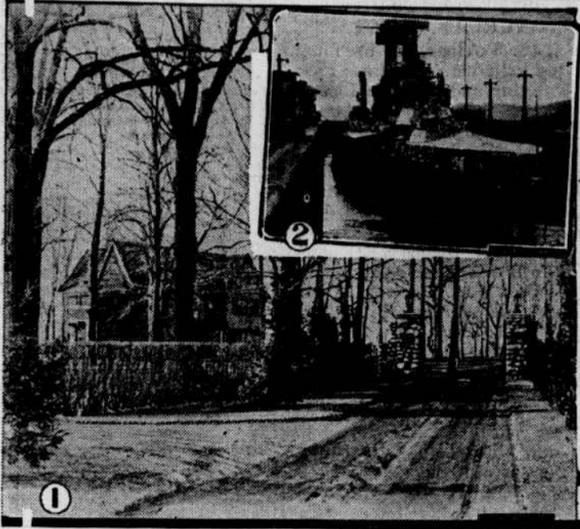


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1—"The Beeches," in Northampton, Mass., purchased by ex-President Coolidge for his residence. 2—U. S. S. California, flagship of the battle fleet, passing through the Panama canal on the way to maneuvers at Guantanamo. 3—Ras Tafari, who has proclaimed himself emperor of Abyssinia, following the defeat of the rebels and the death of Empress Zauditu.



The Dawn of Easter



Easter! There is something in the very name that suggests all that the day stands for. Hope, Faith, Resurrection! Its sound carries us back across the centuries to that first glorious Easter morning, when the bereaved women came to the tomb and found that death had been conquered. It brings us a vision of the white-robed angel in the sepulcher, saying to these weeping women: "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here." And the comfort and hope of the words fill us with joy, for even Nature today re-echoes the words, as we witness the miracle of resurrection all around us. Every field and meadow, every opening bud and blossom, the glory and brightness of the spring day, all bring happy assurance to our heart. All that is beautiful never really dies; each year there is added beauty and loveliness as the world awakens from its winter sleep. And so, too, we feel, that we shall know that endless life and resurrection in that far, fair country that awaits beyond. The promise that He made is still with us, and Easter day, with all its joy and all that it stands for, assures us that it will come true.

KATHERINE EDELMAN.
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WELCOME EASTER



Thy voice of heart and spirit raise,
O, Church of God, with songs of praise.
Be ever blest, our Easter morn,
When hope was born.

Most Beautiful Festival

The religious observances, past and present, connected with Easter vary, and are innumerable, but primarily they have one idea: the festival of the resurrection of Christ, observing it as the principal feast of the Christian era.

In every home and in every church it is a significant, spontaneous and universally beautiful festival; a day of rejoicing and happiness.

In every pulpit in the world on Easter messengers proclaim that man shall overcome all his enemies, conquering even death itself.

In the story of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary and story of Christ triumphant, the world takes new courage and sees goodness and right triumphant over sin and injustice, humility conquering pride and hate cast out by love.

Saw Triumph of Ideals

The Resurrection was as great a reality in the experience of the disciples as the Crucifixion. For them the triumph of Rome and its allies over their hopes and their faith was short-lived. The dawn of Sunday brought them assurance that the real triumph lay with the ideals which Jesus had proclaimed. From that hour forward they were convinced that He was right.

SONG AT EASTER

By Charles Hanson Towne

If this bright lily
Can live once more,
And its white promise
Be as before,
Why can not the great stone
Be moved from His door?

If the green grass
Ascend and shake
Year after year,
And blossoms break
Again and again
For April's sake,

Why can not He,
From the dark and mold,
Show us again
His manifold
And gleaming glory,
A stream of gold?

Faint heart, be sure
These things must be.
See the new bud
On the old tree! . . .
If flowers can wake,
Oh, why not He?
—Woman's Home Companion.

Might of Christianity in the Resurrection

The Easter Gospel, which we celebrate by our greatest religious festival, with its truth of Immortality and Resurrection, is the heart, center and life of Christianity. Paul prays that "I may know Christ and the power of His resurrection."

This great fact has ever been the propelling power of Christianity. Christ was comparatively unknown and was "despised and rejected of men," when He died upon the cross. But when He arose, triumphant over the powers of darkness, death and hell, declaring, "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth," and saying, "Lo, I am with you always!" then His weak and terrified little band of disciples felt themselves imbued with irresistible power.

