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GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST FROM EVERYWHERE.

United States Is Exporting One Million Dollars' Worth of Iron and Steel a Day to Foreign Countries. Abolishing Free Lunch in Missouri—Money for Public Baths—Other Interviews.

"The United States is exporting one million dollars' worth of iron and steel a day to foreign countries," said P. J. Mason, of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Hotel Rennert yesterday afternoon.

"The growth of the iron and steel industry in the United States has been phenomenal. The export records of the current fiscal year show $215,000,000 worth of iron and steel manufactured in the 215 days for which a statistical record is available. The iron and steel business in the United Shows shows a gain over all other businesses. The figures furnished by the government cover a period from July 1, 1912, to January 31, 1913. Out of this sum $174,000,000 is for the general manufactured iron and steel articles; agricultural implements made of iron and steel, $22,000,000; automobile parts except tires and engines, $15,000,000, and electrical machinery about $4,000,000. It is expected by the end of the fiscal year that $365,000,000 worth of iron and steel will be exported from this country. North and South America are the largest markets in the world for iron and steel for our goods. Europe is a large purchaser for a certain class of articles. South America recently used over $4,000,000 worth of steel rails.

To Abolish Free Lunch.

"The Governor of Missouri will possibly sign a bill in a few days that will abolish free lunch in the state," said Thomas O'Nell, of St. Louis, at the Hotel Kernan yesterday. "The bill was passed few days ago by the Senate in Missouri and is now in the hands of the Governor. The saloon men are in favor of the bill, as it gives all an equal chance. In a number of places throughout the United States the matter has been brought up by the saloonkeepers and an agreement made that no saloon furnish free lunch. It was found not to work, as a number of the saloonkeepers did not keep their promise."

Money for Public Baths.

"Over $60,000 was spent in Winnipeg, Canada, during the last year for public baths," said John R. MacDonald, a prominent Canadian, at the Hotel Belvedere yesterday. "For some years the importance of providing a municipal bath has been apparent, because of the treacherous undercurrents of the rivers where the children of the city have been wont to bathe. Accordingly, a large bathhouse was erected on the Red River, on the corner of Pritchard avenue and Charles street, at an expense of about $47,000. It cost approximately $10,000 to maintain the baths during the year which ended December 31, 1912, and the revenue from fees of various kinds amounted to about $5,500.

"The baths were opened on May 7, 1912, and during the four months of its operation 61,201 paid for admittance and 500 boy scouts and cadets were admitted free. Of this number 34,505 were men, 5,452 women, 17,795 boys and 3,449 girls. The city charges a fee of 10 cents for adults and five cents for children under 15 years of age. For this fee each person is admitted, supplied with a bathing suit, towel, and a piece of soap. Before entering the bath each person is required to take a shower bath and be examined before the plunge. The success of the public bath has been so marked that the authorities are contemplating building another to supply the needs of another section of the city."

After the Red Flag.

"In my state the members ofthe Grand Army of the Republic are making war against the socialists who carry red flags in parades," said John B. Smith, of Hartford, Ct., who dined at the Hotel Stafford yesterday.

"A bill has been gotten up that provides that no flag, except that of the United States or the state flag shall be carried in any procession unless those in charge of the procession shall first get a permit and then the permit shall only be granted after the nature of the flag or banner to be carried is made known. An exception is made in the case of Civil War veterans and military companies. The Grand Army men from all parts oft he state are back of the bill. There are many Irish in Connecticut who favor the bill, but want it clearly understood that the green flag of Ireland shall be allowed to wave on March 17 and at such other times as the Irish celebrate. The members of the G. A. R. will not oppose the request of the Irish, for they are only after the red flag of the socialists."

Can't Come Too Soon.

