

SEASON OF PENANCE BEGINS WITH CHURCH OBSERVANCES TODAY

Lenten Season Ushered in With Ash Wednesday Services. Bishop Rhinelander to Speak at Garrick

RHINELANDER SPEAKS

The penitential season of Lent began today, Ash Wednesday, with services in many churches which mark the laying aside of frivolities for 40 days.

The period, which commemorates the abstinence of Jesus in the desert, derives its name from the Saxon word for spring, "Langthen-tide."

At the Catholic Cathedral a mission for children was opened by the Redemptorist Fathers, to close next Sunday.

At Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2d street below Walnut, the daily noonday services were ushered in by Bishop Rhinelander Talbot, of Bethlehem, at 12:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church opened the daily noonday services at his church at the same hour.

At St. Peter's, 3d and Pine streets, where the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Hutchinson, rector of St. Clement's Church, preached half an hour and sermon at 8 o'clock this evening at St. Peter's.

Bishop Philip Mercer Rhinelander, head of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, opened the noonday Lenten services under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Garrick Theatre, at 12:30 o'clock.

Taking as his text the words, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished," the Bishop pointed out how the spirit of these words teaches the best ideal and method of a faithful observance of Lent.

"Taking them as a practical guide," he said, "we should use Lent as a time for reaching after holiness, going up to Jerusalem, our holiest place, where God calls and waits for us.

"We should also use it as a time for recognizing God's personal will as the only sure way of safety and satisfaction in a time of trying our readiness for sacrifice, prepared for Christ's sake, as Europe's soldiers are for country's sake, to go up to Jerusalem at any Lenten service.

The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Smith, rector of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, preached at Old St. John's Lutheran Church, Race street below 5th, at noon.

He spoke especially of the war in Europe and its relation to the teachings of Christianity.

"Never before has there been a Lent like this," said Doctor Smith. "If others have been sorrowful, then it is more filled with the anguish of suffering. The times are out of joint. The whole world lies prostrate before the spectre of its iniquity. It sins have thrown it into mourning. Henceforth, God is to be learned the lesson of what it means to have God's spirit far from it. Suffering, bloodshed, savage brutality, greedy selfishness are temporarily upon the throne.

"But in it all there is also joy," he continued, "as Christ's way of final happiness leads always along the path of sorrow."

The speaker pointed to the address of the war as "the heavy cross the world bears today as the price that must be paid for the better order, fraternity, the triumph of the better over the lower things of life."

"If men and nations refuse to be led by the friendly spirit of God," he asserted, "then they must suffer until they have learned the lesson through suffering that the spirit of Jesus Christ in every human relation is the measure of human happiness."

Doctor Smith said that "as an American nation are in perilous times, and this is no time for permitting prejudice to rule."

MISSION FOR WOMEN.

Besides the mission for children, the Catholic Cathedral will begin a mission for women next Sunday at one for men the second Sunday in Lent. Missions will be opened and Stations of the Cross recited in the Catholic churches throughout Lent.

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, William's alley below 4th street, the Wednesday noonday services were opened by the Rev. John D. Butler, S. J., with a Benediction at 12:30, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. Michael A. O'Keane, S. J., will preach tonight at the Church of the Gesù, 18th and Suburban streets.

At St. John the Evangelist's, 13th street above Chestnut, the opening regular Wednesday sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given at 12:30, to be followed by the weekly Lenten sermon tonight. The Rev. Father J. H. Reaty, O. P., will be the noonday preacher.

The Universalist Union Lenten services will be ushered in tomorrow night at the Church of the Restoration, Master street below 11th, when the Rev. Dr. John Clarence Lee will preach.

The Lenten sermon schedule of the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Locust streets, which begins the first Monday in April, is being prepared by the pastor, the Rev. Edwin Yates Hill.

FALLS DEAD AT MARDI GRAS

John Ramsey, Philadelphian, Dies During Carnival Parade

A dispatch was received at the Detective Bureau today stating that John Ramsey, former Philadelphian, had fallen dead while participating in a parade incidental to the Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans.

In one of Ramsey's pockets was found a note book with the name of Arthur M. Townsend, 2046 North 11th street, Philadelphia. The New Orleans police at once gave this name and address to the Philadelphia police with the request that they investigate.

