

MANY PILGRIMS WILL VISIT THE ETERNAL CITY

Extensive Program Planned in Connection With the Celebration of Constantine's Victory. Illness of His Holiness May Prevent Him From Taking Part in the Services---Pomp and Spectacular Display of a Magnificent Order is Promised

Rome, March 29—Thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the globe are assembled in this city to witness the opening of the series of celebrations which the Vatican has arranged to commemorate the sixteenth centennial of the proclamation of the edict of Milan, known as the Peace of Constantine, which marked the Christianization of the Roman government. On the surface this celebration, which will extend over the whole year, is supposed merely to be a fitting remembrance of the adoption by the Emperor Constantine, following his victory over the pagan General, Maxentius, just outside of Rome, of Christianity as the official religion of the State. No secret, however, is made of the fact that back of the celebration are two other motives. In the first place this commemoration is intended as a protest of the Vatican against the celebration by Italy two years ago of the fiftieth anniversary of its unification, a celebration which was given to the Vatican, because it commemorated an event by which the Vatican was deprived of its temporal power.

To celebrate the anniversary of the unification of Italy the government had arranged exhibitions on a magnificent scale at Rome and at Turin, but owing to the outbreak of the war with Turkey the prevalence of a cholera epidemic and other unfortunate conditions the celebration proved a failure and attracted but few visitors to Italy. One of the motives in arranging the "Constantine Year" celebration by the Vatican was to prove to the world how much greater is the temporal power of the Vatican than that of the Italian government. Judging from the number of pilgrims already assembled here and the many thousands who are either on their way to Rome or have made their plans to visit the city at some time during the celebration year, the Vatican bids fair to make a good showing. Although the commemorative celebrations planned will all be held in this city, some of the principal anniversaries will be observed by Roman Catholic churches throughout the world.

The illness of the Pope will probably prevent him from taking part in

the services and ceremonies scheduled to take place within the precincts of the Vatican, but there will be enough pomp and spectacular display of a magnificent order to satisfy even the most exacting sightseeing visitors. Should the condition of the pontiff improve he may, by his presence, lend greater importance to the religious ceremonies in the Vatican to be held in April. The traditions of the Church will, of course, exclude the Pope from all celebrations held outside of the Vatican precincts.

The series of commemorative celebrations will begin tomorrow with a solemn Eucharistic procession, proceeding from the Catacombs of Saint Domitilla to those of Saint Callixtus and then to the church and catacombs of Saint Sebastian where a Te Deum will be sung and the blessed sacrament administered to the pilgrims.

From April 6 to 13, inclusive, a solemn Octave will be celebrated at the Church of Saint John Lateran with exposition of the "Acheropita." During the Octave the mornings will be set apart for the reception of pilgrims of Young Men's Christian Associations, Arch Confraternities, Congregations and religious orders; with a sermon every afternoon by a bishop and benediction by a cardinal, culminating in a Pontifical High Mass on April 13, celebrated by a cardinal in the presence of the Pontifical court, the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See and the high dignitaries of the Church in Rome.

On April 20 there will be a solemn commemoration at Saint Peter's on the same scale of magnificence as the Feast of the Prince of Apostles, with the exposition of the relics of the Passion of our Saviour, which are kept at Saint Peter's.

On April 27 there will be a celebration and Pontifical Mass at the Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Paul on the Ostian Way. May 2, 3 and 4 there will be Pontifical Masses in the Church of Saint Croce in Jerusalem and on the night of May 4 an immense electric cross will be inaugurated on Monte Cavo, eighteen miles from Rome.

THE WORLD'S NEWS

IN SHORT METRE

New York, March 29—The flood situation in Ohio much improved and loss of life much less than reported. Officials of railroads claim that they will have everything running in schedule in a few days.

Ex-President McCrea of Penna. Railroad died last night in Philadelphia. Germany's army budget \$262,500,000 or \$11,250,000 increase over previous years.

C.P.R. February net \$2,520,069 increase \$136,202.

A NEW RECTOR

An Amherst correspondent of the Globe writes:—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dibblee arrived in the city a few days ago, and for the present are the guests of Professor and Mrs. C. M. Wright. Mr. Dibblee will enter into his work as rector of Christ Church on Sunday. He is a native of Woodstock, N. B., and comes to Amherst with a long record of useful and successful service in other fields and is accorded a hearty welcome by the people of all denominations.

POTATOES HIGHER

There has been a slight advance in the price of potatoes during the past week. Shippers are now offering sixty cents per barrel for them.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of Steel plants in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are idle due to floods.

LATE MISS ALINA SMITH

The funeral of the late Miss Alina Smith of Keswick took place at two o'clock this afternoon. Interment was made at Keswick.

THIS MORNING'S FIRE

A burning chimney at the home of Mr. H. L. Alcorn, at 8:45 this morning gave the firemen a run. There was no damage.

