

10,000 BOY ATHLETES COMPETE IN THE PARK

Show What Physical Training Has Done in the Schools.

T. R. GREETING THE WINNERS

Manhattan Lads Lead the Five Boroughs, With the Bronx Second.

Col. Roosevelt and President Gustavus Kirby of the Amateur Athletic Union as he led half a dozen little schoolboys half a million, more or less, tumbling along behind of athletic team No. 100 from Public School 42 of the Bronx up to the ex-President at the demonstration of physical training and applied athletics by 10,000 little lads in Central Park yesterday afternoon.

"I am very glad to know you, Mr. Blumberg," said Col. Roosevelt with gravity.

"I'm Mr. Bergen," exploded the next little boy in line, who was too impatient to wait for the formalities.

"And I am very glad to know you, Mr. Bergen," said the ex-President, again gravely.

"And I'm Mr. Rosenberg."

"I'm Mr. Meyer."

"I'm Mr. Schaefer."

"The 'Colonel' is saying 'Delighted'."

"Glad" and "Mister" so rapidly now that the words were tripping over one another.

And then the half million, more or less, who were not on the winning team at all tried to get into the picture.

"I'm Mr. O'Rourke," began one of the ringers. And they threw him out.

Park Playground Alive.

All this happened in one of the most crowded afternoons which that part of Central Park between the Mall and the West Drive has known. There were 200 teams, forty-five small boys to a team, out on the park playground; markers and other schoolboy officials that brought the number up another thousand or so; singing and green grass, flags flying, trumpeters, hand music, the ex-President, present presidents of colleges, and taking it all in all, about the prettiest sight that the park, any park, has seen, with the exception, of course, of the May pole dances by the thousands of little school girls a few weeks ago.

At the south of the field was a new hemlock roving stand bandaged with the Stars and Stripes. Gov. Sulzer was expected to hold down a front row seat at this first demonstration of the good work Dr. C. Ward Crampton and his assistants have been doing with the physical young idea of the five boroughs when teachers haven't been busy with the intellectual aims. But the Governor wrote that he couldn't be present.

Neither could Mayor Gaynor, who also had been invited, he at St. James and Central Park simultaneously.

Notables on the Grand Stand.

Col. Roosevelt in a black sack suit and black soft hat hustled up to the stand amid cheers at 3:15 o'clock while the broad jump relay event was being timed by a young jumper. The committee on demonstration met the Colonel, the committee consisting of Vincent Astor, Luther Halsey Gulick, Edward W. Stitt, Gen. George W. Wingate, who is president of the Public School Athletic League, S. R. Guggenheim, Gustavus T. Kirby and Dr. Crampton.

On the stand also grouped nearby on the grass were Borough Presidents Cromwell and Connolly, Deial Hoy, the Ottoman Consul-General, Adolph S. Ochs, Justice Warren W. Foster, Chief Justice Edward E. O'Dwyer, Robert Adamson, Sheriff Harburger, Vice-President Kline of the Board of Aldermen; Park Commissioner Stover, Felix Warburg, Arthur L. Brudman, City Superintendent Maxwell, Seneca S. Platt of the Chamber of Commerce, Elisha Sniffen, Dr. Abraham Korn, Charles E. Reed, Assemblyman McQue and representatives from the Playground Association of America, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Parks and Playgrounds Association and other bodies.

Many Boys' First Time There.

"The kids" from distant parts of the great city were dismissed from school at noon to permit them to be on hand in time. Most of the boys left school at 1 o'clock P. M., each team in charge of a man teacher. Did the other children not on the teams hurry to the park too? They certainly did, by the thousands. And incidentally it's worthy of note that yesterday was the first time hundreds of the children ever had been in Central Park. This was especially true of school children of poor parents, who live far from the park, but it was also true of children attending some of the Manhattan schools. Of the 855 boys who go to Public School 147, in East Broadway, for example, 284 entered Central Park yesterday for the first time in their lives.

