

YACHT METEOR IS LAUNCHED

Miss Alice Roosevelt, Daughter of the President

CUT THE ROPES THAT HELD THE VESSEL, AND STARTED HER INTO THE WATER

Amid the Booming of Cannon and the Cheers of a Large Assemblage, the German Emperor's Private Racing Schooner is Christened—Beautiful Present from the Kaiser to the Daughter of America's Chief Magistrate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The all important event in the itinerary of Prince Henry, of Prussia, today, was the launching of the schooner-yacht Meteor, built for the Prince's brother, the German Emperor. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, in the presence of the President, the Prince, German Ambassador von Holleben, and a brilliant assemblage.

Soon after 8 o'clock the President and Prince, and their suites, embarked on board a boat for Shooters Island. The party proceeded directly from the ferry boat to the stand which had been erected at the end of the ways on which the Meteor rested, guns meanwhile booming salutes, and the crowd cheering enthusiastically. The President and Prince, with Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt, arrived on the platform at 10:22.

Exactly at 10:39 Miss Roosevelt raised the bottle of champagne, which had been encased in beautiful silver filigree and which was suspended by a thirty-five foot silver chain. Dashing the bottle against the side of the vessel, Miss Roosevelt said:

"In the name of the German Emperor, I christen thee 'Meteor.'"

Then she raised the silver axe and severed the rope holding the weights which kept the ship in the ways and the vessel went gracefully into the water.

Simultaneously cannon boomed and the noise of the guns was lost in that resulting from the roar of human voices. Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall where luncheon had been prepared.

From Shooters Island the President and Prince went to the yacht Hohenzollern, where luncheon was served.

Before luncheon the golden bracelet, in which is set a small picture of Kaiser Wilhelm, was presented by Prince Henry to Miss Alice Roosevelt. The bracelet is studded with diamonds and other precious stones. It was the gift of the Emperor.

Luncheon was finished about 3 o'clock. At 3:10 the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were driven to the Twenty-third street ferry, and went to their special train, leaving Jersey City at 3:55 p. m. for Washington.

Later, the Prince was escorted to the city hall, where Mayor Low formally presented him with the freedom of the city. Then the Royal party were driven up Broadway to 34th street, and to the Hohenzollern. Along the route the Prince was given a continuous ovation. In the evening the party were the Mayor's guests at dinner at the Metropolitan Club, and then attended the gala performance at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Launching. New York, Feb. 25.—The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching of Emperor William's yacht Meteor reached Jersey City at 6:40 a. m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Prince's train a few minutes afterward. When the Prince alighted from the train and, accompanied by his suite, passed through the station, the great crowd of commentators cheered him heartily. The action was repeated when a few minutes later President Roosevelt traversed the same route.

The President and the Prince and their suites embarked soon after 8 o'clock on the ferry-boat Philadelphia. From her tall midship flagstaff fluttered the Stars and Stripes. Forward was hoisted a flag with a white Maltese cross on a yellow background. On the round disc in the center was the Prussian eagle in black, while the royal emblem of Germany was scattered all over the yellow field of the flag. Aft was hoisted the blue flag of the President of the United States.

On board the ferry-boat the President at once joined the Prince forward on the upper deck, where they remained for some time in view of the cheering passengers on the crowded ferry-boats in other slips.

The Philadelphia had time to spare on the run down to Shooters Island, and it was decided to swing around the special squadron at anchor off Staten Island. The squadron fired 21 guns and, manned sides. The flagship Illinois and the Cincinnati fired first, and then the Olympia and San Francisco offered their tribute of powder. President Roosevelt and Prince Henry were photographed together and then took a brisk walk together through the cabin of the ferry-boat. It was damp and chilly on the bay, and the exercise was welcome.

The President and Prince Henry arrived at Shooters Island at 9:24. They were received with cheers by those present, and the Presidential and royal salutes, 21 guns each, were fired. The party proceeded directly from the ferry-boat to the stand which had been erected at the inshore end of the ways on which the Meteor rested. While waiting, the Prince and Miss Roosevelt chatted. The entire assem-

blage, taking its cue from the Prince and the President, was in a merry mood.

Exactly at 10:39 Miss Roosevelt broke the champagne bottle with vigor and effective hand, saying:

"In the name of the German Emperor, I christen thee Meteor." Guns roared, bands played and the great cheering lasted for several minutes. The Prince handed a bouquet to Miss Roosevelt, and then, raising his hat, in a few words acknowledged the cheering of those on the main platform. The launch occurred without any mishap. Prince Henry and Miss Roosevelt were then photographed.

