

EVEN DAWN GLOWS AT ARTISTS' BALL

Lovely Women in Cloth Conserving Costumes and Celebrities Clutter Floor.

MODELS SHOW TOOTSIES

Fair Mermaid Anderson Catches Cold When Her Net Rips.

At earliest blush of dawn yesterday, when the muzzin chickens of Tom Healy's coop around the corner were cock-a-doodle-doing the matin chant of Adam from the minaret perch of Columbus avenue...

Celebrities Are Eased Out. About the time the first elevated express groaned across Broadway, a block away, Sacha emptied the hotel of Artists' Ball...

Over in the third floor rear flat of Delmonico's at precisely the same hour, which was between alarm clock time and rolls of coffee, Hathi, the biggest Transylvanian in captivity, sneezed the sixty horsepower elephants out into Fifth avenue with the male and female jugglers who got the willies when Michio Ito, as Aschera and Baloo and Kas, and Tulle Lindohl, the Marcell of Palais Royal, trickled into the glassy floor in the dance of the Death of Nierbeer Khan at Clara Tice's enticing "Tiger, Tiger" ball.

Towels Adorn Heads. Down in Green's Wilah, where the fifth pagan rout mused up Webster Hall, Washington and Sheridan squares, not all of the artist folk of the MacDougal-Latin quarter, and...

When dawn was finally come and the sun had not pushed its way into mist morning, everybody wrapped a towel around everybody's head, and went to celebrate the 137th birthday of the Father of Our Grand and Glorious Country.

A Czech-Slovak band with fancy vests played hide and seek with Votachenko's fiddlers all night. Exhausted, he'd go, everybody squatted on the floor, and Margaret La Rue, soaked in green, turned out the orange and emerald and new colored lights that suffused the ballroom, a purple curtain parted and the three Graces, Faith, Hope and Charity, knelt in the name of the third one, toddled in bare legged loveliness down the stairs, close enough to let everybody drink in the creamy marmalade perfume that fell with their green flowers. The first dream was the one you have just before falling over the cliff.

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The execution of the plan to mount the five guns cost the United States in immediate expense \$3,337,970. It cost Germany the war. In the last phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive the Germans held an open railroad running through Longuyon and Montmedy to Sedan. This railroad was the keystone of the German strategic arch and it stood alone between the enemy and defeat. The Germans were able to hold it under all attacks until the railway mount expedition flat wheeled into the sector and promptly blew the all important lines of communication off the map of France. The Kaiser's journey to Amerongen was the sequel.

April 25, to the amazement of the sceptics, the first mount was completed and ready for firing. The unit consisted of one gun car, one locomotive, two ammunition cars, one construction car, one flat car with crane, one sand and log box car, one workshop car, one fuel car and three barthing cars, one kitchen car and one battery headquarters car. The steamship Newport News, loaded with material for the expedition, arrived at St. Nazaire July 11. Other steamships similarly laden hurried in after it, and on August 17 and 18 the first two guns left St. Nazaire. All five units were at the front by the middle of September.

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Number 2 battery was the first to get into action August 13; it was requested that the two guns then ready be brought up to align the famous German super-gun which was then bombarding Paris. The German gun was removed, however, before the railway naval guns could get into position. September 8, No. 2 battery fired one shot at a large ammunition dump at Bithoules, in the forest of Compiègne. She was ordered to cease firing after this one shot, as the Allies had taken the town. No. 2 made her real debut near Soissons September 14, when she fired ten rounds at a large ammunition dump just west of Laon at a map range of 38,668 yards. September 28 No. 1 battery, taking up a position in the cemetery of St. Christophe, on the outskirts of Soissons, fired forty-seven rounds on Laon in the course of an afternoon.

What One Shot Did. Gen. Mangin and the French Artillery Command, under which the guns were working, were delighted with their work. The effect of the fire on the enemy's railroads was all that could be desired. One shot was sufficient to completely wreck a railway line of three tracks for a distance of at least 100 feet, tearing up the rails, shattering the ties and blowing an enormous crater in the roadbed. In the closing month of the war the five guns did heroic service for the allied cause. Their great mobility made them of extraordinary value in the quick shifting scenes of the great artillery

duels of October, and they wrought great havoc in widely separated sections of the line within the space of a short time. The casualties of the expedition were extremely light, despite the fact that on several occasions the enemy obtained a perfect range on the big guns and actually straddled them with 3.6 shells on two occasions. On October 23 three men were seriously wounded, one of them dying the following day. Only two other men were wounded in the course of the expedition's career at the front. One month from the day the batteries were signed all the batteries were back in their garage at St. Nazaire, and on the same day 156 of the personnel called for America, the remaining members sailing a week later. The entire chronology covers barely more than a year, yet it is a story of surpassing achievement in planning and execution that probably has no exact parallel in the history of war making.

