

ANCIENTS MADE ERROR IN FIXING TIME OF EASTER

Day Observed This Year Week Ahead of Correct Prediction.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Just because astronomers back in Pope Gregory's day, nearly 400 years ago, made some incorrect predictions in attempting to time the movements of the moon for centuries to come, the Christian world is going to observe Easter Sunday this year a week ahead of what might otherwise be the case.

"Easter," says the rule, "is the first Sunday after the full moon which matures on or near after March 21."

The old church calendar says the full moon this year will occur on March 31, and consequently Easter Sunday will fall on April 1.

Modern astronomy, however, has found that the full moon will really occur on April 1, and therefore the following Sunday will be April 8.

Present-day astronomers have no objection to offer because Easter is not an astronomical date, but an ecclesiastical date, and therefore the church may fix any date it desires.

Modern scientists have no condemnation for the errors made by the ancient astronomers.

"If we attempted today to make predictions for 400 years in advance we probably would make just as many errors as they did, because even our calendar, speaking in a strictly astronomical sense, is not quite correct," they say.

Claim 108 Years Old.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Congress has a claim before it 108 years old, repeatedly approved but just as repeatedly failing of passage.

The claim is for \$11,544,553 and grows out of the battle March 13, 1815, between the brig Warrior and the British brig Dundee.

Britain Scraps Ships.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Great Britain is the only nation living up to the naval limitation treaty.

United States scrapped two ships and then called a halt until France acted on the treaty. Japan is dismantling seven ships. China and Britain has scrapped eighteen dreadnaughts.

Stork Prefers Boys.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Old Doc Stork shows a preference for boys.

For every 1,000 girls born there were this many boys born during the years given.

1915.....	1,055
1916.....	1,057
1917.....	1,058
1918.....	1,057
1919.....	1,057
1920.....	1,057
1921.....	1,059

Rice Sold to Japan

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Japan is now Uncle Sam's best rice customer. During 1922 exports of 29,938,645 pounds of rice were made to Japan. The value was \$4,100,000. To the world we exported more than \$15,000,000 of rice.

Economic War Fruitless

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Economic war plays havoc with profits.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad which made peace with shop employees during January reported an increase, gross, of \$6,287,210 with \$2,068,385 as net profit.

During the same month the Pennsylvania road which is still fighting the strikers showed a gross income of more than \$10,000,000, but only \$220,000 was profit.

Hughes Firm on Mexico

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Hughes is standing pat in his refusal to recognize the Mexican government until proper guarantees are given that American rights will be recognized.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on President Harding to recognize the Obregon government. American business is seeking recognition as, normally, Mexico is one of the greatest American export nations. Now a boycott on everything American is in force.

GROUND BROKEN FOR ELKS' HOME

Ground for the new \$1,000,000 home of Indianapolis Lodge No. 13, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Meridian and St. Clair Sts., was broken at noon today. The celebration was in connection with the observation of the forty-fifth anniversary of the lodge.

William E. English, first exalted ruler of the lodge, turned the first earth. A gold shovel was used in the ceremony. Frank D. Pidsley, present ruler, and W. L. Wright, newly elected ruler, each removed a portion of earth. The Rev. Frank Huston led the members in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The parade scheduled to precede the ceremonies was cancelled because of the unfavorable weather. Four charter members of the Indianapolis lodge present: John H. June, James V. Cook, William E. English and George W. June.

