AT MIDDLE BASS ISLAND

GLORIOUS CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH BY THE CLUB.

Patriotic Address by Rev. Dr. Kelsey—Destiny of America—Little Folks Contest for Prizes.

The Fourth at Middle Bass was made the occasion of a glorious celebration. To the Toledo people who are accustomed to spend the summer at this island, the decorations of the grove and lawns, and of the pretty cottages with their bright flowerbeds, is well known. Yesterday, the addition of flags and bunting to the usual decorations gave a gala day appearance to the scene.

Sunday the presence of Gov. and Mrs. Bushnell was an interesting feature, and it was generally expected that they departed for Sandusky in the afternoon. Ex-Gov. Foster was expected, but did not come.

Church services were held in the morning, Rev. J. S. Montgomery preaching. In the afternoon, several of the younger people visited the Victory and enjoyed quiet water excursions.

The exercises of the Fourth commenced shortly after lunch with an address by Rev. F. D. Kelsey. Dr. Kelsey referred to the patriots of the Revolutionary Wars of Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, Israel Putnam and others, and pronounced the following address which we shall ever hold Banner Hill, Bunker Hill and Yorktown.

"The war of 1812 furnished an example of a battle which was fought almost within sight of our homes, and we stand and inhale immortalizes Commodore Perry and recalls his famous message to General Harrison, 'We have met the enemy and they are ours!'

"There is no need now to recall the heroes of the Mexican war and the more recent conflict of 1861-1865, when was completed the work of 1776, which proclaimed all men free and equal before the law, a war which gave us such world-wide names as Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan.

"We need but ourselves two months along in a war with a European nation—a nation in whose grasp once has been held the most powerful possibilities any nation ever held, a nation of noted warriors, discoverers and colonizers. Once we saw a people drafted from the Columbia river to the Straits of Magellan and Cape Horn, a nation of pioneers and robbers like Pizarro and Cortez, a nation that has wasted unparalleled opportunities, a nation of unprecedented prices, a nation of bullfights and ignorance, poverty and peasantry, a nation of stupendous blunders and failures,—but it has been left to 1898 to demonstrate that even Spaniards can fight a naval battle without hitting a single enemy or sinking a single ship of their foes.

"This is a war which has been providentially forced upon us in defense of the weak against the strong, and by a sense of the sufferings of humanity at our very doors. Where would be our manhood, if we should stand and witnessed without protest the abuse, starvation and death of 200,000 non-combatants and innocent women and children? We could not, nor should not, stand by and see it done, when we have the power to prevent it."

The marvellous change which has come over our country and the art of war was noted by Dr. Kelsey, and the contrast drawn between our army of intelligent, independent, self-reliant, thinking men to the "army machines" of countries which, support great standing armies. The unspeaking spirit of some in regard to the slowness of our military movements was reserved to and emphasis was placed on the change of policy which this war is forcing upon us with regard to the Monroe doctrine. It has seemed to us almost an axiom of American politics and constitutional principle that this nation should keep aloof from all European complications and confine our territory to our continents and islands we now known as the Second purchase of Louisiana, and the Second purchase of Alaska, and defeated Great Britain and hopes of the purchase of Cuba as we had previously purchased Alaska.

Destiny of the Nation.

"The dangers of territorial aggrandizement, standing armies and powerful navies are of much import, but no great nation can refuse the destiny thrust upon them by providential events. The Philippine islands have practically been thrust upon us by the will of the God of nations, working through the energy, bravery, dash and skill of the rough-and-ready Roosevelt, who in a battle and then informs the world where he is, and what he has done, and simply says, 'Sit down and wait; two months for troops to be sent him, meanwhile holding on with a bulldog grip.' Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii are for Germany to meddle with a man who can calmly warn the emperor of Germany that he will not get between the enemy and his bullets.

"The question of what to do with the Philippines is difficult to solve, but our nation can no longer refuse participation in the world's politics. Our self-preservation demands representation in the councils of the nations.

"This war has also brought to the front the natural alliance of the Anglo-American nations.

"The reasons why this is inevitable and natural were mentioned by the speaker, but time forbids.

"Auspicious day when the Stars and Stripes, united in marriage with the Union Jack, carries peace, plenty, safety, liberty and blessings to all the inhabitants of earth.

"Who shall be the heroes of the present struggle time will tell. We already have names revered for self-sacrifice, heroic daring and wise generalship. Long live the navy, Dewey, Sampson, Schley, Hobson, Merritt and many more."

Closing with a glowing tribute to the Stars and Stripes, the speaker closed his inspiring and enthusiastically-received address.

At its conclusion the audience joined in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The speech was delivered from the verranda of the club-house, overlooking the large lawn, which was the scene of the next feature, the races.

These were eleven in number, and they occupied through the remainder of the afternoon. The first, the "hair ear race," for boys under 11 years old, was won by Aaron Kelsey, Russell Rutherford and Jack McCune. The prizes were money—$2 and $1. The course lay between Robbers's dock and that in front of the club-house.

A croquet game for girls under 12 years of age was won by Constance Woolson, Miss Rutherford and Florence Nelson. Miss Nettleton and Miss Nelson were tied for the second place. Miss Nettleton, as "Maine" pin, the other two young ladies receiving patriotic belt buckles.

The sack race was the occasion for much fun. About ten young boys left their shoes in a pile about 25 yards distant, then ran, found their shoes, put them on, fastened them, and then returned to their original place. After a lively scramble, Russell Rutherford won the first prize,$2, and Harold Baker the second, $1.

