

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Harrisburg.—State industries had 851 fatal accidents in January and February, 153 occurring last month.

Waynesboro.—James Monn, a boiler-maker of this city, will face charges of violating the Mann white slave act. In a prosecution brought here by Rese Burger, his reputed wife, as also his victim, he was held in \$500 bail for court, and in default was lodged in the Franklin county jail.

Lancaster.—Councils voted to spend \$14,000 for new fire apparatus.

Hazleton.—Schools here now have 6683 students enrolled, the largest number in the history of the city.

Renovo.—While walking home along the Pennsylvania railroad, James Long of this place, was killed by a train.

Lebanon.—Miss Edith V. Stager, of this place, has been chosen to reign as queen of the May day festivities at Lebanon Valley College.

Philadelphia.—A novel means of concealing whisky from the eye of the law was uncovered by prohibition agents in a raid on the saloon of Peter McGee at Twenty-fifth and Aspen streets. It took the agents an hour to learn where he had his hooch, but their search was well rewarded, for in an adjoining house, connected with the saloon by a secret passageway, they found eight barrels of whisky, three barrels of alcohol and several cases of wines and liquors.

Reading.—Mark L. Geisenhainer, of Allentown, engineer of a Reading rail-way express to this city from New York, spied a 5-year-old boy walking on the tracks near Etnaus and applied the brakes so hard that the passengers were almost lifted out of their seats, bringing the engine to a stop within four feet of the lad.

Mount Carmel.—When a shot that was being tamped at Midvale colliery exploded, Wally Gaislawski was killed and Frank Yablonski injured. After preparing and lighting six shots at Sayre colliery Michael Lefka was caught by one and blown to his death.

Brownsville.—When Frank Larazan, an Isabella officer, was found to be slow in his recovery from the effects of a battle with negro highwaymen, an X-ray of his wound was taken and two bullets, instead of the supposed one, were found in his chest. The two had entered his body so near the same spot that the first examination had caused the physicians to think that he had been shot but once.

William Smith, one of the negro bandits, whom Larazan engaged in a pistol duel, is in the county jail. Others have escaped.

Lock Haven.—Mrs. Reuben W. Bantleon, of East Church street, was held up, choked and thrown down by a footpad while on her way to the home of G. C. Sarvey, of Prospect street, to call upon Mrs. Sarvey, who is ill. The place of the attack was near the Cluster junk yard, a dark, lonely spot. The man choked his victim into insensibility and ransacked her clothing for valuables, but was frightened away by persons approaching.

Uniontown.—Married life with Clyde I. Pletcher, of South Connells-ville, and Maude P. Pletcher, of Ursina, was of only one day's duration, according to the statements set forth in a divorce libel which has just been filed here. Pletcher alleges that his wife deserted him just one day after their marriage, on May 21, 1917.

Pittsburgh.—George Meehling, aged 60, a laborer, was killed when the wall of a building at Second avenue and Wood street collapsed, burying him under the debris. Second avenue is being widened and Meehling was engaged in razing a building there.

Pottsville.—While at work at the Lytle colliery Simon Gulls, a miner, was struck by a falling piece of coal with such force that his back was broken. All efforts to save his life at the Pottsville hospital failed and he died within a few hours.

Uniontown.—After a three-day search for his fine new \$5000 automobile, which was stolen while he was in the Elks' home, former County Detective John Smith found the machine a total ruin at the foot of Point Lookout, in the mountains near here. Evidently the car had been wrecked and, when it was found impossible to raise it, had been set on fire.

Greensburg.—Victor King, a well-known mail carrier of the Eighth ward, was started to receive a Black Hand letter telling him to leave \$5 in a beer keg in an old wagon at the Steiner mill. The letter ended with a threat to kill if the money were not forthcoming and was signed with an inky hand. King referred the communication to the state police.

Sharon.—The body of Antonio Bruno, aged 35, of Farrell, was found in a secluded spot along the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie tracks with his body riddled with bullets. Police are seeking two men who were seen with Bruno.

Jennette.—George Mathias was killed by a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train while at work on the tracks.

Harrisburg.—The state compensation board will meet in Harrisburg March 22, Philadelphia March 23 and 24 and Pottsville March 31.