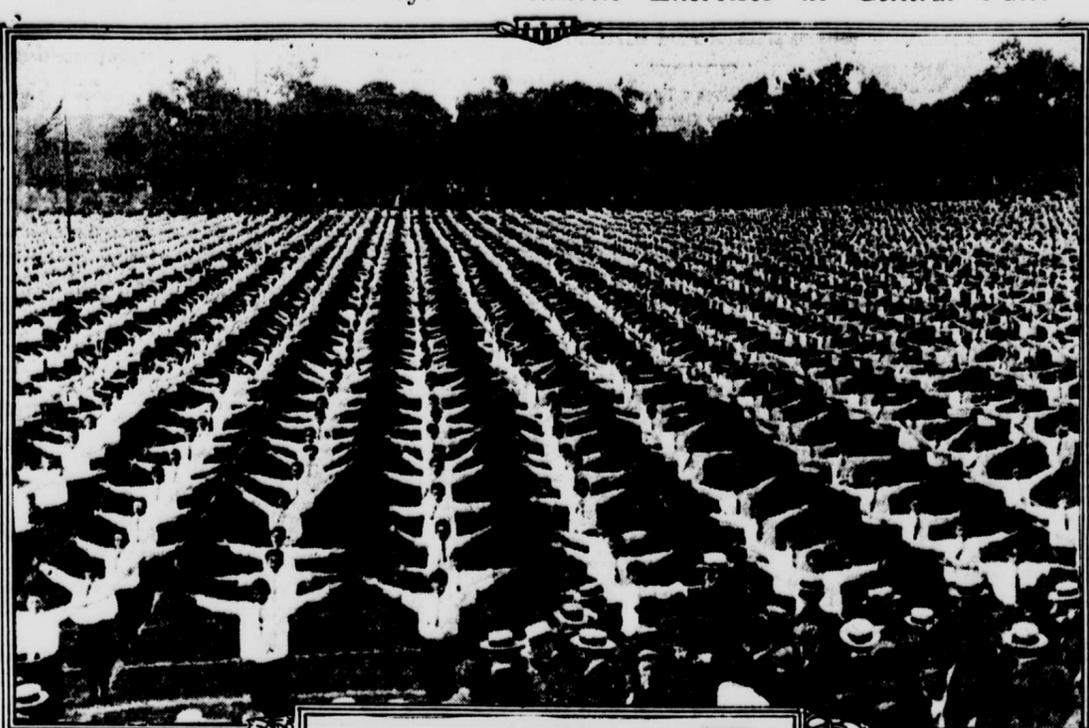
White blouses, dark "knicker" and caps formed the costumes of the boy contestants. At least the caps formed a part of the material which the boys first began to arrive. In the excitement of drill or other athletic stunts, however, caps by the thousand went by the board. At one early period of the afternoon, when as a part of the exercises the boys filed off to the side lines for a few minutes, the 242,000 square feet of carpeted caps, disposed seemed to carpet the park.

The boys from Manhattan as a rule were decked out in athletic suits and looked very natty. When the great playground was paved with the thousands going through their drills the spectators in the composite made a very pretty picture. But here and there, especially among the other thousands who were not participants but squatted along the side lines, the rags and tatters were patently in evidence. And one couldn't help but notice at the same time that the little girl onlookers almost without exception were elaborately ribboned and altogether very well dressed.

Army of 10,000 Under Command.

Swarm back of the main stand were three platoons. Dr. Crampton occu-

White Shirted Schoolboys in Athletic Exercises in Central Park



School Boys in Central Park

ped the middle one and made announcements through a megaphone. With him were Dr. A. K. Aldinger, assistant director of physical training, and Emmanuel Haug of the De Witt Clinton High School. Dr. Aldinger waving a red and white flag to signal the 10,000 facing him out on the field through their evolutions while Mr. Haug wielded a blue flag that was the "stop signal" which brought each number to a close. On the platforms to the right and left were Harry Cohn, physical director in the Bronx schools, and Martin Rodgers of the Brooklyn schools, who went through the various breathing exercises, arm movements, etc., in unison with the boys on the field.

White line marks made a checker-board of the turf, the squares each containing a small boy. The boys were divided into two groups with 4,500 to a group, the two boy armies being known as the East Side and the West Side sections, designations that referred to the sides of the playground each occupied. They were supposed to have begun their stunts at 2:30 o'clock, but it was fifteen minutes later than the appointed time when they got under way at the blast of a bugle.

School Drill Shown.

The East Side charged on the double quick out to the center of the field pell mell against the West Side, also coming on the double quick. When the advance lines were within a few feet of each other the onrush stopped suddenly and the boys in beautiful formation marked time, a great bobbing sea of youngsters now, until another blast of the bugle caused East and West side to turn suddenly until all were facing south, or toward the stand. And then they began the drill that the 700,000 or so school children of New York do three times every day, bending, stretching and swinging their arms and otherwise loosening up young muscles. Another blast of the bugle and the field was cleared of small boys magically. So anxious was the West Side division to obey the bugle blast that this section beat the pistol by a quarter the width of the field in the charge back to the side lines.

What a Shuttle Relay Race Is.

