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The Polish residents of this city celebrated the anniversary of the Polish Revolution of 1830 by a grand banquet at the Willow House, on Eighteenth street. Captain B. K. Piotrowski, formerly Commissioner of Emigration of this State, presided. The hall was appropriately decorated with Polish and American flags. After the bill of fare, which was an elegant one, including many national dishes, had been duly discussed and considered, the wine began to flow, and with it came many toasts, which were eloquently responded to. The President, Captain Piotrowski, was the first speaker, giving a short and very interesting history of the Revolution, in which he himself participated. He was followed by Professor A. Elgass, Secretary of the Polish Society, who read several letters of prominent Poles from different parts of the State, and added to them a eulogy of the prominent participants in the Revolution. Speeches were also made by Captain O. Bielawski, Dr. W. Pawlicki, Captain F. Lessen, Mr. T. Horain, La Borne, and others. Mr. Joseph Pandler, the poet of the evening, read an exquisite poem composed by him for the occasion, describing the battles and the heroes of the Revolution. One of the features of the evening was the speech of Gov. E. S. Salomon, one of the invited guests, in which some of the most interesting events of that memorable Revolution were vividly described, and the speaker showed himself, to the delight of the many Poles present, thoroughly conversant with the history of their country. The Polish Revolution of 1830, although Poland did not succeed in freeing her people from Russian oppression, was a series of brilliant victories and glorious deeds of arms of the Polish Army. The Russians were defeated and repulsed at all points, and the bravery exhibited during the struggle by the Polish soldiers stands unsurpassed in the history of the world.

The Poles, therefore, in all parts of the world are justified in celebrating the 29th of November; for, if the Revolution did not bring them their liberty, it brought them honor and glory, and showed the world that they are deserving of the place among the nations which they once so nobly filled.

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