Mayal, Municipal, Commercial, and Imperial Banquets and Honors to the Americans-Intimate Blending of the Fings of the Empire and Republic-Portraits of Washington, the Czav, Lincoln, and Johnson in Profusion-

Secretary Fox and the Peasant Preserver of the Caar Arm and Arm-Costly Wines, Russian Punches, and the Rare Dishes on Every Table-Enthusinstic Speeches and Sincere Good Wishes—The People Out in Force and "Wild" with Excitement, Etc. Etc. Etc.

Making Ready to Sail. CRONSTADT, August 11 .- To-day we leave Cronstadt for awhile, to visit the magnificent capital of Russia, and to make a variety of delightful excursions to important points in the vicinity of St. Petersburg.

Pleasing Remembrances. Our entire stay here has been of the most greeable and pleasant character. We did tot dream that the generous hospitality and attentions of our hosts would equal that we l ave already received. From our arrival in the Gulf of Finland to this time we have been the recipients of the most profuse, generous, and delicate hospitality and substantial evidences of the warm sympathy and triendship of the Russians, not from the officials alone representing the Emperor-whose guests we are-but from the people of every rank and

The reception has been national in character and most marked in every way. Dinners of the most elegant and princely description have been given us by the navy and by the municipal government of the city of Cronstadt, at which the most generous and friendly sentiments of complete sympathy and regard have been expressed, and no means left untried through which we could be made to fully appreciate the affection and esteem in the Russian nation hold us. The entente cordiale has not been based on treaties, but on the honest and true feelings of the Government and the people. It is the genuine affection of brothers rather than the amity dictated by policy and self interest. No one can doubt this fact who sees the close affiliation between the Russianans do urselves. It is too palpable to be denied. Each day shows it more clearly, as it reveals some new evidence of the hearty and genuine affection of every one here, from the Emperor to the lowest of his subjects. But the mere recital of the details of our sojourn here, as they are developed, will show more clearly than words what is the nature of our reception. And to that recital I will at once devote myself.

The Hospitalities. In my last I was compelled, by lack of time, to confine myself to a mere mention of two magnificent banquets which we had enjoyed in Cronstadt from the hands of the Russian Navy and the municipality of Cronstadt. They were so brilliant that I must not omit to give a further and most detailed description of them.

The Naval Banquet.

The first was on the afternoon of the 9th and was given by the Kussian Imperial Navy in the grand salon of the Navy Club at Crodstadt. The salon de Fassemble-a splendid room-was elegantly decorated with flags, Russian and the American, fraternally entwined by flowers and exotics, pictures and gay banners.

At one end of the room was the cost-ofarms of Russia over the splendid portrait of the Grand Duke Constantine, and at the other was the portrait of Washington under the arms of the United States. The flags of woth nations draped them. The portraits of Presidents Lincoln and Johnson were also prominently displayed vis-a-vis with those of the Imperial family - all encircled with wreaths of natural flowers and fresh leaves. The busts of Peter the Great and of Alexander the Second, crowned with flowers and leaves, were placed in conspicuous places. All about the room were rare trees and shrubs and flowers of great beauty, brought from St. Petersburg for the occasion. In the balconies were two magnificent bands, one the celebrated orchestra of Ladon, from the Imperial Opera, and the other the splendid post band of Cronstadt. The salon was brilliantly illuminated by grand candelabras, with wax candles. The dinner itself, furnished by the most celebrated restaurateur of st. Petersburg was one of the most elegant and sumptuous that I have ever seen. It could not be excelled.

The wines were of the greatest variety and profusion, the best that the world affords, The dinner was as complete as it well could be, and was greatly enjoyed by the four hundred and fifty gentlemen who partook of it. The bills of fare, designed and engraved expressly for the occasion, were models of elegance and appropriateness. At the head was a picture of the Miantonomah passing Fort St. Paul. In the grand garland surrounding the vig-nette, was the date of our arrival, "1866," while in the border, made by cables, on one side were the date, "1492," of the discovery of America. and the names of Columbus, Washington, Fulton and Lincoln; and on the other the date 862, the year of the foundation of the Russian nation, and the great names of Vdadimir Ravonaopostolin, Dimitri Donskoi, Peter the Great, and Alexander II. Under the vignette was the inscription in English:-

"The Miantonomah's arrival at Constadt." There were also on either side of the carte a representation of a Russian and American sailor, holding their respective national flags, which crossed each other and blended their folds together, while the sailors saluted each About the base were the names of other. Sinope, Tchesma, Revel, Navarin, Sevastopol, Mobile, Charleston, Fort Fisher, New Orleans-names glorious in the annals of the

Russian and American navies. The bands played "Yankee Doodle," "Hail Columbia," the Russian national hymn, the "Kommissarow March," and other patriotic airs at intervals, interspersed with selections

from the best operas. After the dinner sentiments were offered and responses made, which were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The first toast was to the Emperor; after which

Mr. Fox's Speech.

