

AN HISTORIC CHRISTMAS VICTORY CELEBRATION AS OBSERVED IN TRENTON ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Rolling Germans and Loyal Britons Held the Town and Made Merry While Washington Led the Ragged Continental Soldiers to a Great Triumph—Capture of Hessian Stronghold Most Valuable Gift Ever Offered to the Nation—Dangers of Crossing a River of Ice.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Christmas Day in the city of Trenton, N. J., should be a memorable one this year, for 180 marks the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Washington's crossing the Delaware and of his subsequent victory over the Hessians holding Trenton, December 25 falls on the same day of the week this year as it did then, so the date is in every sense an anniversary.

and through forests of hickory and black oak on the river road, they came to Birmingham, four miles from the landing place. There, without dismounting from his sorrel horse, General Washington stopped for a moment and partook of the hospitality of Benjamin Moore, while the column halted for a hasty meal. When the order to march was given a large number of the soldiers were found asleep by the roadside, and it was with difficulty that they were roused.

Just stepped out of the house after hearing the report when he saw the enemy approaching. It seemed to him that it was a party of stray Americans about sixty in number, who were being challenged by the American party, and, receiving the reply that they were friends of Washington, shouted in German the alarm: "The enemy! The enemy! Turn out! Turn out!"

On the night of Christmas was chosen for the crossing of the Delaware River with very good reason. All were familiar with the much-honored observance by the Germans and relied greatly on the expectation that a too free use of intoxicants might to some extent disable the effective force of the enemy and make the watch dull.

Three Volleys Were Fired. The Continentals fired three times, but Lieutenant Wiederhold, thinking that they were still too far away, waited until they were nearer, and then gave them a volley. The pikets then began to retire, not by the road, but across the fields toward Colonel Rahl's quarters. They had not gone far be-

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Like General Greene, General Sullivan and his men carried all before them, the startled and unprepared Germans fighting well and desperately, but in a most disorganized manner. The object of the lower picket line, which Sullivan's division attacked, was to communicate with Colonel Rahl. This officer, had been attending to his duty, instead of enjoying a Christmas frolic, would have learned of the enemy's approach long before he did, and possibly Washington and his men would not have secured their Christmas present.

It was only with the greatest care and labor that the horses and artillery could be ferried, and not Colonel Jones' regiment of seafaring men from Marblehead, Mass., lent skillful assistance the expedition, no doubt, would have failed.

Another Continental regiment advancing from behind the American column, Mawhood wheeled and retreated toward the high ground in the rear, leaving his artillery upon the field. This the Americans were unable to carry off on account of a want of horses.

It was a cold and cheerless morning. The slippery condition of the road retarded progress very much, and the want of proper clothing made the condition of the men pitiable indeed. Moving silently past the quiet farmhouses

times that of the Eiffel Tower and ten times that of the Ferris Wheel. In practical usage the globe will be a collection of amusements in midair, containing provision for every form of popular diversion from grand opera vaudeville and from pipe organ concerts to a three-ring circus. Being of permanent construction and the finest materials throughout, it is to remain after the Fair, supplying the city's needs in the summer-amusement line for years to come.

Statistics verify the claim that this structure will be the largest in the world. Towering upon its pedestal to a height of 700 feet, it will measure 1,200 feet in circumference at the base and 1,000 feet at the top of the globe proper. It will accommodate 30,000 persons at one time.

At a height of 110 feet, supported by its framework of the pedestal, the first of the amusement features, called the Aerial Suspended Roof Garden is located. This space, octagonal in shape and 1,000 feet in circumference, is intended to accommodate 10,000 people, who will find diversion in the restaurants and theaters located there. One of the restaurants will serve German and the other American menus exclusively.

Half a dozen modern office buildings, each ten stories high, would have to be piled on

ing was going on between the two divisions under Generals Greene and Sullivan and the Hessians. General Washington and his staff were engaged with Colonel Rahl, who had been fast asleep when the enemy entered the town, and who, being awakened by the firing, had to be aroused and routed out of his quarters.

While Rahl and his troops were engaged with Sullivan, Colonel Mawhood attacked the main body in the midst of the sharp firing he discovered the commanding form of Washington passing from column to column, and bringing order out of confusion. He immediately ceased pursuit, and drawing up his artillery, attempted to charge and take Moulder's battery. The effort was vain.

Being dreadfully galled by the grape-shot of the patriots, and perceiving Hiltchcock's best stand against the Roman invaders, and they were victorious won fame. The trip to Clermont will be watched with great interest by automobile drivers in 20 miles south by Clermont, and it is calculated that the journey will occupy at least five days. The automobile entrusted with the task is of 24-horse power.

One fine morning in the spring of this year I stood with Major Hanbury-Tracy on a grassy slope in Abyssinia, five miles out of Harar, to watch the approach of Ras Makonnen and his army into the town.

