

## CENTENARY OF A POLISH POET

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#### **Russia Forbids Celebrations in Memory of Mickiewicz.**

**BERLIN, March 4.**—A dispatch to the *Lokal Anzeiger* from Warsaw says the police have prohibited all festivities in connection with the centenary of the birth of the poet, Adam Mickiewicz. The prohibition has made a great sensation.

Mickiewicz, the Polish poet, was born in 1798 and died in 1855. In 1825 he visited the Crimea, which inspired a collection of sonnets greatly admired for elegance of rhythm and rich coloring. Three years later appeared his "Konrad Wallenrod," a narrative poem describing the battles of knights of the Teutonic order with the heathen Lithuanians. Here, under a thin veil, he represented the sanguinary passage at arms and burning hatred that had characterized the long feuds of the Russians and Poles. The objects of the poem, though evidently many, escaped the Russian censors and it was suffered to appear. With his "Pan Tadeusz," usually considered his masterpiece, it did much to stimulate the efforts of the Poles to shake off their Russian conquerors.