Mr. Fox made a capital little speech, in which he spoke of the sympathy existing between Russia and America. We were indebted greatly to the Emperor for his kind greeting during the darkest hour of our trials. when Russia proved to be the only triend we had in Europe. It had made the two nations friends forever. His remarks, which I do not pretend to report, were received with terrific

Sentiments-To the Empress and Royal family; to Admiral commanding the post, which were replied to and honored with

The Secretary of the Russian navy, Ad-

miral Crabe, offered the health of General Clay, United States Minister to Russia, to which the latter replied in a bappy manner, concluding with offering the health of the

Emperor, a toast honored by hearty cheers. Toasts were then drank to the Grand Duke Constantine; our teachers—the Americans-Captains Murray, Beaumont, and the officers of their commands; to General Totleben, by Captain Murray; and by the gallaut General to "The Defenders of Sevastopol" and the "Conquerors of Sinope."

Many volunteer toasts were drunk with all the honors. The speeches, as becometh all post-prandial oratorical efforts, were brief and to the point. After this part of the programme was completed, many of the older officers retired, and the room was cleared for a dance -a stag dance.

An Elevated Compliment.

The scene then became particularly lively. Almost all of us were bonored by a tossing in air at the bands of the Russian officers-a mark of honor of the highest character, but not generally a comfortable one. The dance was of a kind to baffle description. It was wonderfully amusing and novel. Some of our officers indulged in it, and introduced a few Sioux steps, which our hosts confessed were worthy of imitation. The evening was particularly jolly. The reception could not be exceeded in hospitality, cordiality, and perfectly friendly teelings. It will long be remembered by all of remembered by all of us.

Our hosts were determined to outdo the grandest American dinners, and I am not prepared to say they did not succeed. Del-monico would be troubled to excel it.

Municipal Bauquet. On the following day we dined with the municipal authorities of Cronstadt. The dinner was admirable in every way. About two hundred and fifty sat at the table. There was music, magnificent floral decorations, and elegant ornaments of every kind. The bill of lare was a marvel of promises of the most delicate and the richest dishes which Europe can afford, and the promises were more than fulfilled. I regret that I have not the menu at hand to send a copy, because I should like to show your readers that Russia can produce everything that an epicure could desire. As at the previous dinner, the wines were of the choicest vintage and of the greatest variety. Ten thousand dollars were expended on this magnificent affair.

The usual toasts were drunk and responded to, the guests not being forgotten. His Honor the Mayor, Mr. Stepenow, presided, and made some excellent and apropos remarks, which were immensely well received.

The room was hung with pictures, among which were those of Washington, Lincoln, Johnson, and of Alexander II, Peter the Great, and others. The flags of both nations were conspicuously entwined together, suggestive of the close and friendly bonds that have for so long a time joined Russia to the United States. Speeches were also made breathing the same triendly sentiments as in the naval club, and expressing a comiding faith in the permanence of the ties that unite in closest sympathy the two great nations of the East and West. This dinner spoke the feelings of the commercial classes, as the previous had expressed those of the Government. After the dinner a scene occurred which made a deep impression on all who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

The People Out. An immense crowd had assembled in the street, opposite the municipal palace, to see the guests of the city and pay their respects to them. The dinner being over they made loud calls for Mr. Fox and the American officers, who, appearing at the windows, were hailed by thunders of cheers, and every possible demonstration of pleasure and satisfac-

The New Noble and Mr. Fox.

Presently Kommissarrow, the young man had recently saved and who had been one of the honored guests at the dinner, appeared arm and arm with Mr. Fox at one of the windows, and bowed to the multitude. He was at once recognized, and the enthusiastic shout that went up was thrilling. The crowd was wild with enthusiasm, and cheered and cheered again.

Mr. Fox, to show the feeling of the Americans, placed upon the young nobleman's head a bouquet of flowers. The act was recognized by terrific cheers. No such enthusiasm had ever before been exhibited in Cronstadt. The people were wild with excitement, and it was some time before Kommissarrow and Mr. Fox could leave the window, so deatening were the cries. The scene had a very happy effect on our friends.

On the day of the presentation to the Emperor at Peterhoff, Mr. Fox, after he had accomplished that agreeable duty, proceeded to Kommissarow's apartments and paid his respects to him. Mr. Fox said that he had come to express to him his personal respects, and to congratulate him in the name of all the people of the United States for having been, through Providence, the means of saving one whose existence is dear, not only to Russia, but to humanity in general. These words were translated by Monsieur Abaza. After-wards Mr. Fox, Mr. Clay, and others with him, shook M. Kommissarow by the hand, the latter being visibly affected by the act He promised to send his photograph to the gentlemen, and seemed highly touched at the honor, expressing through M. Abaza his profound gratitude to his triends of the other hemisphere for their kind words.

