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Pittsburg Will Revive the Memory of Washington

WITH THE OTHER CITIES.

The 100th Anniversay of His Inauguration to be Observed

IN TRULY PATRIOTIC FASHION.

Parades, Mass Meetings and a Magnificent Pyrotechnic Display,

WILL BE SOME OF THE CHIEF FEATURES

The General Committee on the Washington Inauguration Centennial Celebration held its final meeting last night. The details for the celebration were completed, after which the committee adjourned, sine die. The settlement of affairs, after the celbration, will be left to the various sub-committees. The Reception Committee will meet at 8:30 this morning at the Monongahela House, where they will meet the orators of the day and the invited guests. They will take them to the First Presbyterian Church, where special services will be held, thence back to the hotel, where dinner will be served at 12:30. After dinner they will be taken in carriages to view the various points of interest about the city, and then to the school children's jubilee, in the Allegheny Parks.

In case the weather is bad to-day, the jubilee instead of being held in the parks, will be in the Central Rink, and will commence at 2:30.

The following is the programme for the exercises at the meeting in the Grand Central Rink in the evening:

A SPLENDID PROGRAMME.

1. Overture, "America,"....Tobani
Gernert & Guenther Orchestra.
2. Calling meeting to order by Mr. James Hood, Chairman Centennial Committee.
3. Announcement of Hon. H. I. Gourley as Presiding Officer, by Chairman Hood. Announcement of Vice Presidents and Secretaries.
4. Opening prayer....Rev. George T. Purves, D.D
5. Quartet....."The Beacon of Freedom"
Alpine Quartet—E. E. Nuttall, W. R. Haines, W. S. Weedon and John A. Strouss; Sam M. Brown Accompanist.
6. Opening Address....H. I. Gourley
7. Cornet Solo—"Young America"....Levy
Herr Gustave Mueller.
8. Centennial Oration.....
President C. K. Adams, of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
9. Quartet....."Song of a Thousand Years"
Alpine Quartet.
10. Centennial Poem....."Our Washington"
Byron W. King, A. M.
11. Regrets and Messages.....
12. Medley—"National Airs"....Weigand
Orchestra.
13. Impromptu Addresses,
Hon. John Dalzell, Hon. Thaddeus D. Kenneson.
14. Quartet—"Washington and Lincoln,"
Alpine Quartet.
15. Impromptu Addresses,
S. U. Trent, Esq., W. C. Moreland.
16. Quartet—"Flag Without a Stain,"
Alpine Quartet.
17. Prayer,
Rev. T. N. Boyle, D. D.
18. Benediction,
Rev. Samuel Maxwell, D. D.
19. March—"Greeting to America,"....Blai
Orchestra.

THE GRAND PARADE.

The formation of the parade will be as follows: The Washington Infantry, Captain Shannon commanding, will escort the column, followed by the Uniformed Commanderies of the United American Mechanics; next will come two divisions of the Knights of Pythias and the Sheridan Sabers. The left of the column will consist of 11 legions, composing the First Regiment of the Select Knights, Ancient Order of United Workmen, under the command of Colonel Rowan.

The parade will form at 2 P. M. on Second avenue, right resting on Smithfield street, and will move over the following route: From Second avenue to Third, to Grant street, to Diamond, to Ross, to Fifth avenue, to Webster, to Grant, to Fifth avenue, to Market, to Sixth street, over bridge to Federal, to Ohio, to Madison avenue, to North avenue, to Palo Alto street, counter march to Arch, to Montgomery, to Sherman avenue and pass review opposite the music stand in the Allegheny Parks.

The parade will pass in review just about the time for the adjournment of the school children's jubilee in the Allegheny Parks. Major McKinley, President Adams, Hon. Thaddeus D. Kenneson and the other guests will occupy the music stand during the jubilee and will also view the parade from that point.

A GREAT DISPLAY.

