

Another Interesting Tercentenary

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AND HIS BEAUTIFUL
LAKE



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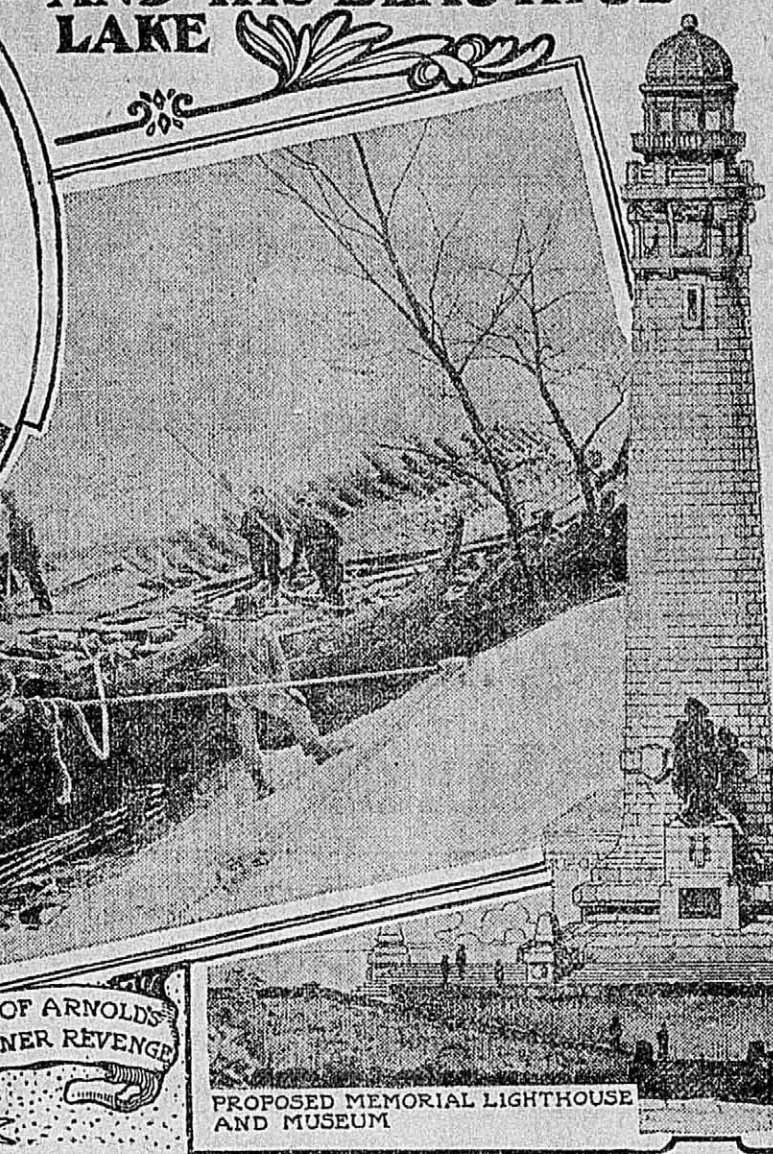
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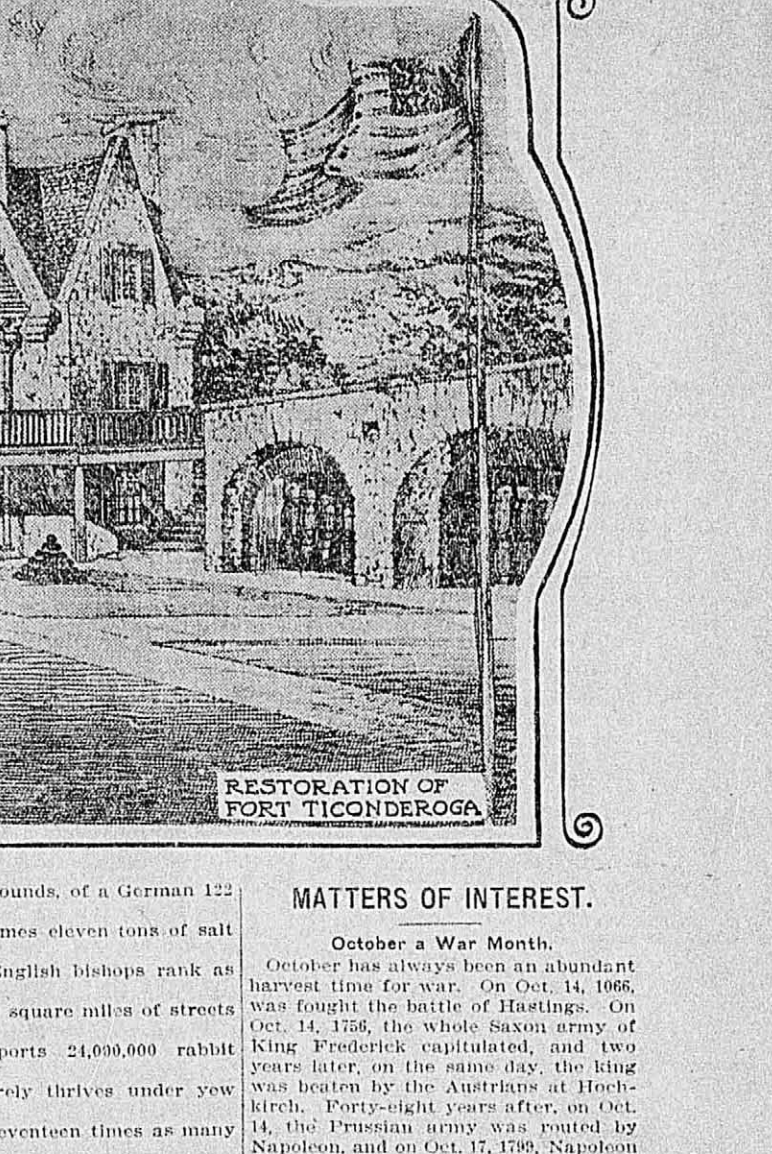
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BEGINNING Sunday, July 4, 1909, and ending Friday, July 9, the tercentenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain by the Frenchman who was the first white man to see the body of water which bears his name will be celebrated.

