

A LUTHERAN REUNION.

About 18,000 People Gather at Idlewild Park Yesterday.

THE PLEASURE SPOILED BY RAIN.

And the Pretty Costumes Are Bedraggled and Destroyed.

MAYOR GOURLEY TICKLES THE CROWD.

Upward of 18,000 people, the bulk of whom were dressed in white, attended the Lutheran picnic at Idlewild Park yesterday. The great crowd went from Pittsburgh, Altoona, Johnstown, Indiana, Uniontown, Connellsville, Scottsdale, Greensburg and other points in Western Pennsylvania. The gathering was spoiled by rain. The speaker, with his wife and daughter, and his domestics, were there in great numbers, and all mingled together in an almost fruitless effort to get some little enjoyment out of a decidedly disagreeable day.

The clear skies of the bright morning taxed the Pennsylvania Railroad in carrying the picnickers to the park, but the advance guard of the great outpouring had just arrived at the delightful resort when a furious rainstorm drenched their arid, bedraggled their airy costumes and made them weary of the world in general.

Crowded the Accommodations. There is an abundance of shelter in the magnificent grove, but as one special train followed another and dumped their burdens into the park, the sheltering places became crowded, and those who came late were forced under the trees for protection, which was little, if any, advantage over positive exposure.

It was dinner time when all the special trains had arrived, and the lunch baskets were opened up to dull and uninteresting appetites. Instead of all gathering about a legal feast supplied by chefs from every Lutheran household in this end of the State, each family took their own contribution to the best shelter obtainable and ate and dodged the rain and thought unpleasant and uncomplimentary thoughts of the kind of weather supplied them. Not a few of them abandoned their lunch baskets altogether and went to the Ligonier hotels for their dinners.

Mayor Gourley, who was the principal speaker of the occasion, arrived at the park just before noon. He did not abandon his train, however, until he reached Ligonier. He dined with friends at Frank's Hotel and was about to declare his engagement for the day of when the clouds broke away and a bright sun burned out like a mother's smile. The mayor hurried off to the park where a committee of ministers and the Greensburg band awaited his coming.

Mayor Gourley's Warm Reception. While the mayor's enthusiastic greeted His Honor the band played an old Italian melody and the woodland rang out a joyous welcome. The Greensburg band is admittedly one of the best musical organizations in the State and their concert during the afternoon went for toward making the day bearable.

The reception to Mayor Gourley attracted and centralized the great crowd about the dancing pavilion and the exercises of the day were opened by the gathering uniting in singing a hymn. The band of 20 pieces led the singing. Rev. Alexander McLaughlin, who was introduced as an Irish Lutheran, announced the hymn. Rev. M. L. Cutler, of Apollo, offered prayer. Rev. A. L. Yont, of Greensburg, made the first speech. Rev. J. W. Miller, of Leechburg, announced the second hymn, and Rev. J. K. McElroy, of Freeport, delivered the second address. Rev. G. W. Crist, of Jeannettown, announced the third hymn and Rev. J. H. Mueller, a Russian, of Altoona, delivered a third address in German. Then Mayor Gourley was introduced. There was a shuffling about in the vast audience when the Mayor's name was mentioned. He was introduced as "the Governor of the Smoky City," a liberal round of applause was accorded him as he bowed with the air of a Chesterfield to the sea of anxious faces that were turned to him.

He had to Have a Speech. The Mayor said he had prepared a speech for the occasion. He had hoped to be the first speaker, but as he had been put off to the last he would reserve his little talk for some other occasion. "Go on, go on," someone in the audience shouted. "No, I will be merciful," the Mayor replied. "You have been punished enough already," he concluded, while the expansive pavilion fairly shook with applause. He did go on, however, and for fully 30 minutes he held the largest audience ever seen in Westmoreland county in deep concern for his every word. He was frequently interrupted by applause, and the audience seemed to inspire him to eloquence. He told of the great occasion and the great men in the world's history, and he concluded by an interesting review of the life and works of Martin Luther. He said Luther, like all the great men of history, was a child of poverty, and he asserted that the works of the great religious reformer were the noblest of his race.

The Mayor had scarcely concluded his talk when the sun sank back behind a cloud and a lively rain storm followed. The crowd was stampeded by the elements and all the people scattered about for protection. It was well into the evening when the last train left the park, and most of the people had been fairly drenched before they got away.

Had to Ride on the Engine.

When Mayor Gourley arrived in Pittsburgh shortly after 8 o'clock last night, he was completely worn out. The crowd was too much for him. In leaving the park he was unable to board the train on account of the crowd. He was finally given a seat in the engine until he arrived at Latrobe. "I am a very tired man," the Mayor said last night at his home. "After I made my speech during the afternoon I spent three hours wandering about that great park in search of a seat but I was unable to find one. With their shelter and protection covering acres of the grove I could not find room enough for a seat for myself and I could get consolation only in seeing thousands of other people in the same predicament. I have not been at a picnic for five years until to-day and I can now say with some authority that I am not likely to go to another for five years to come. The occasion would have been a grand one had they been blessed with favorable weather."

SHE SHOOT HER BETRAYER.

And Then off to Him the Smoking Pistol to Return the Shot.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 11.—Patrick Quinn, the Western Union operator at Delaware station, who was shot by Miss Hattie Acres in the telegraph office there Tuesday night, lies in the hospital in this city in a critical condition. He has refused to make any statement except to say that he will not prosecute Miss Acres, as she had cause to shoot him. He admits that she promised to marry her and then wronged her.