W. C. Mumma, a prominent Pennsylvania Railroad man, who resides at Williamsport, Pa., is a guest at the Hotel Kernan.

"I was just taking in the sights of your great Lexington Market and chanced to wander into the fish market, where I saw a pair of the finest roe shad I have ever looked at," said Mr. Mumma yesterday. "They were almost as big as whales and the price was in accordance, but I said to myself, 'Well, we can't help that. Good things come high.' So in a few minutes that particular pair of funny beauties was being packed in a box full of ice to be shipped to Williamsport by fast express and I was counting what was left of my bank roll and wandering if I had enough left to get back home. I have an important engagement in Williamsport the night those shad are served and would not break it for a farm. I have ordered them in planked style and we have several members in the hotel business up there, who know how to cook them to a turn. Just sent them up to the boys and girls to sort of whet their appetites for the good things we expect here in August, when the Eagles hold their big convention and you can make it a safe bet that we will bring our appetites with us. We expect several hundred will come on a special train, and what we propose to do to the good things to eat you have here in Baltimore is some program—take it from me. Most of us have sampled your line of food attractions in the past, and August just hits it right in the heart of the good and plenty season. That good old month can't come too soon for us."

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CULTURE OF STRAWBERRIES

Practical Suggestions for Readers of The American.

Strawberries will grow on any good farm land. They may be planted after corn or potatoes on land that is well-filled with rotted vegetable matter that is deep, mellow and free of weed seeds. Sod ground should not be planted as it is liable to be infected with the white grub worm.

For the early crop elect a warm southern exposure if possible; for the late crop plant in the north slope of hill. A sand loam will grow the earliest fruit and a finely pulvorized red clay loam will give the largest yield and the choicest colored and sweetest berries. Early in spring is the best season to plant. Every family having a garden should have a few rows, or a bed large enough to give an abundant supply. The best fertilizer for strawberries is rotted maure from grained stock and hardwood ashes. If this cannot be had use a rich potato fertilizer. It is best to apply the manure to the previous crop and use a high-grade bone phosphate rich in potash in the spring.

Pure bone meal and muriate of potash mixture spread at the rate of 400 pounds to the acre in the drill will give the plants a vigorous start. This will be at the rate of one large handful to every three feet of row.

For the small family garden plant in 20-inch rows, set plants 15 inches apart in the row. This will allow culture with a hand cultivator. For market plant in four-foot rows so the entire culture may be done with the horse.

The following method of planting is the one recommended by practical growers:

Select stout stocky first runner plants; clip off the dead leaves and one third of the roots. Dip the roots in a mulch of liquid manure and fine earth; the plants may then be set.

The quickest and best method of planting is to mark out the rows with the one-horse plow and set plants on the furrow side. The roots should be spread out fan-shape and covered with the fine, mellow earth pressed close to the roots with the foot. Plant in fresh, moist soil. The plant will take root and start to grow at once.

Give clean and thorough culture throughout the season and pick off all flower blossoms the first season.

Choice strawberries are obtained only by having strong vigorous vines of good strains. High culture must be given. The soil for strawberries cannot be too rich in potash and phosphoric acid, but it is possible to have too much nitrogen. This latter produces a luxuriant growth of leaf at the expense of the fruit.

A well-grown plant should be as large as a dinner plate with an abundance of dark-green leaves by early fall. For market strawberries are grown by the matted row method. This allows of each parent plant having three to four runner plants to strike root, making by fall broad rows of strong, vigorous plants.

For the small garden it is best to clip off all runners as they start to grow.

As to varieties, it is best to find out what sorts succeed in the neighborhood. Some varieties are so profitable that they hold favor for many years.

STREETS RIOT OF COLOR

Easter Flowers and Bonnets on Every Side.

Through the gloom of the mournful season now at a close the flowers and colors of awakening nature are sending forth the message of a new life. Charles street and Lexington and Eutaw are a riot of color. Florists' windows are aglow and the perfume of the blossoms is wafted through the open doors to delight the passer-by. Fruit shops are showing the finest products of the soil, made more valuable by the hand of the cultivator, and the streets are thronged. Easter is almost here.