Next troop of horsemen gaily caparisoned and armed with swords, shields, and breech-loading rifles, and bearing pennons of green and yellow and carmine; their chiefs or leaders were distinguished by cloaks of varied richness and color—purple, green or scarlet predominating—and all elaborately covered with gold and silver filigree.

At the top of the globe proper will be observatory towers rising to a height of 200 feet, from which a still more extensive view will be afforded. In the center of the entire structure and running from the ground to the top of the globe, will be an octagonal elevator shaft, in which sixteen huge passenger elevators, with a capacity of sixty persons each, will run. A grand winding staircase will also be built inside the elevator shaft from foundation to roof.

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BARTHOLOI'S NEW GAUL IN BRONZE.

Latest Work of French Sculptor Who Designed Goddess of Liberty.

WARRIOR TWENTY FEET HIGH.

Statue Will Soon Be Taken From Paris to Clermont in an Automobile.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Paris, Dec. 21.—Bartholdi, the famous French sculptor, designer of the statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, in New York Harbor, has recently completed an equestrian bronze statue of Vercingetorix, a famous chief of the Gauls in the contests with the Romans. This statue is twenty feet high and shows the ancient warrior wearing helmet and brandishing a sword, mounted on a leaping horse, as if dashing swiftly toward the advancing enemy. The horse has all four feet off the earth, and is supported by a column underneath the middle of the body. There is great animation and vigor in the group.

ABYSSINIA AND ITS ARMY.

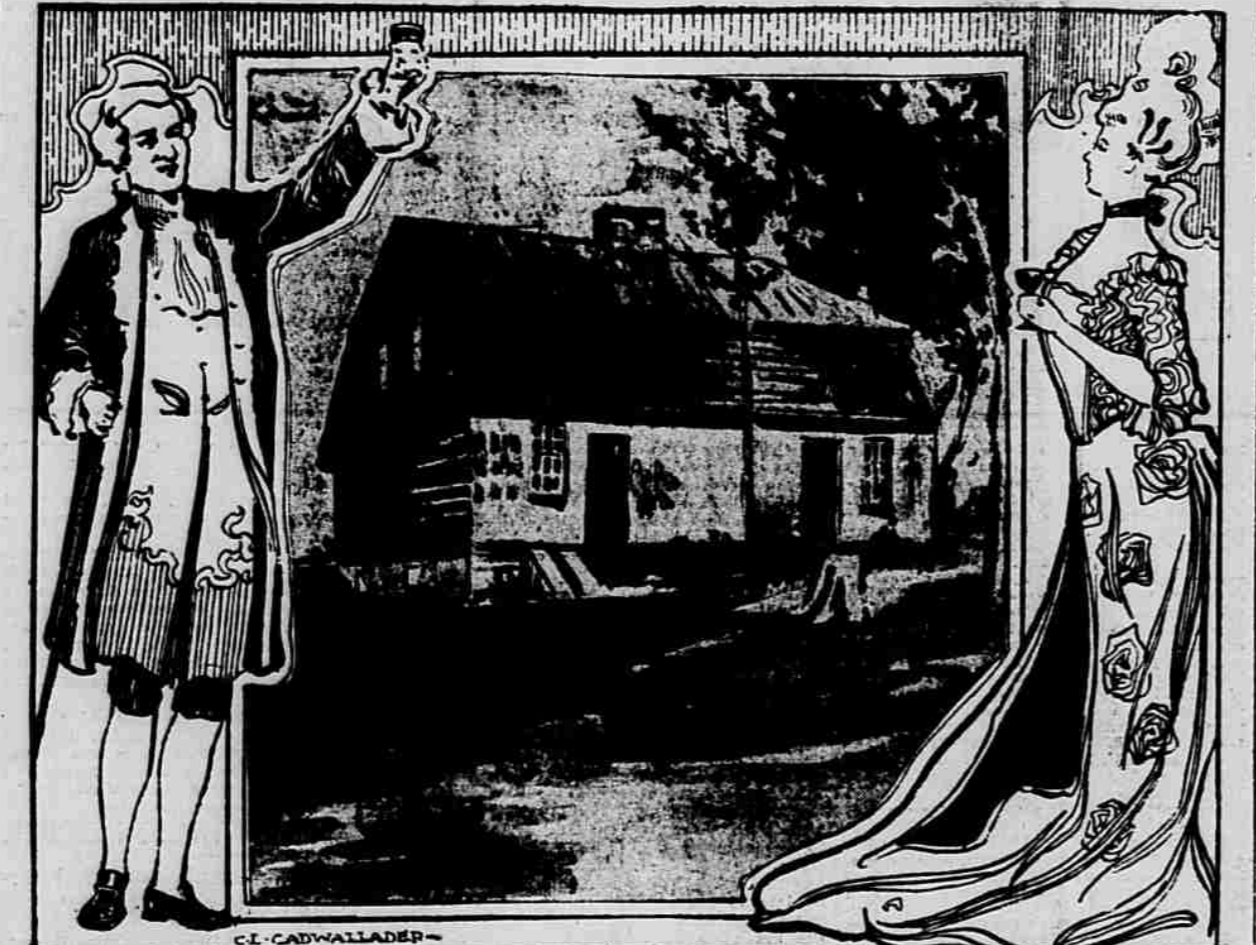
King Menelik's Soldiers—The Manner of Their Behavior and Dress.

