

THE GREATEST OF EASTER PARADES

Society's Show At Atlantic City Beats All Records.

FINE WEATHER FOR FASHIONS

The Boardwalk Packed With Beautiful Women And Gallant Men, All Arrayed In The Latest Styles—The Floral Display A Feature Of The Passing Show—Over 175,000 People At The Popular Resort—How Our Home Folk Looked In The Great Procession.

Atlantic City (Special).—The greatest crowd in years, a cloudless sky, the ocean its deepest blue, with just a tinge of cold in the air, and a gorgeous array of spring fashions combined to make Sunday the best Easter Day in the history of this popular resort.

About 175,000 strangers are in town and if they had wished for the most perfect weather imaginable a lovelier day could not have dawned upon them. Last Easter the weather by way of showing its originality alternated patches of sunshine with snowstorms and hail and for several years past there has been rain and clouds to mar the holiday. Perhaps that is why Sunday was so enjoyable by contrast and why the crowd on the Boardwalk was in such jolly good spirits and so satisfied with life and the world.

And the jam on the walk! It is impossible to imagine that there could be so many people in such a space or that the hotels could accommodate such a multitude.

From Heinz's Pier to the Million-dollar Pier the walk was packed with people. There was scarcely room to put another dozen pairs of feet either of Chicago or Baltimore. This big mass of humanity paraded slowly along, gazing and gazed upon. The chairs moved regularly up toward the Million-dollar Pier on the right and down the left. In a steady line the pushers walked—for one to go faster than the car ahead a pusher is fined \$20 on Easter Sunday. The law is strict. One pusher confided to the crowd was larger after dinner than it was before.

Inaugurated and reinforced by the fine dinners all of the hotels served as an extra attraction for the Easter crowd, the promenaders started out again. It is a funny thing about that Boardwalk anyhow. You can walk miles and miles and not know it until the next day, and after the stroll of this holiday, there will certainly be many aching bodies and tired feet.

Attacks Murder Theory.

McRae, Ga. (Special).—In a long statement the Mayor of this town declared that Pope S. Hill, the Macon attorney found dead in an office here, was not murdered, but committed suicide. The Mayor reviewed the case in detail and pointed out the alleged weakness of the murder theory. The Governor withdrew the reward he had offered after a conference with Hill's law partners.

Women For And Against.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Speaker Cannon received over 300 cards from women in Philadelphia, evidently employed in factories, asking that the proposed duty on hosiery be retained in the Payne bill. From Cleveland, Ohio, came letters from clubwomen asking the Speaker to strike the duty from the bill.

Big Vote In Hartford.

Hartford, Ct. (Special).—Interest in the license and other questions brought out a large vote at Tuesday's annual election. License was voted 7,921 to 3,252, a net gain of about 700 for no license compared with the vote of last year. The Republicans carried the city by about 2,500 on the general ticket.

Auto Puts All On Level.

Springfield, Mass. (Special).—In discussing the automobile at the Western Massachusetts Grange rally, George S. Ladd, former state master, said: "The automobile has eliminated distinction among pedestrians and there are now but two classes—the quick and the dead."

Brother And Sister Killed.

Plattsburg, N. Y. (Special).—Warren Eldred, aged 19, and his sister, aged 27, were killed here during a fierce windstorm, while driving to their home at Chazy, N. Y. Without a moment's warning a tree was blown across the road over which they were driving, killing both brother and sister in an instant.

Florida Fast Mail Derailed.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—The Florida fast mail train of the Seaboard Air Line, southbound, was wrecked 46 miles south of Columbia. Five white persons and three negroes were injured, two of them trapped, who are likely to die. There is evidence that a switch had been opened, the lock being broken and the switch light taken away. The entire train, including one Pullman car, was derailed.