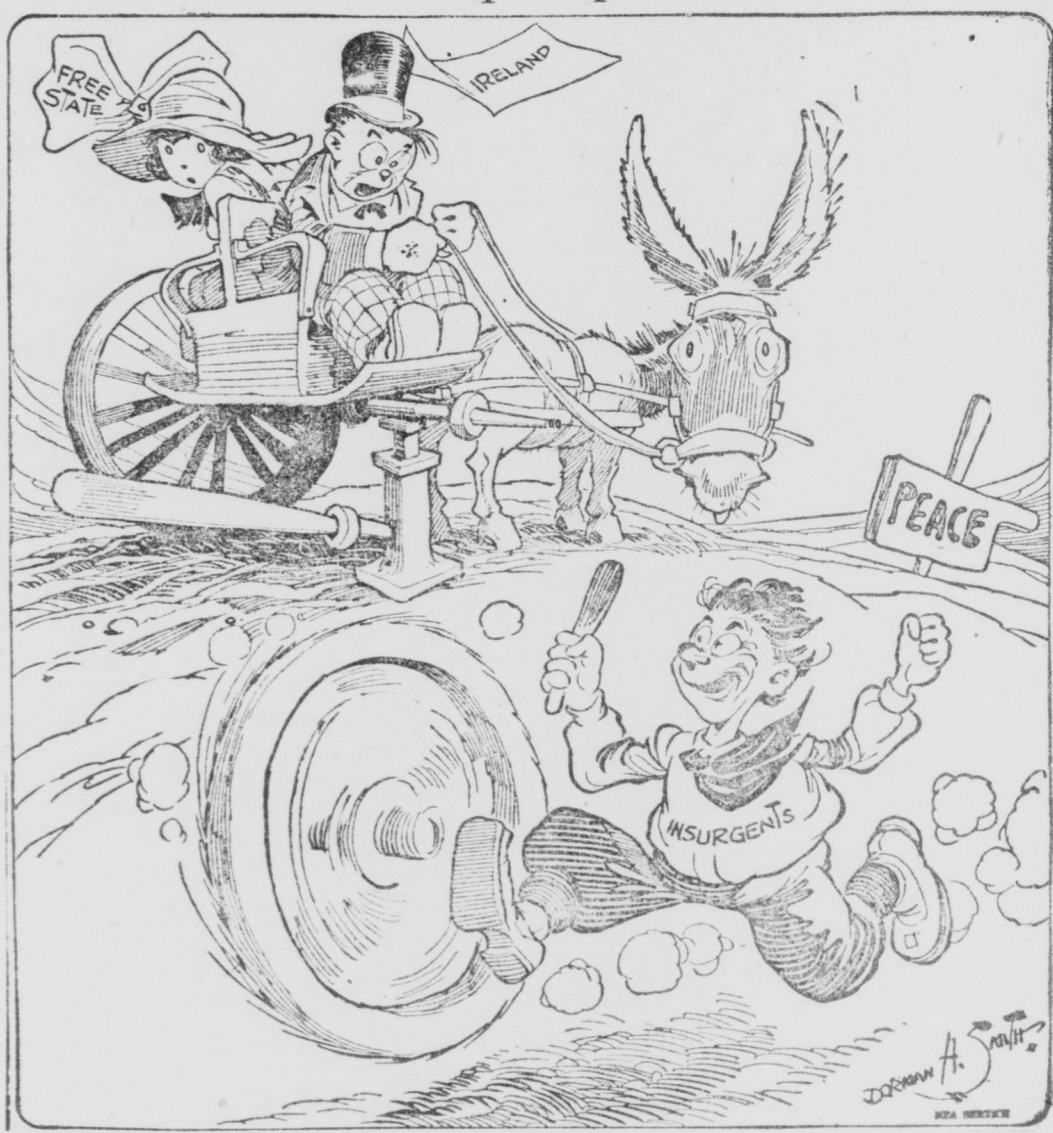
IS HELD TO GRAND JURY

George A. Thomas, president and treasurer of the Indianapolis Automobile School, was held to the county grand jury under \$2,000 bond in city court today Judge Pro Tem Vincent Manifold on charges of embezzlement and grand larceny.

Thomas is alleged to have failed to account for \$800 of \$1,500 he handled at the school.

He was arrested last week.

The Spoil-Sport



EX-KAISER REGARDS SOUP, FISH AND CAKE AS FEAST

Bride of Former Emperor Declares Wilson Victim of Entente Propaganda.

President Wilson saw the world through rose-colored glasses, the Kaiser considers it quite a feast to have thick soup, baked sole and cake for dinner; the Crown Prince was near starvation recently and the Princess Hermine's little boy was called "Fat-shieva" because he snowballed a Dutch policeman. These are some of the interesting features of the second installment of Ferdinand Jahn's exclusive review with the ex-emperor's bride at Doorn. A third article will be carried tomorrow.

By FERDINAND JAHN
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DOORN, Holland, March 20.—"What I reproach your former President Wilson for most, is that he saw the world through rose-colored spectacles."

With this succinct comment, the Princess Hermine, bride of the ex-kaiser, summarized her impression of America's wartime President, based upon her reading.

Contrary to most of her countrymen, the princess did admit belief that Woodrow Wilson had idealistic motives, "but he didn't hold it necessary to seek—even from neutrals—a picture of actual conditions in Germany."

Wilson, therefore, Hermine continued, "was a victim of entente propaganda—not entirely without fault on his own part."

