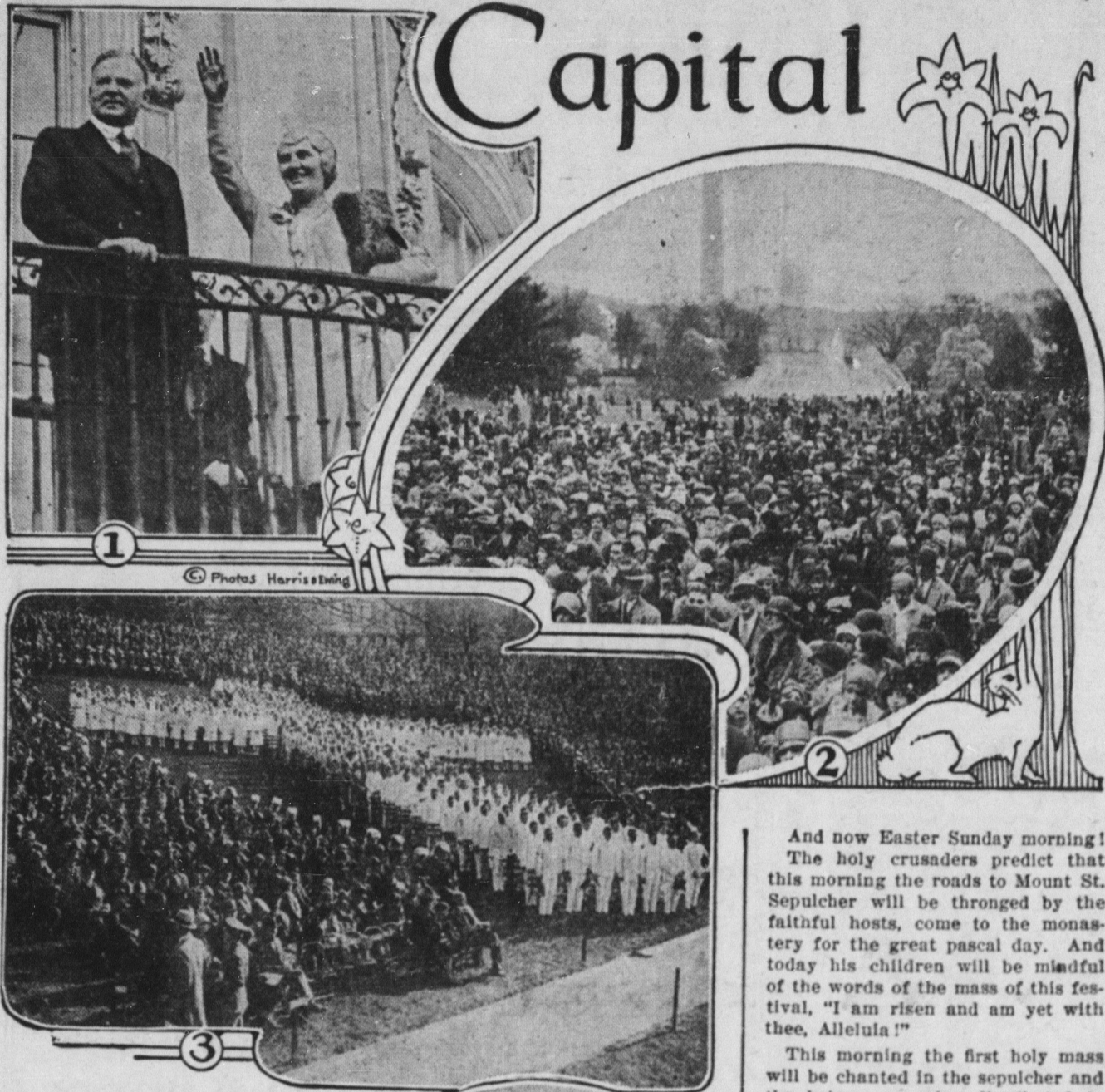


Easter in the Nation's Capital



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ALTHOUGH Easter is celebrated in various forms all over the United States, there is no other city which has a more interesting variety of observances than the nation's capital, Washington, D. C. As in other places, there are special church services on Easter morning; its broad streets and avenues witness the annual "fashion parade" when everybody dons his or her new attire; and the familiar Easter symbols of lilies, eggs and rabbits are much in evidence everywhere.

Washington is a city strong in tradition. One of the most interesting of these and one which makes the observance of Easter there unique, is the annual Easter egg rolling on the spacious lawns of the White House. On Easter Monday thousands of children gather at No. 1600 Pennsylvania avenue (that is the White House street number) and swarm over the grounds secure in the knowledge that "Keep off the grass" and kindred admonitions are null and void for that day.

Dressed in their best clothes and carrying with them their cherished burdens of tinted Easter eggs, the youngsters are the welcome guests of the President and the First Lady of the Land who give as much thought and energy to arranging for this event as they do for any great state dinner held in the stately rooms of the White House. There the children enjoy some happy hours rolling their Easter eggs, while their elders look on enviously. For this is strictly a children's party and no adults are allowed on the grounds unless they are accompanying a child. But it is a familiar sight to see some grownup asking a youngster "to take me in," and for once the young may say to the old, "yes, you may go," or "no, you can't go," instead of the old saying that to the young.