The fireworks for this evening's display arrived yesterday. They will be fired from flats in the Allegheny river below the Sixth street bridge. The complete programme will be as follows:

Exhibition piece, portrait of Washington, 28x22 feet: exhibition piece, emblem of April 30, 1789; displaying the American shield draped with flags, with motto, "April 30, 1789." Forty pieces of 18-inch bombshells, as follows: Ten showers of gold, 10 peacock plumes, 10 prismatic colors, 5 shooting stars, 5 tri-color union, 10 pieces of 24-inch bombshells, as follows: Three brilliant serpents, 3 revolving cascades, 3 repeating shells, 1 piece with meteoric stars, grand illumination in the national colors, 60 pieces of 4-pound rockets, including changeable stars, revolving dragons, devil among the tailors, parachutes, pearls, bombshells, spiders, ruby stars, aerolites, gold rain and telescopes; 5 devil flights, 5 brilliant fountain batteries, 5 electric meteor fountains, 5 exhibition mines of stars, 5 saucissons, 5 electric batteries, 4 red, white and blue Union boquets: this flight exhibits millions of stars, serpents and gold rain, thrown to a height of 300 feet, showing all the colors in pyrotechnic art, and terminating with a grand national salute fired from mortars, and exploding with great force.

The Detwiller & Street Fireworks Manufacturing Company, which has arranged the display, promise that during the evening there will be exhibited a great variety of pyrotechnic novelties never before presented here.

The display will take place at 9:30 this evening, immediately after the mass meeting has adjourned.

LISTEN FOR THE GUNS.

The salutes by Battery B will take place on the Monongahela wharf below the Smithfield street bridge. D. W. C. Bidwell and the Laflin & Rand Powder Companies have furnished the powder for the salutes. The original salute of 13 guns will be fired at 6:30, an intermission of half an hour will follow, then the present national salute of 38 guns will be fired.

The mass meeting will begin promptly at 7 o'clock, in order that it may be over by the time the display of fireworks commences. However, the fireworks will not commence until the mass meeting is adjourned.

The local Reception Committee has arranged for a dinner at the Monongahela House to-day for the orators and invited guests. Part of the afternoon will be spent in sight seeing.

President C. K. Adams arrived in the city at noon yesterday, and is being entertained at the home of Dr. Christy. The Alumni Committee of Cornell University will give him a banquet to-night after his address at the rink.

Hon. Thaddeus D. Kenneson, of New York, arrived last evening, and is stopping at the Monongahela House. After the mass meeting to-night the members of the local affair will take charge of Mr. Kenneson and give him a dinner at the Duquesne Club. E. Y. Breck, J. S. Young, S. U. Trent, C. C. Dickey and other members of the bar are making arrangements for this dinner.

THE JUBILEE EXERCISES.

The place of meeting and the school children's chorus in connection with the East End celebration to-day has been changed from the Homewood Park to Silver Lake Grove. The change was thought advisable on account of the threatening weather and bad condition of the unpaved streets leading to Homewood. In case of rain the crowd can be accommodated under the pavilion at Silver Lake. The change will shorten the route of the parade considerably, and the marchers will have paved streets all the way. The Street Commissioners have considerately washed and cleaned all the streets to be traversed.

Special services will also be held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Allegheny. The grand High Mass will be observed at 10 o'clock. "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Red, White and Blue" will be played on the [illegible] programme will be as follows:

Gloria, Mass II.....Joseph Haydn
Credo, Mass II.....Joseph Haydn
Offertory—"Regina Coeli".....Paola Giorza
Sanctus, Mass II.....Joseph Haydn
Quartet—Benedictus, Mass II.....Joseph Haydn
Misses Callahan and Donnelly, Messrs. Aland and Williams.
Agnus Dei, Mass II.....Joseph Haydn
"Hallelujah" (Messiah).....G. F. Handel
Chorus Choir—Sopranos, Misses Callahan, Shattuck, Bettick, McCallister, McKelvey and Byron; contraltos, Misses Donnelly, Carter, and Mrs. Hughes; tenors, Messrs. Aland, McNally and Collins; bassos, Messrs. Williams, Gearing, Savage and McKeon. Miss Alice Carter, organist and directress.

