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The Fourth on a Warship

How the Olympia Celebrated Independence Day In the Far East

SAILOR writing in St. Nicholas Fourth of July celebration on eastern waters eleven years ago. Less years past, Captain Gridley is dead, than a year after this celebration the Olympia figured in the famous battle of Manila Bay as the flagship of Ad-The day we celebrate falling apon

Sunday, we "made 1 ood ' the forewing Monday, says the sallor, and probably never before had a taip's deck undergone such chan as A tume made from sheet iron s ... up in the skids and, dipping and bending, widened into a big basin on the spar deck. grew narrower again, extending out | day Tory John Butler, with a party of over the ship's side. It was lined with loyalists and Indians, raided the beaustones and moss and set about with tiful Wyoming valley, in Pennsylvacountless pots of Japanese ferns, flow- nia, while most of the men were abers and shrubs. When the pumps set sent on duty with the army. The woto work a hidden hose supplied the men and children, along with the aged water. It ran and jumped and spar- and infirm, had taken refuge in a kled, overflowing the lake, on which sailed a six foot yacht (a perfect model tection they surrendered and were of the Defender), then, trickling into butchered, as were also a large number a feathery bamboo forest that com- who had remained at their homes in a graceful natural waterfall into the

Since 1776 it has been customary for all English men-of-war in foreign ports to go out cruising on the Fourth of July. Our sixty guns proved a panacea for the old grievances. They not only dressed their ships in America's honor, but the crew of the H. M. S. Undaunted attended our afternoon entertainment. As they came aboard they were each presented with one of these folders:



lay between its leaves. Inside was the following programme of sports:

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hitch, and everybody enjoyed it im- E, B, Menzies

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mensely, including our British guests. The Japanese fencing contest was a particular bit.

At quarters Captain Read appeared. accompanied by a stranger. After colors he turned to the stranger and remarked: "Captain Gridley, I turn over to you

not only the finest ship that ever rode the seas, but the finest crew that ever manned one." There were tears in his eyes and in

his voice.

Eleven months after this, on the 1st of May, 1898, Commodore Dewey gave his big white hat. Then a new couple gives a vivid description of a to our new commander the memorable command, "You may fire when ready, board the cruiser Olympia in Gridley." The Spanish war is now ten and the Olympia is out of commission. Many of the old crew of the Olympiahave left the service, but all those who are still alive will remember this year with mingled joy and sorrow that Fourth of July eleven years ago in the seas of sunny Japan.

Wyoming Valley Massacre.

The first Fourth of July that belped to make history after the adoption of the Declaration was that of 1778. On that wooden fort, but under promise of pro-

A CLERK'S BLUNDER.

Its Effect Upon the Fortunes of Our Revolutionary War.

element of chance as exemplifled in the blunder of a copyist had an important bearing on the result of our war for independence. As is well known, the crisis of the military between Great Britain and the revolting colonies was reached when General Burgoyne's campaign was planned in London. The object was to strike a tremendous blow at the center of the Revolution. The British forces were to take possession of the Mohawk and Hudson valleys by a concentric march from Lake Champlain, Oswego and New York on converging lines toward Albany. The ascent of the Hudson by Sir William Howe's army was essential to the success of a scheme by which New England was to be cut off as by a wedge from the southern colo-

Orders were sent out from London for the advance of Burgoyne's and St. Leger's forces from Canada. At first Sir William Howe was merely informed of the plan and was armed with discretionary powers, but finally a dispatch was drafted positively ordering him to co-operate in the movement from New York.

A British clerk made a hasty and very careless copy of the dispatch, And gallantly they pinned to their which the minister, Lord George Gerneckerchiefs the little silk flag that maine, found great difficulty in reading. He angrily reprimanded the culprit and ordered a fresh copy to be made without flaw or erasure. Being pressed for time and anxious for a Prizes. holiday, Lord George posted off to the

The military order was laboriously DECK SPORTS. \$3.00 and \$2.00 copied in the clerk's best hand, but when it was finished the minister was when it was finished the minister was first prize in the cake, second...... \$5.00 discretion, allowed himself to be drawn Three legged race......... \$5.00 and \$3.00 into military operations against Wash-

Thus the fortunes of the Revolutionreceive \$5.00 prize.

"Star Spangled Banner," by the ship's ary war turned upon the carelessness of a British clerk.-Chicago Record-·Herald.