And in the strength of the Resurrection, and of the leadership of the risen Christ, they carried the great message hither and thither, not to Judea alone, but to the farthest ends of the earth. Their hearts aflame with their mighty Gospel, no persecutions could chill their ardor; neither the jaws of lions, nor the nails of the cross, nor burning faggots of the stake, could silence their testimony.

Easter Finery

Popular observances, superstitions and customs attend on the observance of Easter day. One of these is the donning of fresh and attractive attire; a custom originated in religious ceremonies and changing in form with the years until it now means merely a donning of holiday garments in honor of the happy day. The traditional Easter bonnet is no longer material for the annual joke since the line of demarcation between leaving off the winter hat and putting on the summer one is not regulated by Easter, as it used to be in grandma's day, but is now entirely a matter of style and milady's purse.

Nature's Voice

At Easter time, above all others, heaven and earth meet, and all nature is singing and humming and trilling . . . it's our fault if we don't hear it, our fault if we can only envision adding machines . . . our fault if we let April Fool's day take precedence of glorious Easter in our lives.—Los Angeles Times.

EGGS LEFT BY BUNNY



Who said rabbits don't lay eggs? This young lady seems to prove that they do.

The Grumpets of Easter Morn



Roman Soldier Tells of the Resurrection

I was a Roman soldier in my prime;
Now age is on me and the yoke of time.

I saw your Risen Christ, for I am he
Who reached the hyssop to Him on the tree;
And I am one of two who watched beside

The sepulcher of Him we crucified.
All that last night I watched with
Sleepless eyes;
Great stars arose and crept across
The skies.

The world was all too still for mortal rest.
For pitiless thoughts were busy in
My breast.

The night was long, so long, it
Seemed at last
I had grown old and a long life had
Passed.

Far off the hills of Moab, touched
With light,
Were swimming in the hollow of the
night.

I saw Jerusalem all wrapped in cloud,
Stretched like a dead thing folded in
A shroud.

Once in the pauses of our whispered
talk
I heard a something on the garden
walk.

Perhaps it was a crisp leaf lightly
stirred—
Perhaps the dream-note of a waking
bird.

When suddenly an angel burning
white
Came down with earthquake in the
breaking light,
And rolled the great stone from the
sepulcher.

And mixed the morning with a scent
of myrrh.
And lo the Dead had risen with the
day;
The Man of Mystery had gone His
way!

Years have I wandered, carrying my
shame;
Now let the Tooth of Time eat out
my name.

For we, who all the Wonder might
have told,
Kept silence, for our mouths were
stopped with gold.

—Edwin Markham.

Easter-tide

At Easter-tide the skies are blue,
And birds are fitting to and fro,
And many sweet and tender things
Speak of the life we long to know.
Lilies fair and daffodils
Vie with each other in their gold,
And tell that once again for us
The Easter message doth unfold.

The world is full of life and light,
Of hopes revered and joy restored;
Upon the earth, with lavish hand,
Its blessings kindly heaven has
poured.

And deep in every trusting heart
Eternal peace and joy abide;
For love has triumphed o'er the tomb,
And gladness crowns the Easter-tide.
—Wisconsin Agriculturist.

Religion Led Man Out of Spiritual Darkness

The greatest moral progress that the human race has made has been under the influences of the Christian religion, and in that religion the events of Good Friday and Easter are of the highest interest and significance. The supreme martyrdom of a supernatural personality and His authentication by the miracle of the Resurrection create the Christian religion. The teacher who taught as one having authority and not as the scribes became by these events the personification of a religion, and one that has led mankind in its greatest advances. He established an ethical connection of the greatest power of inspiration between man and His Creator. Easter became a glorified Passover, commemorating emancipation from spiritual darkness and from the ties that bound man to the lower orders of creation, and conferring the freedom of the soul, the new birth of man's mind and heart, the beginning of a career which has taken man away from the companionship of the lower orders of life and has put him on the pathway that leads to the angels.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

OUTDOOR REJOICING



Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Glendale, Calif., where impressive Easter services are held.

Glorious Message That Easter Brings to All

Easter comes with the opening earth pouring forth its wealth of lovely greenery, and buds promising beauty and fruition later on. It calls to us to cheer up, to lift up heart and head, because from the dead, past, winter, has come life breathing spring. It calls us to remember that now, since Arimatean Joseph's garden brought forth the great glorious Flower of our race, just as then and today it brings forth splendid lilies from dry, hard bulbs:

Men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.