The postoffice will be closed after 9 o'clock this morning, and the registry and money order divisions will not be opened at all. The carriers' window, general delivery and stamp windows will be open from 7 to 9 this morning, and no stamps will be sold after that hour. The letter carriers will make a business delivery at 7 o'clock and the regular Sunday collection.

The holiday will be legally observed by the City Hall officials and employes, and quiet of Sunday will prevail throughout the building.

Chief Brown issued an order last night for the day men to report at 10 o'clock this morning and the night men at 7 o'clock as an extra precaution.

BRADDOCK'S CELEBRATION.

The Place Where Washington First Became Famous to Do Him Honor.

Braddock, now situated on the spot where General Washington first became famous as a warrior, will observe the day by holding a union service this morning in the Disciple Church. In the evening a memorial service will be held in the rink, under the auspices of the American Mechanics. The Grand Army post and the lodge of the Sons of America will take part. The speakers will be Rev. Covert, of West Newton, and Rev. Dr. Boyle.

Cherry Tree Chips.

ALL the shops in the Westinghouse Electric Company will be closed to-day on account of the Centennial celebration.

THE railroad offices and shops in the city will be closed to-day. Everybody proposes to take a rest, and the Centennial will be as much of a holiday as the Fourth of July.

BESIDES the special services at St. Mark's Church, South Eighteenth street, this morning, there will be a reception at St. Mark's Guild House, in honor of the Centennial, this evening.

THERE were several churches not mentioned in yesterday's list of those that will hold special services to-day. Among them was the Tree of Life Jewish congregation, at the corner of Ross street and Fourth avenue, of which Rabbi Bernstein has charge. His subject, at 10 o'clock this morning, will be "Washington as a Prophet and a Hero."

A STARTLING SUICIDE.

A Young Man, While Walking With His Lady Friend, Fatally Shoots Himself—Sad End of a Little Romance.

John P. Shaffer, aged 19, assistant ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at East Liberty, committed suicide at 9:15 last night on the corner of Larimer avenue and Meadow street. It was another case of unrequited love, and the young lady upon whom he showered his affections was Miss Amelia Schilke, formerly of Great Bend, Kan. The lady is a sister of Mrs. Woods, of 417 Larimer avenue, and also a niece of Major E. D. Wilt, of the Grand Opera House. She was a very highly respected woman, and had received the attentions of the suicide for some time past.

The suicide, who left his office shortly before 9 o'clock, immediately went to the residence of Mrs. Woods, where Miss Schilke was, and asked her to accompany him for a walk. She at first refused, on account of the lateness of the hour, but finally assented, and started out with him. They walked together, but he seemed very disconsolate about something, and was very indifferent toward her. She questioned him as to the cause, and he only replied: "I have come to bid you goodby."

Nothing further was said, but immediately the report of a pistol startled her, and she saw her friend falling on the sidewalk with blood streaming from his forehead.

Screaming and startled, she made an outcry, to which some men in Katzmyer's drug store answered, and into which place he was carried and Dr. Ruch summoned. He pronounced the wound fatal. The ball entered the right temple, slightly above the ear, and took a downward and diagonal course, lodging in the lower part of the left jaw bone.

The patrol wagon was called, and the young man was removed to his home on Tennerstreet, near Murtland avenue, where he cannot possibly survive the horrible self-inflicted wounds. His father is John T. Shaffer, an old employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was an applicant for the postmastership of East Liberty. No reasonable cause can be assigned for such a deed on the part of young Shaffer, as he was well liked by the company, so much so, indeed, that he was to assume the position as Assistant Ticket Agent in the Union depot on next Monday.

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The Retail Liquor Dealers Hear of a Big Movement by Citizens.

A COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE COURT.

Some Really Significant Legal Opinions of Held-Over Goods.