The Prince presented Miss Roosevelt with a silken cap ribbon of the new yacht Meteor, and she wore it on her left arm as she stood before the cameras with the Prince.

Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall, where a luncheon had been prepared. The health of the Prince was drunk, and then Prince Henry said:

"On this occasion I wish to call for three hearty cheers for the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt. Hip, hip, hooray."

As the Prince spoke he waved his arms as a signal, and the building shook with responding cheers. Then President Roosevelt raised his right hand, and when there was silence, said:

"I ask three cheers for the guest who has already won our hearts, Henry of Prussia. Now a good one."

President Roosevelt's "Hip, hip, hooray" was drowned in the roar of applause that greeted the call for cheers. Then the Prince and President shook hands warmly, and as the party started to leave the hall some one among the invited guests shouted:

"Mr. President, I offer three cheers for the young lady who has had the honor of launching the Meteor."

The cheers were given. The Presidential party and the Prince and his suite did not remain for the luncheon.

Soon after the yacht had reached the water the Prince wrote a cablegram to the Emperor, informing him that the Meteor had been successfully launched. The cablegram was in German, a translation being as follows:

"To the German Emperor, Berlin.—Yacht just launched under brilliant auspices. Christened by Miss Roosevelt's hand. Beautiful craft. Great enthusiasm. Congratulate you with all my heart."

"HEINRICH." President Roosevelt and Prince Henry, accompanied by their respective parties, left Shooters Island on the Naval tug Vigilant at 11:20, and an hour later were alongside the imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

After their departure from Shooters Island there was an enthusiastic demonstration from the crowds that had witnessed the launching. Shortly before the tug pulled out from the wharf President Roosevelt and Prince Henry, accompanied by Colonel Theodore Bingham, appeared on the top of the pilot-house of the tug, and there were wild cheers for them. The surrounding fleet of tugs tooted their whistles, the Marine band played the National air and the crowd yelled. The President waved his hat repeatedly and the tug saluted. On their way up the harbor the police boat patrol ran alongside the Vigilant, which broke out a new American flag at the maintop and fired 21 guns in honor of the President.

President Roosevelt bowed in acknowledgment.

At Thirty-fourth-street pier the President and Prince Henry landed together and went at once on board the Hohenzollern with the rest of the parties.

President Roosevelt left the Hohenzollern at 3:10 to take a special train from Jersey City for Washington.

Prince Henry left the Hohenzollern at 3:30 p. m. and boarded the Navy-Yard tug Vigilant for the Battery.

DANISH WEST INDIES

THE ARMY WILL TAKE OVER THE ISLANDS SOON.

After Ratifications of the Treaty Have Been Exchanged, Soldiers Will Go Over from Porto Rico and Raise the Stars and Stripes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It has been practically decided that the formal ceremonies incident to the taking over of the Danish West Indies by the United States shall be performed by the army, and it is probable that a detachment of troops from Porto Rico will be sent to the islands, soon after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty, to raise the flag and formally take possession of the new territory.

HEALTH IN MANILA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Surgeon-General Sternberg has received a letter from Colonel L. Maus, Commissioner of Public Health in Manila, which says that sickness among the soldiers in the Philippines appears to be decreasing, and there are no longer complaints in regard to the proper care of patients.

DEFENDED PRINCE'S NAME.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Henry Kress, of Union Hill, N. J., was beaten with a siphon, and is now in a hospital with a fractured skull because he maligned the Hohenzollerns and Prince Henry in particular, in the presence of a German bartender. The latter was arrested.

TAFT TALKS OF FILIPINOS

Says They Are Not Cowardly or Treacherous as Described

THE LATTER CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

Representatives of Women's Clubs and Other Organizations Appear Before Judiciary Committee and Urge Action Against Mormonism and Polygamy—Said to Be Increasing Rapidly in the West—The Consular Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Governor Taft continued his statement before the House Insular Committee today, dwelling on the good and bad characteristics of the Filipinos. He denied the reports that they were cowardly.

As to their treachery, he said, this was due largely to their being between two fires, the hostile native sentiment on the one hand, and the American sentiment on the other.

AGAINST POLYGAMY.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A large number of ladies, representing women's clubs and kindred associations, were heard by the House Committee on Judiciary today, in favor of a stringent constitutional amendment against polygamous practices. It was stated that Mormonism and polygamy were largely increasing in several far Western states, and rapidly invading the Eastern states. West Virginia, it was stated, furnished three thousand converts to Mormonism last year, and Pennsylvania and other states were being systematically canvassed by Mormon missionaries. The committee did not take final action.

