

KEEP OLD CUSTOMS

Quaint Celebrations Linger in England.

"Clipping Sunday" One of the Most Venerated of Time-Honored Observances—Practice of Eating Nuts in Church.

One of the quaintest-named Sundays celebrated in England is "Clipping Sunday." At many places on this Sunday the children form a ring around the church; that is, they encircle or "clip" it, the word being used in the north-country sense of embracing or enfolding. Certainly in the north every Sunday is, in a very real sense, Clipping Sunday, for that day is above all others the general courting day of the week.

In some places where ancient yews grow in the churchyard a festival is made every year when they are clipped, and some people have imagined that this is the origin of the strangely named Sunday, but this is not so. Mothering Sunday and Simnel Sunday are one and the same. They fall on the fourth Sunday in Lent. The Sunday is called Simnel Sunday in Lancashire and Yorkshire because on that day Simnel cakes are eaten, and in the week prior to the festival the confectioners' shops look especially tempting.

The Simnel cake is a rich plum cake, and many children would like every Sunday to be Simnel Sunday. It is said that the custom arises from the simple fact that the Bible readings in church on that particular day both refer to eating.

In the south the same Sunday is called Mothering Sunday, and as farm servants and shop assistants generally make a point of going home on that Sunday to share the good things provided and to see "mother," it has been assumed that that is the origin of the name.

It is said, however, by the wise and learned that the name arose from an ancient custom of visiting the "mother church" and making offerings on the altar on that day.

Easter Sunday is called "Pace Egg Sunday" in some places, and there has been some discussion at times as to the origin of the term. Some authorities say it ought to be Pasch Egg, but others refer simply to the Latin "pace" and say it is a broad way of saying Peace Egg.

The association of eggs with Easter is very probably emblematic of the resurrection, the egg being a symbol of life.

Nut-Cracking Sunday is the one immediately before Michaelmas day. The custom has probably died out by this time, but until quite recently parishioners of certain districts attended their parish church in force and cracked and ate nuts throughout the service. Goldsmith refers to the custom in "The Vicar of Wakefield."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Flowers—In and Out of Season.

I attended a funeral one day. The casket was expensive and was covered with fifty dollars' worth of cut flowers. The burial robe was pure white satin. The grief-stricken husband spent money like water on the last sad rites. That was all right, but I happened to know that he never spent money that way while his wife was living. He never before had taken a single cut flower to her. He had never told her that she could wear a white satin dress and buy any of the expensive things he could well afford. He had allowed her to toil day after day, while he piled up money in the bank. She kept denying herself in order that he might accumulate. Had that man spent as much on his wife the last ten years of her life as he spent on her funeral, she might have been alive today. At least she would have been happier. The scales dropped from his eyes when the undertaker came, just as they will drop from your eyes if you wait to put your flowers on the bier.—The Osborne Village Deacon.

Lower California.

All that has been generally known in the past about Lower California is that it is largely mountain and desert, but it is rich in minerals and contains several towns and a population of over 50,000. Since the opening of the Panama canal there has been increased activity in the mining industry. The peninsula was partly explored by Ponce de Leon in 1539, but for a long time was regarded as an island. It was not until 1842 that its connection with the state of California was discovered. The territory is self-governing, having a governor and legislature elected by the people but subject in some respects to the federal laws of Mexico. During the revolutionary trouble in Mexico in 1812 it maintained an almost complete separation. Esteban Canthú is the present governor.

Dispute Over National Bird.

An historical anecdote in the back of the Old Farmers' Almanac relates that in the early congressional discussion of a proper emblem to visualize the United States in the eyes of other nations one member strongly opposed the adoption of the American eagle. Among birds, he said, the eagle is king—therefore it is no fit symbol for a democracy. Another representative thereupon proposed the goose, pointing out that the goose is unmistakably democratic and that a little gosling would be just the thing to stamp on a dime.

FLOOD WORST IN YEARS AT LYNCH

Ponca Creek Goes on Rampage and Causes Heavy Losses in Vicinity of Lynch and Bristow.

Lynch, Neb., June 18.—Ponca creek went out of its banks last night, flooding this town and also Bristow and the surrounding territory. The flood brought terror to the people living along the creek which became nearly a mile wide in places as the result of a rainfall estimated all the way from four to seven inches in two hours time. The water is receding rapidly now, leaving a foot or more of mud in many homes and business buildings.