THEY CAN'T BE LEGALLY SOLD HERE

Nearly 300 retail liquor dealers held a meeting at 78 Fourth avenue yesterday. Mr. S. Bing, of Sixth street, presided. He made quite a lengthy address, in which he told the saloon keepers that a movement was on foot among disinterested citizens to call a mass meeting, at which the public in general could protest against the wholesale resusal of licenses by Judge White. He was not at liberty to mention names. However, the citizens were of a most substantial character, including iron and glass manufacturers, butchers, bakers and landlords. If they could secure a hall in the central part of the city, the meeting was to be called for Thursday or Friday night of this week.

At this mass meeting a committee will be appointed to visit Judge White, Chief Brown, of the Department of Public Safety, and Chief Elliott, of the Department of Charities. This committee will be made up entirely of citizens not engaged in the saloon business. They will represent to the Judge, upon his return to the city, and to the city officials, whom they believe to have been influential in securing many license refusals, that they believe

SUCH A LARGE LIST

of applicants could not be handled without errors, and that Judge White made errors wholly unintentional, and that he is pardonable for them. However, they will aver that it is only fair to the men who have suffered from these errors that Judge White should reconsider their cases; in other words, that he should again go over the testimony he took and revise the list of licenses refused and granted.

In the speeches that were made at the meeting the saloon keepers approved of this plan. They believed it was better than to have Judge White grant rehearings in certain cases. Several gentlemen said they believed that the Judge was now ready to admit that in the great task which he was compelled to manage himself, he had made mistakes in refusing so many reputable dealers. Therefore they believe that a careful, quiet review of the official record of testimony and consultations with the chiefs of municipal departments will show His Honor just where these errors lay.

In all the addresses delivered at the meeting, no unkind or sarcastic allusions were made with reference to Judge White. Some members had been informed by citizens that there was a public fear of street fights in front of the lucky saloons, on account of there being so few and so large a trade to be supplied.

A resolution was passed to close saloons at 11:30 o'clock to-night, half an hour earlier than the hour required by law. President Bing states that this is done to show the public that the saloon keepers are law-abiding and not the greedy outlaws that some pictured them. From all the speeches a sentiment was apparent to frankly lay the whole matter before Judge White together in the best of good will, and then strictly abide by the consequences, whatever they are.

ABOUT THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

The committee, of which Charles Vowinkle is Chairman, reported that the consultation with the wholesale dealers had been held, and that, as a result, lawyers were consulted and many petitions for rehearings filed in court.

Judge White will arrive home on Wednesday night. It is probable that he will appear in court on Thursday morning. Although that is after May 1, rehearings could be held at any time, and any licenses then granted made to date from May 1. However, the counsel for the liquor men will be officially notified of His Honor's return, and the hour of rehearings, if he chooses to grant any.

Applications for rehearings in the cases of a number of applicants for bottlers' license, who had been refused, were filed yesterday by John S. Robb, Esq. The petitioners were A. H. Kannofsky, Hugh McCutcheon, C. W. Kraus, Charles Friel, J. Einstein & Co., Thos. Murray and Fred. Hampe. Among the allegations was that the company, to much so, indeed, that he was to assume the position as Assistant Ticket Agent in the Union depot on next Monday.

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May 1. Mayhap some of the latter will act as agents for a wholesaler who has license, and in that way can dispose of the stock without direct violation of the law. The auctioneer could be called upon; but I doubt that any are willing to incur any such pecuniary loss as would naturally follow the public outcry and sale of their goods."

The Major was also sounded on the constitutional right of Judge White to deprive a person of a function of his citizenship by unseating him from a Councilmanic chair on account of his being an applicant for license. He replied:

"In the abstract, Judge White errs, and I am aware of no law vesting him with that power; but, when the Councilman was questioned, he was told he could accept either alternative, 'resign your seat, or lose your license.' The latter was accepted, of course. There is a legal point, however, in this fact, which, no doubt, leaves something tangible to act upon when Judge White returns, and the three Judges sit in banc to listen to arguments for rehearings."

THE IMPORED ITALIANS.

They Were Only Employed at Duquesne to Save the Firm a Loss of $100 a Day on Cars—An Indignation Meeting Held.

