

A GLAD SOME EASTER

It Was a Beautiful Day And Thoroughly Enjoyed.

MUSIC AND FLOWERS IN THE CHURCHES.

A Review of the Incidents of the Local Celebration of the Great Resurrection Festival.

Easter Sunday was an ideal one in Lancaster this year. Spring's warm breath made more welcome by its long delayed coming, was everywhere felt, and everything in nature seemed to be opening its eyes...

THE LUTHERAN OBSERVANCE.

Over Five Hundred Partake of Communion in Trinity. The Sunday School Festival. There was a very large attendance at both morning and evening services at Trinity Lutheran church.

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The program was made up of Easter carols, recitations and an address appropriate to the day by the pastor. The altar was beautifully decorated for the evening service and the word "Risen" in large letters occupied a prominent place.

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UNDER A BIG BLACK CLOUD.

OVER FOUR HUNDRED RAILROAD EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

Fifty-four arrests made and the Detective After the Others—All Kinds of Articles Recovered—How a Western Line of the P. R. H. Was Recently Plundered.

PITTSBURG, April 11.—At 2:45 o'clock this morning Colonel Norman M. Smith, officially connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, transferred in this city, said: "For three years the railroads in the Pennsylvania company's system, principally on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis division, have been systematically robbed. Cars on sidings and on moving trains have been broken open and merchandise of every description stolen. It is estimated that the company has had to pay for at least \$400,000 worth of goods stolen while in transit. Detectives have been working on the case for months. Everything being ready, we decided to make a raid along the line between Columbus & Pittsburgh, and twelve o'clock, midnight, was fixed to strike the blow. Eighty warrants have been issued for men in Pittsburgh. I can't tell how many for other places, but it was for nearly every point along the line. It is the most extensive raid of the kind in railroad circles that has occurred."

The above was given in explanation of the concerted raid upon the boarding places and homes of Pan Handle railway employees, conductors and brakemen, by a squad composed of 100 city policemen, detectives and mounted police, shortly after midnight last night. The raid was made on the cars of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway, which were en route to the jail from their homes on Try street. These were speedily followed by others from the same locality and Brown's "Railroaders' hotel," on Washington street. At 9 o'clock this morning forty-four conductors and brakemen were taken up in the county jail in railroad cities that had occurred."

James Neil, a prominent citizen of Mount Nebo, Martin, died last Tuesday. Deceased was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and was 43 years of age on April 1. He came to America in 1864 and settled in Lancaster. On August 10, 1861 he enlisted in the 5th United States cavalry and was wounded at Petersburg. He re-enlisted in 1864 and was mustered out of service in 1867. For a number of years past he has been in the grocery business in this city. He was a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias, and for three years past has been its knight commander. Lancaster division, No. 6, Uniform Rank R. O. T. M. He was a charter member of American Boy Scouts, No. 46, Grand Army of the Republic. He also belonged to Red Jacket tribe of Red Men. For years he had been a member of the Minnerbrook and Liederkreis. He took an active interest in the different societies to which he belonged, and was always ready and willing to do the work assigned him. He was popular with friends and associates and his loss will be keenly felt. Besides a wife he leaves three children.

Isaac Swope's funeral. The funeral of Isaac Swope took place yesterday morning from his late residence, 25 Conestoga street. It was very largely attended, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Kuestling. The casket followed the remains to Mechanicsburg, where the interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

Names of those arrested. The following is a partial list of the men now confined in the county jail as a result of the robbery of the Pennsylvania railroad cars on Saturday night last. John Kirkwood, H. R. Kuhn, C. Longnecker, W. T. Lavelle, George Morris, M. B. Doyle, J. H. Fisher, Sam Goodman, A. Griffith, William Iselt, W. C. Martin, S. R. Roth, John Sweeney, T. C. Shea, C. Shanks, J. A. Taylor, H. C. Thomson, William Briggs, T. O. Haggerty, W. J. Edwards, Wolf, J. F. Hagerty, John P. Gibbs, Mack Roberts, J. P. Brennan, Robert Mackey, E. C. Connolly, George Schurz, L. Black, Thomas Vincent, A. L. Collie, W. C. Boals, John A. Bower, Charles Donovan, John Martin, J. W. Baker, J. R. Hickey, W. W. McCurry, J. T. Riney, J. L. Lawson and W. Baker.

Robberies on other roads. Chief of Police Brokaw informed your representative at noon that employees of the Pennsylvania railroad, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & St. Louis railroad, the Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad, the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, and the Erie & Western railroad, were being systematically robbed. The robberies were being committed by a gang of men who were being transported from their homes and boarding houses. Railroad men are greatly excited.

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