

## HONORING CAPT. NEYNABER.

THE VETERAN COMMANDER OF THE MOSEL  
BANQUETTED AT DELMONICO'S.

A banquet was given at Delmonico's last evening to Capt. H. A. F. Neynaber, of the North German Lloyd steamer Mosel, on the occasion of his hundredth arrival in New-York in the service of the company. Over 250 gentlemen were present, among them being German Consul-General Schumacher, Postmaster James, Collector Merritt, Assistant Postmaster Rierson, H. A. Kunhardt, J. N. Abbott, General Passenger Agent of the Erie Railroad; F. Kühne, Count von Beust, Austrian Chargé d'Affaires at Washington; Swiss Consul Bertschman, J. A. Stewart, W. Osborn, S. A. Burt, A. Auferman, W. Zinsser, Moritz Meyer, H. Bischoff, D. E. Bischoff, Count Vitzlinn, C. Steinway, L. F. Stiasny, Naval Officer Burt, Paul Loeser, of the *Staats Zeitung*; John F. Kiernan, O. H. Schultz, E. Hartman, E. Hegler, J. A. Wright. Over the entrance to the banquet-room was the American eagle, flanked by American and German flags, and in front of the principal table a floral model of the Mosel, with sails of pampas grass full set, plowing her way over billows of moss capped with tiny white flowers. The *menu* was printed on handsome fans. Gustav Schwab, agent of the North German Lloyd in New-York, presided, and on his right sat the veteran Captain.

After the coffee was served the glasses were filled with foaming champagne, and Mr. Schwab rose to propose a toast to Capt. Neynaber. He reviewed in brief the Captain's life from the commencement of his career. He was born in 1822, in Barsinghausen, Hanover, and in 1838 he made his first voyage to New-Orleans under Capt. Steenken. Until 1844 he was engaged on the Bremen vessels, voyaging to the West Indies and North America. That year he entered the United States Navy as a sailor. In February of the following year he was ordered to the corvette *St. Mary's*, that was sent down to the Gulf, and took an active part in the landing of United States troops under Gen. Taylor at the Rio Grande. He was present at Galveston when the American flag was first hoisted; at the taking of Tampico, in 1846, and at the bombardment of Vera Cruz, in 1847. In September of that year, after his discharge, he returned to Bremen and resumed his former occupation. Later, he entered the German Navy, and, in 1849, he was ordered to service on board the frigate *Barbarossa*, and took part in the battle at Heligoland. In 1851 he re-entered the merchant marine service, and in the beginning of 1866 he entered the service of the North German-Lloyd, and commanded successively the steamers *Bremen*, *Deutschland*, *Donau*, and lastly the *Mosel*. His 100 voyages across the Atlantic were made in 14 years, and during all these years Capt. Neynaber has not lost a single ship, had a collision, run ashore, or broken a shaft. One accident only happened, and that was last September, when a fire occurred by spontaneous combustion on board the *Mosel*. The Captain's successful efforts in averting the danger and calming his passengers called forth high praise. As the Captain had served in the United States Navy, Mr. Schwab thought he could be regarded as an American citizen. The speaker closed by wishing long life to the old sailor and his family. The company sang "*Hoch soll er leben*," ("Long may he live,") and the Captain briefly thanked them for the honor they had done him.

Consul-General Schumacher spoke with great praise of Capt. Neynaber's connection with the German Navy, and proposed the health of the German Emperor. To this the response was the national hymn, "*Die Wacht am Rhein*." Mr. Schwab proposed, "Our Adopted Country, the United States," and the toast was responded to by Postmaster James. The toast to "Commerce and Navigation" was responded to by Collector Merritt, and Mr. Leonhardt, on the part of the German Club of Hoboken, read a German poem that had been composed in honor of Capt. Neynaber by the poet Dingelstedt.

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