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PROGRAMME

OF THE

HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION

The programme of events for the Hudson-Fulton celebration, which will begin on Saturday, September 25, and last until October 3, and on that day shift to the upper Hudson towns and cities, is as follows:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

The American and foreign naval vessels will rendezvous in New York harbor, and will be one of ten squadrons. The first will consist of seagoing and coastwise merchant vessels; then will come steamboats plying in inland waters of the United States, including ferryboats; steam yachts, commanded by W. Butler Duncan, Jr., will be next in line, followed by motor boats under the command of J. Adolph Mollenhauer. The fifth squadron will be made up of tugs and steam lighters, followed by the sixth, consisting of sailing craft. Police boats and the craft devoted to the preservation of the public safety, such as wrecking, fire and hospital boats, will make up the seventh squadron, and then will come the escort squadron, including such Government craft as torpedo boats and submarines, naval militia vessels, steam launches, and cutters in the Government service, escorting the Half Moon and the Clermont, under the command of Commander R. P. Forsbaw of the Second Battalion of the Naval Militia. The patrol squadron, the ninth by number, is to be made up of vessels in the revenue service and other Government, State or private vessels authorized by the War Department to do patrol duty. The final squadron will be the scout squadron, and will consist of fast steamers and motor boats detailed to do dispatch boat duty.

At 10.30 a. m. the escort squadron will assemble with the replicas of the Half Moon and Clermont off Constable Point, in the Kill von Kull, and will manoeuvre with them along the Staten Island and Bay Ridge shores. The formation of the various other squadrons will begin between 12.30 and 1 o'clock, and at 1.15 the whole fleet will start up the bay to the Hudson River, the escort division, with the replicas of the Half Moon and Clermont in the center.

The fleet will steam slowly up to Forty-second street, then pass to the west between the war vessels and the Jersey shore, the warship line extending to 175th street—its northern end. Then it will recross the river and head downstream on the New York side to 110th street. There the official reception of the Half Moon and Clermont will be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies.

The head of the parade will reach 110th street about 4 o'clock. In the evening the same parade will be repeated, starting at 7.30 o'clock, amid a brilliant display of fireworks.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

There will be a general decoration of public and private buildings from New York to the head of the Hudson River. The day will begin with a reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East, on Governor's Island.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

The special feature will be the historic parade in the City of New York, participated in by people of all nationalities. The procession will be composed of floats and moving tableaux representing the principal events in the history of the aboriginal, the Dutch, the English, the Revolutionary, and the American periods of our history.

The parade will start at a time to be announced at 110th street and Central Park West, will proceed down Central Park West to Fifty-ninth street, thence through to Fifth avenue, and down to Twenty-third street. From Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street the parade will either proceed down to Washington Square, to disband at Fourth street, or else will turn up Madison avenue a few blocks, and then disband.

In the evening will be held the official literary exercises in the Metropolitan Opera House and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, at which men of national and international prominence will make addresses.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

This will be essentially a historical day, designed to be participated in by universities, colleges, schools, museums, and learned and patriotic societies throughout the State.

There will be commemorative exercises at Columbia University, New York University, the College of the City of New York, Cooper Union, St. John's University, Fordham, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, all the public schools and nearly all the private institutions of learning throughout the State.

There will also be motorboat races and aquatic sports on the Hudson River. The crews of many of the warships will take part in these contests. Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent for prizes of various kinds. The preliminaries of the motorboat races will be held on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and the finals on Wednesday, at a point approximately off Ninety-sixth street.

At the same time up-river there will be high power motor boat races at Yonkers, and sailing races for 30-footers and classes below at Newburg, including possibly the American and Dutch challengers in the International Sonder Class races.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

The military parade. This parade will include fully 25,000 men of the United States Army and Navy, the National Guard, the Naval Militia, various veteran organizations, and landing parties from the foreign warships. It will follow the same route as the historical parade of Tuesday. Only the military and naval organizations mentioned will march, and no civic organizations will have place in the line.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

The naval parade up-river, with incidental ceremonies along the line. The great fleet, organized into three squadrons, will start at the hours of 8, 9 and 10 o'clock, or else 7, 8 and 9 o'clock, as may be thought best, to escort the Half Moon and the Clermont up river as far as Newburgh Bay. That is as far as it will be practicable for some of the naval vessels to go.

At Newburgh there will be elaborate festivities. The Half Moon and the Clermont will be turned over to an up-river squadron, which will take the replicas on to Albany. The historical parade will be repeated in Brooklyn.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.

A general carnival day for New York City. In all the cities along the Hudson carnival exercises will take place, participated in by the children. On the Stony Point battlefield the Daughters of the Revolution will unveil their Memorial Arch.

In the evening there will be one great carnival parade, with moving allegorical tableaux, participated in by the German societies.

Every municipal building and thousands of private buildings, every great bridge spanning the East River, every monument, and many of the great thoroughfares will be illuminated with tens of thousands of electric lights. There will be 14,000 of these on the Queensboro Bridge and nearly as many on each of the other great bridges. Along the Hudson River front there will be an illumination of both sides of the river from Spuyten Duyvil to Seventy-second street.

On Riverside Drive there will be two enormous batteries of searchlights, one located at 110th street, with twelve searchlights aggregating 1,700,000 candle power, and another of four searchlights, aggregating 400,000 candle power, which will be turned upon Grant's Tomb. Meantime there will be special firework displays on floats along the river front in honor of the visiting fleets.

At 9 o'clock the signal fires will be lighted all along the Hudson. The points selected are Governor's Island, Fort Lee, Fort Washington, Spuyten Duyvil, Alpina, Hasting's Point, Dunderburgh, Anthony's Nose, Sugar Loaf Hill, West Point, Constitution Island, Storm King, Bull Hill, and Crow's Nest.

It has been arranged that President Taft shall give the signal for lighting all these fires. When the signal is given rockets, bombs, and an

enormous display of fireworks will be set off at each of the points selected, and then the great fires will be lighted, which will burn for four hours, with a flame thirty feet high.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Celebrations in the communities north of New York City. The up-river fleet will start the trip of the Half Moon and Clermont north from Newburg, while in New York City there will be a sacred concert in Carnegie Hall by the People's Choral Union.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Poughkeepsie will be the center of interest, while at Yonkers and in nearby towns there will be street parades.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

The naval parade on the river up to Kingston.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Naval parade at Catskill, where a statue of Rip Van Winkle will be unveiled. On the Lower Hudson there will be celebrations at Nyack, Piermont, Grand View and neighboring villages as far as Tuxedo.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

The fleet will reach Hudson, where a statue of the explorer will be dedicated, and further down the river local celebrations will be held at Ossining and Haverstraw and near-by towns.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Flotilla will reach Albany, while local celebrations are held at Peckskill, participated in by the people of adjoining towns.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

The naval parade will reach Troy, the end of its journey. On the Lower Hudson there will be local celebrations at Garrisons, Highlands, West Point and near-by villages, with which the Hudson and Fulton festival will end.

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