

HARRY LEHR WAS ON DECK.

The "Deah" Chappie" Led the Cotillion at Mrs. William Astor's Annual Ball--A Notable Entertainment.

New York, Jan. 9.—The largest private entertainment ever given in this city was Mrs. William Astor's annual ball tonight in the twin mansion of Mrs. Astor and John Jacob Astor, 5th av. and 65th st.

The floral decorations were identical. Mrs. Astor's 800 guests proved that the "400" of Ward McAllister's day is only a tradition.

Almost 300 persons were in the ballroom when the cotillion was danced. It was led by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Orme Wilson, Harry Lehr and Elissa Dyer Jr.

The funny "policeman" cotillion was danced. This figure calls for helmets and night sticks for the men and servants' caps and aprons for the women.

The duke and duchess of Manchester were present, and so were the count and countess de Rougemont, vis countess of Maitland, the Marquessa Davalos, Count Limburg-Stirum and Marquis DiSin Vito Mine Waddington.

For the first time the library was used for dancing. Shortly after midnight the picture gallery was so filled with dancers that more dancing space became necessary.

Mrs. Astor wore royal purple velvet, trimmed with sable, and with great sleeves of lace. She wore her diamonds and her stomacher of diamonds.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt was marvelously gowned in cerise velvet, spangled with gold sequins.

OBITUARY. David Hamm. The death of David Hamm, took place Tuesday morning at his home at the Narrows, Queen's county.

NEWS OF CHATHAM. Chatham, Jan. 11.—Mitchell Porter slipped on the ice about a week ago and sprained his ankle, and has been confined to the house ever since.

Ferdinand Robidoux. Ferdinand Robidoux of Shediac, died recently at the home of his son Ferdinand jr., proprietor of Le Montreux Acadien.

Mrs. D. W. Mersereau. At Bridgetown, N. S., on Jan 6th Adelaide Amelia Smith, beloved wife of D. W. Mersereau, died very suddenly.

JAPS AND RUSSIANS THROUGH BRITISH EYES.

Col. Denny Was in Port Arthur and Knows the Japs---Capt. Thatcher Was at Several Battles With Oku's Army---The Japs are Wonderfully Clever.

The following interview with Col. Denny, who is returning from Canada to England, appears in the Toronto News:— "You have been in Port Arthur, Colonel?"

"Yes, all through it many a time. I know every fort in it. I have a map of it in my luggage somewhere, one that I made myself."

"It was quite plain to see that the Colonel carried most of that map of Port Arthur under his cap, and he spoke of Japan and Corea with enthusiasm."

"What is your opinion of the siege?" "Well, we all knew Port Arthur was a decidedly hard nut to crack."

"Really now, you must excuse me from any comparison. A man in active military service is not supposed to publish his opinions on such matters."

"And it would be obviously about as hard as besieging Port Arthur to extract from the Colonel any gve-away information."

"No, I really shouldn't care to be cooped up in a place like that to be peeped with shells as a regular daily routine," he admitted.

"Perfectly justifiable. He would have been foolish to have left Nogi an ounce of anything that he couldn't reasonably destroy."

Canadian Officer Talks. Captain H. C. Thacker, who was Canadian military attaché with Oku's army, and witnessed the actions at Anshan, Liao Yang and Shaho, arrived at Victoria, B. C., by the Empress of Japan last week.

Jap and Russ. "As a cavalryman he is poor, is he not?" "Well, of course, there is no real cavalry in Japan, such as we had in South Africa."

Thousands Acquiring the Dope Habit. The dope habit is being acquired by thousands of Canadians through using so-called cures for Catarrh containing an excessive amount of alcohol and other dangerous drugs.

BRITISH TRADE. The December statement of the British Board of Trade shows increases of \$2,628,500 in imports and \$17,298,000 in exports.

HOLY GHOSTS ARE IN TROUBLE.

The Doings at Beulah Hill Have Aroused the Attention of the Maine Authorities.

An Augusta despatch says:— Augusta, Me., Jan. 9.—Urged by petitions signed by thousands of citizens and by the actions taken by many of the organized Boards of Trade throughout the State the Maine Legislature will soon take up the matter of an official investigation of the conditions on Beulah Hill Shiloh, Me., which is the headquarters of Frank W. Sandford, the organizer and leader of the notorious "Holy Ghost and U.S. Society," more familiarly known as Sandfordism.

Evidence is being received every day which indicates beyond all doubt that there are any number of children at Shiloh who are growing up without suitable schooling.

Charles E. Dunlap of Portland, who is making a persistent fight against Sandfordism because of the fact that his grandson and his family are there, is determined in his attack.

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