When the people went into their places of worship at noon yesterday to meditate during the three most solemn hours of the year, the skies were overcast. Soon the clouds were dissolved into a rain, which continued intermittently until the hour of 3 o'clock. But just as the services were over and as the people came into the streets again the sun broke from behind the clouds and not long afterward the sky was clear.

Coming down Charles street the purple and white blossoms in front of the Cardinal's residence strike the eye first, and then a feast of color in the florists' establishments. Azaleas, white and pink and red, are there, and azalea mollis, whose full blossoms rise far above the leaves upon a slender brown stem before turning their golden yellow faces to the light. There are hybrid rhododendrons with large blooms of lavender hue, wistaria and lilacs, purple tinted and white, baskets of rambling roses, violets, orchids and gardenias. The stately white lily is rare this year, because of the early Easter, and is expensive, too. In Lexington Market there are many hyacinths, white and purple and pink and fragrant. Even the unpretentious daisy is there.

In some of the finer fruit shops there were displays of seasonable delicacies, huge dark red hothouse grapes, oranges, apples, alligator pears, artichokes and grapefruit.

And then the millinery. Some of those who had their new spring bonnets just could not wait until Easter, so they braved the rain and paraded between showers.

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THE PEOPLE'S LETTER BOX

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY READERS OF THIS PAPER.

The Responsibilities of Sovereignty. Conscientious Rulers Have No Thought But Duty and No Fear of Danger—Preferment by the People Puts a Man on a Plane of Vision Above Them.

Letters designed for publication in this column must be indorsed with the name and address of the writer. Anonymous communications will not be considered.
When the writer so prefers his name will not be published.
Letters should not exceed 500 words.

To the Editor: When a man is so far elevated above his fellows as to be crowned king or emperor, or to be elected president of a republic, he should receive as the most important insignia of his exalted position some token to remind him that he should, at all times, be ready to yield his life for his government. His mind should be lifted above the possibility of disturbance and should operate in a perpetual calm. If his mind is not large enough for this, or if his courage fails when the insignia is offered to him he will, if he is wise, decline the honor. For the man with the courage, wisdom and virture to rule, death has no terrors; he dreads no assasssin; he fears no plot; he can ignore his enemies.

The occasional removal, by the assassin's hand, of a ruler, much as it shocks the civilized world, has its wholesome lesson. It should be accepted by those who are not striving to live up to the right requirements of leadership as a warning that their tenure is precarious and that with the honors they enjoy go tremendous responsibilities. And this warning should not be unheeded by men holding posts below that of the head of a nation. The anarchist, like death, loves a shining mark, but the difference between the just and the unjust ruler is that the one fears neither the anarchists nor death, while the other trembles at the approach of either. L. D. L.

Baltimore, March 21.

Booming Baltimore in the Cars.

To the Editor: What is the Greater Baltimore Committee, with its high salaried officials, doing to boom Baltimore? A lady in a car recently asked me what the signs in the cars bearing the name of the committee meant. I read the sign and told her frankly that I did not know. Can anyone outside of the committee enlighten me? B. W. C.

Baltimore, March 21.

Married Teachers.

To the Editor: Of keen local interest is the news from New York published in the Baltimore papers that hundreds of teachers in the public schools of New York are secretly married, and a woman teacher there says that corporations and many other employers are dicharging women for the "crime" of getting married. The same condition prevails here; so much so that the marriage of a teacher here is considered as equivalent to her offering her resignation. This conlition is wrong for several reasons. First, there is an insufficient supply of teachers for the public schools. Second, there should be no ban placed on childbearing, as a problem in America is the falling birth rate. Third, a mother certainly would make a better teacher than would a single woman, because she certainly knows more about the proper handling of children. There should be some method worked out by which public school teachers may marry and not lose their position. This would be better for the children, better for the teachers and better for the nation. A PARENT.

Baltimore, March 21.

Keep the Philippines.

