin of Columbia University was in court on the side of the defendants. The case will now be tried in the civil courts of Pennsylvania, it is announced.

Two Girl Store Thieves Who Say They're Shirts-waist Strikers So Explains. A Central Office detective who stepped into a Sixth avenue department store yesterday to exchange a scarf pin Christmas present saw a girl slip two bracelets up her sleeve. He took her and the girl she was with to a woman store detective and had them searched.

Three bracelets, earrings, a gold pencil, two silver pencils and two wrist watches were recovered from the pair. All had store price tags. The girls pleaded guilty of petty larceny before Magistrate Barlow in Jefferson Market court. They were shirts-waist strikers out of work for six weeks, they said. They had no money, and rather than go back on their fellow strikers by returning to work as "scabs" they had taken to theft. They were held in \$300 bail apiece for General Sessions.

GOT MORE SNOW CARTS.

If It Will Kindly Not Snow Until Friday This Weekwards Will Be Obligated.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards was able yesterday to add about 300 trucks to his snow removing force, making a total of about 1,800, and with the advance of about 10,000 men broke the back of the work in nearly all the streets of the city where there is much traffic.

Mr. Edwards said yesterday that the only thing that was worrying him now was the weather. He was disturbed by the reports that there was a possibility of more snow. "Give me only until Friday without more snow," he said yesterday, "and I will guarantee that even the good work which has been done this week will be bettered."

Friday is the day when the bids for the snow removal contracts are to be opened. Mr. Edwards expects to have to-day an even larger number of teams than he had yesterday, for the reason that the street railroad companies have practically finished their share of the removal work and the carts they employed will be available.

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