Tug And Seven Men Lost.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Fear is entertained here that the fishing tug George A. Floss may have gone down, with its crew of seven men, during the storm on Lake Erie Wednesday. The tug, in charge of Capt. William Barry, went out into the lake Wednesday morning. It was known to have encountered the severe gale which all day whipped the lake into a furious sea, but trace of the little boat soon was lost.

FIVE MILLIONS IN BIG WHEAT DEAL

James A. Patten Cleans Up A Fortune

THE PRICE SOARS UPWARD

Chicago Dealer Sells Six Million Bushels Of Grain At From 120 To 126, Which Cost Him About 104. Says Country Has To Have The Wheat And There Is Not Enough To Go Around—Pandemonium As Prices Go Higher.

Chicago (Special).—May wheat touched a new high level Thursday, 126¢, and pandemonium reigned in the wheat pit. This followed a deceptive calm on the floor during the first hour of the market, when it looked as if the excitement which reached a high pitch had ended. July wheat suffering a reaction in the first hour of one-half cent, was rushed to 112¢. The Patten house sold a little wheat at the opening. Then the brokers for the bull leaders switched suddenly to the buying side and this started the entire trade clamoring for wheat.

James A. Patten visited the exchange about the time excitement was at its greatest pitch. He seemed pleased at the developments of the market. He has been able to sell about 6,000,000 bushels of May wheat from 120 up to 126, which cost him on an average about 104 several months ago. Already Patten has cleared more than \$5,000,000 on his wheat deal since last October, and the market has been forced higher than by any other man. It is said on the Board of Trade that it is going higher. Patten believes it ought to go higher.

"I believe that the present high price of wheat is justified," said Mr. Patten. "The country has to have the wheat and there is not enough of it to go around. Argentina is shipping very little wheat. Europe wants our wheat. In this country many mills are closing down because there isn't wheat for them.

"A recession from the top price is natural. There always are these recessions and setbacks, but I do not look for any permanent decline in prices. Wheat is not too high. It is not high enough. I believe the prices are justified, and, to the casual observer, it seems as though wheat is bound to go higher. That is my opinion."

FOUND GUILTY OF LIBEL.

Former U. S. Senator Butler And His Brother Convicted.

Winston-Salem, N. C. (Special).—Former United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, were convicted in Guilford Superior Court of criminally libeling Republican State Chairman S. B. Adams by the publication in the Caucasian, a weekly newspaper owned and operated by the Butlers, of serious allegations against Adams' integrity and honesty.

Adams' acts as chief justice of the Indian Court in Oklahoma in 1905 were severely condemned by the paper in its fight against Adams' reelection as chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee. The trial lasted six days.

Judge Long imposed a fine of \$500 on Marion Butler and of \$250 on Lester Butler. A motion for a new trial was overruled. Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court was given, the defendants being released on bonds of \$1,000 each.

400,000 TONS OF ICE MELTED.

Big Plant On Shore Of River In Maine Destroyed By Fire.

East Waterboro, Me. (Special).—Nearly 400,000 tons of ice, stored in six ice houses on the shores of the Bartlett River, were destroyed by a fire during the night, which practically cleaned out the plant owned by the E. W. Clark Ice Company. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

Fanned by a high wind, flying embers were scattered over a broad territory and a colony of summer cottages nearby were seriously threatened.

IN JAIL FOR TWO CENTS.

Youthful Mail Carrier Who Embezzled Postal Funds Sentenced.

Springfield, Mo. (Special).—Judge John F. Phillips in the United States District Court here sentenced Cleveland Carroll, a Pulaski County boy, employed as a mail carrier, to six months in the Missouri Reform School for embezzling postal funds amounting to two cents.

Carroll is said to have appropriated two cents given him to buy a stamp. He destroyed the letter he was to mail.

Eighteen Colorado Towns Dry.

Denver, Col. (Special).—The Anti-Saloon forces were generally victorious throughout the state at the municipal election. Of the 25 towns from which definite returns have been received 18 voted to become "dry," while seven voted to license saloons. In several cities the result is still in doubt.