The Consular Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The House today passed the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill. It was the fifth of the annual supply measures to be sent to the Senate at this session. No amendments of importance were adopted. The feature of the day was the speech of Richardson, of Alabama, in reply to Corliss' speech a few days ago, in favor of the construction of the Pacific Cable by the Government. The question of reforming the Consular service was debated at some length but no amendments on that subject were offered.

The Cuban Question.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Republican members of the House met in caucus this evening, to consider the question of Cuban reciprocity. No decision was reached, and the caucus adjourned until next Monday.

HE STOLE MAIL.

A Spokane Man Arrested Charged With Violating Postal Laws.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 25.—Z. D. Brown is in jail here, charged with having violated the postal laws at Spokane. Brown was arrested after a chase to Seattle, Portland, Baker City, and Nampa. It is said it was his custom to go to the postoffice in Spokane and secure mail addressed to other people.

WANT BETTER CONDITIONS.

Workmen in Roumania Clash With the Police—Many Arrested.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 25.—Several hundred workmen attempted to invade the Chamber of Deputies today, with the purpose of demonstrating in favor of a modification of the bill dealing with the trades unions. The workmen attacked the police with sticks and stones. Several policemen were injured, and 130 demonstrators arrested.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

To Take Charge of Details of Soliciting Funds for the Lewis & Clarke Exposition.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—H. W. Corbett, President of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, has selected the following citizens to act as a committee of ways and means:

W. D. Fenton, Adolph Wolfe, John F. O'Shea, G. W. Bates, Leo. Fried, A. H. Devers and I. N. Fleischer. The purpose of appointing the committee is to have a body to take charge of the details of soliciting and collecting subscriptions for the additional capital stock recently authorized.

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Spalding is Much Pleased With the Developments in Baseball War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A. G. Spalding is much pleased with the latest developments in the baseball war, which he is now ready to fight to a finish. A long telegram has been received in this city from him in which he says:

"I construe the action of the 'loyal four' members of the National League at their conference at Pittsburg as reiterating and reaffirming their allegiance to the principle underlying the baseball controversy, an endorsement of the campaign conducted to date on a determination not to dodge the real issue by sacrificing principle to expediency, which action must be approved by all those who have the best interest of the National game at heart."

"It is a good omen for the future of the National League that Freedmanism and Brushism received its death blow at Pittsburg on Washington's birthday. I consider this campaign for the uplifting of baseball, so far as

it relates to those baneful 'isms,' as practically over, regardless of litigation."

HAVE OREGON PICTURES.

Photographs by Myra Albert Wiggins, of Salem, to Be Exhibited at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 25.—Messrs. Hewett A. Beasley and William J. F. zone, the committee on the photographic exhibit in the approaching Art Loan Exhibition, have arranged for the display of a large number of photographs by prominent workers in the higher fields of the art, both professional and amateur. The pictures loaned include works by photographers in Europe, as well as in America. Among those whose productions will be displayed are the following:

J. Craig Annan, of Glasgow, Scotland; A. Horsley Hinton, of London, England; Charles Job, of Hove, England; Will Cadby, of Plattboro Green, England; Gertrude Kasebier, of New York; George D. Pirmin, of Philadelphia; Clarence H. White, of Newark, O.; Robert S. Redfield, S. Hudson Chapman, Henry Troth and C. Yarnall Abbott, of Philadelphia; Charles I. Berg, of New York; Arthur Hewitt, of East Orange, N. J.; Curtis Bell, of New York; Virginia M. Prall, of Washington; Tyson & Bregent, of Philadelphia; Alice Broughton, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mathilde Weil, of Philadelphia; William Dinwiddie, of New York.

BIG LOSS BY FIRE.

LULLAS, Tex., Feb. 25.—A special to the Times-Herald, from Thurber, Texas, says, a fire destroyed the greater portion of the business district of that town today. The loss is \$100,000.

CORPORAL BRAUN DEAD.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 25.—Herman A. Braun, known in G. A. R. circles throughout the country as "Corporal" Braun, died tonight, aged 67.