Mrs. Townsend said that Ramsey was a civil engineer and a close friend of her husband. She stated that while engaged in his engineering work, and frequently visited Philadelphia. She said his only relative was a sister living in England.

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VISITING WITH NEWTON D. BAKER'S FAMILY AT POTTSTOWN



LOSS OF ARMED SHIP WARNING BILL PEACE BOOST, AVERS SCOTT

Congress, He Says, Did Right to Leave Diplomatic Affairs in the Hands of President Wilson

AS A BLOCK TO WAR

Congress went far to keep the country's peace with other nations by voting with the President instead of against him yesterday, said Congressman John R. K. Scott on his return today from the capital.

To have done anything else, he said, would have meant that ultimately the United States would have had to enforce her rights by other means than diplomacy. He praised the attitude of the majority of the members of the House of Representatives in the debate and vote of yesterday, saying that it was Americanism first, party lines being obliterated.

"The issue," he said, "which was presented to the House yesterday was not whether American citizens should be allowed to be warned to keep off armed merchant vessels belonging to belligerent countries, but whether the necessities of the case were such that the handling of the situation should be taken out of the hands of the President.

"By its vote yesterday the House merely expressed its confidence in the President and demonstrated to the people of the United States and to the world at large that the handling of the diplomatic negotiations with foreign powers would be left with the President, to whom it belongs.

PARTY LINES ERASED. "The attitude of the members of the House was in keeping with the spirit of American traditions. Party lines were absolutely forgotten. Yesterday there was no Republican and no Democrat on the floor of the House. They were all just plain Americans, each member endeavoring to obtain such action as he conscientiously believed the good of the country required. This is demonstrated by the vote of the Philadelphia members, all of whom are staunch Republicans, and yet were equally divided in their vote.

"Personally I believe any action other than that taken would have been most unfortunate for the American people.

AS A WAR PREVENTIVE. "Any action adverse to the Administration would have tended to encourage foreign Governments to repudiate past assurances given by them to us, and the belief that the former representations of this Government did not express the true sentiments of the United States and would not be supported by the country at large. The results of all past diplomatic action would have been nullified, and any further attempt of the Government to obtain recognition of American rights would have been made futile.

"In fact, I believe the danger of this country becoming embroiled in the war would have been tenfold increased by any action by Congress adverse to the President, since such action would have induced foreign Governments to treat with contempt all past and future diplomatic representations, and this naturally would have resulted in wanton disregard of the rights of our citizens. Ultimately, we would have been compelled to enforce our rights by means other than through the channels of diplomacy."

Limeburner Urged for Senate

Alexis J. Limeburner, former Common Councilman from the 23rd Ward, is being urged by the Washington party workers in his action to permit the use of his name as a candidate for the State Senate from the 7th District, to succeed August H. Dais, who will not be supported for re-election by the Washington party. The Washington Party Committee of the ward at a meeting last night endorsed Congressman George S. Graham for re-election. The ward committee unanimously endorsed the Taylor transit plan.

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MRS. NEWTON D. BAKER, WIFE OF SECRETARY OF WAR, POTTSTOWN GIRL

She and Her Three Children Prime Favorites With Relatives and Friends in Native City

NOTED AS A MUSICIAN

POTTSTOWN, March 8.—This city is proud and delighted over the honor that has come to one of its daughters. To entertain Mrs. Newton D. Baker is a pleasant prospect always, Pottstown folk say, but to entertain the wife of the Secretary of War is another matter. But they wave away their fears when they remember that Mrs. Baker is quite as domestic a person as her husband, and as one man put it, "that is saying all that can be said."

Mrs. Baker has always been a favorite in Pottstown. As Miss Elizabeth Wells Leopold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leopold, she was a mover in the best of things—church, music, charity and such endeavors; and since July 5, 1912, when she became Mrs. Baker and went to Cleveland to live, her visits here made her relatives and friends happy. Her last visit was in October.