But the grownups are not entirely shut out of the White House Easter festivities. For on one day of Easter week the executive offices of the White House are thrown open to Easter week visitors in Washington, and the President shakes hands with the long line of people, usually numbering from two to three thousand, which pass through his office to greet the Chief Executive of the nation.

Easter sunrise services have become a familiar custom in many parts of the country and some of them, staged on mountain tops, are curious reversions to ancient ceremonies of communing with nature in recognition of the rebirth of all life in the springtime. One of the most interesting of these services is one held in Washington on the morning of Easter Sunday, a ceremony in which there is a touch of pathos amid the spirit of rejoicing in the promise of rebirth which such a service symbolizes. This is the service held at the Water Reed hospital, the home of hundreds of men whose bodies and minds were broken in the World War. A feature of this service is the forming of a great human cross on the lawn by the orderlies and nurses in their white uniforms.

Another Easter sunrise service in Washington which is unique is described by Joyce MacArthur in the Washington Star as follows:

This Easter Sunday good pilgrims are ascending the slopes of Mount St. Sepulchre, in Brookland, to join the Franciscan Fathers in annual ceremonies commemorating the last triumphal entry of Jesus into Jeru-



1. President and Mrs. Hoover wave a greeting to the thousands of children who gather on the lawn of the White House on Easter Monday for the annual Easter egg rolling.
2. A part of the crowd which annually rolls their white House grounds to roll their gayly-colored Easter eggs as the guests of the President and the First Lady of the Land. The Washington Monument and the beautiful fountain on the south lawn of the Executive Mansion can be seen in the background.
3. The Easter sunrise service at the Walter Reed hospital which is attended by disabled World War veterans. Nurses and orderlies at the hospital form the great human cross.
4. Mrs. Coolidge, while she was First Lady of the Land, visiting one of the Washington greenhouses to select her Easter lilies.

salem and in honor of the sepulcher. And as the pilgrims come upon the arched gate they stand worshipfully before these words graven in stone:

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

This is the holiest day of the Holy week. Begun with Palm Sunday, the Franciscans have observed impressive ceremonies which lack nothing save historic setting to make them conform with devotions at the Savior's tomb in Jerusalem.

Pealing chimes proclaim the triumphant resurrection. The great sorrow is past, and the faith of His followers is verified with a resounding "Alleluia!" in the universal anthem of joy.

Elaborate Easter ceremonies are observed by many churches and faiths, but none so exacting as those in Washington's "Memorial Church of the Holy Land," on Mount St. Sepulchre.

On Palm Sunday the brothers distributed palms to the faithful, recalling thereby the manner in which the people greeted Christ as He passed into the city. They invoked divine protection by surrounding the blessing of the branches with all the impressive ritual ordained by the church. After which the pilgrims, preceded by friars of the community, knelt before the celebrating priest to receive the blessed palm.

This writer then tells of the ceremonies and processions on Holy Thursday, on Good Friday and on Holy Saturday, all leading up to the climax of the observance on Easter Sunday. The events of that day he describes as follows:

And now Easter Sunday morning! The holy crusaders predict that this morning the roads to Mount St. Sepulchre will be thronged by the faithful hosts, come to the monastery for the great paschal day. And today his children will be mindful of the words of the mass of this festival, "I am risen and am yet with thee, Alleluia!"

This morning the first holy mass will be chanted in the sepulcher and the holy communion distributed to the pilgrims who come to the mount for Eastertide.

And in the name of holy friars the celebrant of this mass will extend Easter greetings to all present, as well as to their friends; to all, near and far, whoever is unable to attend the auspicious ceremonies.

All day the pilgrims will toil up the slopes of the mount. And the stream will not cease until the hour appointed for the compline service. Every place will be filled. And the celebrant will say, "From distant places and neighboring towns our guests have come like the holy women of Scripture, to see the place where the Lord was laid."

When eventide veils the surrounding low-browed hills blessed calm will descend upon the cloistered grounds. And from the stillness in those walls the faithful, divine truth will reach every pilgrim's ear. "We know Christ to have truly risen. Do thou, victorious king, have mercy on us all. Alleluia!"

And thus the friars attending him at the sanctuary on Mount St. Sepulchre, in Washington, bring the spirit of Eastertide to pilgrims worshipping at the services and other people in the city who are unable to come. One must go to the Holy Land or Rome to see a ceremony conducted in this elaborate and deeply devout fashion.

But observing Easter in some unique fashion is not the only reason why the connection of our national capital with this annual event is of special interest to the rest of the country. There is another reason and that is because one of the federal departments located there is doing a work which concerns Easter observances throughout the nation.