Many families which left their homes when the water rose are returning, but some are still cut off by the water. The water was a foot deep on the streets when the cloud-burst broke loose and for a time water reached the first story windows of some homes. Many cellars are full of water.

The Chicago and Northwestern railway is tied up in this locality due to the washing out of tracks and bridges. Automobile parties are marooned and one picnic party from Lynch, on the Niobrara river, has been rescued after being marooned. While no lives are reported lost, the flood has been the most serious one in 35 years.

Many thrilling rescues were made along Ponca creek by farmers who had trouble getting women and children to safety. Many were rescued on horseback during the storm and for a time flood waters washed down the farm districts like a mill race.

HOME AT FULLERTON FLOATS AWAY IN FLOOD

Omaha, June 18.—The town of Fullerton, Neb. is flooded and S. B. Vurgess and children, of near that place, floated away in their home, as a result of flood waters from the Loop river, according to a dispatch received here this afternoon.

The number of Vurgess children was not given in the dispatch, which said water was running three feet deep through the Union Pacific railroad depot at Fullerton. Thirty miles of that railroad's tracks between Columbus and Cedar Rapids were washed out, and there was some damage to crops from a hail storm.

ROLLER COASTER CLOGS; 6 INJURED

Davenport, Ia., June 18.—Colliding 60 feet from the ground, two roller coaster cars threw a score of pleasure seekers under a mass of wreckage at Forest Park here last night. Eight persons, four girls and four boys were injured, and were carried down ladders to the ground by police.

The injured are: Mary Taylor, Wood Taylor, Charles Frzes, Loretta Thompson, Arthur Wertz, Robert Montague, Eugene Estees and Francis Whitaker.

One of the young men thrown from the car caught a beam high above the ground and held on until rescued. A broken axle on one of the cars caused the accident.

PENNSY REBUKED BY RAIL BOARD

Public Reprimand Follows Long Controversy in Which Road Defied Federal Orders

Chicago, June 18.—The Pennsylvania railroad was today publicly reprimanded by the United States Railroad Labor Board for "refusal to permit a certain class of employees to select their own representatives to negotiate agreements covering wages and working conditions."

The road was rebuked by the board as placing itself in the same position as employees who strike against the board's decisions and the law creating the board.

Board's Only Penalty

The official rebuke, the only penalty the board is empowered to inflict, climaxed the attempt of the Pennsylvania to negotiate with its men direct through company unions. The trainmen's brotherhoods were the only exception to this scheme and the fight has been before the board and in courts at various times in the last two years.

The railroad ignored an order of the board to hold an election among its shop crafts so that the men might select representatives to act in wage and other disputes. The board cited the road for contempt. The Pennsylvania took an injunction case to restrain the board from administering the rebuke to the United States Supreme Court, which held in favor of the board.

TWO DEAD, FIVE INJURED, IN IOWA AUTO ACCIDENT

Tama, Ia., June 18.—Mrs. Myrtle Hammon, 45, and F. L. Meeks, 65, were killed Sunday when an automobile in which they were riding swerved into the railing of the bridge over the Iowa river near here.

Four persons were slightly injured. They were Murray Hammon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McNamara and Lon Springer. All were from Marshalltown, town.

PROPOSED FLAG CODE INDORSED

Heads of Sioux City Patriotic Organizations in Accord With Action Taken at Washington

Officers of the various patriotic organizations in Sioux City are heartily in accord with the plan recently adopted at Washington, for a uniform code of rules for the use and display of the American flag. This plan was adopted after a conference of national organizations called by the American Legion. Passage of uniform laws covering civilian usage of flags by states not having these laws also was recommended.

Horace F. Wolf, commander of Monahan Post of the American Legion, said that "the plan is excellent and should be placed in effect immediately. The American Legion will do everything in its power to further the adoption of a universal code governing the proper use and display of the American flag."

"I heartily approve of the plan," declared Hugh L. Stephenson, commander of Maj. William Kirk Camp, United Spanish War Veterans.

Splendid idea, says H. H. Rice, past commander of General Hancock Post of the G. A. R., and past vice commander of the state department, said that "it is a splendid idea and should have been adopted long ago."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization have done work along this line for some time and approve of the plan, according to L. Gjerman, commander of Shull Post in Sioux City. He said his organization will support the plan.

"Our aim has been to inculcate a proper respect for the flag and our state officers have asked us to feature this work," said Mrs. L. B. Forsling president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Monahan Post.