To the Editor: Why is it some congressmen are still trying to get us to abandon the Philippines? If they were abandoned even within the next 50 years it would be a great loss to us and a still greater loss to the Filipinos. The islands are a great and rich possession—rich in gold, coal, copper and immense forests of valuable timber. The people of this country will need them in the years to come. They are ours by right of conquest and purchase, too. We took them from Spain, giving for them $20,000,000. We have a right to hold colonies just as other countries do. Our colonies are benefited by our ownership. The Philippines give us a havenport on the Coast of Asia. When the Panama Canal is finished we will need them more than now. When we got Alaska, a few years ago, many Americans were opposed to it. Alaska was called Sewards Iceberg. It has proved one of the richest parts of the earth. We should hold what we have and get more. We should build more battleships. Instead of one a year we ought to build two or three and be prepared to defend our colonies. We have still a few little congressmen who believe in the scuttle and ruin policy. O. B. F.

Emmerton, Md., March 21.

Gov. Hatfield's Policy.

To the Editor: Governor Hatfield seems to have adopted a new method of bringing to an end the long-drawn-out miners' strike in West Virginia. For more than a year feeling has been bitter, the strikers having defied the state government even to the extent of declaring war against the troops and of threatening the life of William E. Glasscock, who was governor during most of the trouble. Glasscock many months ago declared martial law in the strike territory, and martial law exists there today. The Military Commission has been trying the rioters, and the findings have been submitted to Governor Hatfield, who became governor of the state on the same day that Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated at Washington.

Hatfield's policy is entirely different from that of Glasscock. Glasscock looked upon the strikers as rebels against the state. He declared the whole strike region to be in a state of insurrection and sent the armed force of West Virginia to crush it. This policy has already cost West Virginia over $300,000 and the strike is still on. Hatfield apparently believes that "putting the screws" to the violent strikers does no good. "I don't want to be harsh with the boys," says he. He then orders the Military Commission to set free a score or more of the convicted rioters, including some of the ringleaders. Now, no doubt, these fellows are hurrahing for the Governor. Has he adopted a policy that will work in all sucsh cases or has he at a psychological moment delivered a stroke that will bring this particular strike to an end?

Baltimore, March 21. A. T. G.

Car-service Suggestions.

To the Editor: Why is it that the United Railways and Electric Company does not have a direct line running from the center of the city (Baltimore and South streets) out to the thickly populated section of Walbrook, Mount Alto, Forest and Howard Parks? There has been very little change in the routes of the cars during the past 15 years. The Madison avenue cars used to run to the park gates, just as they do now. In those days Druid Hill Park was the end of the city and this was all right. Today five passengers will go north of North avenue on the Madison avenue car and 25 will transfer. Why not divert one of the John street lines out Madison avenue and turn the Madison avenue cars west on North avenue? This no doubt would call forth protest. But from how many? Compare the number with those in favor of such a change and see the result. The same is true of the Gilmor street, Carey street and Pennsylvania avenue cars. They used to go to the end of the city, but conditions have changed. A line could be run out Baltimore street to Fremont avenue, thence northwesterly to Presstman street, then again west to Fulton avenue and out the latter thoroughfare to North avenue and then to the rapidly filling section of Walbrook, etc.

Say a man wants to go from the 2500 block West North avenue to the 2500 block West Fayette street. Starting at the extreme northwestern section of the city, he must journey to North avenue and Gay street, the extreme northeastern section, and there board a car that will take him to his destination in the extreme southwestern section of the city. It is either this or two fares, and you can't get away from it. The people of the northwestern section have no direct means of getting to Loudon Park Cemetery, Bonnie Brae Cemetery, Irvington, Catonsville, Carroll Station, St. Agnes' Hospital, Mount Olivet Cemetery, the National Cemetery, nor have the patrons of the company living in the northwestern section any direct line by which they can go from their homes to their offices in the "skyscraper district." TROLLEYITE.

Baltimore, March 21.

Fine Program for St. Leo's.