Time was when we had to depend upon Bermuda for our supply of Easter lilies. Then the Bermuda stock became diseased and the United States had to turn to Japan for its supply of lily bulbs from which grew the glorious white blossoms which are the true symbol of Easter that we have. In recent years, however, the United States Department of Agriculture has taken steps toward the building up of an Easter lily industry in this country and considerable progress is reported from Washington.

It is true that many of our lilies are now being grown from bulbs imported from both Bermuda and Japan, but experts in the Department of Agriculture believe that the time may come when we will be entirely independent of those sources of supply. Some of the most important work in regard to developing American-grown Easter lilies has been carried on by Dr. David Griffiths, horticulturist in the Department of Agriculture.

For a long time American florists believed that lily bulbs could not be produced here. For one thing, they feared that the long period required in their production would cause them to be infected with disease and entail heavy financial losses. Also, florists were skeptical of the desirability of using bulbs year after year due to their unhappy experience with disease in imported stock.

It was Doctor Griffiths' belief that the bulbs could be made to flower more than once and he collected some discarded ones from the dump pile of a Washington florist. These he planted in beds at the Arlington (Va.) experimental farm and eventually demonstrated that by the use of careful cultural methods the bulbs not only could be made to flower again but that the lilies could be grown outdoors in climates hitherto believed entirely too cold and harsh for their survival.

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Community Building

Concerted Action for Highway Beautification

The American Automobile association, which has waged for years a systematic campaign for the preservation of highway beauty as a benefit to its millions of motorist members, has directed wide attention to the unification of effort back of the local movement for "cleaning up" the entrances to Washington as a preliminary to the 1932 bicentennial celebration.

Itself an active supporter of the campaign, the District of Columbia division of the A. A. A. devoted a leading editorial in an issue of the American Motorist to what is being done in Washington for the beautification of the highways.

"Concerted action on the part of civic associations, architects, highway engineers, newspapers and others is finally accomplishing what was impossible for the individual to do, the beautification of highways into Washington as a preliminary to the Bicentennial," the American Motorist says. "Daily newspaper columns are filled with news of citizens' meetings where the subject of highway beautification is discussed. Group after group is aligning itself with the forces working to make the approaches as beautiful as the city itself. Photographs are being published everywhere showing unsightly billboards and the pleasing pastoral scenes which they conceal. The campaign has scarcely started, but already several of the largest advertisers have agreed to use other means of placing their products before the public.

"The unification of effort with which the campaign for highway beautification is being conducted is worthy of its cause."—Washington Star.

Warfare Upon Ugliness Matter of Civic Duty

Making and keeping a city clean and attractive is a full-sized job that does not diminish with the years, but is likely to grow with the city itself. That is an understanding of the matter that seems to have been gained by the Municipal Art league of Chicago in its 30 years of existence. The league, as its name implies, is interested primarily in promotion of art and beauty in city life. But it has found that a warfare upon ugliness and dirt is a directly related task. And it is too big a task for one organization alone. So the aid of all civic and other groups is being sought, the main objective being an onslaught upon the smoke nuisance, roof signs, billboards and the like.

This is heartening endeavor, which, according to all reasonable calculations, should bring results. In theory, there is no more reason for a dirty, cluttered-up and generally unattractive appearance in a community than exists for the individual home. In one respect, as in the other, it is a case of sloppy housekeeping, the difference being that with the community it is everybody's business and responsibility. Hence the necessity of large-scale community action.—Kansas City Star.

Playgrounds Essential

Most American cities, like Topsy, "just grew," and in so growing, one addition or subdivision was tacked to another, sometimes beautiful, often not so beautiful, and more often still the playground was omitted. Even school yards, generally speaking, are too small. Some of them have lost ground to the school building itself, as the community grew and school facilities were enlarged.

The price such communities pay for haphazard development is that very probably they are without sufficient parks or without conveniently placed playgrounds, and will be for many years to come, if indeed they ever have any.

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Villages May Profit

The larger cities have reached the point where the streets will not hold the traffic and double-decking by the construction of overhead ways and subways is the makeshift resorted to. Growing small cities should study the problem now so that when population begins to crowd more street room will have been provided.



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The numerous embezzlements and suicides that followed the Wall Street slump led Eugene Burris, the New York banking expert, to say: "There will always be men who will try to get rich quick by dishonesty. It reminds me of a story. 'My son, John,' an old man said, 'went out West to seek his fortune.' 'Yes? And what's he worth now?' said another old man. 'I don't exactly know,' said the first old man, 'but the authorities are offering \$5,000 for him.'"

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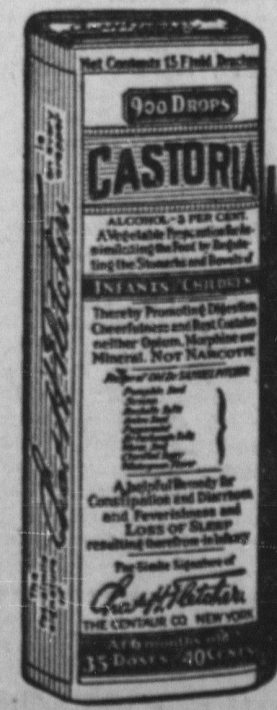
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