And Here's the Cost of It. So the bill rendered by Rear Admiral Plunkett seems reasonable enough: 5 Locomotives at \$1,141 each... 5 Gun cars, cost of construction by Baldwin Locomotive Works... 113,750 each... 648,750... Cost of armament furnished by Navy, estimated... 25,000... 5 14-inch 50-calibre guns at \$125,000... 625,000... 5 Sets 14-inch 50-calibre slides and block lifts... 250,000... 5 Sets tramway castings... 150,000... 12 Pkts. loading equipment... 150,000... 75 Cars complete with equipment... 502,500... 400 Rifles and equipment... 8,000... 100 Machine guns... 50,000... Motorcycles... 5,000

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SMALL NATIONS WILL DANCE

Twenty-three to Be Represented in Native Costumes.

ALBERT SPALDING DECORATED.

American Violinist Honored for Army Work in Italy.

Folk dances in native costumes by nationals of twelve small countries will be the outstanding feature of the carnival and ball to be given by the League of Small and Subject Nationalities at the Central Opera House to-morrow evening.

The countries thus represented will be Bohemia, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Holland, Lithuania, Latvia, Norway, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Ukraine. Twenty-three nationals, in the costume of their native land, will lead the grand march. Ballroom dancing will alternate with folk dances. The hall will be decorated with the flags of twenty-three nations, used in combination with American flags.

Albert Spalding, the American violinist who for the past two years has been serving his country in Italy, cables that his request to the War Department that he be discharged from the army has been granted and that he will be the soloist in three symphony concerts with the St. Cecilia Orchestra in Rome on March 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. Spalding has just been decorated by the Italian Government with the Cross of the Italian Crown, the highest decoration that can be conferred upon a foreign citizen. Otto H. Kahn received a similar decoration only a short time ago.

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300 Dozen Napkins Irish Satin (Linen Weft); regularly \$3.75 a dozen, at \$2.95

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1000 Luncheon Sets 13 pieces; hand scalloped and hand emb'd; reg. \$4.50 \$3.45

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MASS FOR CUSTOMS SOLDIERS. Father Childwick Warns of Dangers of Socialism.

The members of the United States Customs Service who served in the war were paid tribute at a military mass held yesterday in St. Peter's Roman Catholic church in Barclay street. A service flag with fifty-six stars was displayed. Seated with the Federal employees was Rear Admiral McDonald, from the navy yard, and a detachment from the Twenty-second Infantry, stationed at Governors Island.

A special choir was led by Arthur B. Somers, president of the Board of Education. The mass was celebrated by the Rev. Mgr. James H. McGeary, assisted by the Rev. Thomas G. Conboy, of Base Hospital No. 3, and the Rev. Thomas B. Brown, chaplain of the Thirty-seventh Infantry. Mgr. John P. Childwick, who was chaplain of the Maine when it was sunk in Havana Harbor, made a brief address, warning of propaganda in the interest of socialism and anarchism.

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Living Room Furniture

\$250.00 Velour Suite, 2 pcs. - \$200.00

\$348 Mahogany & Cane Suite, 3 pcs, \$275.00

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\$48.00 Tapestry Wing Chairs \$39.50

\$57 Mahogany Library Tables, - \$45.00

\$13.50 Windsor Chairs, - \$10.00

Dining Room Furniture

\$702.50 Mahogany Suite, 10 pcs, \$600.00

\$577.00 Mahogany Suite, 10 pcs, \$450.00

\$350.00 Sheraton Suite, 10 pcs, \$215.00

\$175.00 Mahogany Tables, - \$85.00

Odd Mahogany Serving Tables at Half Price.

Bedroom Furniture

\$255 Antique Ivory Suite, 4 pcs, \$188.00

\$396.00 Mahogany Suite, 5 pcs, \$300.00

\$561 Walnut Suite, decorated, 4 pcs, \$350.00

\$712.50 French Grey Suite, 8 pcs, \$500.00

\$150.00 Antique Ivory Bureaus, \$75.00

\$135 French Grey Chiffonier, \$67.50

Odd Wooden Bedsteads, Toilet Tables and Chamber Chairs at Half Price.