The fun had not quite subsided when the three-legged race was called. Among the twenty-five contestants, Clifford Smith and McNair won the first prize, $2, and George Chase and Leroy Brooks, jr., were awarded the second $1.

The "high kick" showed the skill of several of the boys. The prize obtaining $2 as a first prize, Ernest Baker, $1, the second.

The girls under 13 years of age had an opportunity to try their alertness in the potato race, carrying potatoes, one at a time, from one pile to another. Helen Kelsey, Frances Baker and Mary Kelsey were the three who took for their skill.

In the bicycle race the girls' prizes were blue buckles, and the boys' sums of money. Other races were the Cuban lightning, the Spanish, consisting of lighting cigarettes; the sand race, the running races for girls and boys under 10 years age, and the sack race for girls. The prizes were money, except in the girls' running race, where the rewards were silver spoons for the judges.

The races were in charge of Mr. A. M. Woolson, Mr. E. C. Shaw and Mr. F. B. Rutherford, who were the judges. After the races the prize-winners received their rewards, at the same time a little impromptu speech being made before they were awarded.

The dinner at the club-house was appropriate in harmony with the day. The dining room had on its patriotic dress, the ceiling being covered with flags in streamers, and the walls and chandeliers being draped with bunting and flags. Outside it was decorated with Japanese lanterns and parasols. The menu cards for dinner yesterday were embossed with a Cuban and American flags, with the eagle as a shield, and the text beneath, "Clear your decks for action and follow Dewey."

The menu consisted of such patriotic phrases as "Rhode Island Red, White and Blue;" "Fillet of whitefish a la 1776;" "Potatoes Washington;" "Sweet Potatoes McKinley;" "Salpicon of chicken, a la Dewey;" "Croustard of fruit, Gen. Miles;" "Spinach a la Uncle Sam;" "Pie a la Independence;" "Blue and Gray pudding; "Cherry pie, George Washington;" "Our Navy pie, Admiral Manila ice cream; "Jelly a la Hobson;" "American cheese;" "Hard-tack U. S. A." besides many other good wartime dishes.

Last evening a fitting close was made to the day's festivities, the entertainment being in several directions. A lawn fete with music was held on the grounds, ice cream and cake being served. A sale of "fancy articles was held near the club house for the benefit of the little church of the village.

As soon as darkness came on a magnificent display of fireworks was given on the grounds by the Professor Electrical Director" Rutherford. Hundreds of lanterns strung from tree to tree along the water's edge, added to the beauty of the fireworks and heightened the pyrotechnical effect. Many of the pieces were made from the grounds. Among those of this description were the "devil among the sailors," and colored batteries of various kinds.

Colored torches, and aerolites, winding circles and fiery cascades added their glaring beauty, while all sorts of whistling rockets were to be seen. Some of the pieces were "Moons of Saturn," short froth stars, serpents, and small animals; some like the "Edison Parade" were like electric fountains and some were miniature volcanoes. Add to these balloons with fireworks attachments, and a multitude of rockets, Roman candles and other fireworks of more ordinary type and the result was one of marvellous beauty and grandeur.

As soon as darkness came on and with a grand dress ball at Rehberg's hall. The ladies were gowned in their dainties and accompanied by gentlemen, led by a Cleveland orchestra was most entertaining. Some of those present and participating in the other festivities of the day were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Woolson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Woolson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodgers, Miss Jennie Rodgers, Miss Florence Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rutherford, Herbert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cone, Mr. Calvin Cone, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fisher and daughter and son, Mr. Franklin of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sheppe, Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Kelsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rodgers, Miss Mary Rodgers, Miss Eva Bond, Mr. Horace Sayre, Mr. W. C. Godfrey, Mrs. T. J. Rowland, Miss Edna Rowland, Mrs. Joseph Cummings, Miss Belle Cummings, Miss Josephine Cummings, Mr. Jacob Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings, Mrs. Robert Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cummings and little son, Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke, Miss Harriet Clarke, and Mrs. A. Jones Brown Miss Mary Helen Suyron, Miss Jennie Scott, Mr. Scott, Miss Belle King, the Misses Wolfe, Miss Bessie Wolfe of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Childs, the Misses Cover, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner, Mr. Ned Baumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shaw, Mr. Carlton and Miss Shaw, Mr. Ed Colburn, Mr. Bert Colburn, Judge and Mrs. Doyle, the Misses Doyle, Mrs. Rutherford and Miss Ella Rutherford, Master Russell Rutherford, Miss Florence Hoar, Miss Gertrude Spencer, Miss Annie Reynolds, Mr. Marshall Bell, Master Bruce Bell, Mr. Franklin Macomber, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Jacob Rodgers, Mr. Herman Brand, Mr. Joseph Scott.

NAVY PROMOTIONS.

Among Them a Tiffin Man is Made Lieutenant.

Washington, July 5.—The President yesterday sent these nominations to the Senate:

Navy: Commodore Frederick V. McNair to be rear admiral; Capt. William T. Sampson, to be a commodore.

Commander Francis W. Dickens to be a captain.

Lieut. (junior grade) H. A. Field to be a lieutenant.

Lieutenant Commander William S. Cowles to be a commander.

Lieut. Albert L. Norton to be a lieutenant.

Lieutenant Commander William S. Cowles to be a commander.

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