

BILLY SUNDAY CALLS TAFT A GOOD SCOUT, THOUGH A UNITARIAN

Paterson Gives Evangelist Enthusiastic Welcome, and He Wins Cheers With Vigorous Opening Sermons.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. PATERSON, N. J., April 5.—Paterson rubbed the mud from his eyes this morning, and asked: "Well, what do you think of Billy?" In the city's 250 silk mills men and women, wax-faced boys and girls talked over "Billy" Sunday.

"TAFT'S A FINE SCOUT." "Take it from me," "Billy" nodded emphatically. "Mr. Taft's a fine scout."

"Paterson's a fine old town." Sunday, wily, muscular, boozie-fighting, slang-throating and, yet, all-time preacher of the old-time religion, leaped to the top of the high platform in the big tabernacle in this city yesterday for two sermons, and began another battle with Satan before a throng of 10,000.

PHRAISES PHILADELPHIA. Sunday paid his compliments to Philadelphia when he first started to speak. "When you used to think about Philadelphia," he said, "you thought about the Declaration of Independence."

Right in the height of the attack on him and who had declared that he had demanded a guarantee in cash before he would consent to come to Paterson.

Sunday Credited for Communion. More persons received communion in the Lutheran churches of the city yesterday than for many years before, according to a report read today at the Lutheran ministers' meeting, 123 Arch street.

BUSINESS PROSPERITY NOW RETURNING

Continued from Page One as obviously untrue, and there is nothing of the kind in the composite opinion.

UPWARD TREND VISIBLE. The most cheerful view that offered facts in its justification is that a revival of trade and industrial activity that rapidly is making headway has set in.

confidently predicted a gradual but quite evident forward movement locally; he went further, and predicted a like advance throughout the nation, though somewhat slower in the South.

"Our business was greater in volume last month than in any other month in the last year," said Mr. Simmons, "but, understanding, that does not necessarily mean that the general volume of hardware business is greater than at any time since our organization. We are a young concern, and our volume should increase even when that of long-established houses does not. Our advance last month, however, exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Our increase was considerably more than normal."

"I am informed that last month showed a general increase in the business all over the country. It was slightly above the normal increase in Philadelphia for us, and according to the reliable information I have at hand, there was slight improvement for every one in the business over the last few months."

"The information I gleaned was convincing to me, but it is confirmed by our representatives over the nation, the heads of our six houses and about 500 men who are constantly covering the country. These have unusual opportunities for studying conditions most intimately. The center of information in the small city is the hardware store, just as the hardware store is the center of information in the town."

DRY GOODS TRADE. "Things certainly do show improvement," said Calvin M. Smyth, president of the Young, Smyth, Field Company, drygoods wholesalers. "There is plenty of room for improvement, but I feel greatly optimistic with what has developed already. Our collections last month, March, were better than they were a year ago and our sales were nearly equal to those of a year ago."

IN OTHER LINES. George T. Laing, of Laing, Harrar & Chamberlain, shoe findings and shoes, said he notes a slight improvement in conditions, but it is very slight and will be slow in his opinion, though sure, until the end of the war.

W. P. Shiry, president and general manager of the William Whitman Company, cigar manufacturers, said: "The business is not as bad as it has been. We have been working harder, and the determination of men not to be beaten has helped. It will continue to help. The situation for the cigar manufacturers is greatly improved from the East to Chicago, but still serious in the South and Southwest. But the improvement in the section first named almost equals that in the South and the Southwest."

BUILDING TRADES ARE BUSY; OUTLOOK GOOD IN HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, April 5.—The building trades here will have a fairly prosperous summer, permits for the city during March having exceeded those of the same month in any year.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICTS THROB WITH NEW BUSINESS LIFE

PITTSBURGH, April 5.—Industry is steadily picking up throughout the Pittsburgh district. Plants operating to the extent of 60 per cent of their capacity in January are now operating 70 to 80 per cent.

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per cent of their capacity. While leaders of industry are not over-enthusiastic in their opinions, they admit that business is slowly returning to normal.

