

ATLANTIC CITY
EASTER CROWD
'BIGGEST EVER'
Skies Were Sullen and Thus Darkened Picture, but the Crowd Grew Anyhow
FINE CLOTHES IN HIDING

By a Staff Correspondent
ATLANTIC CITY, April 24.—Fashion and the forecaster are fighting at Atlantic City today to recover their lost prestige. Aided by the sun, both are hopeful that the disappointed Easter parade may be able to have both in all the splendor of their wardrobes. Many visitors, who regarded the Boardwalk demonstration of yesterday as somewhat of a fiasco, are remaining over today, as are others whose "best bib and tucker was shrouded by raincoat and umbrella on the greatest day in Queen Fashion's calendar."

Like the "cheerful cherub," the Easter visitor to Atlantic takes a rosy view of the most unfavorable conditions, and so, as Easter Sunday does prove unfavorable there is brightness behind the clouds. Then, too, there is Easter Monday, and this afternoon was awaited by many thousands of Atlantic City sojourners, whose original intention had been to return to their homes last night or this morning.

Atlantic City itself is recuperating today from the greatest Easter attack in its career. Philadelphia is receiving back, in thousands, her sons and daughters, who were the backbone of that vast army of holiday occupation.

Like the ravages of a belligerent force, the seashore hotel men characterize the onslaught of that Easter crowd. Proprietors of hostelry and restaurant awoke this morning to find themselves literally "eaten out of house and home." Generally they are prepared to offer food and shelter to all who ask, but today the commissary of the island's numerous hotels shows that the managers were overwhelmed by the enormous hungry and houseless host of Saturday and yesterday.

ALL COULD NOT EAT.
Even dinner guests could not be accommodated. Applicants for dining-room reservations at hotels like the Traymore, Marlborough-Blenheim, Dennis and Bryn Mawr were obliged to seek elsewhere for their midday meal. Pleasings of former patrons were of no avail. The dining rooms were filled to capacity, and in some instances, the arrangement of a second dinner hour was necessary. Other houses rejected such pleas outright, but with reluctance. They simply could not handle the crowds. Overnight business had ceased on Saturday.

Guests in the smaller hotels and in cottages fared little better. They had arranged advance accommodations. Many male visitors arose this morning from an improvised couch-bed in lounge or lobby, and accounted themselves fortunate in its possession.

These are some of the items that go to account for the \$2,000,000 or so, at which figure the sun contributed to Atlantic City by its Easter visitors to the beach.

As they left steam or electric trains at station or ferry house this morning or last night the local contingent of departing sojourners mutually agreed upon one point. They had been units in the greatest Easter population in Atlantic City's history.

They had defied drab and sullen skies. They had traversed the boardwalk from inlet to Chelsea. They had been seen and recognized as participants in that seemingly unending procession. Cheerful reminiscences of the experience obliterated all of its attendant discomforts in their minds.

WOMEN WERE BRAVE.
The feminine portion of the home-bound pilgrims possess their share of pride and satisfaction at their achievement. To them the trip is far from lacking compensation. Bravely attired, they had set at naught the rain and piercing dampness. Hundreds of women promaded the ocean bordering esplanade during the morning hours in their specially made togery hid beneath fur or raincoat. Again in the afternoon, when the sun struggled to peep through the clouds and make the rain the real success it deserved to be, the number of women who ventured out from the hotels to the Boardwalk was surprisingly large. The chill winds and occasional showers of the evening also failed to daunt them and they passed along gallantly before the admiring masculine occupants of piers, pavilions and hotel entrances.

There was a sense of satisfaction in the home-coming of juvenile Philadelphia from the shoreward outing. Ocean bathing and sand sport alike were out of the question. The bucket and shovel, together with the invariable box of soft water taffy, could only compensate in part for the regret generally felt, and as generally expressed, by the younger excursionists, whose day at the shore had been turned into one of sorrow after so many days of eager anticipation.

Collectively the Easter gathering was unique even for Atlantic City. In number it was unprecedented. In the amount of dress or fashion, it partook more of the cosmopolitan in its composition than any of its predecessors.

BEST CLOTHES ARE HIDDEN.
But the multitude of the crowd was not apparent to the casual onlooker yesterday because of the sickle sun. The wind that swept across the island from "off-shore" compelled the promenaders to conceal their brilliant and modish garments under balmacran, furs and overcoats.