Canada will be represented by officials from the Dominion, the United States by President Taft, New York State by Governor Hughes and Vermont by Governor George H. Prouty. A Champlain day devoted to commemorative exercises will be observed in the public schools in the state of New York some time in June.

President Taft, with other distinguished guests and members of the commission from New York and Vermont, will be entertained by Smith M. West of Plattsburg, N. Y., Wednesday, July 7. Preceding this, the persons named and referred to will be the guests of Colonel Robert M. Thompson at Ticonderoga Monday, July 5. Various arrangements for the march of mounted troops from Fort Ethan Allen to Ticonderoga will be extended to Plattsburg. It is expected that one or more of the Canadian vessels will be present during the commemorative exercises. The Hon. Charles Langelier, high sheriff of Quebec, will enact the part of Champlain in the pageants to be presented each day of the celebration on a floating island. The secretary of the navy has promised the commission to send torpedo boats and submarines to the exercises.

The Ticonderoga, the largest steamer on the lake, will carry President Taft, Vice President Sherman, Speaker Cannon, the British and French ambassadors, Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, and other officials around the lake to the various points at which celebrations will be held. Boats manned by the naval militia will escort the Ticonderoga on her trips. The events of the week will occur as follows: At Crown Point, July 6; Ticonderoga, July 6; Plattsburg, July 7; Burlington, July 8, and at the Isle la Motte July 9. The most novel feature of the affair will be an island which is now being built to order and which will be completed in time for the chain of events. This island will be a floating island, built to order and which will be completed in time for the chain of events. This island will be a floating island, built to order and which will be completed in time for the chain of events.

The program of the exercises beginning July 4 will give the reader an idea of the scope of the commemoration.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST.

October a War Month.

