

human freight was in the very vortex of the storm, but the seamanship of the commander was all that was needed. He held the prow up into the storm until its intensity had passed, and then brought his craft safe to port.

But the nerves of thousands of people were badly shaken and it was with a great sigh of relief that they found themselves safe on the cars and on the way home. It was on the eve of the Fourth and both Neptune and old Boreas started out to celebrate.

The Fourth

THE FOURTH OF JULY was celebrated with much spirit in and about this city, but it was a shameful day in one respect at least. The noise was outrageous. Chinese bombs bursting for two days and two nights are a little too much. The incessant noise was especially outrageous around the hospitals of the city, and must have been torture to the sick and nervous within the hospital walls. Then there is always more or less sickness in private homes; there are men who work all night and need sleep in the day time, there are men who work all day and need sleep at night, and to have a whole city distressed that some boys and hoodlums may think they are having a good time, is not fair. We hope that before another Fourth of July steps will be taken to insure its rational celebration.

Champlain's Tercentenary

UP AROUND Lake Champlain a grand celebration has been going on for the past three days. It has been the recognition of the tercentenary of the discovery of the lake by the indomitable Samuel de Champlain. A great soul his. He grew up in an outside province of France, was a soldier born, a religious fanatic, and he started out with much the same spirit, barring the avarice of that Hernando Cortez who stormed the fastnesses of the Cordilleros and took in the throne and the treasures of the Aztec king. Champlain went to what is now Canada, founded Quebec in 1608 and the next year discovered the lake that bears his name. He fastened his religion upon lower Canada and it remains as he left it. Today, in the same tongue in which he spoke that religion it is still taught, though the government he founded there is changed. The history which clusters about Lake Champlain would make an ample theme for a great drama or a grand opera. There was first the savage in his finest form—the great Iroquois nation—then there came the French, then the English; then the colonist, and with each change there were battles fought and the valor shown was of the highest. On the land the taking of the old Fort Ticonderoga, in the name of "the great Jehovah and the Continental

Congress," by Allen; or the lake the defeat of Arnold's flotilla, then the triumph of McDonough with his crude flotilla; the fighting around the lake, first by French and English and savages, then by colonists and English, and now the celebration by French, English, Canadians and Americans, with here and there a grave Indian, representing with stately, solemn mien, a race that has practically passed away. Now the meeting is a peace meeting, peace and good will by the representatives of the powers; the highest representative that all could send, and the final benediction by a prince of that same creed that Champlain planted the first standard of in that tremendous wilderness three hundred years ago. The whole affair is very grand, and the spot itself and the memories that cling to it command the very highest tribute that stateliest and wisest of the nations could give.

Like a Bird

THE aeroplane builders predict that in a short time they will produce a flying machine that will permit everybody to fly; and that it will be much cheaper than an automobile.

Aeroplane sailing is declared to be the most exhilarating mode of travel ever enjoyed. We sincerely hope that the dream will speedily materialize. If for no other reason we hope for its success that pedestrians may take on once more their old sense of security. The gentleman, or any lady for that matter, who has at any time wandered out into tall grass, and has heard in close proximity the warning note of a rattler, and has not known which way to jump, understands the feeling of the street-crosser when he (or she) hears the warning honk, honk of an automobile. He knows that as a rule they are guided by careful hands; that as a rule they are easily controlled, but this does not alter the sensation. This one may have the careless chauffeur, or this one may be one of those lawless machines that without provocation goes out of its way to jump a precipice or kill a man, and there you are. But an aeroplane that can noiselessly rise up and sail away over the house tops, will there not be style about that when it comes? And it is promised before very long now. What a convenience if one wants to go to Brighton, or to go out prospecting, not to leave any tracks when he vanishes?

The price of aeroplanes in Paris now is only \$6,000, and they will be cheaper by and by. It is only fifteen years since the bicycle was all the rage. They are almost obsolete now. In fifteen years more who knows?

It is a theory with some people that most wild animals would like to be on friendly terms with men. This seems to be borne out up in Yellowstone Park. No one is permitted to carry or

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