

EASTER IN NEW YORK

Exceptionally Elaborate Services at Many Churches.

FINE MUSICAL PROGRAMMES.

Floral Decorations Surpassing Any Ever Before Attempted.

All Denominations Made Special Efforts to Make Their Easter Services As Bright As Possible—How the Interior of Some of the Churches Looked—Flame, Palm and Cut Flowers in Beautiful and Unique Displays.

New York, April 18.—Never before in the history of church music in this city have such full programmes been carried through by the organists as for this Easter. Fine music was not confined to the Roman Catholic or Episcopal churches, but all denominations made a special effort to make their Easter services as bright as possible. Even the

Methodists, the members of whom are opposed to a musical service on the ground that it is unchurchly, became almost this year the season which commemorates the resurrection of the Saviour and contrived their quota.

Church music has made tremendously rapid strides, and where a few years ago the service was entirely plain, with the exception of a few hymns which were sung conventionally, there was an elaborate programme prepared and the singers were this year of the profession.

The floral decorations in all the churches of the city were extremely elaborate this Easter and in a few the cost for the display amounted to \$1,500 and over.

Trinity chapel was one among the most richly decorated.

Immense azaleas, about five feet and a half in diameter, were placed on either side of the altar. They were like umbrellas, and were very striking and effective. A large vase, filled with cut flowers, stood directly in front of the altar, and the altar itself had a solid mass of lilies, about six inches thick, and the flowers of the lilies were of the color of the altar. Tropical palms rose each side of the chapel.

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MANAGER HUTCHINSON SINKING.

De Forest's Lawyer Says De Fleming Is Not Worthy of Belief.

New York, April 18.—A certificate from the New York Times was given to Justice Grady at Jefferson Market Court stating that Ernest Hutchinson, manager of the Lydia Thompson company, was assaulted by Charles De Forest on Wednesday night in the lobby of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, and his condition had reached a very critical stage.

An application was made to reduce De Forest's bail, but it was denied.

Henry Mensch, De Forest's lawyer, said that Dr. Fleming was not worthy of belief.

"He is now under indictment," he said, "for conspiring to obtain money from the Standard case. This is a case of conspiracy to keep De Forest in jail and prevent him from meeting a professional manager that begins Monday night."

The lawyer asked for an order for a police surgeon to examine Hutchinson, and Justice Grady said he had no right to issue such an order. De Forest was taken down for Tuesday next at 2 p. m.

AWARDED SIX CENTS DAMAGES.

Outcome of a Drunken Man's Suit Against the Buffalo "Evening News."

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 18.—The suit of Frank S. Crocker, a commercial traveler, against the "Evening News" for \$15,000, for libel, resulted in a verdict of six cents damages to the plaintiff.

Last August while Crocker was in Birmingham and sitting on the veranda of the Hotel Bennett with another drunken man named Crocker, the latter, who was the wife of City Treasurer Welles, was passing on the street with her sister-in-law.

One of the ladies struck Crocker with her parasol and subsequently both their husbands were arrested.

The Birmingham correspondent of the "News" reported that Crocker was beaten and injured, and this formed the ground of the libel suit. The testimony adduced on the trial of the case showed Crocker's reputation to be somewhat shabby.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BAGNALL.

A Memorial Window in Holy Comforter Church, Park Place, New York.

POUGHKEEPS, N. Y., April 18.—In the church of the Holy Comforter, Saturday evening, a window was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies, which was erected in memory of John J. Bagnall, late editor of the "Evening Star," killed by the fatal accident last December.

The memorial lies the center window of the south side of the church, and the subject is the Manifestation to the Gentiles, showing the infant Saviour, the Holy Comforter, and the figure of angels.

It cost \$2,000 and was made by Tiffany in New York. Mr. Bagnall having been his most intimate friend, there were present at the unveiling Mr. J. W. Sanford, his father, Miss Eva Fear, his betrothed, Mr. Sanford, the Rector of the church, Dr. Cray and others.

