

MUCH LIKE PICNIC

How Royalty Engaged In Peace Conference.

Gathering of a Century Ago Had Little Thought of the Welfare of the "Common People"—General Round of Jollity.

A French writer, M. Adolphe Aderer, remarks in the Temps that with the kaiser safely stowed away in Amerongen castle there is little likelihood of any disturbance at the Versailles conference comparable to that at Vienna when Napoleon escaped from Elba. Nor is the atmosphere of the two conferences the same. The congress of Vienna in 1815 was a perpetual round of dances, dinners and amusements, whereas "the kaiser's crimes have cast a pall over Versailles. The delegates of the democratic nations are counting the victims of the kaiser. There is no dancing, out of respect for the dead."

It was not like that a hundred and four years ago at the Austrian capital. "It was an endless series of fetes, banquets, routs, drives and hunting parties. Noteworthy among others was a general 'picnic'—what Americans would call a 'Dutch' dinner—followed by a ball. The price of the dinner tickets was three Holland ducats, while it cost ten florins to get into the ball. The proceeds had first been assigned to buying an immense silver lamp for the holy sepulcher at Jerusalem. Afterwards it was decided to use them for ransoming the Christian slaves in Barbary.

"The dinner was served at the Augarten, with the famous caterer, Yana, in charge. One hundred and fifty celebrities, including all the kings and emperors present, sat down at a huge table shaped like a horseshoe. Never had so many crowned heads assembled before a single board. At dessert a page, carrying a vermillion platter, went around and collected from each guest the three gold ducats. The giant king of Wurttemberg vainly rummaged through his pockets. To the delight of everybody he could not 'raise the price.' The emperor of Russia lent him enough to pay the bill.

"Some time afterward the question of restricting royal prerogatives came up before the conference. The king of Wurttemberg flew into a rage and jumped to his feet. But his enormous paunch caught under the table, which upset, with books, papers, inkwells and all. There was an uproar of laughter. The king called for his escort and left in a fret for Stuttgart. But the loss of one king was hardly noticeable in such a gathering. The conference lost none of its splendor thereby.

"One evening, in March, 1815, the empress gave a great ball. Tallyrand, always so punctual, was not in evidence. Wellington was absent. So

was Metternich. What could have happened? At last the marshal of Schwartzburg came out of the imperial chambers. He spoke a few words to the few intimates who dared question him. Napoleon had escaped from Elba and was entering Lyons.

"The doors swung open and the emperor entered on the arm of Emperor Alexander. Then came the king of Prussia with the Empress Elizabeth. In spite of the general emotion, the program was carried out. The conference was over, but the kings danced

Use of More Horses and Larger Implements Reduces Work of Farm Laborers.

COMPARISON OF PLOW CREWS

Approximately One Hour an Acre Less of Man Labor is Necessary to Operate Plow Drawn by Three Horses Than by Two.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Many farmers are solving the labor problem by using larger implements and more horses. Such practices have enabled sugar-beet growers greatly to reduce their expenses for man labor and increase their operations. The normal man labor required in growing sugar beets will vary from 80 to 135 hours or more an acre.

Under average conditions, where more horses and larger implements are used, the man labor on machine operations will be reduced approximately 25 per cent.

A direct comparison of plowing crews in Michigan and Ohio, where conditions under which the work is done are uniform, shows that approximately one hour an acre less of man labor is necessary to operate a plow drawn by three horses than by two. With the larger outfit, as also when a tractor is used, a float or plank can be attached to the plow, and thus the breaking of a cloddy surface can be done with little additional effort or cost. In disking in the Michigan and Ohio districts it was found that a four-horse outfit saves one-quarter of an hour of man labor an hour over the two-horse equipment.

Saving in Sugar Beets.

Cultivation of sugar beets furnishes a striking contrast in crew efficiency. In Michigan and Ohio it was found that 1.9 man-hours an acre were required to cultivate once over with a one-row implement, 1.6 man-hours with a two-row cultivator, and only .9 of a man-hour for a four-row cultivator—a distinct saving in man labor by using the four-row machine. As many fields require attention before it is possible for the grower to get the work accomplished, any saving of labor and time is an advantage to the growing crops and affords more man labor for crops competing with the sugar beet in the distribution of labor.

PATHETIC RUINS OF FRANCE

Once Pretty Villages Which Are as Dead as the Remains of the Roman Forum.

Most of the villages of northern France are as dead and cold as the ruins of the Roman forum—and not half so beautiful. Here were no great architectural splendors. No priceless art collections. They were nothing but plain, humble little hamlets of plain, hard-tilling peasants. The houses were destroyed and the simple, brave, hardy folks who owned them were also destroyed. The graveyards of the men I had seen at Soissons, Champagne, Verdun, row upon silent row. Here were the graveyards of their homes, village after village, as dead as the men. The only difference was that the soldiers had been buried underground while these ghastly mutilated wrecks still remained exposed to view, writes Elizabeth Frazer in Saturday Evening Post.

There was more of this kind of scenery. And more. And more and more. And at last—so soon does the mind become sated by mere flat external spectacles of horror—I began to feel welling up inside of me a vague irritation against all these graveyards of gaping, mutilated specters of what had once been human habitations for being so monotonous, so repetitional, so drab, blankly, impassably the same. I wanted them to get better or I wanted them to get worse—or I wanted them to be blotted clean off the map. Those mutilated corpses of towns, with their stark immobility, their contorted postures, their shattered members lying rigidly outstretched on the pavement, began to get on my nerves. They had the same stiff fixity, the same grotesque sprawl that one notes in a human corpse frightfully mangled by a shell.

I had heard of men blown to pieces in battle and unrecognizable, even their identification plates gone. Here were their counterparts in hamlets. The lieutenant, searching his map, murmured doubtfully: "It might be A—or it might be B—It's hard to say."

These nameless ones I put into a list all by themselves and called them X. But presently I gave it up. It was too much like trying to count the volume of water in a reservoir by means of an eye dropper.

A charming little incident has taken place in Doctor Johnson's house, Gough square. A party of soldiers visited the Mecca and they got a colored member of the party to read aloud from the famous dictionary. He did so in excellent style. An inquiry revealed the fact that he was a native of Jamaica. All lovers of Johnson will remember it was Francis Barber of Jamaica who was the doctor's faithful servant, to whom he left a handsome bequest. And Barber once went to sea. The coincidence of a Jamaican sailor reading aloud the dictionary in the old house was certainly curious.—London Daily Chronicle.

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JORDAN ITEMS

Mr. Kasper Bilyeu of the 41st Div. recently from overseas, visited his aunt, Mrs. Hamen Shelton Saturday an Sunday.

Messrs. Hal Shelton and Earle Phillips motored to Albany Saturday. Mrs. R. V. Combs was called to Nampa, Idaho, Friday by the death of her brother.

Mr. Henry Jungworth of the 82nd Div., returned home Saturday.

E. J. Peppering has disposed of his ranch according to reports and will soon be seeking a new location.

Mrs. Frank Rowen returned from Portland Sunday. She reports the arrival of a wee baby girl at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Sibergogle.

Two loads there were of Jordantown, Although it rained on Sunday; drove out to see their lady loves, and didn't get home till Monday.

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