Tying her bonnet under her chin, Then to the store she went with glee, The programme went off without a For Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.

Cowboys, Girls and Comanches Trip Light Fantastic Toe.

The hottest and funniest place on the grounds, says a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, describing a Fourth of July celebration in Texas, "was the dancing pavilion. A canvas cover was stretched just over- The Day on Which Two of America's head. When some tall cowboy, in the excess of his patriotism, put an extra inch on his spring, his hat scraped the cover. The floor, which was of rough boards in the morning, was polished In a corner the orchestra, with a his last. Sixty years later, on July 4, strangely solemn face and downcast 1891, Hannibal Hamlin died. eyes, sat on the spring seat of a farm wagon and drew from a violin such strains as might put action into a cork bination was the caller. He was a mild mannered gentleman named Granger, whose flexibility of voice was equaled by his originality of expression. Sometimes he chanted, some times he declaimed, and sometimes he let his voice follow the music. He was a master of ceremonies, too, who had learned his profession. The cowboys would sidle up and say:

"Mister, can't we have a little dance? We came sixty miles for this thing." "Don't you know anybody here?" Granger would ask.

"Not a livin' soul 'cept just the boys,' they would affirm, with more or less

"Reckon mebbe I ken fix you," the master would say reflectively. Then he would cross over to where the buxom daughters of the grain farmers were shocked up along the side of the platform. Pretty soon he would return, and, with a "Come this way," he would lead the cowboys, one at a time, across the platform. The farmer's daughter would bow prettily and the cowboy elaborately, with a twitch at would join those on the floor. Occasionally a cowboy would intrust his hat to a friend, but this seldom happened. The girls didn't mind, and hats were worn as a rule

When the set was slow in filling the master called out persuasively:

"Two more couple and we'll have little dance. Hurry up now and throw yourself around on this stretch like a quarter horse. Let's have a race."

But it was not often the dances needed encouragement to fill. More frequently the master was obliged to "Stan' back and give us a little room,

people; we've got a wildcat spring The crowd in the eagerness to see the dancing gave scant room for the

"Hoe down on her," said the master. The violin started, and so did the

shuffling. "Circle to the left and gents trail home. Let the ladies' row in front." So he called, and, dropping his voice

octave, he sang: "Everybody dance; corners swing Good style; pretty little partner;

That's the thing.' Shuffle-shuffle go the feet, and the figure is finished. Off starts the caller

"First couple right; ladies swing out; Gents swing in, swing out and prome

Do, do, gents, slow;

Do, ce, ladies, don't you know!" Then comes more intricate work The cowboys can't begin to get in all of their fancy steps. The pace is hot. The skirts of the grain growers' daughters swish through the air as the master calls:

"Balance the next: three hands round: Ladies swing out; gents swing in; Three hands out and go it ag'in; Gents swing out and go it ag'in:

Four and balance; now partners; prom

enade all." The master permits thirty seconds' breathing spell, during which the cowboys try to get rid of some of their surplus perspiration, while the girls ply their fans and look moist and happy. The caller gathers himself for a pro longed effort. "Second couple to right," he calls, and then he goes it, without a

break for five minutes, like this: "Ladies swing out: gents swing in: Fall in the corner; promenade home; Six to two and two come down; Ladies in center and seven hands round Fall in the corners. Now partners all. Go south. Wheat's all dead, And you've got corn bread, I guess."

"Not in the Wichita valley the wheat ain't dead, by a jugful!" one of the dancers shouted, but without minding interruptions the caller goes right along with his funmaking:

"Fall and balance; swing and run; Four to two and two come down; Lady in center and five hands round; Ladies swing out and gents swing in; Five up and go it ag'in. Five up and go it ag'in.
Swing out; run away with the swing;
Hold and balance; all balance;
Now, partners, run away with the hall.
Everybody dance, everybody dance." And the next time it is something with variations on this kind of a fig-

"Four hands up; half round the world: Gents turn a summerset; ladies jest so; Ladies round the gents; gents don't go; Round up fours; everybody swing; Swing the corners like swinging the

wing; Swing, ladies, seaside fashion; Pretty little partner; round up fours." And thus it went on with endless variety in the language and measures, but the same shuffling, the same buxom girls and the same frolicsome cowboys, until the sun went down behind the Comanches' tepees. Old men looked on and said. "Them's the same dances they used to dance in south Texas when I was a boy." Occasionally a cowboy, overcome by the inspiration of the moment, let out a wild

FOURTH OF JULY IN TEXAS. "wheop." As for the Indians, they vilion and looked on impassively. An Indian always enjoys seeing the palefaces dance, but you never could tell tt from the expressionless cast of his

SAD FOURTH OF ILLY

countenance.