There are no startling developments in the Duquane strike, beyond the fact of the importation yesterday of 46 Italians, who were run into the mill yard at noon. They were put at work unloading cars which have been accumulating on the P., V. & C. tracks, since the strike began. There are in the neighborhood of 100 cars, lying on the sidings, loaded with pig iron, coke, ore, etc. The railroad company levies a demurrage charge of $1 per car each 24 hours the cars are left loaded. To save this expense of about $100 per day the company hired the Italians.

When the men arrived the strikers though the intention was to try to put them to work in the mill. There were about 70 of them in the party when they were hired, but the committee of strikers at the Fourth Avenue station persuaded 35 of them not to go. It was reported last night that 5 of the 46 jumped over the fence about dusk and started for Pittsburg. In addition to the men who went up at noon, 6 Italians arrived on the 4:25, and 2 negroes on the 2:35 trains. It was supposed the two latter came from the Black Diamond works, and knew something about making steel.

The strikers held a meeting last night, and indignantly discussed the importation of the Italians. In their objections they are backed up by the citizens of the town, who say: "The lepers will do nothing but breed disease in the township." After discussing the question letters were read from the merchants of Turtle Creek and vicinity, who denied that any of the strikers had been to their stores after dynamite or any other explosive. The letters were from the following named storekeepers: W. H. Semens, Hunter & Cypress, William H. Cribbs, J. M. Larimer, Joseph B. Heziop, Finley McIntosh and W. B. Brush.

A Committee on Finances reported they would have $1,000 by Thursday. The supply store for the strikers will be opened to-day. The men who are wanted in court will respond on Saturday. John Gilhooly, the man who was arrested at the instigation of his wife for nonsupport and who was taken out of the mill by two constables, was released from jail by order of the Court yesterday. The strikers will try to persuade him to go back.

At 10 o'clock last night the town was as quiet as a tomb. The deputy sheriffs patrolled the grounds, but they had nothing to do. Inside the mill there appeared to be no life. The whole plant was lighted up by natural gas.

At 7:25 a pistol shot was heard on the side of the mill nearest the river. A number of the men gathered around and rushed to the spot, but could see nothing.

The strikers expect a number of skilled workmen to-day. Every train and every boat is carefully watched from the time it leaves Homestead until it passes beyond the mill.

Secretary Martin, of the Amalgamated Association, denies yesterday that they had sent out circulars to keep men away from the place.

Warrants for the arrest of William Dunn and John McCrory, two of the strikers, were placed in the hands of constables yesterday. These men were in court Saturday, and, upon hearing the news of their conviction, quietly walked out.

THE BAKERS' STRIKE.

In Marvin's Factory Union Men Will Not Go to Work With Others.

The Bakers' Union, L. A. 7247, K. of L., held a meeting last night in Knights of Labor Hall, and decided to call all the union cracker bakers at S. S. Marvin's factory out on a strike. The trouble has been brewing at that place for some time. According to the union men, it is alleged that Mr. Marvin has a lot of non-unionists at work, and also a number of bakers who are in arrears with their dues to the union. A committee waited upon Mr. Marvin last week and asked him to rectify the matter and run a union shop.

At a meeting of the union held last Saturday night the men were invited to be present, and the union members offered the men the following alternative: The non-union employes were to come into the assembly by paying the usual initiation fee, and the union men were to pay up their arrears. Time to consider that proposition was given them until last night; but, as none of them appeared last night, the union declared a strike in the factory.

The Executive Committee of District Assembly No. 3 met afterward and indorsed the action taken by the members of Assembly 7247. Posters advising all local assemblies in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, West Virginia and Cleveland of this action will be sent out to-day, unless some new turn of affairs takes place.

NO RAILROAD COAL STRIKE.

The N. P. U. People Will Probably Ratify the Scale To-Day.

From present indications the trouble between the railroad coal miners and their employers will be settled to-day. A meeting of the Pittsburg Association was held yesterday, and a resolution adopted to the effect that the Pennsylvania operators are perfectly satisfied with the scale adopted at the Knights of Labor Convention held in this city last week.