And then came the shuttle relay race, where 100 teams formed in lines behind standards, each team split into two sections, boy No. 1 of one line running across the field to hand a pennant to boy No. 1 of the opposing line of the other team, whereupon the boy who had just grasped the pennant would rush back to No. 2 across the field, and so on. This was where Team 100 of School 42, The Bronx, distinguished itself amid an uproar. Public School 27's team was second.

The "West Side" division of 4,500 next took up the standing broad jump relay, one boy of each of the 100 teams leading off with a jump, No. 2 jumping from No. 1's mark, and so on.

After the "interborough all-around combination relay" event, in which 125 boys in teams of 25 from each of the boroughs first ran two yards, jumped hurdles and wound up by "chin" five times or tried to "chin" five times, on a bar the Colonel made a little speech to the winners, the Manhattan team leading, and followed in order by The Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Richmond last.

"I congratulate you; you are a dead game set," said the Colonel. "What's more, you play the game fairly." Four basketball games at the four corners of the field, four baseball games out on the field and a game of soccer football next got under way, all games going on at the same time. And about this time Gov. Hooper of Tennessee was telling folks in the stand what had just happened to him.

Tennessee's Governor Halted.

The Governor had come to the park without his ticket to the roped enclosure. When he tried to pass the rope Caspar Hagemeier, the big tackle of the High School of Commerce, held the Tennessee Executive up. The Governor pleaded, but the Hon. Hagemeier had got his orders and wouldn't let the distinguished visitor by. Finally the Governor produced his personal card and other credentials and the crestfallen football boy apologized and let Gov. Hooper into the enclosure.

At the close of the games the 10,000 boys and the many thousand of children on the side lines and the officials and guests in the stand stood up and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" in a way that was good to hear.

Gomper's Undergoes Operation.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, was operated on today at the Episcopal Eye and Ear Hospital for mastoiditis. The operation was said to be a success and his recovery seems certain.



General Wingate, Colonel Roosevelt and Vincent Astor.

DELANEY MUST MAKE GOOD.

Stockholders of Fisheries Company Win Suit Against Receiver.

In an opinion handed down in Newark yesterday in a suit to compel the restitution of property Vice-Chancellor Howell held that Orderly J. Delaney of Moorestown, N. J., enriched himself at the cost of other stockholders in his capacities as a director, general manager and the receiver of the Fisheries Company of New Jersey, a \$2,000,000 corporation.

JURY CONVICTS DETECTIVE.

Hayes Guilty of Trying to Shoot Man Who Arrested Him.

Patrick Hayes, a detective employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on States Island, was found guilty of assault in the second degree by a jury in the Supreme Court at Richmond, Staten Island, last night.

WATCHED "SKEETER" AT WORK.

It Was the First Booth Had Ever Seen and He May Lose His Hand.

PATERSON, N. J., June 6.—As a result of his first experience with "skeleton" Thomas Booth of 278 East Twenty-first street, this city, who came to America from England last fall, may lose his left hand.

UNITED CONTRACTORS FREE.

Jury Disagrees on Two Directors and Acquits Third.

The three directors of the United Contractors Corporation charged with floating bad bonds in three States in the amount of several millions were freed early this morning after six hours deliberation by the jury. Frederick D. Ames of New York was acquitted, while disagreement resulted in the cases of George P. Stewart of Staten Island and George J. Klester of Jersey City.

ARGUE FOR FREE PAPER.

Publishers in Secret Conference With Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—John Norris, representing the American Newspaper Publishers Association, was in conference most of the day with Senator Johnstone of Maine, Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Hughes of New Jersey on the question of print paper.

BRANDEIS GOT SHOE WITNESSES.

Induced Them to Testify in Machinery Case at Boston.

BOSTON, June 6.—The name of Louis D. Brandeis, former counsel for the defendant, concerned was brought up today at the trial of the Government dissolution suit against the United Shoe Machinery Company. J. E. Williams, a shoe manufacturer of Portsmouth, Ohio, admitted he was interested slightly in the Boylston Shoe Machinery Manufacturing Company, and when asked why he had attended the trial said:

CAPT. MURPHY QUITS TO-DAY.

Lieut. Place to Succeed Retiring Post-Office Veteran in Brooklyn.

The retirement application of Capt. Lawrence J. Murphy of the Prospect Park police station was signed yesterday by Commissioner Waldo.

FEDERAL RAILROAD IN ALASKA.

Senate Committee Approves Plan for Uncle Sam to Finance.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—A Government railway system 800 to 1,000 miles long, to be paid for from the sale of town lots in territory located town sites along the line and from the sale of other public lands tributary to these towns, is contemplated in the Alaska railroad bill approved by the Senate Committee on Territories today.