Mrs. Willis M. Pritchard of the Woman's Relief Corps, said she is heartily in favor of the plan.

The Code.

The code provides as follows: The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset only, or between such hours as designated by proper authority on national and state holidays. The flag should always be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the place of the flag of the U. S. is on the right, is:—the flag's own right or when there is a line of other flags, the flag of the U. S. may be in the front of the center of the line.

When a number of flags are grouped and displayed from staffs, the flag of the U. S. should be in the center, or at the highest point of the group.

When flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the U. S., the flag of the U. S. must always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the U. S. should be hoisted first. No flag pennant should be placed above or to the right of the flag of the U. S.

When the flags of 10 or more nations are to be displayed, they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height and the flags should be of equal size.

When a flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle, the union of the flag should go clear to the head of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When the flag is displayed in churches it should be from a staff placed on the congregation's right as they face the clergyman.

COUNTRY NEWSPAPER CONTROVERSY AIREC

Anthorn Herald and Correctionville News Involved. Kane Claims Error.

Trial of the appeal case of G. F. Kane, publisher of the Anthorn Herald, against Carl C. Sturgis of the Correctionville News, was completed Tuesday afternoon in district court before Judge Miles W. Newby.

Kane is appealing from the decision of the board of supervisors which named the News as the third official newspaper of the county. Kane claims his newspaper had more bona fide subscribers than the News. In court, Tuesday, this number was fixed at 99 by Kane's attorney.

Witnesses included A. B. Erickson, a member of the board; Assistant County Attorney Ray E. Rieke, and County Auditor Willis M. Pritchard. Judge Newby took the case under advisement.

CLINTON ADVERTISER SOLD TO HUGGINS AND ROOT

Clinton, Ia., June 18.—The Clinton Advertiser has been purchased by G. L. Huggins and A. C. Root, young Clinton business men. Mr. Huggins takes active charge of the newspaper at once.

If Mr. Lasker starts his teaching of chess by mail, as this writer and others have urged him to do, be sure to join the first class. You will learn more than chess from Mr. Lasker.

The figures quoted above are Mr. Lasker's, by the way. It takes a chess mind to play with such figures as 180 quadrillions.

Recent investigation of textile workers in England has shown that artificial lighting reduces the efficiency of workers by 11 per cent. of its normal daylight value.

THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS FLEE HOMES

Town of 13,000 on Mount Etna Slope Threatened as Eruption Increases in Violence. Troops Sent to Scene.

Rome, June 18.—Mount Etna is now in violent eruption, the main crater belching lava in ever increasing intensity and threatening towns within a radius of 40 miles.

Troops left here by train Monday night to help in the work of rescue and relief of the villagers who have fled before the streams of lava flowing from several new craters.

The terror-stricken people are fleeing towards the seashore and several villages already have been buried under the burning flood. No reports on fatalities had been received Monday night, but it is believed the death toll so far is small.

Four Villages Buried

It is known, though, that the village of Castiglione and those of Piccola, Pallamaletta and Ferro have been buried under the lava tide, and Linguaglossa, a town of 13,000 inhabitants, is threatened by two streams of fire.

It is estimated that by noon Monday, 30,000 persons had been made homeless by the eruption. The whole northwest section of Etna's cone seems to have opened, five new mouths being distinctly visible several kilometers from the old crater.

Thousands of tons of lava are inundating the countryside at the rate of six miles per hour laying waste homes, vineyards and forests.

Citizens Had Warning

The inhabitants had ample warning of the eruption and many left their homes at once. There has been no severe earth movement.

At Messina, where thousands died in the quake of 1908, many inhabitants moved their effects to the seashore, although Etna is 40 miles away.

The present outburst of Etna is the 80th recorded eruption since 476 B. C.

The outpouring from Etna's old and new craters grows in volume each hour. Thunders of new craters, whence the flowing lava issues, come to watchers on distant hills through dense black smoke that hangs over the mountain top. Now and then, great bursts of flame shoot high above the inky pall and flare against the sky, lighting the haze with a red glow.

The eruption began at an early hour Sunday morning with a terrific explosion. The whole top of Etna appeared to have blown off. Then followed a rain of ashes which fell steadily for many minutes after the blast.

Inhabitants of the villages are terror-stricken. Yesterday they gathered in the churches and organized processions, imploring divine intervention. They spent the night watching the approach of the lava streams.