Miss Acres is held in custody in Warren county, pending the result of Quinn's injuries. It was reported that she attempted to commit suicide by taking poison, but she denies this. After she had fired two shots at Quinn while he was alone in the telegraph office, she offered the smoking pistol as he fell to the floor and told him to shoot her, as she did not want to live. Miss Acres is an attractive young woman, 22 years of age, and belongs to a respectable family at Cresco, Pa.

BOSTON PEOPLE EXCITED.

Over the Murder Mystery at Fall River—No Apparent Motive to Lead Lizkie Borden to Commit the Deed—Massachusetts Proud of Her Judiciary.

W. J. Lempill, of Boston, was at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday, and discussed the Borden mystery at Fall River, Mass. He said the people of Boston were much exercised over the crime, as Mr. Borden was well known in the city in manufacturing and financial circles. "The general belief there," he went on, "is that Lizkie Borden is guilty of the crime, or that if she knew anything of it she acted upon an insane impulse. She is a girl under 30 years, and it is difficult to imagine any motive that would impel her to commit such a crime. The girl had everything she wished. She is the youngest of two children, there being an elder married sister. The parents were aged and had considerable money, all of which would be inherited by the two children.

"That much of interest may be brought out at the trial, there can be no doubt. It is a wise law that gives a coroner the privilege to withhold information, when publicity may lead to failures to clear up a mystery. This is well illustrated by the success of Massachusetts in putting down crime. Massachusetts ranks sixth in population and is eighteenth in the criminal calendar. We, who hail from that State and the bench. Our judges are chosen by the Governor with the concurrence of his eight executive counselors, and serve until 70 years of age, when they are permitted to retire on half pay. Even the municipal judges are appointed in the same manner.

"The history of the State is comparatively free from mysteries of a criminal nature and the action of the authorities in withholding important information is largely due to this. The police are discreet and seldom say anything that will interfere with the performance of their duty and as a consequence the escape of a murderer is a rare exception. This, of course, meets with the hearty approval of the public, although they are fully as curious as people in other States. "The Borden case is certainly most mysterious. The brutality of the person who committed the murder seems to be so unusual that it is difficult to think of a young woman, and particularly a daughter, could conceive such an act."

FOUR TOUGH SHINERS.

Go Into the Riot Business and Are Surprised.

Four tough hoodlums caused a sensation down Diamond square yesterday afternoon. The boys, each aged 18 or 19 years, were drunk and in a mischievous mood appropriated a farmer's horse and wagon standing at the curb. As they drove along the street yelling and swearing Officer O'Hara went to arrest them. He stopped the horse, but was lashed across the face with a whip in the hands of one of the boys. O'Hara jumped into the wagon, seized the lines and was about to drive the party to central station, Officer Crossan came to his assistance, when one of the young desperados dealt Crossan a blow with a club, knocking him down. Before Crossan regained his feet two of the boys had jumped on O'Hara, and one held a revolver, which he was just pointing at O'Hara's back when Crossan knocked it from his hand. A number of citizens finally came to the rescue, and the boys, still fighting and kicking like frogs, were taken to the Central in the patrol wagon. Three of them give their names as Joseph Kuff, Frank Mullen and Geo. Smith. The fourth one would give no name. Huff and Mullen were recently paroled from Morgantza.

THE FATE OF UNBELIEVERS.

Discussed by the Ecumenical Evangelical Lutheran Conference.

New York, Aug. 11.—The biennial German Evangelical Lutheran Conference of the United States is in session here. This is the second day of the conference. Twenty-three States are represented. Rev. Dr. Bading, of Milwaukee, was re-elected President and conducted the session. The meeting will be continued through Tuesday next. The proposition of debate this morning was if the unbelievers are lost eternally it is their own fault. This afternoon a long report on negro missions was read. It stated that six missions had been established in New Orleans and one each in Little Rock, Concord, N. C., Melesin, Va., and Springfield, Ill., upon which during the past two years \$2,500 has been expended. An appropriation of \$5,000 was made by the Conference for continuing the work.

TERRIBLE REVENGE ATTEMPTED.

Men Try to Wreck a Fast Train Because it Wouldn't Stop at a Station.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 11.—Two men living in Campbell county, Ky., whose names are known but suppressed, boarded the common ball train on the Kentucky Central Railroad at Falmouth last night and asked to be left off at Visalia, a station at which the train does not stop. Upon being refused they got off at Butler. They were seen to place rails on the track some distance from the station, and a man who had seen them hurried down and removed the obstructions just in time to save the Falmouth accommodation from a wreck. Officers and citizens are searching for the miscreants.

MAY NEVER SPEAK AGAIN.

Henry Hart, whose Tongue Was Nearly Bitten Off, Likely to Be Dumb.

Henry Hart, the Southside pudler whose tongue was bitten off during a quarrel with his mother-in-law, is still at the Southside Hospital. The physicians are afraid that he will never fully recover the power of speech and say that the chances are that even when the wound is entirely healed he will not be able to speak so that he will be understood except with difficulty. Hart insists upon his original statement that his tongue was bitten off by his mother-in-law, although it is hard to imagine how the wound could be inflicted in that way.

No Revolutionists to Be Found.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The War Department has received a telegram from the commanding officer of the department of Texas, announcing that a party has searched the country in vicinity of Reno, Tex., for revolutionists said to be near there, but had found none.

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