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LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS

The Tariff Bill Goes Through the House By 56 Majority.

PAYNE TARIFF BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

Final voting on the Payne Tariff Bill in the House began at 3 o'clock and the measure was passed by a vote of 217 to 161 at 8.15.

The 1 per cent. duty on oil was stricken out and oil was placed on the free list. After a bitter fight, lead by Tawney, of Minnesota, the tax on lumber was retained. Barley is taxed, but tea and coffee are placed on the free list. Several times during the session the House was in an uproar and Speaker Cannon called for assistance in securing order. The galleries were crowded during the day and Mrs. Taft was one of the spectators. Until further ordered, the House will meet only on Mondays and Thursdays.

After three weeks of consideration the Payne Tariff Bill was passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 217 to 161. One Republican, Austin (Tenn.), voted against the measure and four Democrats, all from Louisiana, Messrs. Broussard, Estopinal, Pujo and Wickliff, voted for it. An attempt by Champ Clark, the minority leader, to recommit the bill with instructions signally failed. The day was filled with excitement from the moment the sessions began at noon until the minute of adjournment. The members were keyed up to the highest pitch, and a practically full membership remained on duty throughout.

The general public was greatly interested in the proceedings, and the galleries were packed. Both the diplomatic and executive reservations likewise were fully occupied. Mrs. Taft being among those present.

After adopting a resolution that until further ordered sessions shall be held only on Mondays and Thursdays the House at 8.20 P. M. adjourned.

While more consideration in point of time has been given by the House to the Payne bill, it was passed in fewer days than the Dingley bill was acted upon after being reported to the House. The Payne bill was introduced on March 17, reported to the House by the Ways and Means Committee on the following day and was under general debate for 16 days.

Charges Against Nicaraguan President.

President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is to be called upon for an explanation of the mutilation of dispatches transmitted by the State Department and the legation at Nicaragua. In many cases these were altered to such an extent that they were rendered unintelligible.

This constitutes a very grave diplomatic offense, and, although the United States has not decided upon any course of action in retaliation, it is certain that Zelaya will be obliged to answer for the offense.

Curiously enough, the mutilated dispatches referred to the military activity of Nicaragua, which was the occasion of the sending of American warships to that country.

According to the latest advices received at the State Department, it is evident that the danger of military disturbances has not yet passed.

No Haven For Castro.

The efforts of the American government to keep former President Castro out of Venezuela and away from the nearby mainland and islands crowned with success.

Most of the powers, including France and England, having possessions in that part of the world have indicated to the State Department that Castro's presence is not wanted within their boundaries and that they are willing to acquiesce in the desire of the United States that he be far removed from the scene of his former prestige.

Notwithstanding Castro's deposition as president, he has still a great many warm adherents in his native country, and it is realized that his return might be the occasion of a demonstration resulting in the re-establishment of unsettled conditions.

This government feels that Castro ought not to be allowed to return to Venezuela or to be permitted to

MRS. SAMPSON ACQUITTED.

Ovation When Jury Says She Did Not Murder Her Husband.

Lyons, N. Y. (Special).—The jury which tried Mrs. Georgia Allya Sampson on the charge that she murdered her husband, Harry Sampson, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Sampson was trembling perceptibly when the jury announced its verdict, but she recovered her composure immediately and smilingly received the embrace of her father and other relatives and the congratulations of her friends. She held an impromptu reception in the court, thanking and shaking hands with her lawyers and each of the jurors

100,000 ACRES BURNED OVER.

Incidencies Apply The Torch To The Vanderbilt Estate.

Asheville, N. C. (Special).—Fires set by incendiaries burned over 100,000 acres of second growth timber in George W. Vanderbilt's Biltmore Forest and also the undergrowth which endangered the handsome Vanderbilt residence in the Victoria residence section, leased to tenants.

SIX LIVES ARE LOST IN BIG FIRE

Four Business Blocks Are Buried In Lenox, Mass.