It was also decided to attend the meeting of the N. P. U. miners of this State, to be held at Rupple's Hall, on Smithfield street, to-day, when it is probable that the operators' scale—71½ cents from May to November and 76½ from November to May—will be ratified by those miners.

NEW MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

Two Iron Mills to be Located in the Vicinity of McKeesport.

The manufacturing industries of McKeesport are about to be increased by not only the immense Monongahela blast furnace plant, but by several other iron mills. Locations for two large Western iron plants are being sought. One will probably be located at Demmler, and one at Bissell. Negotiations are now pending.

There Was No Breakage.

Mr. Joseph R. Skewers, who has charge of the roll department at the Bessemer Steel Works in Homestead, denies that there was any breakage when the 24-inch train, the largest ever made in this country, was rolled.

Shut Down for the Summer.

One of the large furnaces in Bryce Brothers' glassworks, foot of South Twenty-first street, closed down yesterday, and will remain closed for the summer.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

A Carriage Near a Pond and Bloody Clothing Cause the Alarm.

Two young ladies of the East End reported to Captain Mercer and Inspector Whitehouse last week that they had observed two men alight from a carriage last Tuesday night and carry a large bundle toward Moody's pond, off Lincoln avenue.

The next morning some bloody clothing was found on Lincoln avenue, and it was supposed that a sensational story was connected with that fact. An investigation, however, leads the officers to believe that the men were only frog hunting.

THE MOUNTAIN BULGES,

And a Little Portion of Her Outer Garment Blocks the Railroad.

A large-sized land slide occurred on the Panhandle Railroad just back of the Sligo mills yesterday. The recent rains had loosened the earth on the hillside, and all yesterday it kept coming down in small sections. About 2 o'clock something like ten tons of earth and rocks came down, covering both tracks and causing considerable delay to trains.

A gang of men were immediately set at work, and by 4 o'clock the tracks were cleared and trains allowed to run.

Mrs. O'Neill's Death.

Mrs. Catherine O'Neill died at Mercy Hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was stricken down by heart disease. All her life she had been a devout Catholic, and died fortified by the sacraments of the Church. Mrs. O'Neill was the mother of James O'Neill, a well-known newspaper reporter. She came to this city from Philadelphia in 1846.

HIS OWN ADVENTURES

Geo. Kennan, the Explorer of Siberia, Talks Instead of Writes.

HE RELATES A THRILLING STORY

About How He Crossed Over the Dead-Line of the Mysterious Realm.

THE TRAVELER'S NIGHT IN PITTSBURG

George Kennan is no orator. The distinguished traveler is a better writer than a speaker. There is more of the terseness of a practical conversationalist in his style than the artistic design and finish of the platform rhetoritician. He is a journalist all over. He builds up a lecture as though he were writing an article for the daily newspaper. He makes it "a story." Its aim is not so much to instruct, to describe, or to moralize, as it is to simply interest and entertain the auditor.

To do this last night for perhaps the most cultured and critical Pittsburg audience that ever filled Lafayette Hall, Mr. Kennan resorted to a plan common in journalism. Less than one-third of his address was devoted to the information he secured in Sibera. The other two-thirds explained how he secured it. Rather than tell what he did, he told how he did it. That was exactly what the people wanted to know. Kennan, with the instinct of a journalist, knew that everybody was curious to see him and hear him talk about himself. And with that fine distinction, which a newspaper man makes between modesty and public martyrdom, Kennan was able to talk all evening about himself without a blush.

A MARVELOUS MAN.

The lecture being given under the auspices of the Press Club, Major Harry Byram, of the *Chronicle Telegraph*, introduced Mr. Kennan. Probably 500 ladies and gentlemen faced the explorer of cold, cruel, mysterious Siberia. It was what might be termed a magazine audience. Through the medium of the *Century* everybody there seemed to be well acquainted with Kennan. The applause which welcomed him was liberal.