THE WORST IN YEARS

STORM WROUGHT GREAT HAVOC IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Craft of All Descriptions Tossed About the Harbor—Houses Were Thrown Down, and Soldiers' Tents at the Presidio Badly Demoralized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—One of the heaviest storms experienced in many years struck this city this morning. The wind attained a velocity of forty-five miles an hour in this city, while at Point Reyes it reached sixty miles. The full force of the storm was felt on the bay, and craft of all sorts were tossed about like eggshells. The violent south wind stirred the bay into a rolling, tempestuous sea, against which anchors were almost futile. Tow boats were busily engaged in efforts to prevent disaster.

The transport Solace broke from her anchorage and careened about the bay like a drunken sailor.

San Francisco lightship No. 70, located seven miles from Point Lobos, part of her masts during the storm and drifted into the harbor.

Three three-story houses were blown down in the Mission district. The gale, as it swept over the Presidio reservation, wrecked dozens of tents, causing serious loss to the soldiers, for a majority of them had all their possessions under the tents, and their belongings were thoroughly soaked by the rain.

A FATAL WRECK.

Two Trains Collide on the New York Central Causing Five Deaths.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 25.—As the result of a collision on the Auburn branch of the New York Central, seven miles west of Auburn, between a west-bound passenger train and a steam derrick late last night, five trainmen are dead, two seriously injured and two missing. The following are the dead: Edward E. Vine, this city, baggage-man on passenger; Frank Hinds, fireman, of this city; Engineer Durand, Syracuse, derrick crew.

Edward H. Renner, a trainman, was badly injured. His right leg was amputated at the hospital and it is doubtful if he can recover. Thomas Slipmuck, of the derrick crew, is seriously hurt. It is reported that two other men are missing.

As the passenger train was rounding a curve a few miles west of Aurelius, going at a fast clip, it met the steam derrick running "wild" from Canandaigua to Syracuse. The two engines were badly wrecked; no passengers were injured. The blame for the accident, it is thought, rests with the steam derrick crew.

New York, Feb. 26.—Prince Henry and suite left Jersey City for Washington at 1:30 this morning. The train is expected to reach Washington at 9 a. m.

The Emperor Pleased.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The details of the movements of Prince Henry, and the courtesies shown him in the United States, continue to be followed here with extraordinary interest, and the pleasure of Emperor William at the reception tendered his brother has been freely expressed to the members of the Royal household.

MISS STONE RESTING.

Released Missionaries Will Not Leave Strumnitz Until Ready.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—A dispatch was received here today announcing that Miss Stone and Madame Talika are now at Strumnitz, five hours ride on horseback from the nearest station of the Salonica-Uskub railroad. Miss Stone and Madame Talika will probably be compelled to rest at Strumnitz for a few days, and then it is hoped to bring them from Salonica to Constantinople by sea, but the arrangements are yet indefinite.

PRINCE HENRY AT THE DINNER

One Thousand American Journalists Met the Visitor

IT WAS ONE OF THE NOTABLE INCIDENTS OF THE ROYAL GUEST'S TOUR.

A Great Demonstration in the Streets When the Emperor's Brother Appeared—His Happy Address to the Assembled Molders of Public Opinion—Germany's Desire to Promote Friendlier Relations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Prince Henry, of Prussia, dined tonight with one thousand men who make American newspapers. He was the special guest of Herman Riddock, proprietor of the New York Staats Zeitung, who gathered at his table a majority of the leading figures in American journalism. They came from the four quarters of the country, and made the most noteworthy gathering of their profession ever assembled in the United States. There was a felicitous exchange of greetings between Prince Henry and the men who spoke for the journalistic craft, and the affair claims rank as one of the notable incidents in the American tour of the German Prince.

The dinner was given in the handsome ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria, but that immense room was not large enough to accommodate the newspaper guests, and the Astor Gallery also was used. The two rooms were splendidly decorated. Mr. Riddock and the special guest sat at an elevated table, above which were the American and German flags. The staves were crossed, and the banner, draped fan-like, reached out like the wings of a huge butterfly. Above them was the Prussian eagle, done in incandescent lights. As the diners took their places the ladies of the party appeared in the boxes which wall the room.

Prince Henry, attended by the members of his suite, drove to the hotel under an escort of cavalry and mounted police. The demonstration in the streets leading to the hotel was the most cordial of any that has so far marked his appearance in public. Great crowds lined the way and pressed against the police guards that had been thrown around the 23d street entrance to the hotel. They cheered when the Prince came in sight, and he frequently raised his hand to his cap in acknowledgment of the demonstration.