The Easter services at St. Leo's Church, South Exeter street, will be elaborate and beautiful. Solemn high mass will be sung at 10:30, with Rev. Joseph Riedl, pastor of the church, as celebrant. Before mass the chorister boys will sing Christ, Our Risen Savior; in procession, Holden's Resurrection will be sung in English by Mrs. Charles Courtney; Luchessi's Vidi Aquam will follow, and Mercadante's celebrated Mass in B flat will be sung by the choir. The soloists in the mass are Misses Margaret Wright, Ella Manuel, sopranos; Margaret Gergan, Margaret Langan, altos; John Langan, Sr., tenor; John Langan, Jr., Michael Schivone, barytones, and Michael Cain and Thomas Malooly, bassos.

At the Graduale Wiegand's Haec Dies will be sung with Miss Mary Bartol as soloist. The Offertory will be Giorzo's Regina Caeli, and after mass the Easter anthem Victor Rex, written especially for this choir, will be sung by Miss Delia McHugh and chorus. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will close the services.

CHOIRS TO SING EASTER TIDINGS

CHURCHES ANNOUNCE ELABORATE PROGRAMS

While Joyous Story of Resurrection of a Crucified Christ Is Ringing Through Edifices, Odor of Fragrant Lilies and Blooming Plants Will Permeate Atmosphere—Cardinal to Preside at Cathedral.

The resurrection of Christ from the tomb, many centuries ago, will be commemorated with elaborate services and joyous music. All Catholic churches will be resplendent with myriads of lighted candles, cut flowers and blooming plants of the richest hue. Appropriate Easter musical programs will be rendered in all the churches of the Christian world. In this city the lovers of music will find all their heart could desire.

In the Cathedral a special choir, under the direction of Professor Furst and augmented by the students of St. Mary's Seminary, will render a special program at the 11 o'clock service. Cardinal Gibbons will solemnize a pontifical high mass at 11 o'clock in the morning. Every Catholic church in the city will have solemn high mass at either 10:30 o'clock or 11 o'clock, and in a number special musical programs have been arranged.

A special musical program, under the direction of Frederick R. Huber, will be given at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Broadway and Bank streets, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The soloists will be: Soprano, Miss Sohpia Didusch; alto, Lilian Auspach; tenor, Charles A. McCann; baritone, Bruno Farley, and basso, Edward J. Geis.

Bishop Murray at Pro-Cathedral.

A special musical program has been arranged for the Pro-Cathedral, as follows:

Processional, Worgan, From Lyra Davidica
Kyrie ..... Gounod
Trio—Master Temple Gladmon, treble; Messrs. William W. Tingle, tenor; W. S. Barnes, barytone.
Gloria Tibi ..... Tours
Credo ..... Gounod
Trio—Master Temple Gladmon, treble; Messrs. W. W. Tingle, tenor; W. S. Barnes, barytone.
Hymn, Resurrexit ..... Sullivan
Sermon by the resident canon, Rev. Thomas Atkinson.
Anthem, Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Soloist Master Robert Calhoun Grove.
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Soloists, Robert Calhoun Grove, treble; J. P. Tingle, tenor.
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Gounod
Soloists, Temple Gladmon, treble; W. W. Tingle, tenor; W. S. Barnes, barytone.
Recessional, Victory ..... Palestrina

The following program will be presented by the choir:

Processional, Alleluiah ..... Sullivan
Hymn, Laetabundus ..... Hopkins
Confirmation.
Sermon by the Bishop of Maryland.
Anthem, Blessed Be the God and Father, Wesley
Master Robert Calhoun Grove soloist.