The plucky traveler is slightly over the medium height and rather slender in build. He is a little round in the shoulders in consequence of a lifetime spent at the writing desk. A grave cast of countenance, which is given firmness by two sharp eyes and compressed lips; a mustache only large enough to cover the top of his head; skin that is some shades of light seems almost sallow—all combine to make you wonder how a man like him was ever able to withstand the exposure of Siberian winters, the nervous strain of the perils he undervent, and the exhaustion of writing, writing, still writing, it all up. Kennan is a stronger fellow than he looks.

The details which made his most ordinary talk of last evening very graphic and thrilling were about his adventures in gaining the confidence of political exiles in the mines of Kara, and in securing the consent of the Government to see the convicts. Kara is

4,000 MILES FROM ST. PETERSBURG,

in the Transbaikal, lying between two ranges of mountains, and about 1,000 miles from the Pacific coast. Accompanied by Artist Frost, of Boston, Mr. Kennan said he arrived at this desolate place late in the winter of 1885. He was at once handicapped in his investigations by being invited by the Governor of Kara to become his guest. There were no hotels or taverns, so he had to accept the hospitality. This Governor, said Kennan, was the embodiment of politeness, but it was soon found that he had given up his ordinary duties to attend the American visitors. The guests were never alone. If they took down their hats the governor took down his. If they went out to look at the stars the Governor also went out. This sort of thing bothered Kennan, for as he said:

"I realized that it was useless to ask for consent to see the political exiles who belonged to the 'free command,' i. e., lived in little huts outside the prison walls by ticket-of-leave. To see them I would have to act secretly. I had the names of several on my person, and brought them letters from their friends in European Russia. But to secretly around these huts swarmed with cossacks and gendarmes and foreigners were watched closely at all times. Captain Neecolin was the commandant over the "free command" of political convicts. He was unpopular with the Governor and all the exiles. That only complicated matters for me until I resolved to make use of this enmity between the officers. Suddenly my host, the Governor, was called to another part of the Transbaikal on military business. In his absence of several days I chatted my quarters to the house of Captain Neecolin."

A GAME AT BLUFF.

Mr. Kennan describes this officer of the gendarme as a most consummate liar. For instance, he tried to make the American believe that political exiles had no labor to perform; that they sat about reading, eating and making merry in nicely furnished drawing rooms; that he, Neecolin, was the shrewdest officer in Siberia; that he was a martyr for the smartness of political prisoners because in searching them he had happened to think of looking in their ears, mouth and hollow teeth for concealed letters, and that actually he did find in each of those cavities dangerous documents.

"When he told me this," says Kennan, "I trembled for my safety, for upon my person at that moment I carried from friends in Russia to certain prisoners two China teacups, a small mirror and a red feather duster."

Kennan allowed Neecolin to go ahead lying, letting him get the impression that he was an innocent, unsophisticated American tourist, not at all anxious to know about political prisoners. Kennan continues the narrative:

"Then I pitched in and told that Captain my whole life. I told him more than I had ever told my dearest friends. He evidently took me as bad for the greenest kind of a customer. He thought he had deceived me, but I think I deceived him just as bad. At least, I think he knows that by this time. Of course my actions could not be excused on high moral grounds, but I hope the recording angel will drop a tear on all I said and blot out my manifold sins."

SECRET PERILS.

The lecturer then described the midnight errands he was able to make to the hut of Miss Nattalie Armfeld, a young lady exiled for connection with a meeting of revolutionists, whose only companion was her aged mother, who had voluntarily came 4,000 miles across Siberia to share her cultured daughter's fate. These visits were only made after Kennan had been in the place five days, so hard had it been to elude the Governor, and then the Captain of the gendarmes. Miss Armfeld gathered other political convicts into her hut. The information Kennan gained from them has all been printed in his papers.

One night they were surprised by the gendarmes and Kennan narrowly escaped detection. The Governor returning in a few days, interfered with further visits to the ticket-of-leave huts or prisons. Captain Neecolin heard of the nocturnal investigations Kennan had been carrying on and informed the Governor. The latter official assailed Kennan, and the traveler hearing a search of his baggage, burned valuble letters of convicts, sketches, maps and much memoranda which, if found on his person, would not only have resulted in his imprisonment in Siberia, but would have implicated and endangered scores of officials and exiles who had trusted him implicitly with their confidence. So hazardous was the nature of his mission that before he had left St. Petersburg, the United States legation there had full instructions how to make inquiries and search for Kennan and Frost in case they didnot return to European Russia in six months.