STEADY BUSINESS INCREASE AT READING SINCE JANUARY

READING, Pa., April 5.—With the exception of the textile manufacturing, local industries have shown a steady increase in business since the first of the year.

LANCASTER FACES BRIGHTEST PROSPECT IN TWO YEARS

LANCASTER, April 5.—Unless threatened labor troubles interfere, Lancaster, dull in building operations last two years, will experience a great building boom this season, which will give employment to hundreds of men.

YORK'S VARIED INDUSTRIES REPORT ACTIVE OPERATIONS

Steady Increase in Every Branch of Manufactures.

YORK, Pa., April 5.—The industries of this city and county are having a gradual and steady increase in business. This is noticeable along all lines except perhaps the tobacco interests, which have been somewhat retarded.

INDUSTRY AND TRADE IMPROVED IN ALTOONA

ALTOONA, April 5.—The industrial condition in Altoona is slightly improved. Several departments of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops are working full time.

BALTIMORE MILLS GIVE MANY IDLE MEN WORK

BALTIMORE, April 5.—The improvement in conditions in Baltimore is daily marked by changes for the better in all lines of business. A striking feature of this is the decrease in the number of the unemployed, as shown by the official statement of George A. Malone, in charge of the Federal Employment Bureau, only 46 in March.

SHENANGO VALLEY PLANS TO FILL BIG STEEL ORDERS

SHARON, Pa., April 5.—Steel mills are resuming activity, all plants are being hurriedly repaired and many orders are being booked, indicating that prosperity is near for the Shenango Valley, from Greenville to New Castle.

SOLITAIRE DIAMONDS

Just see the remarkable saving that we, the diamond cutters, make possible for you on an old size diamond you may select, from the big 3 carat dandy. At these prices, buying diamonds becomes an investment of positively increasing value.

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Leading Figure in Financial Circles of Lancaster County. Joseph C. Walker, a leading figure in the financial circles of Lancaster County, and one of its best-known residents, died yesterday while celebrating the 83rd anniversary of his birth at his home at Gap, Pa.

Man Found Unconscious by Fellow Tenant of Building. Francis S. Hafferty, publisher of the Northeast News, a local city newspaper, nearly lost his life early this morning when his bedroom at 217 Columbia avenue filled with gas from a disconnected radiator tube.

OVERCOME BY GAS FUMES

MARRIED IN ELKTON

Fourteen Couples Wed on Easter Day at Greta Green.

ELKTON, Md., April 5.—There was a rush of Easter brides and bridegrooms this morning. Fourteen couples were granted licenses to marry, as follows:

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Plant breeders have wonderfully improved the old-time strains of vegetables and flowers. Many of the kinds that were popular even five years ago have been replaced by better strains.

DREER'S Improved Flower and Vegetable Seeds

Roll the Lawn

Dreer's Lawn Grass Seeds

Seeds, Plants, Tools

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GREAT INCREASE OF COMMERCE CHAMBER FORSEEN AT LUNCHEON

Alba B. Johnson Commissions Reorganization Committee on Prospects of Movement.

Predictions for a great increase in the membership of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce were made today at the opening luncheon in the greater chamber movement this afternoon at the Hotel Adelphi.

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MANY SPEND EASTER HOLIDAYS AT WILDWOOD

House Parties Not Interfered With by Saturday's Storm. WILDWOOD, N. J., April 5.—Railroad communication with Wildwood was not interrupted by Saturday's storm. Scores of house parties in Wildwood and Wildwood Crest brought hundreds here for the week-end.

Frank G. English, president of the Holly Beach Yacht Club entertained at his home at Wildwood Crest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Johnson, of 708 Washington street, Camden, gave a house party at their apartment on the boardwalk for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greer and James Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Waller, Earle Brewer, Prof. Harry Roselle, Miss Westcott and Miss Laura Woodward, all of Camden and Philadelphia.