That we can leave our old gods and fallings all behind, as a snake leaves its old skin behind, and having all forgiven, go on to brighter, happier days, with this certainty that whatever may be doubtful to us now, of this we are certain, that everything will be better for us on the other side of winter, when the eternal spring has come!

Greater of Festivals

Easter is the Church's supreme festival. It sounds the highest symphony of Christianity. It echoes the sublimest oratorio of Faith. It is the sunrise of Hope over this darkened world. On it the outburst of angelic song at the Nativity attains its most exultant note.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Illinois Republicans Name Ruth Hanna McCormick For U. S. Senator.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD
RUTH HANNA MCCORMICK, daughter of one former United States senator and widow of another, may be the first woman to be elected a member of highest deliberative body in the land. Her nomination for this high office by the Republicans of Illinois was an event of national importance, and it also has international implications for the chief issue she raised in her primary campaign was American adherence to the World Court, which she unreservedly opposes. Senator Charles S. Deneen, whose seat was the prize in the contest, favors such adherence with the reservations now pending, and his decisive defeat must be taken to indicate that the Republican voters of Illinois stand with Mrs. McCormick in this matter. This may not be true of Chicago, where the fight was complicated and probably decided by party factional strife.

If Mrs. McCormick is to be elected she must defeat at the polls that former Illinois senator and seasoned political campaigner, Col. James Hamilton Lewis, who easily won the Democratic nomination. The colonel is an avowed wet and says he will make his campaign largely upon the liquor issue, with attacks on the Hoover administration and the Hoover polities thrown in for good measure. Mrs. McCormick has supported the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act and may expect the hearty support of the various dry organizations.

Aside from personalities and issues, the victory of Mark Hanna's daughter is notable as "the first conspicuous and unequivocal acknowledgement of the full implication of the Nineteenth amendment," in the words of the Chicago Tribune. As such it aroused the enthusiasm of the nation's women and the interest of every one. Mrs. McCormick is now a congressman at large, and among the first to congratulate her were the other six women who are members of the lower house. No woman ever has been elected to the senate through Mrs. Felton of Georgia served for two days in 1922 by gubernatorial appointment.

LOBBYING activities of the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals were the subject of a warm interchange of opinions before the senate committee on lobbies. Congressman Tinkham of Massachusetts appeared before the committee to ask that the political doings of the board be investigated, and he supported his case with much documentary evidence as well as with vigorous argument. Senator Walsh of Montana, although a Catholic, came to the defense of the Methodist organization. Tinkham, it may be unnecessary to say, is a wet and Walsh is a dry.

Tinkham next day presented a similar case against the Federal Council of Churches and the Anti-Saloon league, and the committee decided to call for the books and records of the three organizations.

FINDING the adoption of a complete five-power treaty impossible at this time, the naval parity delegates in London decided to quit after signing a pact, the outlines of which were stated as follows:
A five-power agreement between

Great Britain, America, Japan, France and Italy on the following terms:

1. Postponement for five years of replacement of capital ships scheduled by the Washington treaty in 1922.
2. Extension of the aircraft carrier category to include carriers not exceeding 10,000 tons, the armament of which shall be limited to six inch guns.

3. Definition of coast guard and other small ships exempt from limitation.
4. Classification of warships and methods for permanent limitation by global and category tonnage.

A five-power agreement prohibiting the destruction of merchant ships by submarines, unless the passengers and crew of the captured craft are placed in safety.

A three-power agreement between America, Great Britain and Japan on the lines previously given in these columns, providing for reduction of battleship fleets and limitation of cruisers, destroyers and submarines as in the Reed-Matsudaira plan.

This entire program was announced by Secretary Stimson with the full approval of the other delegates and was announced in parliament by Prime Minister MacDonald. Meanwhile Briand, French foreign minister, and Dino Grandi, chief of the Italian delegation, had had a conference and agreed that their nations could not yet reach an accord in the matter of navies, but that further discussions should take place in Geneva when the League of Nations meets in May.

M. Briand later explained that France is ready to pledge not to construct any capital ships during the interim until 1936, unless Germany, through building additional units of the Ersatz Preussen type, forces her to do so.