IMMORALITY WITH HIS CHARGES.

Serious Complaint Against an Superintendent of an Indian Orphan Asylum.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 18.—An evening paper published here published an article charging J. H. Van Valkenburg, the late Superintendent of the Thomas Orphan Asylum at the Cattaraugus County Reformatory near Gettysburg, Cal., with gross immorality with the young Indian girls who were under his charge.

Van Valkenburg, a young Indian under 16 years of age, makes affidavit that Van Valkenburg is the father of her unborn child.

Van Valkenburg had been superintendent of the asylum for 11 years and his wife was a native. He resigned recently, owing to the alleged discovery of his improper conduct.

Efforts, it is said, are now being made to bring him to justice.

SHE CONFESSED HER MISTAKE.

Her Husband Condemned Them and Is Deceased a Divorce.

SCARLETON, Pa., April 18.—The sensational case of the married couple who have been on trial here since last Monday, the husband bringing suit because of infidelity upon the part of the wife, ended with a divorce.

When called as a witness Mrs. Alexander confessed her guilt, but pleaded that her husband had seduced her.

She said she had lived with him since their first separation, nearly two years ago, and that she had committed no infidelity.

Two Children Crushed to Death.

CARLETON, N. Y., April 18.—Two sons of William Conine, aged five and eleven years, were instantly crushed to death by a large stone which fell from a falling on them.

The stone, which was 75 feet long and 18 inches in diameter at the base, was dislodged from a hillside and was blocked up from the ground about 18 inches. The children, who were playing on the hill, were struck by the stone, which rolled from its place and was crushed to death.

Convict Dies in Jail.

DALTON, Ga., April 18.—One hundred and twenty-five convicts employed at the Dalton Reformatory, Lookout Mountain, revolted Saturday. Only a small number of the convicts were taken into custody for a time looked serious.

The convicts threatened to murder the guards and escape, but were finally subdued.

Charged With Misappropriating \$50,000.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 18.—R. F. Burdick, Treasurer of Assistance Building and Loan Association, has been charged on the charge of misappropriation of funds of the association to the amount of \$50,000.

He has been prominent in political circles here.

Save the City for Public Improvement.

SCARLETON, Pa., April 18.—William Roland, a lively stable keeper, who was charged with the murder of a child, was taken to jail for twenty hours, has begun a trial against the city for false imprisonment, laying his damages at \$500,000.

Not Heredon Desired Inmate.

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BOOMERS IN DROVES

Swarming For Claims in the New Oklahoma.

THE GRAND RUSH TO-MORROW.

Those Who Want County Seats Must Enter On Foot.

An Interesting Story of the Grand Rush to the Oklahoma Territory.

When the Signal is Given—Thousands of Boomers Will Be on the Ground.

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THE MURDER OF FATHER MARTIN.

His Slayer Is Innocent, But This May Not Be Proven.

MARTIN, April 18.—The indictment at Angelos over the assassination of Father Martin is still intense, and although it is now fully known that the murderer is innocent, it is feared that the enraged people will attempt to take him to the authorities and put him to death in some horrible and shocking manner.

The crime undoubtedly has not a parallel in the history of Spain.

The Reverend Father, the priest at that place, was performed the Good Friday services with all the solemnity that is due to the occasion.

A large throng of worshippers was present. The Reverend Father had reached a most solemn point in the service, when suddenly a cry of warning was heard from the audience.

The warning was addressed to the priest, but before the good father could turn to save himself from the threatened danger, a man was upon him, sword in hand.

The murderer made a fearful blow at the head of the priest, but the blow was deflected by the priest's head.

Then, while the worshippers were still gazing on the scene, the murderer repeated the blow, his blood gushing on the floor.

Just as the people were recovering from the shock of the crime, the murderer turned toward them and fired several shots.

One bullet struck a woman's head, and another bullet wounded a man's head.

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