FLAMES DRIVE BACK RESCUERS

Fortunate Change In The Wind Saves The Residence Part Of The Beautiful Massachusetts Town—The Fire Started In A Hardware Store, And An Explosion Of Paints And Oils Spread It With Rapidity—Loss About \$250,000—A Relief Fund Started.

Lenox, Mass. (Special).—Six persons lost their lives, three others badly burned and a property loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 was caused by a fire in the heart of the business section of this town. Four business blocks, two dwellings and two other structures were destroyed in a section bounded by Franklin, Main, Housatonic and Church Streets. The fire is believed to have started in the Clifford Building from spontaneous combustion.

A fortunate shift of wind saved the Public Library and the fashionable Curtis Hotel. In the hotel there were several Easter parties from New York and Boston.

The loss of life occurred in the Clifford Building, where the blaze started, and resulted primarily from a series of explosions among the turpentine, paints, oils and dynamite stored in the cellar of the James Clifford & Sons Company, hardware dealers.

The fire was discovered by George Root, who lives with his mother and brother in the upper story of the Clifford block, at a three-story building, shortly after 1 o'clock A. M. Hastily calling his brother and mother, all ran down the stairs in their night clothes shouting to the other occupants of the upper floors as they went. They found the front door in flames, but the men wrenched it open and dashed through, with their mother between them. All sustained bad burns.

HER LOVE STORY ENDS IN SUICIDE

Miss Shaw, a Nurse, was Engaged To Physician.

Left A Note Asking That Man She Loved Not To Get Any Other Girl, And Then Took Morphine.

Albany, N. Y. (Special).—Disappointed in love, Ethel C. Shaw, an attractive woman about 28 years of age was found dead in her room in the Ten Eyck Hotel. Death was due to an overdose of morphine and strychnine taken hypodermically. Miss Shaw was a nurse from New York City. She has a brother living in Montreal.

The woman left several letters, including one addressed to Dr. G. Scott Towne, health officer of Saratoga, in which she said: "My Dear Boy: "Unfortunately I got very fond of you, so the breaking of our engagement means to me complete wreckage. Don't get any other girl to love you.

"Yours, "Ethel C. S."

The postscript read: "No mother has a right to spoil a son's life. When two people marry they should be given a chance. Every woman knows this."

Miss Shaw evidently had made all preparations for her death. When found she was lying on the bed with a silk robe wrapped about her, and her arms folded across her breast. A hypodermic syringe and a box containing morphine vials, one of which was empty, were found at her side. On the dresser were half a dozen letters.

Among the letters was one to Mrs. Mackenzie, Free Delivery Route No. 2, White Plains, in which Miss Shaw wrote:

"I am frightened and lonely, but it seems so much worse to go on. Love to all of you, Isabelle and others.

"Ethel."

In a letter to her brother, Allan C. Shaw, Montreal, Canada, to whom she left all her possessions, she directed the payment of \$1,000 to Mrs. Samuel Carey, of West Forty-sixth Street, New York.

A bank book on the United States Savings Bank of New York was found, showing deposits of \$489. Several valuable pieces of jewelry also were found.

Miss Shaw was head nurse at the Saratoga Hospital during the years 1905-6, and her home was said to be in Canada. Dr. Towne, beyond saying that he had been engaged to the engagement, would make no statement.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Michigan Central has decided to issue \$25,000,000 of 4 per cent. 20-year debenture bonds.

Westmoreland Coal Company of officers, including President E. H. McCullough, were reelected.

Cripple Creek's yield last month exceeded \$1,380,000, which is better than the average.

The Butte Coalition is another good shipper and its daily output of ore reaches 1,400 tons.

There was a further cut in Pittsburg in wire leads.

Arizona still leads the States and Territories as a copper producer. The output is almost 1,000,000 pounds a day.

The Ely copper mines are showing up handsomely. Last month Nevada Consolidated and Cumberland-Ely shipped 3,800,000 pounds of copper. This was their banner month.