Greatest Patriots Died.

The Fourth of July, 1826, was the death day of two of the republic's greatest men, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. On July 4, 1831, five before noon by a thousand shuffles: years later, James Monroe breathed The death of both Adams and Jef-

ferson on the day accepted as the nation's birthday was a strange coincileg. But the star of the pavilion comgot, for both were among the signers of the immortal document which officially first saw the light just fifty years before their death, both remem bered the date, and each was cognizant of the other's mortal illness.

Adams wa past ninety. Jefferson was about seven years younger. Yet he had lived thirteen years more than the threescore and ten years allotted by holy writ. At midnight eighty years ago, when Independence day was just being ushered in, Jefferson, even then dying, but with memory not yet altogether impaired, muttered, "This is the Fourth of July." In the morning Adams, the same thought apparently running through his mind, roused himself to ask, "Does Jefferson still live?" Adams died a little after midday, Jefferson a few hours later.

IRREVERENT INSECTS.

How Flies Interfered With the Signing of the Declaration.

Congress on July 19, 1776, ordered the Declaration passed on the Fourth, fairly engrossed on parchment, with the title and style of "The unanimous Declaration of the 13 United States of America, and that the same, when engrossed, be signed by every member of congress."

It was a sultry day in August. Jefferson, when in a genial, reminiscent mood, was accustomed to say that the signing was hastened by swarms of files that came into the hall through the open windows of the statehouse from a livery stable near by. The day's business had been arduous. It was hot and sticky, and the flies assaulted the silk stockinged legs of the honorable members with vigor and real Tory vindictiveness. With handkerchiefs and all available papers the fathers of liberty lashed the files, but with no avail. The onslaught became unendurable, and the members, capitulating, made haste to sign and bring the momentous business to a close. Of the fifty-six signatures not all were attached even at this date.—Washington

Where the Declaration Is Kept. The original engrossed copy of the Declaration as signed is now in the keeping of the secretary of state. The document was in the patent office from 1841 to 1877, as that department was believed to be fireproof. It is now, since 1894, kept hermetically sealed in a frame and placed in a steel cabinet, with the original signed copy of the constitution. It is no longer shown to any one except by express order of the secretary. Being on parchment, which shows destructive signs of cracking. due more probably to the making of a facsimile ordered by President James Monroe in 1823 than to age or handling, the document is fealously guarded. Many of the names of the signers are no longer legible. Two pages of Jefferson's original draft, with a few interlineations by Adams and Frank lin, are also preserved at the department of state. The facsimile which was ordered by President Monroe was made for the purpose of giving a copy to each of the signers then living and their heirs. These original copies are

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Generous Mrs. Crewe.

A gambling story is told of Charles James Fox that rather reflects on his honor. He was one of the ardent admirers of Mrs. Crewe, a noted beauty of her day, and it is related that a gentleman lost a considerable sum to this lady at play and, being obliged to leave town suddenly, gave Mr. Fox the money to pay her, begging him to apologize to her for his not having paid the debt of honor in person. Fox lost every shilling of it before morning. Mrs. Crewe often met the supposed debtor afterward and, surprised that he never noticed the circumstances, at length delicately hinted the matter to

"Bless me!" said he. "I paid the money to Mr. Fox three months ago." "Oh, did you, sir?" said Mrs. Crewe good naturedly. "Then probably he paid me, and I forgot it."

WHEN FOOD WAS SCARCE.

Prices That Ruled In Paris During the Siege of 1870.

The following interesting statement of the prices that were paid for food during the siege of 1870 is taken verbally out of the journal of a French officer stationed in Paris at the time:

"Toward the middle of October we had to make up our mind to sacrifice the animals of the zoological garden. The elephants and many other beasts were bought by M. Debos, the owner of the English meat shop in Av. Friendland. The meat of the elephants was sold from \$10 to \$12 a kilogram (two pounds), the trunk commanding the highest price, \$16 a kilogram. The trunk and feet were both declared delicious by all gormands. In the same shop a pair of young wolves were sold for \$2.50 per pound. The meat was soft and without taste. The biggest price was paid for a young live lamb that had been swiped by a 'franctireur' from the enemy. One hundred dollars was paid for it.