October has always been an abundant harvest time for war. On Oct. 14, 1066, was fought the battle of Hastings. On Oct. 14, 1556, the whole Saxon army of King Frederick capitulated, and two years later, on the same day, the king was beaten by the Austrians at Hochkirch. Forty-eight years after, on Oct. 14, the Prussian army was routed by Napoleon, and on Oct. 17, 1799, Napoleon commenced his new career of victories. On Oct. 17, 1805, the Austrians were defeated at Ulm; the same date in 1811 witnessed the retreat from Moscow. On Oct. 29, 1827, was fought the battle of Navarino, and Oct. 31, 1895, was the never to be forgotten victory of Trafalgar.

The Age of Animals.

According to a well known British naturalist, the average length of life of animals is as follows: The rabbit lives from six to seven years. The cat from fifteen to seventeen years. The dog from sixteen to eighteen years. The bear eighteen to twenty years. The rhinoceros from twenty to twenty-two years. The horse from twenty-two to twenty-five years. The camel and cow sixty years. The tortoise 110 years. The eagle 120 years. The elephant 400 years. The whale 1,000 years.

Inches in Land and Water.

An acre is 6,272,640 square inches. An inch of water on an acre is therefore 6,272,640 cubic inches. That amount, at 8.33 cubic inches to the gallon, equals 752,000 gallons, or 230,000 pounds, or a hundred tons. An inch of rain is, in other words, rain falling at the rate of a hundred tons to the acre.

Conning Towers of Chicago.

The aerial conning tower is the latest device of the Chicago department of smoke inspection. Its value consists chiefly in that the owner of the offending chimney can be notified immediately by the inspector stationed in the lookout.

No High Notes in Canada.

A new Anglican hymnal has been provided for use by the Canadians because, owing to climatic conditions, they are unable to sing the high notes of the English hymnal.

Where Census is Easy.

Westmorland is the most thinly populated of any British county. It has only one inhabitant to every four acres of its surface.

Rule Half the World.

The emperor of China and the viceroy of India between them govern more than half the population of the world.

Fighters on Peace Footing.

The peace footing of the armies of the civilized world is in all 4,000,000 men.

Motors for Coffins.

A burial association in Paris has automobiles arranged for the transportation of coffins.

A Race That Loves Life.

Irishmen rarely commit suicide.

Railway Tunnels of Great Britain.

The railways of Great Britain have just over 150 miles of tunnels. The seven longest railway tunnels have a total length of thirteen miles.

New Style of Shingles.

Shingles are now made under a patented process from asbestos fiber and portland cement.

Cloth From Steel.

Iron cloth is made from steel and has the appearance of horsehair cloth. It is largely used by tailors as a material for stiffening the shoulders and collars of coats.

Australia Short on Women.

In Australia there are nearly 247,000 more men than women.

Great Britain's Danger Coast.

Between Flamborough Head and the North Foreland is the most dangerous part of the British coast. Between Anglesea and the Mull of Cantire comes second in deadliness.

Sidewalk of Human Teeth.

An Altona dentist is said to be constructing a sidewalk of human teeth which he has extracted in the past twenty years.

Average Weight of Man.

The average weight of a grown man is 140 pounds 6 ounces. The weight of his skeleton is only fourteen pounds.

RUFUS COBB.

CHILDREN FARMING IN THE CITY

Five Hundred From the Tenement Districts Planting and Cultivating Crops on a Crowded Rim of the Metropolis

DOWN at the foot of Fifty-third street, on the rim of the bustling and everlastingly rushing of New York city, looking out on the Hudson river, lies the children's farm of the great metropolis. The correct name is the Children's School Farm. The site used to be a rubbish heap and dumping ground. That was eight years ago. The sun of the summer blistered it; the cold winds of winter chilled it. Nothing in its bleak and cheerful aspect indicated that it would ever nurture a plant of the hardiest sort.

A problem presented itself to the city. What was to be done with its children who live in the tenement districts? Those who had any tendency to tuberculosis were special objects of consideration. Such as these required that air. Unless they were uncoupled they would perish in the shadow of plenty. The problem interested a woman, Mrs. Henry Parsons. She worked it out. She got the attention of the city fathers. The amount of money obtained was not large, but it was enough to get the farm under way. The appropriation is \$5,000 a year. Mrs. Parsons is working along this amount, believing that the good that is being done will eventually induce private contributions which will enlarge her field.

