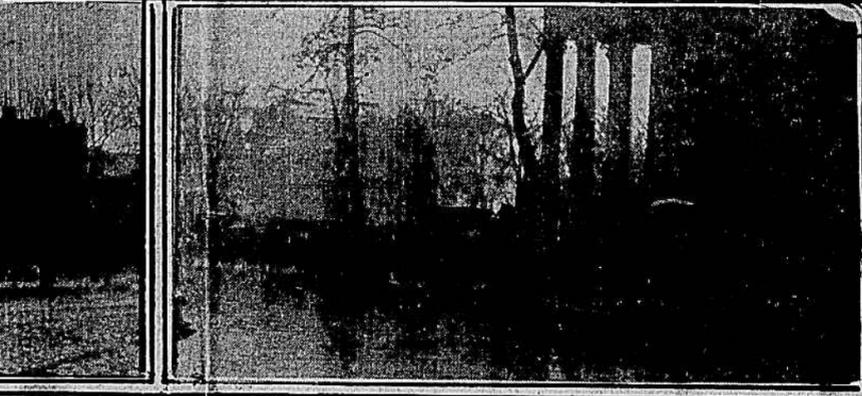


SNOWBOUND CAPITOL SQUARE AT EASTER AND SCENES AT SEVERAL CITY CHURCHES JUST AFTER MORNING WORSHIP



CITY SNOWSWEEP ON EASTER SUNDAY

Torrid Weather Succeeded by Wintry Day and Driving Storm.

CROWDS HASTILY ABANDON STREETS

Church Services Well Attended, But People Generally Laid Aside Holiday Finery for More Seasonable Hour. Rain, Hail and Snow.

Easter Monday Weather

Forecast—Partly cloudy Monday; Tuesday fair and warmer, fresh north winds.

RECORD OF THERMOMETER FOR PAST TEN DAYS.

	3 P. M.	9 P. M.
March 31st	74	37
March 30th	74	64
March 29th	94	76
March 28th	91	77
March 27th	70	61
March 26th	70	65
March 25th	55	45
March 24th	86	65
March 23d	94	70
March 22d	89	70

After ten days of brilliant sunshine, intense heat and blinding dust, Easter in Richmond broke damp and chill, overhung by clouds that soon obscured the first feeble rays from the sky, and that a few hours later sent forth a downpour of rain followed by hail, sleet and snow.

Churchtime came in the midst of falling temperatures and atmospheric conditions that by midday had produced a small blizzard. Then suffered cruel and bitter disappointment, the cherished plans of many weeks. Spring bonnets went back to their covers, bright dresses were carefully laid away, and well-tailored making in deep blouses, draped more than his cast-off raincoat, preserving the new for a more seasonable hour. It was a wee-begone procession that wended its way through the streets—raincoats, umbrellas and rubber shoes appearing in monotonous succession, where bright colors and fragrant flowers should have been. The usual parade was abandoned perforce. A venturesome few braved the elements and exposed the holiday finery to the March bluster, but they were soon driven in, much the worse for wear. The weather's April foot had been more effective than anticipated, and the reflection that a dozen bright and summer-like days had preceded the great holiday, raising hopes to the highest point, only to be dashed all the more cruelly at the moment of realization, served in no way to relieve the sting of disappointment.

Once within the sanctuaries, the congregations generally, in the enjoyment of beautiful floral displays, sweet music and notable sermons, easily forgot for the time the wintry blasts on the outside and the hail pelting the windows. More particularly by the Catholics and Episcopalians, but generally by all denominations, the greatest of church festivals was observed in some manner. Sweet-voiced singers delighted thousands with the elaborate programs they have been rehearsing for many weeks, the joyous spirit of the feast day appearing everywhere in anthem, discourse and decoration. Worship over, wind and rain had again to be faced, but there was usually a quick trip back to the fresher air (then for the long afternoon the gloomy streets were left half deserted. Before nightfall a blanket of snow had covered everything, only to disappear quickly beneath a rain storm that followed.

Snow for Easter.

With the mercury reaching toward summer heat on Saturday, the suggestion that there might be snow for Easter was scouted as absurd. Yet the old adage about March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb was reversed, and the thirty-first day of the month proved to be its most wintry day.