The ebbing tide of humanity that swept into Philadelphia last night and this morning was only a fragment of the great flood of Easter travelers which inundated Atlantic City over the holiday. The remainder, a considerable one, is expected to start homeward this evening. The pressure upon the facilities of the railroads and the strain upon the hotelmen is thus relieved.

While no additional trains were run by either the Reading or Pennsylvania systems, the schedules were so adjusted that the regular trains throughout the evening on both roads were run in sections. Each section consisted of 10 or more cars, on the steam lines, while the three sections of the electric train leaving the shore at 7 o'clock last night comprised 22 coaches and was in three divisions. The early start, on account of the inclement weather, proved a great help to the railroads in distributing the passengers throughout the evening instead of the usual grand rush of trains. The number who remained overnight at the resort was an additional factor in facilitating maintenance of train schedules and accommodations for the remainder of the season.

Atlantic City resumed its usual aspect this morning. The licensed cafes reopened after closing Saturday night legally at midnight, but virtually hours before, when their seating capacity had become exhausted. This condition prevailed at the Islesworth and some of the Boardwalk resorts two or three hours before the Saturday closing hour arrived. Barred and guarded entrances told the story of the state of affairs within.

The florists' shops today also show the effects of the laxness their resources. Sweet peas, carnations, white flowers of every description available, were in such demand for the Easter display on parade and on tables that scarcely a bloom of that color can be seen today. The decorations in rotundas and dining rooms of the larger hotels rivaled a Philadelphia flower show.

STAY-AT-HOME PARADE
SHOWS EASTER FINERY
NOT ALL AT SEASHORE
Fairmount Avenue Merchants Award \$500 in Prizes to Best of 2000 Promenaders
GOOD JUDGING SYSTEM

More than 2000 of Philadelphia's "stay-at-homes" received the "once over" yesterday in the first Easter fashion show staged by the Fairmount Avenue Business Men's Association. The route occupied by the seven judges and their assistants extended from Broad street west along Fairmount avenue to the Fairmount Park entrance. Prizes amounting to about \$500 were the rewards for the best-dressed couple, the prettiest girls, the most becoming hats and the most appealing Easter finery.

The idea of a "city promenade" for those who did not care to go to the shore originated with Oscar Dahms, of the association. "Thousands of Easter hats and fancy dresses are worn by the persons who remain in the city," he said, "and as many of the strollers pass along Fairmount avenue on their way to the Park the street seems to be a good place to hold the show." So the plans were worked out quickly, and though the show was not announced until a few days before Easter, its popularity was evident from the crowds that paraded up and down the avenue in anticipation of a prize.

Judges were stationed at intervals, and as a likelihood couple or demure misapproach they would obtain their names and addresses. After getting this information they would give the stroller the "once over" and place on the card the number of points which seemed in their estimation worthy of the model. The number of points for one judgment could not exceed 10. Some got the full amount and others fell well short as one point.

In passing from Broad street to the Park entrance a person would be judged seven times, and the number of points determines his prize. At 5 o'clock, when when added made the person's total and the cards were turned in, there was a deluge of them in the office of the committee, at 2021 Fairmount avenue. More than 2000 had to be counted and classified.

The following prizes, which will be awarded at 2021 Fairmount avenue at 1 o'clock this afternoon, were announced by the judges: First, a gold watch and diamond pin, for the best dressed couple, to Walter and Helen Schwartz, of 2921 North Park avenue; second, gold bracelet for the prettiest hat, to Miss A. Koeniger, of 3901 Cambridge street; third, gold bracelet, for the best dressed girl under 16 years, to Miss Minnie Dahms, of 2021 Fairmount avenue; fourth, gold signet ring, for the best dressed boy under 16 years, to James Sharp, 780 North 27th street; fifth, gold bracelet, for the best dressed girl under 12 years, to Edward Mount, of 217 North 24th street; and seventh, large chocolate egg as juvenile prize, to Miss Florence Omler, of 650 North 27th street; sixth, gold signet ring, for best dressed boy under 12 years, to Edward Mount, of 217 North 24th street; and seventh, large chocolate egg as juvenile prize, to Miss Florence Omler, of 650 North 27th street.

READY TO ACT.
"I know nothing of police activity in politics, but if such information is brought before me, I will act immediately. There will be no delay until after the primaries on any question of this importance."