The Misses Lea, daughters of Thomas Lea, who has opened his summer residence at Anzer road, Wildwood Crest, will have a number of guests until Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Roberts, of Philadelphia, are entertaining a number of friends until Tuesday.

J. Walter Clark, of Philadelphia, who has opened his cottage at Heather road on Wednesday, is entertaining friends from Richmond, Va., including Captain Curtis, of the United States Army Corps, and Colonel Hunt, U. S. A.

Dr. Karl Wieland, of Philadelphia, has opened his summer home at Wildwood Crest.

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OCEAN CITY BOARDWALK THROGGED DESPITE STORM

Visitors Defy Cold Weather and Triumph With Change in Temperature. OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 5.—It was difficult to imagine that among the large number of promenaders on the boardwalk yesterday afternoon, when the sun quickly dissipated the snow, there were not a few who had had an Arctic-like experience here during the blizzard Saturday.

Many Philadelphiaans, comprising house parties, made their quarters in airy summer cottages, and they found it necessary to wrap themselves in blankets and hug oil stoves during the height of the storm.

While the storm kept thousands from the city, there were many guests at the big hotels.

City Treasurer McCooch and Mrs. McCooch, of Philadelphia, were among the visitors. They entertained David McCooch, the treasurer's special attorney, and Mrs. McCooch, William McCooch, Jr., Mrs. McCooch, Mrs. James F. Jefferson and Mrs. E. Lyle.

Police Captain David McCooch and daughters were also here.

J. Clark Moore, a Philadelphia banker, and his wife opened their new Westley avenue cottage for the first time. They had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lathbury, Miss Lathbury and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. S. Howell and Leslie Howell, of Philadelphia.

Rear Commodore Churchill Hunsford, of the Ocean City Motorboat Club and president of the Ocean City Fishing Club, came down from Philadelphia for the holidays. With him on the Boardwalk were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Brush, of Germantown.

Street Contractors Fined Penalties aggregating \$24 were imposed upon the street cleaning and ash and rubbish collecting contractors for derelictions during the month of March. The penalties to the contractors for the month were \$147,550.55.

Advertisement for Fels-Naptha soap, featuring the text: 'Maybe you think it's impossible to wash clothes and be comfortable. Try FELS-NAPHTHA soap and find out the easy, cool-water, no-hard-rubbing way to do your work. Wonderful for washing dishes. Fels-Soap Powder Sweet and pure and won't hurt hands.'

Advertisement for Dreer's Ranges, featuring an image of a range and text: '1915 Design "Perfect" 2 Fuel—2 Fire Economical GAS AND COAL Ranges HOME HAPPINESS and GOOD FOOD, WELL COOKED, are very closely related. The proper morning start in the kitchen is of the greatest importance to the comfort and health of the family. Will Furnish Quick Meals, Perfectly Cooked Abundance of hot water for domestic purposes—ovens and broilers—for gas and coal—conveniently arranged and of large size. Also Richardson Steam and Hot Water BOILERS "Perfect" Fresh Air HEATERS. These successful Ranges or Boilers or Furnaces should be installed in every new house—or put in when substituting new goods for old. Architects specify them—Builders use them—because of their superiority. They please everyone. Richardson & Boynton Co., Mfrs. 1342 Arch Street, Philadelphia NEW YORK CHICAGO BOSTON PROVIDENCE Installed by all Plumbers and Fitters.'

Advertisement for The Public Ledger-Evening Ledger, featuring text: 'You Can Be One of the 50 Exposition Trip Winners. The Public Ledger-Evening Ledger offers you the opportunity of seeing the Panama-Pacific and San Diego Expositions entirely without charge. Fifty persons securing the most credits for Ledger subscriptions will win the trips; all others are paid for subscriptions at newsdealer's rates. Send for full information and instructions. CONTESTANT'S ENTRY BLANK. Fill Out PUBLIC LEDGER EVENING LEDGER Coupon INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA and Mail Today. Please enter my name as a contestant for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Tour. Send me all the necessary information and subscription blanks.'