Mrs. Baker was graduated from Wilson College in 1895 and returned there each college year, giving lessons in singing, painting and piano. She sings well and was in demand as a soloist, particularly at Holy Trinity Episcopal Memorial Chapel, of which her brother, Ralph, was organist. He has since studied in Europe and had a conservatory in Berlin for a while. He returned to the United States when the war began. Another brother, Roy, is connected with the United States Geographical Survey, and is in Washington.

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LEBANON MAN WHO SLEW SON GETS LONG PRISON TERM

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"BOB THE SNOOPER" HURLS PEBBLES AGAINST WINDOWS AND TAKES "PEEP"

Noise Attracts Occupants of Rooms and West Philadelphia Girls Are Annoyed—Miscreant Caught. Gets 30 Days in Prison

"Bob the Snooper" is snooping around the bedroom windows of West Philadelphia girls again. He works differently from "Pete the Peeper," who became famous in the same line.

Bob, who is a negro, takes advantage of the fact and works only on dark nights. His plan is simple. He sees a light in a room and throws pebbles against the window. This brings the occupant of the room quickly to the window and Bob steals a look.

He saw lights in the room of the house at 130 South 35th street. He threw a stone against the window pane, and waited. The window was opened, but instead of a girl there appeared the heads of J. A. Dale and J. H. Labar, University students. They saw two white eyes peering over the fence and chased the negro. He ran down 35th street, but the youths were right on his heels. Policeman Ceylon joined in the chase and caught the peeper at 38th and Chestnut streets.

When he was arraigned before Magistrate Harris at the 32d street and Woodland avenue station, the prisoner gave his name as Robert Perro. He only rolled his eyes when asked why he was prowling around the neighborhood. Several of the cops said the negro was known as "Bob the Snooper" and recently finished a term in jail for a similar offense.

"When the pebble trick doesn't work, the police say, Bob imitates a chicken fight or a baby crying. He was sent to the County Prison for 30 days.

INDICTED AS 'DOPE' VENDERS

Ten, Believed to Be Among "Higher-Ups" in Drug Traffic, to Be Tried

Another batch of indictments for violations of the Harrison anti-narcotic drug law by the Federal Grand Jury today indicates, it is believed, that the authorities in the crusade have succeeded in getting the persons one step higher in the illicit traffic of drugs.

Eleven men were indicted as dealers and among them was Joseph Hart, Wesley Dorsey and Thomas Melvin. When arrested, Hart was found to have 386 grains of cocaine in his possession. Dorsey had 750 grains of morphine, and although Melvin had only a small quantity of drug upon him, it is declared that he, too, is one of the traffickers wanted by the authorities.

The others indicted for illegally dealing in drugs were James Skelly, John Norrick, Arthur Marks, William Jones, Harry Johnson, Simon Hernefeld, George Walker and Frank Hartman. They were indicted for the unlawful possession of narcotics. They are Marion Gosnell, James Mitchell, Harry Moore, William Lee, Thomas Massington, Eugene Horner, William Rhodes, Hooks McGuire, John Murry and Joseph Murry. The Grand Jury ignored bills of indictment charging Edward Shlirmer and John Mitchell with unlawful possession of drugs.

Haverford Tax Rate Lowered

A tax rate of 7 mills on the dollar, constituting a reduction of 1/2 mill from last year, has been adopted by the commissioners of Haverford township. The commissioners departed from their usual procedure of letting such contracts for one year only, and have awarded a two-year garbage collection contract to William Nagan.

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RED TAPE IN BRANDEIS CASE WILL DELAY ISSUE

May Be Months Before Nomination Returns to Senate—Hearing Ends

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Although the public investigation of Louis D. Brandeis' fitness for the Supreme Court bench ended, it was apparent that it would be a long time before he is confirmed by the Senate. This is due not so much to anything the opposition has proved against him as to the "red tape" through which his nomination now must go before it can be brought formally before the Senate again.

When the hearings ended the subcommittee began its deliberations. The indications are it will not be ready to report its findings to the Senate Judiciary Committee proper for at least a month, and it may be at least that much longer before the main committee makes its recommendation to the Senate.

Mrs. Baker met her husband at the wedding of a college chum in Chambersburg. The college chum married a Cleveland man and the then Miss Leopold was a bridesmaid and Mrs. Baker was the best man. That was in 1901. They were married in 1902.

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