When asked if affidavits alleging police activity in the 4th and other wards had been placed before him, the Mayor said:

"I have not seen or heard anything of any affidavits, but if they are presented to me I am perfectly willing to take them up at once. I certainly would act immediately. The police and firemen of the city have been fully warned to keep out of political fights, and if they care to jeopardize their positions by acting otherwise, I want to know it. I may have a statement to give out on this question later in the day, but have not yet decided this point. All the police know my attitude on this subject, and you can say for me that if any charges are made they will be fully investigated without the loss of any time."

In reply to questions as to what would happen should the charges against the Police Bureau be proved, Mayor Smith made it evident that he would not hesitate to punish the offenders. In this connection, he said:

"I don't care what political faction might suffer, and I don't care what police officer would lose out. My position in this matter is too well known to need exhaustive comment."

The fight against the Smith-Vare faction in the wards in which the affidavits have been collected is being led by County Commissioner Robert J. Moore, Select Councilman James M. Neely, City Committeeman Albert S. Henry, John Sloan and Thomas Love. The affidavits, it is said, will be made public when they have been presented to the Mayor and Director Wilson.

According to one of the Penrose-McNichol leaders they are ready to allege:

First. That an uptown lieutenant of police had boldly demanded that certain of his officers turn in for the Vares, and when these subordinates refused threatened to get them "at the front."

Second. That the captain of a fire company in one of the remote districts has spent several hours nightly in the last week canvassing the division in which he lives for the Vare ticket in a factional fight.

Third. That a battalion chief of the fire department lives in West Philadelphia has attended numerous political meetings for Harry A. Mackey, and is canvassing certain divisions whenever opportunity presents itself.

Fourth. That in the 4th Ward, Director Wilson's home, a lieutenant and an acting detective have been sent out to do political work, and that the man who has been sent to the division, committee man for orders said that the work came from "the front."

NAVY YARD CLASS TO MEET
Rear Admiral Helm Will Address Novices Tonight at Initial Drill

Prominent business men and yachtsmen, many of whom never have shouldered a gun, but who are anxious to be taught the art of war, will assemble at League Island tonight for their first drill. The volunteers, nearly 100 in number, comprise the first company of civilian soldiers who have pledged themselves to man the vessels of the scout and patrol system for the Philadelphia Navy Yard district if the United States asks their services.

The volunteers will report to Captain Field, on the battleship North Dakota, at 8 o'clock tonight. An address, telling what is expected of the volunteers, with an outline of the military training to be given them, will be made by Rear Admiral Helm, commanding the reserve fleet. Drills will be held every week until the time of the training cruise to take place this summer.

JEW SOLDIERS ABUSED BY RUSSIA, SAYS RABBI
Dr. Landman, in Sermon, Declares Horrors of Persecution Unequaled in History

The cruelty of Russia to the Jews that are helping to defend that country was dwelt upon by Rabbi Isaac Landman in the course of a sermon today, the last day of the Passover, at Temple Keneseth Israel.

He declared that the black flag of "Jewish righteousness" with ruthless disregard for humaneness, shames even the German's prosecution of submarine warfare. He asserted that Russia blames the Jews for all the country's troubles and does all in its power to incite the population against the Jewish people.

The Jews fighting in the trenches, he declared, are cut off from the outside world and cannot communicate with those who are dear to them.

When the Allies were placing their immense war loan in this country, he said,

the Minister of the Interior of Russia, gave the Jewish refugees who were expelled from the war zone permission to find temporary residence in sections of the Empire outside the pale, but the half-starved refugees are again being expelled from these places.

In conclusion, Doctor Landman said: "Terrible as is the situation of the Russian Jews, it is made even worse by the promulgation of an edict that prohibits the publication of newspapers, magazines, books or pamphlets in Hebrew or Yiddish in the entire Russian Empire. The post-offices will not permit letters written in these languages to pass through the mails, so that the 6,000,000 Jews of Russia, whose only language is either Hebrew or Yiddish, are living absolutely in the thickest darkness as to what is going on about them."

"Husbands, fathers and lovers in the trenches, demanding Russia, cannot communicate with their beloved at home. Members of families who were scattered all over the Empire by the merciless and ruthless expulsions, cannot even locate each other. Friends and relatives in this country can neither send nor receive a single line from their near and dear ones in Russia. Such a horrible thing has not been perpetrated in the whole history of man."