Harrisburg.—Wrightsville has complained against the condition of the Wrightsville & Chanceford turnpike.

Uniontown.—Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials have notified councils that they are willing to co-operate with the city in the elimination of unnecessary dogs.

Huntingdon.—County commissioners have offered a reward of \$500 for arrest and conviction of the person or persons who struck Charles Stelker, the Huntingdon blacksmith, on the head with a deadly weapon February 21. Stelker was in his shop when attacked, and the blow crushed his skull, causing death.

Greensburg.—Tony Golgate, 26 years old, was shot and instantly killed at the Adams mine of the Westmoreland Coal company, near Irwin. Archie Obracovich, alleged to have done the shooting, is missing and a detail of state police is now at work in an effort to find him.

Washington.—Fire of undetermined origin in the West Chestnut street business section caused approximately \$20,000 damage. Business places suffering loss were the Samuel Green grocery store, Clark Dulaney restaurant, Angelo Tusco barber shop and Thurman White restaurant.

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania's receipts during February were \$7,789,831.42, a gain of \$1,610,021.45 over the previous month, according to a summary of February business issued by Auditor General Charles A. Snyder. The disbursements during February were \$5,452,847.68. The balance in all funds except road building at the end of the month were \$8,749,903.39, and in the road fund, \$8,815,724.44. The general fund contained \$1,386,927.47. The day's receipts were over \$887,000.

Harrisburg.—Appointment of a state commission to go to Europe and mark the line where Pennsylvania troops fought in the world war was urged by Major William G. Murdock, state adjutant of the American Legion, who was here looking up provisions of acts for similar purposes passed after the civil war.

Ellwood City.—A body found on a box car at Bakerstown by a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is that of Andrew Carboni, of Ellwood City, and he was killed here in a house in "Little Italy," the police say. Dominick Petrello is in the Ellwood City jail, charged with the crime.

Connellsville.—Rumors of foul play were current when William Moline, 26, a railroad employe, was found along the track with both legs crushed. He died later in the hospital. It is reported by some that he was attacked and thrown under the train, but railroad officials who have conducted an investigation, scout the foul play theory, declaring that the young man probably attempted to board the train and fell under the wheels.

Greensburg.—County Detective Paul Feighner and four members of the state police arrested A. J. Murphy, a pool room proprietor of North Belle-vern, when his gambling house was raided. Mr. Murphy was taken before Squire W. Irwin Hunter, of this place, and gave bail for a hearing later.

Lock Haven.—There has been a marked increase in the number of new cases of scarlet fever in this city during the past seven days. During this period ten new cases developed as compared with only one new case during the previous seven-day period. A few cases are reported from Castanea, Flemington and other nearby districts.

Carlisle.—The Cumberland county commissioners refused the request of women voters to employ a woman probation officer.

Mill Hall.—Albert Bowman, of this place, shot a large wildcat on the mountains near here.

Freeland.—Charles Boyle, of this place, who serves on the Gilmore, a United States destroyer in European waters, wrote to his mother stating that the ship struck a rock en route from Russia to Italy. One engine was put out of commission, and for a time the vessel was out of control.

New Castle.—Negotiations and plans are under way for moving all of the graves in the pioneer cemetery on the brow of the hill on East Washington street near Oak street, to the Greenwood cemetery plot. No bodies have been buried in the plot for sixty odd years, and the graves that are there are those of pioneers in this locality. The grave yard is directly on the route of what would be a city street, and it is for this reason that plans are being considered for moving the remains to the other cemetery. The cemetery is known as the "Old Stone church" cemetery.

Uniontown.—"Well, I saved something, anyway—the cash register," declared a clerk in the jewelry store of the Sessler brothers, at Isabella, following a hold-up in which more than \$1000 in jewelry was taken. When one of the two hold-up men was in the act of demolishing the cash register in the store, the clerk kindly consented to open it, and as a result the contents, \$50, was taken.

Sharon.—Signatures totaling more than 200 are said by proponents of the "back-the-borough" movement to be carried on petitions which were presented to city council calling for an election on the proposed change. Sharon council will within a short time call the election. Sharon has been a city just fourteen months and the citizens circulating the petitions aver that it costs less to run a borough and they favor a surrender of the city charter. A bitter fight is anticipated at the election.