Bishop John Gardner Murray will administer the rites of confirmation to a large class in the Pro-Cathedral at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Special Easter music will be sung at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Chase and St. Paul streets, under the direction of J. Norris Hering, organist and choir director. The full choir will attend the 7:30 o'clock and the 11 o'clock services in the morning. Holy communion will be served at the 7.30 o'clock service, and the anthem, Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen! by Bruce Steane, will be sung. Rev. Dr. Edwin Barnes Niver, the rector, will preach at the 11 o'clock service and the Te Deum, Jubilate in D and the Hallelujah Chorus, from Handel's Messiah, will be sung by the choir. There will be a special service for the children at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

At Grace and St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church special Easter music will be sung by the choir. The first service of the day will be at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and the full choir will be present. At holy communion will be sung Stainer's Cantata in A. The anthem will be Awake Thou That Sleepest, also by Stainer. The program for the 11 o'clock service will be as follows: Processional hymn, The Day of the Resurrection; Kinder's Te Deum, Nordeu's Jubilate and Mendelssohn's musical version of the Ninety-eighth Psalm. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon a special service will be held for the children. Carols will be sung and the story of the resurrection will be recited.

An elaborate musical program will be rendered by the choir of First Presbyterian Church, Park avenue and Madison street, under the direction of Harry M. Smith, choirmaster. A number of Easter carols and anthems will be sung by the choir and there will be a number of fine solos. Those in the choir will be: Sopranos, Mazie R. Duffy, Mrs. Harry Fahnestock, Miss E. K. Langhammer, Miss M. E. Spence, Miss Nancy Bates and Miss M. Kliffman; altos, Miss Ann Baugher, Mrs. Edgar F. Hahn and Miss Florence Gerwig; tenors, Samuel Eschenbach and A. D. McComas; bassos, Harry M. Smith, Lester G. Mathews and John Farley. The organist will be Frederick D. Weaver.

Novel Service for Deaf Mutes.

One of the most novel of all services will be that given for the benefit of the deaf mutes at Christ Methodist Episcopal Church, Schroeder and Pierce streets. This will be at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and the pastor, Rev. D. E. Moylan, will tell the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection in the sign language. The church has been decorated with beautiful flowers for Easter Sunday. Those who assisted in the work of beautifying the edifice for the benefit of the deaf mutes were Mrs. Orlando Price, Mrs. Katherine Kampe and Misses Margaret Crandall and Ida Bentley.

In Lafayette Avenue Methodist Protestant Church a special program under the direction of A. Lee Jones will be given by the choir. Miss Lucinda Rawley will be the organist. The choir will sing at the morning and evening services.

An elaborate musical program has been prepared by Wallace C. Davis, director of the choir of Franklin Square Baptist Church, for the Easter Sunday services. Rev. Henry A. Griesemer is pastor of the church. Lee Scott is the organist.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU,
Washington, March 21.

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: For Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia, fair and much colder Saturday; Sunday, probably increasing cloudiness; brisk west winds, becoming variable.

For Northern New England, generally fair Saturday and Sunday; much colder Saturday; brisk to high west winds.

For Southern New England, fair Saturday and probably Sunday; much colder Saturday; brisk to high west winls.

For Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, fair and much colder Saturday; Sunday, probably increasing cloudiness; brisk to high west winds, diminishing.

For North and South Carolina, fair and much colder Saturday; Sunday, increasing cloudiness; moderate variable winds.

For West Virginia, fair and colder Saturday; Sunday, increasing cloudiness anl warmer.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: The Western storm has moved rapidly northeastward across the Central Valleys and Great Lake Region, and the center is now passing down the St. Lawrence Valley. This storm has been attendel during the past 24 hours by extensive precipitation over the eastern half of the country and severe gales in the Lake Region and Ohio Valley, record-breaking velocities being reported at many stations. The following are some of the highest winds reported: Detroit, 28 west; Buffalo, 88 southwest; Toledo, 84 west; Cleveland, 64 southwest; Dayton, 60 southwest; Louisville, 52 southwest; Pittsburgh, 52 southwest, and Scranton, 52 south.

The cold wave is advancing eastward directly in the wake of the storm, and the temperature has already begun to fall as far east as the Appalachian Mountain, the cold reaching thence westward to the Rockies.