The farm is an adjunct to De Witt Clinton park. It is not a farm in the sense of the word as understood in the farming portions of the country, but when one takes into consideration the almost fabulous value of land in New York city one acre set aside for farming is extensive. This acre is subdivided 500 times into tiny lots 4 by 8 feet, with intersecting paths. In this inclosure 500 children between the ages of eight and fourteen spade, seed and cultivate the plants. To be exactly correct, they farm. What they produce is theirs, and they do it all for the fun they get out of it.

So eager are these little ones for an opportunity to get out of the house and the dirt of the tenement districts that they compete for the opportunity. Each applicant must register in order to become a farmer, and the number



INSTRUCTOR WITH SEED.

of registrations always exceeds the number of plots in the tiny farm. As assignments are made in the order of registration. The spading this year was done during Easter week. Each little farmer is supplied with a tag, which must not be lost, for if it is lost the farmer loses his or her plot. Two crops of vegetables are raised

every year. For the seeding that takes place in July there are 500 new farmers. In order to allow for irregularities in attendance the enrollment is 600. Each plot contains seven articles—radishes, beans, peas, carrots, lettuce and corn. Two stalks of corn are allowed to each bed, and these are placed in the center. Asked why there are two stalks, the head farmer



CLASS IN CITY GARDENING.

replies that one might fail. It is all right on a city farm. In the observation plots, cultivated in common, are grown wheat, broom corn, oats and rye. Some of the squashes raised in these plots would show up well at a county fair.

When it rains these little farmers are still busy. In a great building in the farm are vegetables in all stages of growth, from the seed to the fully developed plant. Stereoscopic views re-enforce what is learned in that way. Nothing that gives thoroughness to knowledge is omitted or neglected.

Back of the farming idea is another that will eventually count for the farmer. A social question is involved.

BITS OF NEWS.

A four foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

About 248,000 people make or sell boots in the British Isles.

Australia has 6,100 churches, 210 for every 10,000 of her population.

The total equipment of a British cavalryman is 125 pounds, of a French

cavalryman 155 pounds, of a German 122 pounds.

London consumes eleven tons of salt a day.

Twenty-six English bishops rank as peers.

There are 150 square miles of streets in London.

Australia exports 24,000,000 rabbit skins a year.

Plant life rarely thrives under yew and ash trees.

Women use seventeen times as many gloves as men.

London imports 4,000,000 parasols and umbrellas a year.

There are eight submarine cables of over 2,000 miles in length.

The planet of Neptune was discovered with the telescope in 1846.

The sound of a bell carries better under water than through the air.

Out of each hundred inhabitants in New York city sixty-one are married.

The atmosphere of Natal is so clear that it is possible to see thirty miles.

England's thirty-five sovereigns have reigned on an average twenty-three years each.

The same force that moves a ton along a highway will pull a thirty-ton canal boat.

Oak, ebony and mahogany are the three best known woods which are heavier than water.

England has forty-two missionary societies, and the United States has forty-five, out of a world's total of 249.

The tidal rise and fall on the Pacific side of the isthmus of Panama is about ten times as much as on the Atlantic.

The average woman spends twelve times more money on her hats than on her boots, and the reverse in the case of a man.

Kites to Scare Locusts.

The Molteno (Cape Colony) farmers have hit upon a novel plan for dealing with locusts. A farmer has imported some eagle kites for the purpose of scaring locusts from the crops.

Missionary Work in China.

A church thirty-five years old had up to that time six members in China, but since 1900 there have been 50,000 natives converted to Christianity.

Jews in Our First War.

In 1769 a body of volunteers consisting entirely of Jews was formed in Charleston, S. C., and fought under General Moultrie.

Seventeen Arch Bridge Sixty Years Old.

There is a stone bridge of seventeen arches, a hundred feet high at center and quarter of a mile long at Lancaster, Pa., which was built in 1849 and is still in service.