RAISIN FESTIVAL PLANNED
Californians to Celebrate Prosperous Year for Industry

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 24.—Californians will pay tribute to the raisin industry by setting aside April 25 and 26 to indulge in parades, feasts and frolics of gratitude to Mother Nature for her bountiful crops and to the consumers of the world who afford a market.

Many big features in the way of parades and tableaux will be presented by civic bodies, lodges and various county organizations. In these organizations will also be found the prune, peach and apple growers.

Raisin growing is one of the chief industries of the Golden State, there being more than 150,000 acres of raisin grapes, under cultivation, with an annual output of about 100,000 tons.

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BIDS FOR PAVING HIGHWAYS
TO BE OPENED TOMORROW

Proposals for City Work Aggregating \$300,000
Proposals for paving and repaving on the city's highways that will cost approximately \$300,000 will be received by the Department of Public Works tomorrow, and contracts will be awarded at once, so that the work can be done during the spring and summer.

Included in the schedule of highway work is the following:
Asphalt paving—Almond street from 213 feet southwest Orthodox street to 378 feet south of Chestnut street.
Rear street from 2250 south to Wolf street.
Bucknell street from 2200 south to Wolf street.

Intersection of Pomona street and Wayne avenue under Wayne avenue bridge.
Third street from Somerville street to Chew street.
Third street from Rockland street to Fisher street.
Sixteenth street from Leocoming street to Hunting Park avenue.
Twenty-sixth street from Allegheny avenue to Willard street.
Fifty-ninth street from Stewart street to Hadding street.
Fifty-ninth street from Jefferson street to N. 52nd street.
Fifty-ninth street from Mifflin street to Snyder street.
Oliver street from 19th street to 11th street.
Rittner street from Bouvier street to 11th street.
Seventeenth street from Rittner street to Porter street.
Twenty-first street from Point Breeze avenue to Reed street.
Tasker street.
Waterfront macadam—City avenue from 9th street to western limits of city.
Griff road from City avenue to Overbrook avenue.
Lawville from Levick street to Hollerman street.
Spartan from Golf road to Bryn Mawr.
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Fifty-fifth street from Wrynfield to Overbrook.

Plattsburg Commander Named
NEW YORK, April 24.—The appointment of Major Harry H. Bandholz, of the 30th United States Infantry, to command the Plattsburg, N. Y., summer instruction camp, has been announced by Major General Leonard Wood. Major Bandholz has been successful in service in Cuba and the Philippines.

EXPORTS HERE SHOW LOSS
Big Decrease in Petroleum—Grain Advance Reduces Net Decrease for Week

Shipping business at this port showed a slight loss last week when compared with the business done during the corresponding period of last year. The number of vessels arriving and departing at this port were smaller, exports of petroleum were less and the only gain shown was in the exportation of grain.

Exports of grain last week amounted to 1,455,952 bushels, as compared with 1,185,166 bushels for the same period of 1915. Since the first of the year 17,362,101 bushels of grain have been shipped to foreign ports, as against 12,742,249 bushels for the corresponding period of 1915, or a gain this year of 4,619,852 bushels.

Exports of petroleum last week were 1,232,197 gallons, as compared with 4,318,628 gallons for the same week of last year. Since January 1, 1916, 44,017,739 gallons of petroleum have been exported from Philadelphia, as against 47,567,591 gallons for the same period of last year, or a loss this year of 3,549,752 gallons.

Twenty-two of the vessels arriving here last week were under foreign flags, as compared with 107 arriving vessels for the corresponding week of 1915, of which 29 were foreign. Clearances last week numbered 22, of which 20 were under foreign flags. For the same week of last year 101 vessels cleared this port, 24 of which were foreign.

Fall Over Fence Fatal
A fall over a fence resulted in the death of Matthew Paulukvics, 53 years old, of Media. Paulukvics tripped over the fence yesterday as he was leaving the home of John Jakuszy, whom he had been visiting. He was found by Jakuszy's daughter, Helen, and taken to the Mt. Sinai Hospital, where he died soon after. Paulukvics's wife and daughter live at 623 Winton street.

Tonight is "Egg-Nog" Night at the Hanover

After forty days of sackcloth and ashes we once more break out with rosy gaiety. Flowers, dancing and music, of course, and plenty of "worth-while" souvenirs.

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