Fair weather is indicated for the east half of the country Sunday, with falling temperature in the Atlantic States. In the Rocky Mountain Region and adjoining section it will become unsettled Saturday, with rain or snow, and these conditions will advance east over the Central Valleys and West Gulf Region during Sunday as a disturbance in the Pacific Coast Region moves eastward.

The temperature will rise rapidly throughout the Central and Western States.

The winds along the New England Coast will be brisk to high westerly; along the Middle Atlantic Coast, brisk west; along the South Atlantic Coast, moderate variable; along the Gulf Coast, moderate north, becoming variable; on Lake Michigan, light variable, shifting to easterly.

Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have brisk westerly winds, with generally fair weather, to the Grand Banks.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, March 21.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	57	87	SE.	6	.00	P. Cloudy
8 P. M.	64	71	SW.	8	.10	Clear

Normal temperature	43	Highest temperature	71
Mean temperature	62	Lowest temperature	53

Maximum velocity of the wind, 26 miles an hour, from the south.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock tonight for the past 24 hours at the following named stations:

Atlantic City, cloudy	46	Montgomery, clear	58
Bismarck, clear	—	Montreal, pt. cloudy	40
Boston, cloudy	50	Nantucket, fogg	44
Buffalo, cloudy	42	New Orleans, p. cldy	70
Charleston, cloudy	62	New York, pt. cloudy	52
Chicago, clear	36	Oklahoma, clear	—
Cleveland, cloudy	46	Pittsburgh, clear	50
Corpus Christi, p. cl'y	64	Philadelphia, clear	54
Denver, clear	zero	Portland, Me., foggy	42
Detroit, cloudy	34	Portland, Ore., snow	—
Duluth, pt. cloudy	—	Providence, cloudy	—
Eastport, rain	40	Quebec, rain	34
Galveston, clear	60	Raleigh, cloudy	60
Green Bay, pt. cloudy	14	Salt Lake City, cloudy	22
Hatteras, pt. cloudy	60	San Francisco, cloudy	—
Havre, clear	—	St. Louis, clear	—
Helena, clear	—	St. Paul, clear	—
Jacksonville, cloudy	66	Scranton, pt. cloudy	—
Kansas City, clear	—	Shreveport, clear	42
Knoxville, clear	48	Spokane, cloudy	—
Louisville, clear	54	Tampa, clear	68
Marquette, snow	12	Washington, clear	56
Memphis, clear	—	Winnipeg, clear	—

Almanac for Today.

Sun Rises.....6:12 A. M. | Sun Sets.....6:19 P. M.
Moon South.....12:20 A. M. Saturday.

HIGH WATER.

6:23 A. M.....1.3 Feet | 6:58 P. M.....1.1 Feet
[Calculations Expressed in Eastern Standard Time.]

THE SUNDAY AMERICAN

Beginning Tomorrow Captain Amundsen's Own Story of How He Found the South Pole.

Tomorrow's Sunday American will contain four large sections, presenting the news of the world, local happenings and social events, and interesting and instructive special articles handsomely illustrated with comic features in colors.

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CONGRESS MAY CHANGE EASTER HAT FASHIONS. By William Atherton DuPuy. In a decade, it is estimated, birds of brilliant plumage will have been exterminated. Hence, steps are being taken to forbid the importation of fine feathers. Illustrated.

REFORM IN THE FIRST. A page fiction of feature by Brand Whitlock.

NO ONE DARE DECLINE HIS INVITATION TO DINNER. And, too, the Speaker of the House of Commons may take possession of any private carriage he needs. Illustrated.

LAST YEAR'S ROSES. Words and music of a popular song.

FADS AND FANCIES OF FASHION. An authoritative letter on what to wear, by the well known authority, May Manton.

HEALTH, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY. A page that has attained great popularity with the women of Baltimore. Madam Hebe's beauty hints are highly esteemed and her advice is free for the asking.

M. QUAD'S PAGE OF SENSE AND NONSENSE, including the inimitable Mr. Bowser.

WORK AND PLAY FOR THE IDLE HOUR. The American's popular patterns for industrious housewives, designed by Sarah Hale Hunter.