"Here is an exact price list of some victuals toward the end of the siege:

Two pounds of horseflesh...... \$5.00 ham...... 16.00 whole cat..... 3.00 One egg...... 1.00 A pigeon. 3.00
One pound of butter. 6.00

"Even the rich had to live on the meagerest diet and to take into their menu things that till then only the trapper in the virgin forests was supposed to eat. I leave it to you to imagine what kind of meals were served in the small restaurants and boarding

"Moreover, everybody had to submit to the strictest orders. People stood in file before the butcher and baker shops to wait for their turns Each household was furnished with a card from the municipality authorizing the bearer to buy a certain amount of meat and bread. The cook, the housewife, the young girl, the little child (men never go shopping in France), were posted for hours before the shops in rain and snow, with wet feet, shivering with cold. The unfortunate ones endured without a murmur these hardships. Women throughout the time of the siege were setting an example of courage and self abnegation not always followed by men.

"It was a sad and touching spectacle, hese long files of women, nearly all dressed in black, grouped before the doors of the dealers, watched by the national guard, with whom they at first were laughing and chatting, till the sufferings from the cold had silenced the laugh and sometimes brought forth the tears.

"But in spite of all precautions the stores one by one were exhausted, the siege, were used up, and, while the babies, deprived of milk, died in great numbers or, fed on sweet wine and ple tried to find new resources to prolong their lives."

Stomache troubles are very common in the dummer time and you should not onfy be very careful abouz what you eat just now but more than thes you should be careful not to sllow your stomache to become disordered and when the stomache goes wrong take Kodol. This is the best known preparation that is offered to the people to day for dyspep sia or indegestion or any stomache trouble. Kodol digests all foods. It is sold by W. S Martin & CM. Shuford.

No Tears Nor Hills. In the days when Rowley Hill was bishop of the Isle of Man one of his clergymen bearing the name of Tears came to say adieu to his bishop on getting preferment. The parson said: "Goodby, my lord. I hope we may meet again, but if not here in some better place."

The bishop replied, "I fear the latter is unlikely, as there are no Tears in

"No doubt," wittily answered the parson, "you are right that our chance of meeting is small, as one reads of the plains of paradise, but never of any Hills there."-London Queen.

Australian Bushmen.

Although the bushmen of Australia are the very lowest in the scale of ignorance, they possess a rare instinct that equals that of many animals and is in its way as wonderful as man's reason. It is almost impossible for them to be lost. Even if they be led away from their home blindfolded for for babies and children and is especiemiles, when released they will unerringly turn in the right direction and make their way to their nest homes. and, though these are all very similar, they never make a mistake.

Fool and Sage. The fool and his money are parted, not long did they stay in cahoots, but the fool is the cheeriest hearted and gladdest of human galoots. His neighbor is better and wiser, six figures might tell what he's worth, but, oh, how folks wish the old miser would fall off the edge of the earth!-Emporia Ga-

Nothing preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.-Franklin.

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A GHOST STORY.

The Spectral Horseman That Visits Wycollar Hall.

This ghost story is contributed by a correspondent of an English magazine: "Wycollar Hall, near Colne, was long the seat of the Cunliffes of Billington. They were noted persons in their time but evil days came, and their ancestral estates passed out of their hands. In the days of the commonwealth their loyalty cost them dear, and ultimately they retired to Wycollar with a remnant only of their once extensive property. About 1819 the last of the family passed away, and the hall is now a mass of ruins. Little but the antique fireplace remains entire, and even the room alluded to in the following legend cannot now be identified. Tradition says that once every year a specter horseman visits Wycollar Hall. He is attired in the costume of the early Stuart period, and the trappings of his horse are of a most uncouth description.

"On the evening of his visit the weather is always wild and tempestuous. There is no moon to light the lonely roads, and the residents of the district do not venture out of their cottages. When the wind howls loudest the horseman can be heard dashing up the road at full speed, and, after crossing the narrow bridge, he suddenly stops at the door of the half The rider then dismounts and makes his way up the broad oaken stairs into one of the rooms of the house. Dreadful screams, as from a woman, are then heard, which soon subside into groans. The horseman then makes his appearance at the door, at once mounts his steed and gallops off.