BY CAPTAIN RALPH B. COBOLD. (The author of the following article was sent out to Abyssinia by the British Government on account of his experience and tact in dealing with natives. He was charged with one or two presents from King Edward VII, to the Emperor Menelik, and his chief mission was, in co-operation with Major Hanbury-Tracy, to see that Menelik's army acted in intelligent concert with the British Camel Corps under Colonel Swaine.)

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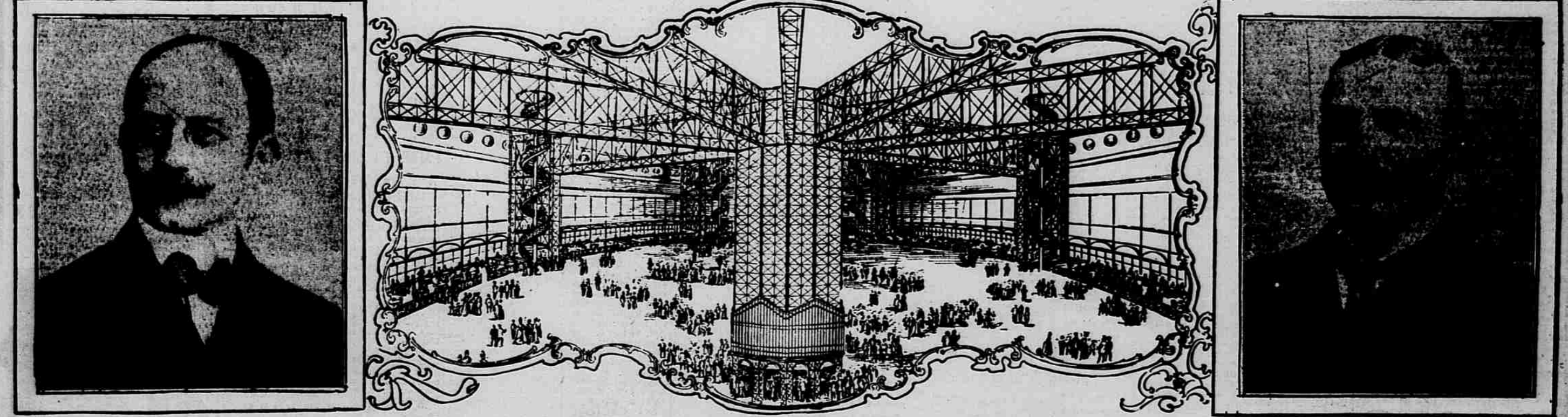


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WONDERS OF THE FRIEDE WORLD'S FAIR GLOBE.

STATISTICS VERIFY THE CLAIM THAT THIS STRUCTURE WILL BE THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD AS THE CONGRESSIO CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON SPACE ENOUGH WOULD BE LEFT IN THE INTERIOR TO CONTAIN A BUILDING ALMOST AS LARGE—IF BUILT OVER THE LIBRARY.



SECTION SHOWING AERIAL MUSIC HALL AND MOVING CAFE, HEIGHT 390 FEET. SAMUEL FRIEDE. ALBERT BORDEN.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. Modern sky-scrapers are dwarfed by comparison with the gigantic steel structure known as the Friede Aerial Globe, which will be one of the attractions at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1902.

top of each other to reach the observatory tower which crowns the colossal structure. Place the Washington Monument, 555 feet high, on top of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, 214 feet in New York. The Washington Monument is the highest structure in the world, except the Eiffel Tower, but with the height of the hotel added it would still fall, by twenty-one feet, to reach the top of the flagstaff on the Friede Globe.

that from the basement to roof in a fifteen-story office building to reach the top. This is the age of steel. The Friede Aerial Globe will represent the extreme possibilities of steel structural work. Originality of conception is united with strength and simplicity in construction. The dream of the designer, before the first step could be undertaken, was subjected to the cold scrutiny of scientific investigation, and the massive plans have "worked out" to the last bolt.

One of the theaters an extravaganza, "1848" showing events connected with the history of the Louisiana Purchase, will be produced. The other theater will be used for light vaudeville or concerts on the continuous plan. A grand pipe organ will be built around the elevator shafts, and here each Sunday during the Fair sacred concerts will be given free of charge.

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