The event had a very gratifying influence on all engaged in it.

A Tour of Inspection.

Yesterday some of our officers visited the arsenal, citadel, navy-yards, and docks, and thoroughly inspected them. They speak in the highest terms of the magnificence and solidity of all the public works at this great naval depot of Russia They were shown everything of interest, and were greatly delighted to see some splendid illteen-inch guns, similar in general details to our guns, which Russia has recently produced for her iron-clads. Huge piles of fifteen inch solid shot and shell lying about gave satisfactory evidence that Russia is prepared for any contingency. Her scientific ordnance officers, after an exhaustive experimental research, have arrived at the same conclusions we have

reached in the United States. And I shall not be guilty of exaggeration when I say that Russia has at her disposal ordnance that will sink any iron-clad in

Under the eminently wise and sagacious reign of Alexander II, Russia is up in the standard of ordnance to the United States, and so far ahead of the world. It is immensely gratifying to notice this great fact. because we have seen what other nations

have done. Let another war break out, and Russia will leave her mark, notwithstanding the boasts of England and France that they are on the right and successful path. Where there is so much energy, ability, and scientific skill, joined with a desire to have the best in everything, no matter from what source derived, joined with a desire to have the best in every-thing, no matter from what source derived, you may reasonably expect to find the best results when occasion devolops them. We states, and the whole American nation." (Great results when occasion devolops them. We states, and are surprised and gratified at the evidences of cheering.)

Russian progress. We see them on every hand, and we are convinced that when the grand day of conflict arises the Russian flag will float victoriously over the seas.

The Public Institutions. In a future letter I desire to say some thing of the hospitals and the scientific in stitutions of Cronstadt. They are well worthy of mention. The Compass Observatory here is something entirely unique and of immense value. I shall give some account of it at the very first available opportunity. Imperial Commission of Convoy and Compliment.

The commission appointed by the Emperor to take charge of the American officers here is as follows: - Vice-Admirsl S. S. Lesovsky, Vice-Governor of Cronstadt; Commodore M. T. Fedorfsky, Commander M. E. Koltovsky,

Lieutenant H. C. Tenbeck, A. D. Lemann,

P. N. Doornovo, N. A. Ricach, N. N. Nasimoff, P. C. Konpier; Sub-Lieutenant S. T. Paltoff; Engineer P. P. Villiers. These gentlemen, representing every branch of the Russian naval service, have our party in full charge. It is not saying too much to assert that no better selections could be made from the navy to perform the ardnous duties they are assigned to. They are extremely cordial and attentive, and are always

ready to do everything in their power to further our wishes. The gallant Admiral is too well known in the United States to require the slightest notice at my hands. His name is sufficient. He is unwearied in his efforts to show us everything to be seen, and to make our sojourn as delightful as possible. Each and every of his subordinate officers heartily unites with him in carrying out his hospitable intentions. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves in having fallen

Thinking of Moscow. The programme at present laid out comprehends a delightful trip to Moscow, where princely hospitality is proverbial, and subsequently to the tamous town Nigui Novgorod, where the celebrated Fair is held, to which the merchants of the East bring their goods overland. It will be an interesting visit.

into such excellent hands.

THE MISSION TO ST. PETERSBURG.

A General Tender of Hospitalities, and no End of Fetes.

St. Petersburg, August 16.-The hospitable entertainments offered to us by clubs, corporations, and private persons, are thronging in upon us in a manner unprecedented. I we were to remain here a month longer than is contemplated, we should be troubled to accept every invitation extended to us. Every one seems anxious to show respect and regard to the Americans by giving elegant dinners and evening entertainments. Such a round of affairs of that kind have we before us that we despair of living through the siege. Those who are permanently with the party suffer not a little, and we begin to wish to return to our ships merely to obtain rest and an humble dinner. We dine too sumptuously daily to retain our health, or at least our republican

Just think of sterlet, the great Russian fish, at one hundred rubles each, and everything else correspondingly expensive and rare, at each dinner, and then you may believe that the Russians are straining every nerve to give us the most elegant reception possible. Nothing can exceed the magnificence of their dinners or their boundless hospitality.

The Merchants' Club Banquet. Last night we dined with the Merchants' Club of St. Petersbyrg, in their club-room, on the Neva Perspective. The club is one of the first, if not the first, of St. Petesburg, and is celebrated for the elegance of its entertainments. The one given us last night was in every detail a magnificent affair.