TWO PROBLEMS FOR METHODISTS

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CHURCH AND CHANGE OF NAME.

These Will Be Wrestled With at the Baltimore Conference of the Southern Church at Staunton, Va., on March 26—What a Northern Methodist Editor Has to Say About It.

When the Baltimore Conference of the Southern Methodist Church convenes in Staunton, Va., on March 26, there will be two questions of vital importance brought up for some definite action and an ultimatum reached if possible. These two questions are votes for women and the much-talked-of change of its name. The votes for women (or the suffrage proposition, as it is generally known) is the same which a number of other denominations put into effect some years ago and which in many cases gives the women the equal right to vote in church elections and to have all the other prerogatives the same as the male members of the church, and which right has never been accorded the women of the Southern Methodist Church. It is claimed in their church circles that the women who are active in the missionary movement and other church affairs are anxious for a chance at the ballot of the church.

The question of dropping the word South is being bitterly opposed by many of the churches and in a recent issue of the California Christian Advocate, which is a Northern Methodist organ, the following article appeared:

"The Methodist Episcopal Church South is submitting to a vote of the annual conference the question of changing the name to the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The question of dropping the word South is the real question at issue. The name of the Methodist Episcopal Church is thus practically assumed by the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It is not likely that the local churches would add the words (in America). To all intents and purposes, therefore, the Methodist Episcopal Church South proposes to assume the name of another church. The ethics, whatever might be said of the expediency of changing the name, would be essentially changed. The cardinal points of the compass—north, south, east and west—may, of course, be changed by a vote of the conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, but we doubt whether the vote of the conferences would change the Ten Commandments or any one of them. Some old saying has it that whosoever appropriates the purse of another appropriates trash, but the case does not apply to those who appropriate the name, the good name of a sister church."

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVED

Solemn Services Mark the Day in Christian Churches.

The most solemn day of the Christian year—Good Friday—was observed in all the Catholic churches and a majority of the Protestant churches throughout the city yesterday. For the one day in the year, no mass was said in the Catholic churches, for the reason that no Host is consecrated on this solemn occasion. The Host used at the services was consecrated on Thursday morning and placed in the tabernacle. At the majority of the Catholic churches rounds were made of the Stations of the Cross, and a service for three hours' meditation in the Agony of Christ on the cross was held. All of the altars in the Catholic churches were draped in black, and the flowers and plants, which adorned them on Holy Thursday in commemoration of the Last Supper, were removed.

Services were also held at the Protestant Episcopal churches and almost every Christian church in the city held services of some kind last night. At the Cathedral the students of St. Mary's Seminary chanted the Tenebrae before a congregation that taxed the edifice to its capacity.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning a special service was held at the Church of the Messiah. Rev. Peregrine Wroth, the rector, preached on the Crucifixion. At Christ Reformed Church the Crucifixion, by Stainer, was sung under the direction of C. E. Burns, with Mrs. John H. Bushong as organist.

In Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church last night, special services commemorative of the death of Christ were held. Rev. Polemus H. Swift, the pastor, preached an eloquent sermon on the Glory of the Cross. An elaborate musical program was rendered by the choir.

As the day was a legal, as well as a church holiday, business houses and public buildings were closed.

Today is Holy Saturday, and the bells of the Catholic churches, silenced Thursday morning, will again peal forth their summons to the faithful. Special services will be held in all the Catholic churches. At the Cathedral Bishop Owen B. Corrigan will bless the oils to be used throughout the churches of the diocese for the ensuing year. In all the Catholic churches the sanctuary fires, which were extinguished Thursday, will be kindled with flint and steel. There will be few services in the Protestant churches today.

Meaning of Purim Festival.

At the Har Sinai Temple, in commemoration of the Feast of Purim, which falls on that day, Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein will devote his address to an exposition of the historical meaning of the Purim festival. The title of his sermon is, An Interpretation of the Book of Esther.

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