Hazleton.—West Hazleton council has decided that no more carnivals or street shows can be given in that town.

Sunbury.—The Pennsylvania railroad will give the Civic Club a plot of ground on the outskirts of this town for use as a public playground.

Lancaster.—Four breweries, closed by federal officers, were denied licenses.

White Haven.—The Wilnot Engineering company, operating foundry and machine shops at this place, posted notices of a 10 per cent wage reduction May 1.

God's Messengers



Through Sorrow to Gladness

There are yet the evidences of wreck and ruin in many parts of the world, while scarcely a single portion has been left untouched by the spirit of destruction which was summoned up to do its dread work. But, still, considered subjectively, the hearts of men have taken on a different emotion. The reconstruction time has already been entered into in material affairs. Plans are shaping for the bringing into being of a new world. Even those not imbued with the highest motives look forward with expectation to the rearrangement, in which they will perhaps have a share of the glory and from which they will derive some of the profit. Nor are their prospective labors to be altogether condemned. They are of such as Augustus, who found a Rome of brick and left one of marble, of a Louis Napoleon, who won an empire by a coup d'etat and immediately proceeded to straighten the streets of Paris.

Beyond and above this is the sense of participation in a new world which, it may be, will possess within itself new hopes and aspirations. Unquestionably, this emotion is not absent from the hearts of men, albeit the methods of bringing the new world about are not agreed upon by all. It is equally beyond question that the possibility of a newer and better system of social and political order depends for its consummation upon definite changes in the attitude of men toward such problems, and consequently toward each other. Thus there is recognized to have come to pass, instinctively, a new attitude, or at least a fresh impetus, toward a whole host of ideals, which, in what has been denominated the canker of a long peace, found no effective place.

Not a bit of this, however, can affect the objective side of the situation, for the simple reason that no faith, however robust, can of itself make a truth of the thing believed in. That it can affect most profoundly those who believe, however, is one of the most universally attested of all truths. To that extent, therefore, there are evidences that the principle of resurrection has a mighty and widespread hold on humanity at the present time.

It were well to ponder the objective side of this most solemn and at the same time engaging doctrine of the Christian faith, albeit it is more than mere doctrine. The far earlier religion, from which Christianity in a sense emerged, included a firm belief in the resurrection. The calm word uttered to the Sadducees was that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was not the God of the dead, but of the living. This faith in various guises argued intellectually on the immortality of the soul, and the fabled phoenix which arose from its own ashes presented the truth in another form.

Sweetly circumstantial is the sacred account. The order of events then paralleled the sequence of our own recent world experience. After the darkness and the earthquake, the period of suffering, came the holy calm. The transition was complete. There was no longer, for the moment, a question of sin or responsibility. Every question had been met. The moral universe had been cleared by the perfect sacrifice. The sun

arose upon a morning the like of which had never been witnessed before. Death had been overcome in its own stronghold. The tomb was empty, save of the ephemeral wrappings of mortality, no longer needed. Angelic messengers bore witness to the ushering in of the new order. "Touch me not!" was the word to the weeping one who would have connected the risen Lord with the old. Yet the establishment of the new relationship was announced in almost the same breath—"Go tell my brethren." A note of gladness pervaded the whole scene. From those whose hearts now ache for the bereavements which the world war brought, this note is by no means shut out. Once more the parallel is found in their own experiences, whatever the difference either in degree or kind. There was then the suffering before the glory. So with all who today enter experientially into the meaning and actuality. Cowper grasped the truth in his lines:

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone, Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown."

In virtue of what occurred 2000 years ago, there was brought within the grasp of men the accomplished fact of a new creation, built upon the foundation of the supreme sacrifice and established outside of the domain and power of death. Nothing that has transpired since has ever touched those foundations or marred the perfection of the moral structure reared thereon. In virtue of what transpired within the awful years of war, of the Gethsemane through which myriads have gone, of the actual tasting of death which millions have done, the hearts of men have been shaped and molded for the reception of the currents of the new life.