During the lecture Mr. Kennan excused himself a few moments and then reappeared on the stage dressed in the full garb of a Siberian exile-clothes that had actually been worn by convicts at Kara.

A GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION.

Members of the Central Turnverein Give an Entertainment.

All the gymnastic classes of the Central Turnverein, from the smallest children to the men, gave a grand entertainment, or exhibition of exercises, last night. The hall was crowded from the ground floor to the gallery, the Toerge Orchestra accompanied the exhibition with a grand concert, and the evening proved to be highly interesting to all the guests.

Soon after 8 o'clock Prof. Oscar Scheer appeared on the stage with 50 little girls, all dressed in the regulation costume of blue serge, red stockings and white trimmings. After the girls had made their debut 20 boys followed with some very expert climbing and exercises with iron wands.

The singing section of the Central Turnverein rendered a chorus after a march, and some free exercises were indulged in by the boys. Then 15 girls gave an exhibition of club swinging. The entertainment was closed by 38 boys and men, who performed some very difficult feats on three parallel bars.

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NOTES AND NOTIONS.

Many Matters of Much and Little Moment Tersely Treated.

A FAVORITE dress—redress.

A CURIOUS creature—woman.

MOIRE trimming is fashionable. The moire the better.

TRAMPS will dress en traine this summer—freight train.

CURS make good enemies; thoroughbreds make good friends.

THE man who speaks in figurative language must be a mathematician.

IT is unlucky to leave a house with the right foot behind—Her papa's right foot.

J. B. MCCUNE was thrown from his horse on the Shalersville pike and fractured a thigh.

A FEW more of such weather and somebody else in full evening dress is going to suicide.

PROBABLY the greatest display in New York to-day will be a display of egotism by the 400.

QUINCY ROBINSON has the nerve to call a new cigar the "Henrietta," because it draws so well.

OH thunder, licked by the Babes. "Oh Ally, where is thy victory. Oh Babe, we've found thy sting."

PLUCKED speculators say George Washington wasn't the only man who landed at the foot of Wall street.

WHAT with all sorts of rascally trusts multiplying, the idea is growing that the only proper trust is a trust in heaven.

AN attempt was made to assassinate a Missouri Alderman, yet some mistaken man said there was honor among thieves.

SENATOR SHERMAN is going to view the Alps this summer. They will be very easy to climb after his little experience with Quay.

IT is unlucky to ride behind a bobtailed horse at a funeral.—Old superstition. Certainly it is, especially if the funeral is your own.

MRS. SHAW would be an excellent person to have on board a becalmed ship at sea. Her whistle seems to raise the wind every time.

CHARLES MCPHERSON alleges his cousin, John Ogden, struck him on the head with a beer bottle, and an officer is seeking John.

A SOUTHERN paper yells fiercely: "Will the tariff-fed East give the plundered South a chance?" He probably meant blundered South.

SEVEN-TENTHS of the marriage engagements that are broken are broken by the women. The other three-tenths are fractured by her small brother.

RATHER late, but a patient public knew it would come. Adonis Dixey has been sued by his wife for divorce, with the usual stage trimmings.

'WATER, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink," hoarsely murmurs the man unfortunate enough to live within those imaginary Owl limits.

THE New York and Michigan Central Railroads have stopped running freight on Sunday, except what must be moved. The movement is spreading among the lines.

AFTER watching her mamma earnestly as she prepared for the centennial ball, little Maudie sagely remarked, "I know now why they always tell cook to dress the chicken."

GENIUS must be composed of rubber, or leather, or something. At least the burning genius who calls here with a carpet bag filled with poetry generally leaves that odor behind.

THE Society for the Improvement of the Poor visited 581 families last week, aided 1,135 persons and secured work for 40, besides distributing a great many tons of the necessaries of