The warm, bright days of the past week had caused many preparations for a summerlike holiday. The sprinkling of rain through the early morning dampened the ardor of the city, and the churches of the city were well filled with worshippers in spite of the inclement weather. About 11:30 A. M. a hard shower of hail rattled on the tin roofs and against the windows. Many who had gathered in the past week by changing a portion, if not the entire, superstructure of their wearing apparel, shivered through the service, and spent the day huddling over the fire. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon the rain changed to snow and for several hours wet sticky flakes, fell in great splashes on the blossoming fruit and the budding trees. A gray, cheerless evening settled down to a wintry night, with every indication of a killing freeze for all the rapidly melting spring vegetation. The wet snow caked on trees and wires, gave a weird winter appearance to the city's streets and parks, which, but twenty-four hours before were swept with clouds of summer dust.

In the Churches.

The chilly day, however, had no effect on the musicality of the Easter services, and many of the morning sermons bore on the resurrection of Christ, and kindred Easter topics. The City Directory gives ninety-four white churches within the city limits, and it is a very creditable thing to the musical fraternity of the city that in nearly every one of these gathering places, a capable and well-trained choir was able to render music of a high order. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart elaborately music was rendered, in connection with pontifical mass at 11 A. M. Rev. Bishop Van de

THAW THINKS HE WILL GO FREE

Tells His Wife That They Will Dine Together Sunday.

ATTENDED EASTER SERVICE IN PRISON

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw Talks for the First Time With Newspaper Men, Saying That All the Family Are Sure of an Acquittal.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Easter Sunday for Harry K. Thaw in the Tombs was made more cheerful by a visit from his wife to whom had been granted a special permit to pass the afternoon with her husband. When Mrs. Thaw left, she spoke for the first time since the tragedy last June to reporters.

"Harry grows more cheerful, satisfied with the way his affairs are progressing every day," she said. "Like all a rest of us, he is perfectly confident that the commission will find him innocent and that the trial will go on over talked to-day of being held over until after planned how to dine together."

Attended the Easter service in the Tombs. His counsel visited with her. He will come to the trial to-morrow as to whether he will be convicted or not before the commission convenes at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THAW COUNSEL FEEL CONFIDENT

Hartridge Spent Forty Minutes With His Client Last Night.

NEW YORK, March 31.—To-night Clifford W. Hartridge, the attorney of record in the Thaw defense, spent about forty minutes with his client in a final consultation. He let it be known that he was perfectly confident of the result of the trial.

"The defense will offer no witnesses before the commission," said Daniel O'Connell, who has charge of the practical end of the Thaw case. "No alienists will be called to testify to the present mental condition of the defendant, although the district attorney has the promise of the commission to bear his witnesses on three points. Dr. Gregory Pligim and White, who were witnesses for the defense, will not be called, because their affidavits were not filed with the affidavits of the other experts."

"It is probable that Dr. Hamilton may be excluded entirely, not because he declines to waive his professional privilege, but because what he could say would be too remote to determine the present condition of this defendant. The last time Dr. Hamilton had an opportunity to make an observation of scientific value was in July, 1905. All the indications are that the trial will be resumed, and that the final issue will be determined before the end of the week."

THAW OFFERED \$1,000 FOR TASTER

The Emperor of Old, Prisoner Feared Poisoned Food.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Like a fear-stricken emperor of old, or a Czar of to-day, Harry K. Thaw at one period in the Tombs was afraid his food would be poisoned. Not being able, like those despots, to command the services of a food taster (who, by suffering an agonizing death, could give warning that a particular dish held poison), the slayer of Stanford White tried to get a substitute.

"He would take a bite of that dish, and a sip of this liquid, and so on, preparatory to Thaw partaking of them."

That amateur yesterday was told by a Tombs orderly that the commission appointed by Justice Fitzgerald to inquire into Thaw's mental condition. The story caused a sensation. What effect it would have on the commission's view of Thaw's mental condition could not be judged.

CRUSHED BETWEEN ENGINE AND CAR

Employs of S. A. L. Instantly Killed in Horrible Accident.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 31.—J. W. Rowell, an employe of the Seaboard Atlantic Railroad, was instantly killed on the spot, in an unusual manner.

Rowell was standing on the rear of a passenger car, when the engine, which was backing up, struck him. He was killed instantly.

KNAPP HOPES TO STOP STRIKE

Meeting Will Be Held To-Day, When Officers of Roads and Men Will Get Together.

EACH SIDE STANDS PAT

CHICAGO, March 31.—Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, who came to Chicago to try to effect a solution of the controversy between the trainmen's organization and the railroad managers, held a series of conferences to-day and to-night, first with one side and then with the other.

Mr. Knapp to-night said that they were progressing, but that nothing definite had been accomplished this far.

It was said that the labor chiefs had intimated to the commissioners that they were willing to concede something from their original demands in the interests of peace, but what concession they would make was not disclosed.