To all such this Easter Sunday will be tintured with an inexpressible charm to which their hearts will respond with gladness. And as a background to the full splendor of its significance they can place, as did Paul, the melancholy negation of the Epicurean doctrine:

"... let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

ON EASTER MORN

The night was dark, the faintest tinge of dawn,
On that first Easter morn,
Just flushed the eastern sky with rose and gray,
Foretelling of the day,
When, bearing spice and myrrh, three women came
Unto the dear Lord's tomb,
To pay the last sad rites that were denied,
Unto the Crucified.

"And who," they ask in a hushed undertone,
"Shall roll away the stone,
On which, at the Sanhedrim's own appeal,
Pilate hath set his seal?"
But as they near the spot, to their amazement,
No sealed stone meets their gaze,
The door is open, anyone is free
The empty tomb to see.

Seeing they have no Roman guard to fear,
The three draw near,
And they behold, by the increasing light,
An angel all in white,
"Why seek ye here the Living One," he said,
"Among the dead?"
The earth no longer holds Him in its prison,
The Lord is risen!"

Oh, glorious news, for those in darkest night,
Shall see the world's great Light,
The wondrous Son of Righteousness that brings,
Healing upon His wings!
Rejoice and spread the tidings far and near,
To each disciple's ear,
He lives! Where then, O Death, can thy sting be,
Where grave, thy victory?
—Clara E. Cooper.

A SONG OF EASTER

White lily, abloom in the sweet, warm light
Of the Easter dawn, today,
With thy sweet, warm breath, like a drift exhaled
From a seraph's mouth, ah, say,
Art thou only a flower, though thou build'st a bridge
O'er the awful cleft of the grave,
That Reason may cross upon, surely, and Grief,
Seeing this, may look up and be brave?

Christ's lilies, abloom in far, overseas lands,
O'er the graves of young heroes, today,
How your message of life's immortality thrills
As you spring from the grave's icy clay;
Oh, lilies of Easter, shine out and shine on,
"Life from death" for your message and sign,
Till the red of the poppies of Flanders field fades,
Quenched by radiant light, all-divine!



The Greatest Promise Ever Made Mankind

Death is probably the most startling episode that life encounters on its journey.

It came so palpably as a direct punishment for wrong done, that it alarmed men with a distinct fear of perfect loss.

Many things have their periods of death and of coming to life again. Numbers of plants die every year and come to life again every spring. Some insects have their change to death and a rising again. Many plants die and leave the seeds of fresh life behind.

Men might, therefore, have thought little of death, but for the fact that their being shrinks from it as something new, unforeseen, when they were made and set a-going in this world.

Is it not significant that of all the writings inspired by the Great War, the three grandest, according to all agreements, are poems with death for their subject?

the robbing crowd who live upon their fellows' need, who thrive, foully, but greedily, in this world, to fare as well at the end as those others?

Easter, the queen of festivals, comes with a certain answer to such questions, founded upon the well-proved, historical fact of the resurrection of man's body, as well as of his soul.

Man is to come back again to life, for the adjusting of accounts. Justice does rule in the affairs of men!

Justice and loving kindness and mercy for the little babies who died before they bloomed, for the gallant men who died nobly in battle, but never reaped the fruits of victory, for the weeping mothers, wives, children, who saw the joy of others' overjoyed ones returning from whence theirs' could not return, is the promise of Easter.

New growth, fresh blooming, continued life, these are Easter joys.

"For as in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive!" Alleluia! Amen!



AN EASTER POSY.
The Flowers that grace the Springtime Festival.

In the different countries various flowers are given the place of honor in the Easter services. In England the Easter lily is first favorite, and its pure white blossoms may be noted in many old pictures. Two centuries ago many a little English girl bore to church on Easter Sunday a bunch of golden daffodils.

In some Warwickshire villages nosegays of primroses set round with willow are presented by lovers to their lassies, and these are as much appreciated by them as the rainbow-colored Easter eggs of their childhood.

In Ireland also old-world bouquets of primroses are still in vogue. They are elaborately fashioned in intersecting triangles round a centerpiece of the Paschal flower, namely, a white six-leaved anemone.

In Holland the demure Dutch maidens would never dream of going to church without a stiff handful of anemones, the first flowers to bloom after the snow and ice have fled.

The flower of Whitsunday is the pink azalea, and figures very largely in the floral decorations of the home at that season.

Tyrolean Easter Service