It was understood the proposed treaty and instruments would be ready for signing by April 17 and that the American delegation would sail for home April 22 on the Leviathan.

DRY law violations and prosecutions are increasing the population of the federal prisons at the rate of one every 68 minutes, according to statistics issued by the Department of Justice. Between June 30, 1929, and April 1, 1930, the number of federal prisoners both in federal penal institutions and local jails, mounted from 19,349 to 25,626, an increase of 6,277 in nine months.

Approximately 75 per cent of the increase, according to the Department of Justice estimates, was due to convictions under the Volstead and Jones laws.

THE administration of the \$20,000,000 Farmers' National Grain corporation, the first national co-operative set up by the federal farm board, was turned over at a meeting in Chicago to stockholders representing 21 regional farmers' grain marketing associations.

Nineteen farmer stockholders were named on the new board of directors of the grain sales co-operative, which takes the place of the original board which incorporated the organization. Two of these original directors were dropped—P. A. Lee, Grand Forks, N. D., and H. G. Keeney, Omaha, Neb. The five new directors added are: E. E. Kennedy, Kankakee, Ill., Farmers' Union; C. B. Stewart, Omaha, Neb., Farmers' West Central Grain cooperative; Oscar Slosser, Astoria, Ohio, Ohio Farmers' Grain and Supply association; F. J. Wilmer, Rosalia, Wash., president North Pacific Grain Growers' association, and W. J. Kuhrt, Minneapolis, Northwest Grain association.

C. E. Huff, Salina, Kan., was elected president; John Manley, Enid, Okla., vice president, and Lawrence Farlow, Bloomington, Ill., secretary.

MAHATMA GANDHI'S campaign against the British government in India was not going quite to his liking, although the movement was spreading in various districts. The trouble is that the English refrained from martyring him personally. Two of the ascetic leaders' sons and numerous others were arrested for violating the government salt monopoly laws, and one of the sons was promptly sentenced to prison. But Gandhi, up the time of writing, had not been taken into custody. Annoyed by the tactics of the British authorities, who were seizing the illicit salt the Nationalists were making from sea water, Gandhi so far abandoned his non-resistance policy as to advise his followers to hang onto the salt if possible. The Indian women are taking an increasingly prominent part in the passive resistance campaign.

TROUBLES for the Chinese Nationalist government are multiplying. Not only is there open warfare between it and Gen. Yen Hsi-shan, ruler of Shansi province, but now the rapid growth of Communism in the southern provinces is causing great alarm. Wealthy Cantonese merchants and bankers are co-operating with the government of Canton in raising a fund and equipping a "Chinese Anti-Red army" which is to be trained by foreign military tacticians.

RAS TAFFARI, who became co-ruler of Abyssinia in 1928, has proclaimed himself emperor. This action is the sequel of the crushing defeat of revolting tribes, the killing in battle of Ras Gugus Wall and the death next day of the Empress Zauditu, wife of Ras Gugus.

CALVIN COOLIDGE has completed two sections of the 500-word history of the United States which is to be inscribed on Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, and they have been made public. They are as follows:

"In the year of our Lord, 1776, the people declared the eternal right to seek happiness, self-government, and the Divine duty to defend that right at any sacrifice.

"In 1787, assembled in convention, they made a charter of perpetual union of free people of sovereign states, establishing a government of limited powers, under an independent President, congress, and court, charged to provide securities for all citizens in their enjoyment of liberty equality, and justice."

The other sections will deal with expansion of American territorial dominion westward, the Louisiana purchase the admission of Texas, the admission of California, the settlement of bound ary questions with England and Oregon and the cutting of the Panama canal.

ONE hundred years ago, on April 10, 1830, eighty-one frontiers men with a train of covered wagons set out from St. Louis to blaze a trail to and across the Rockies. So, on Thursday of last week, another band of men with ten covered wagons borrowed from historical societies and collectors started from the same place on the route to Oregon. This was the beginning of a series of events arranged to celebrate the Covered Wagon centennial. There will be festive gatherings all along the Oregon trail and the whole affair will last until December 29 in accordance with a proclamation by President Hoover.

HOG ISLAND, which during the war was the biggest ship yard in the world, has been sold by the government to Philadelphia and will be transformed into the largest air-rail terminus in the country. The Quaker city pays Uncle Sam \$3,000,000 for a total area of 946 acres.
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