The splendid large salon of the club was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Along the walls, near the ceiling, were the coats-ofarms of the United States and Russia beautifully executed, placed alternately, and draped with Russian and American flags. Our banners were swinging with the Russian from every available point. On one side of the room were the life-size portraits of the Emperor Alexander I and the Empress, draped with the imperial and national banners. Op posite, under the American coat-of-arms, were the portraits of Washington, Lincoln, and Johnson, handsomely decorated with garlands and flags. Alongside the walls were placed hundreds of exotics, shrubs and flowers, and in the lines of tables were also orange and lemon trees, and flowering shrubs, the whole combined having a most beautiful effect.

In the balcony was Laidow's celebrated orchestra, which played throughout the evening. About four hundred guests sat down to the repast. They were of every class of society-men distinguished in their varied walks of life, all assembled to do honor to America and Americans, and to express their friendship for them,

Of course there was an abundance of the choicest sherry, Bordeaux, champagne, sauterne, etc., and coffee.

Russian Punch. After the dimner a magnificent punch was brewed by a skilful hand, from champagne, rum, and a halt dozen different liquids, which was exceedingly nice, but fearfully heady. According to the Russian custom, before the dinner was hall over the President of the dinner, Mr. Vorqunin, arose and made the first speech of the evening, which was frequently interrupted by applause.

And it is a noticeable fact in connection with this, as at other dinners, the health of the President of the United States was given first-a custom never before adopted in Russia in compliment to any potentate, however mighty or friendly.
The President spoke in Russian, which Ad

miral Lisovsky translated as follows:—

"The Hon. G. V. Fox, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy of the United States, has honored us by receiving the unanimous invitation of the Russian corporation of merchants of St. Peters-burg to the dinner to-day. It is not the first burg to the dinner to-day. It is not the first time that our society has expressed its sincero and heartielt triendship to the citizens of the United States. I think that the respected General Clay has not forgotten the cordial reception which was shown to him by the Society in February last, nor the speeches expressive of triendly attachment made on that day. But now we are still more closely bound to this great nation by the sympathy which it has great nation by the sympathy which it has shown to us for the sorrowful eyent of the fourth of April. The heart of every Russian beat with joy when it was known that our friends beyond the ocean were sending a deputation from Congress with congratulations for the wonderful preservation, through Divine mercy, of our beloved and dear Emperor. This act clearly shows to us that we have sincere friends clearly shows to us that we have sincere friends who rejoice in every success of Russia, and who sympathize with us in every trial. Our friendship is not founded on seldsh political considerations, nor on the possible benefits of commercial treaties. No; it is a bond of affection, and the feeling of conscious independence and power. And we think that the bonds uniting these two great Powers are indissoluble, and our sincere great Powers are indissoluble, and our sincere

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The Reply. Mr. Fox then grose, and in reply spoke substantially as follows:-

"To him who, under Divine impulses and the dictates of his own heart, has given to a great nation emancipation, local self-government, trial by jury, freedom of the press, and abolishment of flogging, who desires that his reign shall be remembered for the happiness it has bestowed upon the people, rather than for glory he might acquire—the Emperor of Russia. To the Empress and Royal Family.

The toast of the Emperor, and the next following to her Majesty, the Empress of Russia, the Grand Duke Heritler and Imperial family were drunk with all honors and hearty cheers. Mr. Fox was then toasted personally, and returned his thanks for the compliment, and indulged in some brief but appropriate remarks, which were well re-

General Clay. The United States Minister was then toasted, and made a very happy speech in reply, in which he spoke of the advance Russia was making in every way, and how much was owing to the integrity, enterprise, and wisdom of the Russian merchants, whom he toasted.

A Toast to Congress. Mr. Korkereff, of Moscow, made the fol-

respected American guests has to us a most deep significance. Under the influence of this

lowing speech:-"The arrival in Russia of our highly

great occasion we are unable to define even approximately its importance. Our valued guests have honored us with this visit not on account of political or commercial interests but it was only from the disinterested, the pure and lofty desires of the American people to join in the general rejoicing of the people of Russia. Mr. Fox has expressed the joyful feetings of the American people to our beloved Imperial reformer, who is the cause of our general joy. "We most respectfully request the honored Envoy of the United States, upon his return to his native land, to inform his people that they could not have chosen a better means of creating a protherly teeling of love for Americans in every Russian mansion and in every Russian cabin throughout the empire, than by expressing their joy for the preservation of the life of him who sheds light upon Russian life by his philan-thropy, justice, enlightenment, and mercy. The citizens of America, understanding the Russian life and history, understand the long life and health of Alexauder II is for a pledge of glory, happiness, and strength. Deeply filled with gratitude for such sympathy, I propose the health of all the members of Congress who have sent to Russia an involce of the feelings of the

American people." (Great cheers.) The "Merchants of the United States" were next honored with a toast, and then "The American Navy" was called and drunk in bumpers.—N. Y. Herald.

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