

HOW OFFICIALDOM OBSERVES EASTER

STREETVIEW and Mrs. McVernon entering church on Easter



Count von Blumentrop and wife walking to church on Easter

EASTER is a decidedly important occasion in officialdom at our national capital—meaning by officialdom that more or less charmed circle made up of all officials, from the President down, together with the members of their families and including, of course, the foreign dignitaries who reside at our seat of government as Uncle Sam's official guests. It is not only Easter Sunday that is an event in the calendar of officialdom, but likewise Easter Monday (which is a great day in Washington) and the whole Easter week. However, this whole interval may, in effect, be considered as Easter.

From the standpoint of officialdom the first significance of Easter is the religious one. For, be it known, most of our officials—that is, our national officials—are very conscientious church goers. Whether they are officials because they are church goers, or whether they are church goers because they are Federal officials may be a mooted question, but the fact remains that the average public servant during his incumbency of office in the city on the Potomac is faithful in attendance at divine worship. And even the exceptions who are "backsliders" at other seasons of the year strain a point to be "among those present" on the joyous Easter morn.

The second significance of Easter in officialdom is as a day of family reunions, second only to Christmas in the eagerness with which it is anticipated. The opportunity for such reunions arises from the fact that a large proportion of the children of our public men attend public or private schools elsewhere than in Washington, even though their parents may maintain a home at the capital. Sometimes it is a matter of sentiment that makes an official desirous of having his children educated in his old home town, and in the case of the young men and young women there are the college magnets—Vassar and Wellesley and the rest for the girls, and Yale, Harvard, Cornell and others for the boys.

It thus happens that there is a small army of sons and daughters to come home to the habitations of officialdom for the "Easter vacation," and usually they bring with them as many school chums as parents can arrange to entertain, for Washington at Easter is proverbially one of the most fascinating places in America and offers no end of opportunities for good times for young people. During the Taft administration the White House has taken especial cognizance of this Easter home-coming custom, for the junior Tafts have been among those exiles who have made the Easter pilgrimage, bringing with them school friends. Accordingly Mrs. Taft has always made it a point to arrange a round of social festivities, including an Easter week dance for not only the "house party" at the Presidential Mansion, but the whole body of Easter reunioners in officialdom.

A third significance that attaches to Easter in officialdom is its function as the inaugural of the spring social season. In the old days "the season" in Washington meant from the first day of January to the beginning of Lent. Then as Uncle Sam became more of a world power and his capital reflected his new importance there was added each year the "little season" which extended from the convening of Congress in December until the New Year. Latterly there has been yet another development and we have the spring season (in many respects the most enjoyable of all) which opens on Easter and extends until warm weather sets in. During Lent, social activity is virtually suspended, for even the hostesses who are not so devoted as to have heed for the religious significance of the forty days welcome the interval as a "rest period." Easter, therefore, finds the leaders of officialdom restored in spirit and ready for a new round of activity.

But, as has been said, on Easter morning all officialdom goes to church and for the going finds plenty of spectators, inasmuch as Washington is always thronged with tourists at Easter, and such of them as are disappointed in the effort to gain admission to the crowded churches through the approaches to view the passing show. The largest throngs are usually to be found in the neighborhood of the Unitarian church, of which President Taft is a member, although in simple truth it must be admitted that President Taft is the only attraction here, for not many other public men of prominence happen to worship at the same church as the President. But it is the President that the Easter throng wants to see and they block the sidewalks about the church until after his big motor car has whirled up to the curb and the President has disappeared into the church. After the service there is somewhat of a repetition of the scene, but the crowd is not so large, because it is etiquette for the President to be allowed to make his exit ere the rest of the congregation leave their seats and he is well on his way to the White House ere most of the people emerge from the church.

Many spectators who are more interested in observing how officials as a class observe Easter than they are in the personality of the President



CHURCH of the COVENANT

take as their objective old St. John's church opposite the White House. This century-old church is commonly known as the "Court church" or "Church of the Presidents," and it merits the title for, though President Taft is not a member, he occasionally worships there with his wife, as did every President from Madison to Lincoln. It is almost useless for strangers to hope to gain admission to St. John's on Easter for the church is a tiny one and so inadequate, indeed, for the accommodation of those who are ambitious to belong, that the pews when transferred are put up at auction and bring a premium of thousands of dollars each. However, the congregation on the outside can watch the arrival of Mrs. Taft and her daughter, who are members of the church and who, if the day be fine, may walk across the park from the White House with their Easter guests. And the onlookers can also see, among the wor-