Regarding Germany's immediate future, and in this connection the ex-emperor agrees with his bride—the princess is free from every illusion.

Is Pessimistic

As I pointed out to her the national spirit sweeping Germany as a result of the Ruhr occupation she sighed: "I'm pessimistic."

GOOD POSITION REMAINS VACANT

With forty estates to be appraised for inheritance taxes, Probate Court authorities today were undecided whether Marion County has a tax appraiser. The term of William T. Rasmussen, appraiser for the past four years, expired Saturday, and no one has been appointed successor.

Governor McCray, who appoints, is in Kentucky, Ind., on a vacation. Rasmussen and Samuel Montgomery, deputy Center Township assessor, are candidates. McCray is expected to return late this week.

The office handles from 1,200 to 1,500 estates a year. It pays \$200 a month.

GAMING CASES APPEALED

Shockey and Travis Carry Fight to State Supreme Court.

When they were sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$500, George Shockey and Roy Travis, convicted of keeping a gambling house by a jury in Criminal Court, today filed bonds of \$2,000 for an appeal to the Supreme Court. William Reader and Michael Closely were given as surety.

The appeal was taken after Special Judge Emmet Johnson denied motion for a new trial.

GRAND COMMANDER GUEST

More than 600 members and their wives attended a banquet given Monday night in Trinity Hall, Twenty-First St. and Boulevard Pl., by Constantin Consistory No. 25, colored, A. A. S. R. Masons, in honor of Dr. Sumner A. Furness, M. P., sovereign grand commander of the northern Masonic jurisdiction.

And she switched the conversation to personal affairs.

Amidst the crown prince, who on Christmas and his father's birthday came to Doorn and who is expected here at Easter, Hermine called attention to his unenviable lot—banishment to Wieringen.

"In this he resembles his father," the princess said. "Both possess unusual energy and do not admit themselves to be crushed by exile."

She told how the island home of the crown prince once was isolated by ice from all communication with the mainland. The population, including the prince, gradually was approaching starvation, and plans were being made to transport food by airplane. Just as the Dutch government was about to undertake this rescue mission a thaw came, breaking the ice.

The princess smiled reflectively at a reminiscence of what happened to her little boy at the hands of a Dutch policeman. There was quite a snowfall a fortnight ago and the lad threw a snowball at a policeman. Not knowing the child, the officer "followed him to the castle gates," the princess said. The officials of the Dutch press talked of Hermine's son—despite the fact that she explained he was up to only the ordinary pranks of a youngster—as a Bolshevik.

That the ex-kaiser is living modestly could be seen in his bride's remarks about the growing hard times in Germany, with consequent floor of appeals for help.

"Unfortunately, it has been impossible to meet all requests," Hermine said. "Applicants who ask for ten or twenty guilders—\$4 or \$5—and think they are quite modest, do not understand our situation. That is for us a considerable sum of money."

The court chamberlain explained to me, how in Doorn one must "cut the cloth closely," especially as long as negotiations between crown and state regarding division of the emperor's fortune continue. They must live modestly here. When guests are invited the dinner consisted of soup, an entree, meat and dessert. For their own meals, the ex-kaiser and kaiserin have one meat and fruit. Friday's menu, for instance, consists of:

Thick soup.
Baked sole.
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KEYSTONE AVENUE ROAD FAILURE IS AIRED AT HEARING

Changes in Typewritten Specifications Subject of Testimony.

Methods of procedure in constructing the Keystone Ave. cement road, and other county roads were gone into in a hearing in the county commissioners' court today to determine the cause of the breaking up of the \$120,000 road, built in December, 1920.

John J. Griffith, county surveyor and engineer, occupied the witness stand all morning. He was questioned by William Bosson, a farmer-lawyer from Washington Township, head of the Marion County Farmers' Federation.

Typewritten Copy Changed

Changes in the typewritten copy of the specifications of the road filed with the auditor were pointed to and Griffith was asked when they were made. The changes are not shown on the copy filed with the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, where the bonds were sold.

Griffith introduced as evidence an affidavit made by himself Feb. 7, this year, one by Carlin Shank, former commissioner, made March 16, 1923, and one by Emmet S. Huggin, an attorney, made this year, that the changes were made prior to letting the contract, with the knowledge of the commissioners.

One change referred to allowed the use of gravel when 25 per cent of it would pass through a certain screen instead of 15 per cent, thus raising the amount of sand used.