V. V.'s Eyes

A NEW NOVEL BY THE AUTHOR OF "QUEED" IS NOW READY AT ALL BOOKSTORES.

SEEKS SON MISSING 8 YEARS.

Police Sent Out General Alarm on Hearing Father's Story.

Charles Leander of Waterbury, Conn., called on the reporters at Police Headquarters last night to see if they couldn't help him to find his son, Eskiel, who has been missing since August, 1905.

HIGHER PAY FOR MEN, NOT WOMEN, IS PLEA

Chicago Bankers Say Head of Family Only Should Get Better Wage.

ATTACKS INVESTIGATORS

Sears-Roebuck Co. President Complains of Being Subjected to Annoyance.

Chicago, June 4.—Leading Chicago bankers, merchants, capitalists and educators told the Illinois Wage Commission to-day that \$12 a month has been generally arrived at as a minimum wage for married men in the city. These witnesses, called to testify concerning the possible connection of the wages of men with vice among women, were all of the belief that economic conditions made it imperative that heads of families should receive a higher wage though the work of both sexes was the same.

The long list of witnesses included George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank; John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank; David R. Forgan, president of the National City Bank; O. W. Robinson, vice-president of the Illinois Steel Company; Miss Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago public schools; Julius Rosenwald, president of the Sears-Roebuck Company; James Simpson, vice-president of Marshall Field & Co.; Edward Hillman, John T. Pirie of the Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.; Joseph Basch of Siegel-Cooper & Co. and Henry A. Blair, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago Railways Company.

Early in the proceedings Mr. Rosenwald locked horns with members of the commission in a severe denunciation of the methods employed by the investigators. "Sensation seeking, insincerity and incompetence" were some of the thrusts that passed back and forth over the table as the verbal fireworks began to fly while Mr. Rosenwald preferred charges of falsehood against one investigator as the situation reached its tensest point.

"Since my first appearance before this commission," Mr. Rosenwald said, "I have been subjected to many petty annoyances and they have convinced me that everything concerned with this investigation is being turned in the direction of the saint rather than being directed toward the good of the people. I don't believe that the hearings, conducted as they are, tend to produce good results."

Mr. Reynolds said the banks headed by him employed 837 men and boys. The minimum wage, \$20 a month, was paid to the office boys, clerks and office men received from \$40 a month to \$3,000 a year. Mr. Reynolds insisted that a minimum wage for boys would impair the efficiency of the employee, because it would take away the merit system.

Mr. Forgan said it was a rule of the pension fund of his bank, conducted by the employees, that no employee should be allowed to marry on a salary of less than \$1,000 a year except in exceptional circumstances.

Mr. Robinson said his company employed 22,000 men at an average wage of \$2.74 a day, the minimum being \$1.95 a day for a ten hour day. He thought the average wage mentioned was sufficient for a man to support a wife and family.

Mr. Mitchell said the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank employed 217 persons, of which only sixteen were women. The wages ran from \$40 a month for messengers to \$120 for clerks.

"We dismissed a man who was earning \$50 a month when he got married," said Mr. Mitchell. "We felt that his expenses might go beyond his wage and impair his judgment."

Miss Young assured the commission that the logical conclusion of their desire to establish a minimum wage for women was a condition to be shunned. She argued that the increasing cost of living would make a minimum wage a hardship within a few years on the people it was most designed to help.

Handout King Felix Harburger.

Sheriff Julius Harburger went to Hamerstein's Roof Garden last night and put a pair of handcuffs on Houdini to see if he could get out of 'em. He did.

BANK PRESIDENT ACQUITTED.

Magistrate Finds No Evidence of Extortion Against Him.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—George W. Dickenson, president of the First National Bank of Woodbury, N. J., and Henry Stille of Clayton, N. J., accused in connection with the charges of extortion brought by David W. Moore, Jr., of Woodbury, against Joseph J. Sumnerhill, Treasurer of Gloucester county, and others, were discharged from custody by Magistrate Gorman after a hearing to-day.

Sumnerhill and Joseph B. Best of Woodbury, a member of the Gloucester county Board of Freeholders, accused by Moore, were paroled in custody of their attorneys for a further hearing next Friday. There were no convincing evidence against Dickenson and Stille, and the Magistrate, and he was unwilling to render a snap judgment as to the other two.

E. Altman & Co. announce that, commencing THIS DAY (SATURDAY) and continuing throughout the months of June, July, August and September, the Store will be closed at 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays and at 5 P. M. on other business days.

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