Easter in Jerusalem

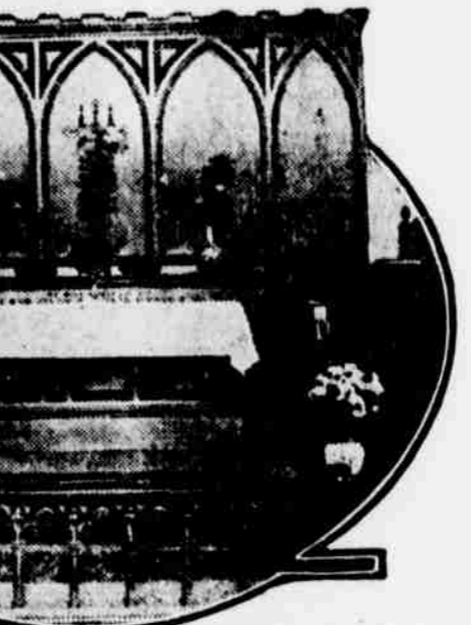
The immense throng of pilgrims of every hue who crowd the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Holy Week and who wander amid the sacred places throughout March and April is a spectacle unique of its kind and to be compared only with the Moslem pilgrimages to Mecca and Medina that are beyond reach of the ordinary tourist. Here fair-haired Russians from Moscow herd with yellow-coated Copts from the Nile valley and pale Roumanians mingle on the banks of Jordan with bushy-headed Abyssinian blacks.

From the moment the visitor lands at Jaffa, where the only convenient hotels are kept by Germans and situated in the German colony, he is made to realize the weight of German influence in Palestine. It dates, in fact, from the visit of the German emperor, for whom, lest he should fulfill an old prophecy, a special gate was built into the Holy City. The tradition was that any ruling monarch who should enter Jerusalem by one of the ordinary gates on horseback would stay as its king.

A month in the Holy Land, with Holy week in Jerusalem, offers no difficulty. On landing at Jaffa, whether he is carried in a night from Alexandria or Port Said, he may proceed by next morning's train to Jerusalem. It is not an attractive journey, but it lasts only three or four hours and runs through the stony vale in which David slew Goliath. In the Golden City itself, where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is the center of attraction, everything lies within easy reach of the hotels; the street of David, with Mount Zion; the Garden of Gethsemane, the walling place of the Jews beside the walls and the Mosque of Omar, the last a majestic mosque, held of great sanctity throughout Islam, patterned with a splendor of

shippers at St. John's, members of the President's cabinet, Admiral Dewey and a host of other celebrities.

Another excellent vantage point from which to see how officialdom observes Easter is in the vicinity of the Church of the Covenant on fashionable Connecticut avenue—the main artery of the Easter parade at the capital. The Church of the Covenant, which is rendered conspicuous by its massive and lofty tower, is the church home of Vice-President Sherman and his family, but many of their fellow-members are almost as prominent in the affairs of the nation as is the presiding officer of the United States Senate. A short distance away is St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church, which is the great rendezvous of the diplomats on Easter morning, for, be it known, most of the members of our official "foreign colony"—particularly those from southern Europe and the South and Central American coun-



WASHINGTON CHURCH DECORATED FOR EASTER

tries—are adherents of the Catholic faith. Officialdom does not change its regular routine on Easter, and consequently has Easter dinner in the evening instead of at noon, as do so many folks in other American communities. The afternoon is devoted to calling and to driving or motoring—always a great afternoon diversion in Washington. Some of the foreigners and other cosmopolitan hostesses in Washington have of late years manifested an inclination to devote all Sunday afternoons and evenings—and Easter in particular—to regulation social functions such as teas, receptions, etc. However, the more devout church members in official circles, headed by Mrs. Taft, have set their faces resolutely against this attempt to introduce at Washington anything savoring of the "Continental Sunday."

Evening church services on Easter at the capital are as well attended as are the corresponding services in other cities, but one sees comparatively few prominent officials at such evening services. Whether it is that they feel that their devotions of the morning should suffice, or that the late dinner hour—7:30 o'clock at the White House and in most fashionable official homes—interferes, it is difficult to say. Or, perhaps it may be that officialdom considers that it had best early to bed in preparation for the strenuous program of Easter Monday which is a not less busy day for the grown-ups of officialdom than for the thousands of excited children who roll eggs in the President's big back yard.

mosaic and occupying the site of Solomon's temple.

There are two horseback or carriage excursions to be made from Jerusalem, the one to Bethlehem, the other embracing the Jordan, Jericho and the Dead Sea. The first of these, which takes only an afternoon, lies along a well-laid road past the fields associated with the story of Ruth.

The Church of the Nativity, which has a very humble exterior and is entered by a low doorway that must often have saved it from the attack of fanatical Mohammedans, is built over the grotto in which Jesus was born, and at Eastertide it is as crowded as that of the Sepulchre, with the same curious and somewhat distressing conflicts between Greeks, Armenians and half a dozen other sects, only kept in order by stolid Turkish guards. The excursion to the Dead Sea occupies three days out and back and may be done on horseback or, more expensively and less comfortably, in a cab.