"His body can be seen through by those who may chance to be present; his horse appears to be wild with rage. and its nostrils stream with fire. The tradition is that one of the Cunliffes murdered his wife in that room and that the specter horseman is the ghost of the murderer, who is doomed to nav an annual visit to the home of his victim. She is said to have predicted the extinction of the family, which, according to the story, has been literally fulfilled."

THE CRITICS.

These Observers Were Wholly Per sonal In Their Judgments.

"The critical faculty is rare," said art club "It must be impersonal Rut most of as incline to be whelly personal in our criticism. The fact was brought home to me at one of the exhibitions at the Academy of Fine Arts. "Passing from picture to picture, I overheard many criticisms. Thus a

lady in a rich gown said: "'What a superb portrait of a young girl! It should certainly win the Carnegle prize. It is easy to see that the

gown was made by Paquin.' "A fat, red nosed man in a fur lined provisions, put in too late before the overcoat halted before a picture enti-

tled 'The Luncheon.' "'This still life,' he exclaimed, 'is

genius, second Raphael.'

"'That horse there,' said a young man than yourself?" polo player, 'is exactly like my Podasokus. It's the best picture in the exhibition.'

before a daub called 'The Gladiator.' said. I bet anything the jury gives skill can be shown in keeping it close this painting the highest award.' "And half the throng, departing, said:

to it, in fact-but it draws far and away the biggest crowd."

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Inheritance and environment are not only realities, but are the most important elements of the everyday life. The thought of yesterday fixes the tendency of today. The conditions of today are the background against which every life is projected. - Albion W. Tourgee.

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NATHAN HALE, YALE'S HERO.

University Plans to Erect a Monu-

ment of Him on Its Campus. short time ago a committee of Yale alumni assembled in the studio of William Ordway Partridge in New York to see the newly completed statue of Nathan Hale by that sculptor which the alumni of the institution propose to offer for the campus of the university. The patriot spy is the chief hero of the famous institution of learning at New Haven, and Yale men have

long felt that there should be a statue upon the college grounds of an alumnus who did such honor to his alma mater: bence the movement resulting in the execution of this

Mr. Partridge has studied the subject for ten years and has written a book about the character of Hale and the story of his great sacrifice for country. His statue presents an interesting contrast to that of

NEW NATHAN HALE Frederick W. STATUE.

Mac Monnies, which stands near the New York city ball. Neither had any portrait of Hale upon which to work, for none exists. They had to be guided by the descriptions of the hero which have been handed down and by their own conceptions of his appearance and expres-

Each statue has its own special admirers. Hale was twenty-one at the time of his cruel death. Perhaps he seems more boyish in the statue by MacMonnies. Partridge has succeeded well in expressing in the features of his Hale the patriotic fervor of the young enthusiast in the cause of the new nation and his athletic qualities.

The hero was about six feet tall and could put his hand on a fence as high as his head and clear it with a bound. The spot on the Yale campus where he an editor and critic at a Philadelphia made the famous jump that marked him as the best all around athlete of the college was shown for years after his time. He is said to have possessed not only ideal proportions, but a grace and charm which endeared him to all he met. Yale men are enthusiastic over the manner in which Mr. Partridge has met their ideals in the portraval of Hale.

Thomas Jefferson's Politeness.

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and his a carriage together. They met a slave. who respectfully took off his hat and the most admirable I have ever seen. bowed. The president, according to his bread, pined slowly away, the big peo Terrapin, canvasback, champagne, lob invariable custom, returned the saluster, even Perigord pie-ah, what a tation by raising his hat. The young man paid no attention to the negro's "'In this historical painting,' I heard act of civility. Mr. Jefferson, after a an antiquary say, 'the costumes are ac- moment's pause, turned a reproachful curate in every detail. The painter is a eye to him and said. "Thomas, do you permit a slave to be more of a gentle-

> A Capital Fire Balloon. A fire balloon should be flown as a "An athlete uttered a cry of delight kite is flown, with string attachment, so that the owner and his friends may "'What shoulders! What arms!' he enjoy it and not the next county. Much hauled and then giving it slack and finally twitching it so wildly that it "The picture in the last room is the burns itself up, thus adding a spectacubest. No, we didn't see it-couldn't get | lar climax to its career.

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