The railroad managers, on the other hand, are said to have declared that they would grant nothing more than they have already offered their employees, and that the recent vote of the men in favor of a strike was not a fair criterion of the feeling entertained by the mass of employes toward the railroads. They asserted that most of the passenger conductors were willing to accept the advance offered and voted for a rejection of the terms against their own better judgment.

GETS DIVORCE FROM ELEVENTH HUSBAND

Mrs. Polly Weed Baker, Most Married Woman in Indiana, Is Released Again.

RICHMOND, IND., March 31.—Mrs. Polly Weed Baker, of Booneville, widely known as the most married woman in Indiana, was to-day granted a divorce from her eleventh husband, John Baker. Baker is the ninth of her eleven husbands from whom she has been legally separated, one having died a natural death and another committing suicide.

Mrs. Baker is sixty-five years old. She was first married back in the early fifties to Henry Paquay.

U. S. EMBASSY ON FIRE AT ROME

Ambassador Griscom Has Hands Burned and Hair Singed.

ROME, MARCH 31.—

White Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Griscom were returning from the Easter services at the American church to-day, they saw smoke arising from the roof of their home, the Palazzo Del Drago. Mr. Griscom hurriedly entered the building and found the servants unaware that the palace was on fire.

The ambassador led the way to the attic. Flames burst forth as he opened the door and burned his hand and singed his eyebrows. When the firemen reached the scene the beams, which were put in place centuries ago, were burning briskly. The roof over the attic collapsed, causing the centre portion of the ceiling of the magnificent ballroom to fall. The furniture and paintings were quickly removed, but not before several of the latter, notably one of President Roosevelt, were damaged.

After working two hours the firemen succeeded in checking the blaze. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and is covered by insurance.

Ambassador Griscom had intended to sign a lease to-morrow for the house, which is still under lease to the former American ambassador, Henry White.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely established.

DIPLOMATS WILL NOT DISCUSS PAPER SEIZED AT NUNCIATURE

PARIS, March 31.—Inquiries made to-day at the Austrian, British and Japanese embassies and the Dutch legation, which were implicated in the documents of Mr. Montagnini, the secretary of the Papal Nunciature, seized when he was expelled, and published in the Figaro, brought forth the unanimous response that nothing was known concerning the matter. The diplomats refused to discuss the disclosures.

BRUSSELS, March 31.—Captain Michel and Major Lefebvre, have been appointed Belgian military delegates to the Jamestown Exposition and will sail for New York April 6th on board the steamer Rissland.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE IN CONFERENCE

Prince Von Buelow and Signor Tittoni Met at Rapolli on Yesterday.

RAPOLI, ITALY, MARCH 31.—

Originally it was intended by Prince Von Buelow, the German Imperial Chancellor and Signor Tittoni, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, that not the slightest political importance should attach to their meeting here to-day; but after a two-hour conference at the Imperial Palace Hotel this morning, it was decided by the Vatican to issue an official statement. This was as follows:

This morning there took place a long and amicable discussion between Prince Von Buelow and Signor Tittoni. Although the conference was not brought about by political reasons, naturally the subjects of conversation were the political questions now occupying the international field.

The conference demonstrated again the full and complete correspondence of ideas of the two statesmen.

Although the strict secrecy is maintained concerning the efficiency and strength of the triple alliance, and that it was especially argued that reciprocal relations between Austria and Italy should be strengthened, as the greatest danger threatening the two powers was the conflict between themselves, which the triple alliance wished to avoid.

It is expected that the conferences will be continued by Prince von Buelow and Signor Tittoni met Baron Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

MR. TAYLOR BELIEVES HIS BROTHER DIED IN JAIL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 31.—Mr. J. Taylor, clerk of the Circuit Court of Patrick county, believes that Fred Taylor, who died in a cell in the Police Station here two weeks ago, was his brother, and he is expected to make an effort to-morrow to have the remains disinterred for the purpose of identification. It was thought Taylor was from Yorktown, N. Y., but Mr. Taylor is confident that the deceased is his brother, whom he has not seen for two years.

W. C. Carlisle, claims that Ritter attempted to force his way into the house, and that he shot in self-defense. A shot-gun was the weapon used. One lung entered Ritter's left breast and the other severed an artery in his leg. The man died to death for two hours, and was left lying where he fell until

LANE KILLED BY BLACKWELL

Went to Blackwell's Home, Beat Down the Door and Assaulted Him.