As for Jericho, the ancient city of that name is still the heap of ruins that Joshua left it, though a German archaeological society is bringing its hidden treasures to light, and the modern town of Jericho is merely a gingerbread little tourist resort a mile from the older site and of no interest whatever.—From the London Outlook.

Choosing the Lesser.
"Here comes a militant suffragette. Shall we stop and throw down the gage of battle?"
"An thou lovest me, lead me to a buzz saw."

LOST LIFE IN BLUE

MARGARET POLAND SWIFT FROM A BRIDGE.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Stockham—Margaret Poland of Eldorado, twenty years old, was drowned in the Platte river near here, when the buggy in which she was riding, together with the team, was swept off a bridge by the high water and carried down stream. The body has not been recovered.

To Be Finest in the West.
Hastings—The new Catholic church of Hastings promises to be one of the most beautiful in the west, according to the plans shown by architects and furnishers who have contracted for the various parts of the edifice. One of the features in the furnishings of the church will be the altars, for which leading altar companies from all parts of the United States competed.

Forty Pupils Suspended.
Beatrice—Forty members of the senior class of the Beatrice high school were suspended for ten days because of their having observed "sneak day" on Tuesday of last week. In order to be reinstated the pupils must apply to the superintendent and principal, must take examinations on the lessons missed during the ten days and must take all future examinations offered.

New High School Building.
Chadron—Chadron's new west high school building has been turned over to the school board for occupancy, and 200 pupils are made happy in modern quarters.

Madison—Jacob Bahn, residing six miles west of Madison, was kicked by a horse and instantly killed, Friday morning. He was struck in the chest just over the heart with such force that his body was hurled against the barn door, breaking it from its hinges. Mr. Bahn was sixty-eight years of age and leaves a wife and three sons to mourn his sudden departure.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Charles W. Pool has withdrawn from the primary ballot as a democratic candidate for governor.

Mrs. Samuel M. Melick, wife of the newly appointed warden at the penitentiary, will probably be appointed matron.

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THE SAFE LAXATIVE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Most elderly people are more or less troubled with a chronic, persistent constipation, due largely to lack of sufficient exercise. They experience difficulty in digesting even light food, with a consequent belching of stomach gases, drowsiness after eating, headache and a feeling of lassitude and general discomfort.

Doctors advise against cathartics and violent purgatives of every kind, recommending a mild, gentle laxative tonic, like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, to effect relief without disturbing the entire system.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the perfect laxative, easy in action, certain in effect and, withal, pleasant to the taste. It possesses tonic properties that strengthen the stomach, liver and bowels and is a remedy that has been for years the great standby in thousands of families, and should be in every family medicine chest. It is equally as valuable for children as for older people.

Druggists everywhere sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in 50c and \$1.00 bottles. If you have never tried it send your name and address to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Washington St., Monticello, Ill., and he will be very glad to send a sample bottle for trial.

It's difficult to discover a girl who can't sing.

For constipation use a natural remedy. Garfield Tea is composed of carefully selected herbs only. At all drugstores.

Many a man with one foot in the grave does enough kicking with the other to make up for it.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
Your druggist will refund money if PAXTON TOLLET fails to cure any case of Hemorrhoids, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. See.

Political economy may be all right, but political liberty counts for more about election time.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules. Easy to take as candy.

Ought to Be All Right.
Mr. Bacon—Something wrong with this hash this morning, dear."

Mrs. Bacon—Why?
"I don't know. It needs something."
"I can't think what it can be. I put in everything I could find."

Instead of liquid antiseptics, tablets and peroxide, for toilet and medicinal uses, many people prefer Paxtine, which is cheaper and better. At drugstores, 25c a box or sent postpaid on receipt of price by The Paxton Toilet Co., Boston, Mass.

Same Old Story.
She—How did they ever come to marry?
He—Oh, it's the same old story. Started out to be good friends, you know, and later on changed their minds.—Puck.

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NO WORDS WASTED
A Swift Transformation Briefly Described.

About food, the following brief but emphatic letter from a Georgia woman goes straight to the point and is convincing.

"My frequent attacks of indigestion and palpitation of the heart culminated in a sudden and desperate illness, from which I arose enfeebled in mind and body. The doctor advised me to live on cereals, but none of them agreed with me until I tried Grape-Nuts food and Postum.

"The more I used of them the more I felt convinced that they were just what I needed, and in a short time they made a different woman of me. My stomach and heart troubles disappeared as if by magic, and my mind was restored and is as clear as it ever was.

"I gained flesh and strength so rapidly that my friends were astonished. Postum and Grape-Nuts have benefited me so greatly that I am glad to bear this testimony." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in Pkg.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.