

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.

By Times Special
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 \$11,584,553 and grows out of the battle March 13, 1815, between the brig Warrior and the British brig Dundee.

Britain Scraps Ships.

By Times Special
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 hault until France acted on the treaty. Japan is dismantling seven ships. Great Britain has scrapped eighteen dreadnaughts.

Stork Prefers Boys.

By Times Special
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.

Rice Sold to Japan

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Japan is now Uncle Sam's best rice customer. During 1922 exports of \$9,88,645 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 Frustrated

By Times Special
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 \$2,056,358 as net profit.

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

Hughes Firm on Mexico

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Hughes is standing pat on 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. Pixley, present ruler, and Vic 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 Auto 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.



EX-KAISER REGARDS SOUP, FISH AND CAKE AS FEAST

Bride of Former Emperor Declares Wilson Victim of Entente Propaganda.

And she switched the conservatism to personal affairs.

Apropos of 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."

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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 \$126,000 road, built in December, 1920.

John J. Griffith, county surveyor and engineer, occupied the witness stand all morning. He was questioned by William Bossom, 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, 1922, 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 accountants, 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 Cane, attorney.

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

The hearing was continued this afternoon.

Unfortunately, it has been impossible to meet all requests," Hermine said. "Applicants who ask for ten or twenty guild