ASHLAND, VA., MARCH 31.—

Nat Lane, a white man, living in the country near here, was shot and killed to-day by John Blackwell, a white farmer, who lives about two miles from Ashland. The tragedy occurred near what is known as Winn's Church neighborhood. Lane came to Blackwell's house in an intoxicated condition and after battering down the front door attempted to assault him.

Blackwell, who is a quiet man of rather melancholy disposition, quickly seized a loaded shotgun and made short work of the intruder, emptying the entire load in Lane's body with deadly effect. The tragedy was quickly reported, and Sheriff Malory, of Hanover brought Blackwell to Ashland this evening, and he was quickly lodged in the local jail by the direction of Mayor Crow.

When brought before Mayor Crow, Blackwell was asked for an explanation, and laughingly admitted that he had killed the man in self-defense. He will have a preliminary hearing here to-morrow morning and be sent on to the grand jury. Both parties are well known here, their home being near Elmont, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, between here and Richmond. Lane has been working for years in the saw mills of Hanover county, Blackwell is who is known as a "single cutter," and farms a small place.

PEASANT PRISONERS KILL A POLICE TYRANT

KURSK, RUSSIA, March 31.—Druzsainnikoff, an ex-police man, who was sentenced February 21st, to a year's imprisonment for torturing peasants during a punitive expedition, has been killed by peasant prisoners in the jail here. They captured Druzsainnikoff and held a regular court and executed him by dashing his brains out against the floor.

THREE MEN CAUGHT ON RAILROAD BRIDGE; 1 KILLED

PITTSBURG, PA., March 31.—Three men were caught to-day on the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad bridge at Turtle Creek, near here, by a fast passenger train. Two of the men hung to the ties, allowing the train to pass over them, but the third, Samuel Cardno, was knocked off the bridge to the ground fifty feet below and killed.

The coroner's inquest was held at 10 o'clock this morning. Dogs lapped up the blood, which poured from his wounds. A woman is said to be at the bottom of the affair, and had blood has existed between the men for some time. The dead man was thirty and his slayer twenty-six years of age. Hilliard is now in jail.

CHILE WANTS AN AMBASSADOR

Feels Slighted That Brazil Should Be Ranked Higher Than Herself

ENEMIES BLOCKED SCHEME

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Chile's failure to send a minister to Washington to replace Mr. Walker-Martinez, who did not return here after the Pan-American Conference at Rio Janeiro last summer has caused much comment. The neglect of the Chilean Congress to appropriate sufficient money to maintain the legation has been given as a reason for leaving the American mission in charge of Alberto Yoncham, secretary to the legation. But it has just become known that the real cause was hidden deep in Latin-American politics.

Chile decided it would be a good idea to have an ambassador in Washington. Steps were taken to discover what the United States thought about the proposed elevation of the Chilean representative to Washington, Brazil had an ambassador, and Chile felt that a similar honor should be accorded to it by the United States.

The suggestion that the Chilean envoy might be raised to ambassadorial rank set all Latin-America on edge, and a general movement was instituted by the Southern republics to head off such a movement. Argentina, being unfriendly to Chile, was especially opposed to the plan, as Brazil and Chile are always rated as allies, and Argentina did not want her two strongest rivals to outstrip her in American representations.

Must Be a World-Power. It has not been the policy of the State Department to send ambassadors to any country which cannot be ranked as a world power, and when the hostility of the rest of South America to such a change became known the United States decided that the question had better not be agitated further at this time. Before this decision was reached, however, it was diplomatically hinted that Bolivia and several of the other Western South America republics would probably decide to withdraw their ministers and leave their legations in charge of secretaries in case Chile was permitted to send an ambassador.

After Mr. Walker-Martinez left Washington it was suggested to the State Department that another man, whose name has not been made public, was being considered for the place. But after the United States was asked about the man, his name was dropped and recently there has been no suggestion that Chile will be in any hurry about sending a representative ministerial rank to Washington. The United States had no objections to the name proposed and the failure of Chile to send him is attributed by diplomats here to the refusal of the United States to give favorable consideration to the ambassadorial plan.

Six Crap Players Caught

Sergeant Kraft and Officer Duffy raided a crap joint at Seventeenth and Louisa Streets yesterday evening, and arrested six players. They will line up before Justice John this morning.

DOGS LAPPED UP BLOOD OF DYING MURDERED MAN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., March 31.—Isaac B. Ritter, a married man, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was shot and almost instantly killed about 7 o'clock last night by Otha N. Hilliard, at Opper's Valley, two miles from Winchester. Hilliard, who makes his home with