Southern Pacific shareholders voted to authorize \$2,000,000 convertible bonds and \$100,000,000 stock to provide for conversion of the bonds.

COAL OPERATORS REFUSE DEMANDS

Offer To Renew Old Wage Scale For Three Years

MINERS MAY APPEAL TO TAFT

Owners Decline To Consider Recognition Of The Union—Miners Will Not Declare A Strike, But May Leave The Operators To Declare A Lockout—Meeting Adjourns Until Labor Leaders May Confer Over Plans.

Philadelphia (Special).—At a meeting held here between committees representing the coal operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the anthracite workers of Pennsylvania, to consider demands made by the miners, the operators refused all the demands and submitted instead a proposition to extend the wage agreement brought about by the anthracite strike commission for another term of three years.

The proposition of the operators is as follows: "Whereas, pursuant to letters of submission, signed by the parties interested in 1902, all persons at issue between the respective companies and their own employes, whether they belong to the union or not, were submitted to the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission to decide as to the same, and as to the condition between the respective companies, and their own employes," and said strike commission under date of March 13, 1903, duly made and filed its award upon the subject matter of the submission and provided that the said award should continue in force for three years from April 1, 1903, and the said period shall expire.

"And, whereas, an agreement, dated May 7, 1906, it was stipulated that the said award and the provisions thereof and any action which has since been taken pursuant thereto, either by the conciliation board or otherwise, shall be extended and shall be continued in force for three years from April 1, 1906, namely until March 31, 1912, with like force and effect as if that had been originally prescribed as its duration."

"Now, therefore, it is stipulated between the undersigned in their own behalf, and so far as they have power to represent any other parties in interest, that the award, and the provisions thereof, and any action which has since been taken pursuant thereto, either by the conciliation board or otherwise, shall be extended and shall continue in force for three years from April 1, 1909, namely, until March 31, 1912, with like force and effect as if that had been originally prescribed as its duration."

The agreement does not provide for recognition of the miners' union, and this, it is said, is the bone of contention, as the operators absolutely refuse to recognize the union. It is said that should the operators refuse to make any concession and insist upon the offer to renew the anthracite strike commission's award, the miners will appeal to President Taft for the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions controlling the mining and selling of hard coal.

Miners' Demands Rejected.

Philadelphia (Special).—After conferences the anthracite coal operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the miners, at which the question of a wage agreement was discussed to replace that brought about by the Anthracite Strike Commission, the operators rejected the modified demand of the miners and the conference adjourned deadlocked.

There will be no strike inaugurated by the mine workers, however, and the only danger of a suspension of mining in the near future, according to the mine workers officials, arises from the possibility of the refusal of the operators to permit the miners to work without an agreement.

THE OIL TRUST GOT SECRET REPORTS

Baltimore Headquarters for Work of Sleuths.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).—In the Baltimore office of the Standard Oil Company, said Prosecutor Morrison, during the suit to dissolve the oil trust, "was the secret statistical department. It was a place so secret that employees of other departments were not allowed to enter it. It was no secret that no name was signed to the reports received there, and if a name appeared on a report it was at once obliterated. In this department the reports were received of every gallon of oil that an independent company sold, the price, the destination and all data. These were kept in card index form ready for use at a minute's notice.

"This information," he said, "was obtained by bribing railroad employees, by keeping men around stations to learn shipping directions, by following tank wagons and salesmen, and by employing detectives to procure information from employees of independent companies. It was used in violent and decisive movements to crush the Standard rivals.

Tobacco Warehouse Burned.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special).—The tobacco warehouse of Charles W. Bitner was destroyed by fire with its contents, consisting of between 1,200 and 1,400 cases of tobacco. The loss on the contents is \$80,000, of which there is an insurance of \$70,000; on the building, \$15,000, with an insurance of \$8,000.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, died at Washington.