BRITAIN URGES BERLIN TO HALT RESISTANCE

London, June 18.—It is learned that the British government, through Dr. Sthamer the German ambassador has notified Berlin that it believes that if Germany orders a cessation of passive resistance France will evacuate the Ruhr. It is understood that France has indicated its willingness if Germany will drop its passive resistance to consent to an "invisible occupation" through a commission of control, under protection of a skeleton military organization.

FORD ANNOUNCEMENT NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Washington, June 18.—Henry Ford's announcement from Springfield, Mass., that he is not a candidate for the presidency was not taken seriously here Monday by either republican or democrats.

The open season for such statements is on and will continue until the pre-convention campaigns get under way next spring.

SAYS HE WITNESSED INTERMENT OF MOUNT

Miami, Ariz., June 18.—Leighton Mount former student at the Northwestern University, was dead or unconscious when 5 men students of the school hid the body under Evans-ton pier, according to a statement made by telephone from Clifton, Ariz., by B. H. Row, a representative of a San Francisco collection agency, who claims to have been an eye witness to a class rush and the killing.

Row has been instructed by the Chicago district attorney's office to remain silent on the affair until he has been interviewed by an investigator from that office who is scheduled to arrive in Clifton tomorrow.

Bright orange radiates more joy than any other color, experts in pigmentation told authorities at Sing Sing, and now the color predominates in repainting. Light yellow which has been used, was pleasant to see, but was not as inspiring as a vivid orange hue, they said.

A school to train men in the brick-laying trade is maintained by the building contractors of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Sir Alfred Yarrow, a practical engineer and captain of industry, recently gave nearly \$500,000 for the furtherance of scientific research in England.

OUTLAWS KIDNAP CATHOLIC PRIEST

Demand \$1,000,000 Ransom Under Threat of Death. Hundreds of Chinese Converts Seized.

Hankow, China, June 18.—Five hundred brigands, who kidnaped Father Malotto, an Italian priest, about 100 miles north of here on Saturday, maltreated the prelate before they carried him off. The outlaws also seized and bore away several hundred native prisoners, according to reports brought here today.

The same on another gang of brigands is reported to have surrounded a British missionary compound at Tsao-shih, about 50 miles northwest of Hankow. All women connected with the mission had been sent to a safe place previously in anticipation of bandit activities in that section. The men of the mission still are at their posts.

DEMAND BIG RANSOM

Rome, June 18.—Chinese bandits surrounded the Roman catholic mission near Hankow, China and captured Father Malotto and 500 Chinese converts, according to cables received here today.

The brigands demand a ransom of \$1,000,000, threatening to kill the priest if this is not paid at once.

Pope Pius has cabled Father Wilhelm Leufers at Hankow to do his utmost to effect the release of the captives.

LIGHTNING AND WIND KILL TWO

Northwest Storms Scatter Buildings Over Prairies—Bolt Kills Boy in South Dakota.

St. Paul, June 18.—Two deaths and property damage amounting into hundreds of thousands of dollars resulted from a series of storms, ranging from winds of cyclonic nature which scattered buildings for miles over the prairies, killing Victor Cassidy, 15 years old, near Rosetown, S. Dak., a thunder shower in South Dakota, where Donald Anderson 15 years old, was killed by lightning near Corson.

Rains accompanied by high winds and violent electrical displays, visited the entire northwest beginning Saturday afternoon and continuing through Sunday night. Farmers and grain experts estimate that the rains were worth many millions of dollars to the growing crops.

The most severe storms in Minnesota were in the western end of the state. At Ortonville, more than 200 persons left a baseball grand stand just before a tearing wind razed the structure. Fifty youths who had taken refuge in the grand stand escaped injury.

LARGER SUPPLY OF SHEEP ESTIMATED

Chicago, June 18.—Supplies of sheep and lambs available for market in July and August will be somewhat larger this year than last, according to an estimate issued today by the Department of Agriculture. Market and field conditions between now and the end of July will largely determine whether this increased supply will move to market during the two months named. Marketing during this period in 1922 was the smallest for any corresponding time since 1917, the decrease from 1920 amounting to more than 600,000 head.

There is a great decrease in contract buying of lambs in the west this year as compared with last and lamb feeders seem to have adopted a waiting policy. Some contracts have been made at 10 cents a pound, but there is no rush to buy at this price.