Faulty Under-Drainage

A report by A. L. Donaldson, State board of accounts, who examined the road, said the huge breaks were due to faulty under-drainage of the grades.

S. M. Timberlake, president of the company which built the road, was in Florida. He was represented at the hearing by Ralph Kane, attorney.

Commissioners Albert Hoffman, Republican, and John Kitley, Democrat, formed the court. Harry D. Tutwiler, Republican, third commissioner, did not appear until 11:30 a. m.

The hearing was continued this afternoon.

INDIANA PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

George W. Coffman, 97, Dies Here After Brief Illness.

Funeral services of George W. Coffman, 97, pioneer resident of Indiana, who died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph L. Helder, 324 N. Illinois St., will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Helder home. Burial will be in the cemetery at Liberty Wednesday.

Coffman was born on a farm in Union County near Liberty Oct. 27, 1825, and had lived there continuously until six years ago, when he moved to Indianapolis with his wife, to live with their daughter. The couple celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary Feb. 13.

Infirmitudes of old age caused death. He had been ill only four days.

Only the widow and daughter survive.

LICENSE RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASES

Figures announced today by Deputy City Controller Joseph E. Tyler show the city took in \$37,599 more in licenses and fees for the part of 1923, ending Feb. 15, than for the same period of last year.

Thus far all receipts have amounted to \$161,901.13, while in 1922 only \$114,012.13 had been collected. As no market stand fees, which amount to about \$37,000 for the half year are included in this year's report, this year's total is a considerable increase.

Licenses on restaurants have more than doubled, amounting to \$7,240, as compared to \$3,255. Vehicle licenses have gained \$14,310.

Owing to the enforcement of the ordinance providing licenses for rooming houses, \$7,240 has been collected, compared with \$325 last year. This ordinance has now been repealed and fees have largely ceased coming in from this source.

Tyler said many people had been calling for refunds on this license, but this can not be done, he said, without a special appropriation ordinance.

Tyler said the office was successful in collecting large part of the licenses early. The largest items to be collected are the fees on market and curb stand leases totalling about \$37,000.

SEEK WIELDER OF KNIFE

Dooley Howard Cut in Indiana Ave. Scrap.

Police today are investigating circumstances surrounding injuries received by Dooley Howard, 234 W. New York St., when he was found by Patrolman Gibbons in front of 532 E. Illinois Ave. Monday night. Howard is recovering from severe cuts on the neck, police say.

Howard told Gibbons he was ejected from the "Golden West" cafe Monday night with two women.

Sparks Cause \$125 Loss

Sparks on the roof caused \$100 fire loss at the home of H. Marlow, 820 N. East St., today. The flames spread to the home of G. H. Coglin, 824 N. East St., where loss was \$25.

MOTORMAN STOPS CAR TO AID DOG

Howls of distress and yelps of anguish caused shoppers to pause a minute on one of the busiest corners of the downtown district today. Merchants ran from their stores, automobiles jammed the streets for a block and street car service was stopped.

"Here, what's the matter?" inquired the corner trafficman.

"Oh, a motorist just ran over another dog, added another victim to his list," answered a bystander.

The dog, a beautiful collie, had crawled from near the curb to the middle of the street in front of a street car. Whining with pain he was begging for help.

The traffic cop approached the street car that had blocked the traffic. "Move on here; you're stopping traffic," he addressed the motorist.

"Just a minute," the motorist replied. While the crowd looked on he opened the door of his car, helped the crippled, howling dog inside by the stove, shut the door and moved on.

Franklin Woman Heads State Club



—Photo by Moorefield.

MRS. E. C. BAILEY

Mrs. E. C. Bailey of Franklin, was elected president of the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women at its convention in Franklin, Monday.

Figures indicating telephone equipment prices have nearly doubled in ten years were presented today by John R. Turner of Chicago, appraisal engineer of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago division, in the hearing in connection with investigation of consolidated rates of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company by the public service commission.

Turner showed the gradual increase in values from 1911 to 1915. His estimates probably will be used by Indiana Bell attorneys in attempting to refute commission charges that operation of the Indiana Bell has been mismanaged.

Value Increased 69 Per Cent

Turner's charts showed property worth \$1 in 1911 was worth \$1.69 in 1915.