At the press dinner Prince Henry said:

"Before entering into details, I should like all of you to understand that I consider this meeting, though it may be looked upon as official, as a private one, and that it is my wish that none of you will take advantage of what is said or spoken after leaving this table."

"Undoubtedly the press of our day is a factor, if not a power, which may not be neglected, and which I should like to compare with ever so many submarine mines which blow up in many cases in the most unexpected manner; but your own naval history teaches us not to mind mines, should they ever be in our way."

"His Majesty the Emperor has minutely studied the recent and rapid development of the United States, and His Majesty is well aware of the fact that yours is a fast moving Nation. His sending me to this country may therefore be looked upon as an act of friendship and courtesy, with the one desire of promoting friendlier relations between Germany and the United States. Should you be willing to grasp the proffered hand, you will find such an one on the other side of the Atlantic ocean."

A Notable Gathering. New York, Feb. 26.—The luncheon given in honor of Prince Henry, by twelve New York gentlemen and the German Government officials, to about 100 Americans, from all parts of the United States, who are of eminence in finance, commerce and industries of the United States, at Sherry's today, was in some respects the most notable function of its kind ever held in this city. There were 137 persons seated at the eleven tables. The hosts were J. P. Morgan, Edward B. Adams, John Claflin, Abram S. Hewitt, Alexander E. Orr, James Stillman, Morris K. Jessup, Geo. F. Baker, Elbert H. Gary, Levi P. Morton, William Rockefeller, Wm. K. Vanderbilt, and L. M. Goldberger, of Berlin.

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THE HANCOCK'S VOYAGE. Transport Carried Over 1100 Passengers—Had a Stormy Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The United States transport Hancock arrived from the Philippines early this morning with 51 cabin passengers, 1622 soldiers and 51 military prisoners. There were three deaths on the voyage and two men were swept overboard and drowned. The Rosecrans, which arrived last night brought 591 returning soldiers. Most of the troops belong to the Twenty-second Infantry.

HARNEY COUNTY STOCK.

BURNS, Feb. 25.—The stockmen are preparing to drive stock to the hills, as the snow has all left the foothills and the grass is reported to be better than it generally is at this time of the year. Stockmen who live in the swamps are having considerable trouble with their stock, as there is so much water it is almost impossible to feed them, as they waste so much hay by tramping it into the mud. The shepherds near Lowen and a few cattlemen have already sent their stock to the hills. Sheep have been brought through this winter better than ever before in the history of Harney county, and with warm weather in March and April the loss of young lambs will be small. The agitation of land leasing has caused several sheepmen to go out of business.

MATCHED FOR BATTLE.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 25.—Young Corbett and Terry McGovern were matched today, for a 25 round boxing contest, to take place on or before October 15th.

FOUR MEN WERE BURNED

AND MANY OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED AT MACE, IDAHO

In a Fire Which Destroyed a Boarding House Early Yesterday Morning—Some of the Saved Men Will Die.

WALLACE, Ida., Feb. 25.—Dorsey R. Mann, Eugene Bangs, J. W. Edwards, and Edward Moore were burned in the Standard boarding house, at Mace, last night. Tom Yarbough, D. McCullum, John H. D. Bowhay, Frank Townsend, K. MacKenzie, Thomas Bowers, L. V. Eberhardt, R. J. Bond, John McAlliff, J. C. McConnell, A. H. Adams, and R. N. Rand are in the hospital from burns or wounds received while jumping from the second story. There is no hope of the recovery of McCullum or Bowhay, and Yarbough's condition is doubtful. The bodies recovered from the ruins are burned beyond recognition, two of them bearing no resemblance to human beings.

The fire was discovered about 2:30 a. m., and almost immediately the whole building was aflame. Forty men asleep up stairs were cut off from the stairway, all but four jumping from the windows. The bunk-house adjoining was burned, but the inmates escaped. The dwelling of William Fletcher was also burned. The property loss is \$17,000; insurance \$10,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

WILL TAP A LAKE.

Bold Scheme to Secure Water for Irrigation Purposes by Ranchers in Klamath County.

THE FIRE EXTINGUISHED

Search for Bodies of Lost Miners on Vancouver Island Has Been Commenced.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 25.—The fire which has been burning several months in the Extension mine on Vancouver Island, is extinguished. Search is being instituted for the bodies of seventeen men, who perished in No. 2 slope. Two bodies have been recovered, those of David Griffith and George Southcombe.

WILL COME HOME.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Vienna says that Miss Stone will go to the United States next summer.