NEW STATE INSPECTORS GETTING LINE ON DUTIES

Des Moines, Ia., June 18.—The second week of the short course for Iowa's new inspectors opened today with an address by Fred E. Ferguson, secretary of the Iowa state dairy association. Other speakers during the week will be Dr. George Barclow, chief hotel inspector; Agness Lee Hermansen, oil inspector, and John Fletcher, assistant attorney general, who will talk on law enforcement.

The school will end Saturday and the 30 inspectors will start their duties July 1.

WOMAN SIDES BECAUSE OF GRIEF OVER RELATIVES

Vinton, Ia., June 18.—Hearing a shot, Will Rice, of Brandon, Ia., rushed into the next room, where he found his wife lying on the floor with a shotgun wound in her left breast. The shotgun lay beside her.

The woman was rushed to a hospital at Cedar Rapids, where physicians said her recovery was doubtful. The shot had gone through her body.

Mrs. Rice, who is 35, had been despondent since the death of her parents some time ago, relatives said.

IDA GROVE MEN INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Ida Grove, Ia., June 18.—Ben Woodruff, Walter Anderson and Ed O'Brien, while driving south towards Denison, collided with an automobile driven by Herman Sherenbeck, coming from the west. The Woodruff car was overturned and thrown into the ditch, all three of the occupants being seriously injured.

BIG SURPLUS ANNOUNCED BY HARDING

President Points With Pride to Converting of Anticipated Deficit Into \$200,000,000 On Right Side of Ledger.

BY COLE E. MORGAN

Universal Service Correspondent Washington, June 18.—A billion dollar saving of government revenues during the current fiscal year, ending June 30, was announced by President Harding and Director of the Budget Lord Mondak at a meeting of the business organization of the government.

An anticipated deficit of \$223,000,000 faced a year ago in ordinary governmental expenditures has been turned into a \$200,000,000 surplus of receipts over expenditures. There has been an actual reduction of approximately \$256,000,000 in the expenditures of the departments and independent establishments.

Appropriations for the fiscal year 1924 are \$3,706,000,000, which is \$234,000,000 less than appropriated for 1923 and \$7,825,000 less than asked for in the budget submitted to congress last December.

Demands 1924 Surplus.

A revised estimate of ordinary receipts for 1924 is \$3,688,000,000. Expenditures, including \$507,000,000 for public debt reduction, are estimated at \$3,668,000,000, indicating a deficit of \$20,000,000. President Harding today declared that this deficit not only must be wiped out, but the coming year must close with a substantial balance on the other side of the ledger.

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For the fiscal year 1925 on which budget estimates soon will be compiled, the president called for a reduction of estimates of \$125,000,000 under the 1924 appropriations. He set \$1,700,000,000 as the maximum of expenditures, exclusive of reduction of interest on the public debt and the requirements of the postoffice department. The post office department had a deficit of \$64,000,000 in 1922, which has been reduced this year to approximately \$31,000,000 and for 1924 is estimated will not exceed \$1,000,000.

Points to Unusual Record

In the practice of this economy in governmental administration the United States is setting an example for the world, the president declared, saying:

"In the sober reflections of the people whom we serve, the honest and zealous endeavor to reduce the cost of government, which has an intimate relationship with the cost of living, is sure to win abiding favor. We are doing more than serve ourselves, more than helping our own people. We are proving to the world that the way to recover from war excesses is to halt the outflow and build anew, with exacting watchfulness in all public outlay."

TWO KILLED, MANY HURT IN COLLISION

Interurban Train Overtakes After Crashing Into Automobile. Male Passenger and Woman Driver of Car Crushed.

Los Angeles, June 18.—Two persons were killed, several others are expected to die and scores were injured as a result of a crash between a Santa Monica interurban train and a large touring car between here and Beverly Hills today. The car overturned and caught fire. Mrs. Harry McAfee, Los Angeles, who was driving the machine, met instant death. Vernon Grey Santa Monica, a passenger in the interurban was crushed to death while trying to escape through a window.

LEVIATHAN READY TO SAIL

Boston, June 18.—Groomed, until her great hull glistened like the coat of a race horse, the giant Leviathan, pride of the American merchant marine, left dry dock here today and steamed down the harbor to await her trial trip tomorrow before entering the trans-Atlantic service.

A rickety old table in a restaurant at Auvergne, France, was being broken up for firewood when out rolled piles of gold. It was found that in the legs had been hidden 122 gold coins bearing the effigy of Louis XVI.

A report of the department of commerce from United States Trade Commissioner Hoyt says American motion pictures fall to interest Chinese, as they prefer to see their own people on the screen.