Thomas R. Keyes, auditor of the Indiana Bell, said the Indiana Bell paid the American Telephone and Telegraph Company \$1 cents a year for the rental of each instrument owned by the latter company. Keyes' figures were based on the \$1.50 a month, or \$18 a year, fee, paid for each subscriber-station, 4 1/2 per cent of which is paid to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company as rental. He denied the amount paid for the use of instruments leased by contract, but not used, was of consequence.

Estimates In Conflict

An average instrument value of \$32.40 was given by Keyes from a survey of thirteen important Indiana exchanges. He said he estimated the average value by dividing the total value of equipment of the thirteen exchanges by the number of subscriber-stations. Terre Haute, Wabash, Connersville and Noblesville, considered in his survey, were not included in a similar survey by O. C. Hendrick, a witness for the commission several weeks ago, on whose estimates considerable argument resulted.

ENGLISHMAN GRUMBLES OVER TAX ON HIS BEER

Tranquillity of Bonar Law Government Is Threatened.

By United Press
LONDON, March 20.—Beer and tranquillity—a queer combination, but that is the government of Mr. Bonar Law.

Tranquillity, just like normalcy, carried with it a strong promise of economy. Now the six-penny glass of beer comes along and challenges tranquillity.

In demanding a reduction in taxation the Englishman first demands a reduction in his beer tax.

PLAN RECEPTION CIRCUS

Employees of Six Factories to Be Guest of "V."

A reception-circus will be at the Y. M. C. A. at 7 tonight for employees of six factories, the Benis Bag, Keyless Lock, Insley Manufacturing Company, Van Camp Hardware Company, Holcomb & Hoke and the Oakes Company. More than one thousand are expected.

Among the features are to be a tug of war, a magician act and a polo stick relay.

POLICE PROMISED EMERGENCY KIT BY SAFETY BOARD

Chief Says Ability to Give First Aid Will Save Lives.

A complete emergency kit for use in giving first aid at fires and accidents, to be carried in the police emergency wagon will be purchased and added to the equipment of the police department, members of the board of public safety said today at the regular meeting.

Police Chief Rikhoff made the request, saying that his men often had been criticised for not lending aid at the scene of fires and accidents before an ambulance arrived. Rikhoff said that with the equipment he contemplated buying this would be entirely eliminated and often would mean the saving of lives.

Trafficman Fined

Trafficman John B. Gish, suspended March 10 for failure to report an accident, was tried and found guilty of neglect of duty. He was fined the amount of his pay during suspension and ordered back to work Wednesday.

The resignations of Patrolmen Joseph L. Powderly, Melvin Weaver and Thomas Feeny were accepted on the recommendation of Chief Rikhoff. Powderly and Weaver gave no reason for resigning. Feeny resigned to become a member of the undertaking firm of Beeks, Speaks & Feeny.

Motor Police Under Fire

Charges of intoxication, conduct unbecoming an officer and insubordination were preferred by Chief Rikhoff against Policeman William C. Paul. On March 15 Paul caused a disturbance at the Central Labor Temple, crowding persons off the sidewalk and entering the building by flourishing a revolver, Rikhoff said. After being asked to by Rikhoff, he refused to turn in his badge and was suspended March 17.

The board approved a request of the Western Oil Company for an additional storage tank at Chadwick and Morris Sts.

Indiana Farmers Show Pessimism

Midwest, However, Sounds Note of Confidence.

By United Press
CHICAGO, March 20.—The middle West lifts the cry of "me too" in the note of confidence sounded by Southern States that the farmer "is coming back."

Indiana affords the only tinge of pessimism and that is tempered by the intimation that since things could not get worse for the farmers of that State, they must get better.

The note of gloom in the situation is sounded by W. H. Settle, president of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations.

Stating that the Indiana farmers today are in the worst shape they have been in thirty years, Settle declared they lost tremendously last year on wheat and oats and barley made costs on corn. Livestock breeders, he said, were better off because of cheap grain and cooperative marketing methods.

"Advancing prices of farm implements and high labor because of its scarcity," Settle said, contribute to the farmers' woes.



Virginia Bradford

Answers the questions that everyone has been asking about the movie industry—questions such as "How do you break into the movies?" "What price must a girl pay to succeed on the screen?" "Are the paths of Hollywood fraught with perils to virtue?"—in a series of articles.

"MY ADVENTURES IN HOLLYWOOD"

These articles reveal the inside facts about conditions confronting the girl seeking a career in the movies. They are the result of a special commission given Miss Bradford by NEA Service and The Indianapolis Times to get the truth by personal experience.

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