BROKE HIS LEG

Mr. William F. Anderson, son of Mr. Robert Anderson of Kingsclear, who is in the employ of a firm of railway contractors is now in the hospital at Bickerdike, Alberta, suffering from a broken leg. The accident befell him while at work a short time ago.

BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Angus McKinnon of Woodbine, Cape Beaton was burned to death by a fire which destroyed her home a few days ago. She was a woman eighty years of age and was all alone in the House at the time.

WILL RETIRE

Mrs. Hatt who has been conducting a boarding house for some time in the Lemont house on Campbell Street, intends retiring from business on May 1st.

LMALL COUNTRY MARKET

The week-end market today was small and not a great variety of produce was offered. Prices showed little difference from those of last week.

DAYTON IS FLOODED OUT

Death Toll is not as Large as Was at First Reported

Thousands of People are Still Imprisoned in the Upper Floors of Their Homes

West Dayton, Ohio, March 28—Members of the United States life saving crew of Louisville, who navigated along sections of flooded Dayton heretofore unexpected, returned today at noon, reporting conditions in north Dayton and Riverdale quite as deplorable as the first estimates concerning the suffering of the people. They, however, failed to verify that there had been a tremendous death toll in that section.

The north Dayton privation among the marooned has been severe, but actual suffering, except among children, was negligible. Cruising the southern end of Riverdale, where it was feared there would be found a big death list, Captain Gillhooly, in charge of the crew, reported conditions paralleling those in other sections of the stricken city, but only two dead bodies were reported to him as having been recovered from that district. The flooded territory in Riverdale, which is a section of substantial home owners, approximately is seven blocks long and seven blocks wide.

THOUSANDS STILL MAROONED

After having descended the Miami river Captain Gillhooly reported that in the south central section of Dayton, where the flood flowed wildest on Tuesday night and Wednesday, thousands of persons still were imprisoned in upper floors of their homes. He stated that from numerous inquiries among the people whose residences had been inundated it appeared the life loss would not be nearly so large as it was placed by first reports.

This section still was flooded although the water was rapidly receding, and while a few corpses eddied out, yet in the centre of the area it was stated that only two bodies had been seen.

Assisted by a representative of the Associated Press, Captain Gillhooly and his men distributed food and quantities of drinking water to a large number of the flood's prisoners.

While the Louisville life savers were making their cruise, Captain H. A. Hanson and a crew of life-savers from the Cleveland station were operating a number of boats in the heart of North Dayton, where a condition of veritable chaos exists. It was in that section in which the lives of many of the poorer classes were sacrificed. Few of the buildings were substantial, and when the fury of the Miami and Mad rivers floods combined in a seething maelstrom, dozens of the residences succumbed.

Two representatives of the Associated Press made a trip into the heart of north Dayton during the forenoon and saw more than a score of frame buildings upturned and shattered long distances from where they originally had stood.

Columbia, Ohio, March 28—Coroner Benkert, after a trip through the West Side this afternoon, estimated that the total death list in that section would reach two hundred. Of the fifty bodies recovered at that time, twenty were at the temporary morgue, thirteen at the state hospital, eight at the Hilltop engine house and the balance in the process of disentanglement from debris in backwaters.

EIGHTEEN DEAD AT CHILLICOTHE

Chillicothe, Ohio, March 28—First authentic information regarding loss of life shows that eighteen persons are dead. Already eleven bodies have been taken from the wreckage of homes in the east end, where many railroad men live. With field glasses seven more bodies were today discovered hanging on the Kilgore bridge three miles south of here, but it has been impossible to recover them.

Conditions are much improved, the light plant having been able to resume service and the water supply is also adequate. The estimated damage to property is one million dollars. Clearing of the wreckage has begun.

WOODSTOCKERS ENTHUSIASTIC

Active Steps Have Been Taken to Boost the Up River Town

Editor Lynott of the Sentinel Appointed Publicity Agent---C. P. R. Freight Rates Discussed

(Special to The Mail)

Woodstock, N. B., Mar. 29—The Woodstock board of trade has settled down to work in earnest and already the efforts are beginning to show good results. A meeting last night in the town hall was largely attended by the manufacturers and merchants of the town and all are enthusiastic over the outlook. A. D. Holyoke chairman of the publicity committee, reported that they had outlined a plan of advertising extending through Canada, the United States and Europe, recommended that S. L. Lynott editor of the Carleton Sentinel, be appointed publicity agent. The report was received by the board and the recommendation adopted.

The matter of grounds for the agricultural society was also considered and a resolution adopted asking the trustees of the J. W. Connell estate to sell to the association twenty acres of land on Connell Park for exhibition purposes. The question of freight rates was discussed at length and it is expected that a meeting with the C.P.R. officials will be held in the near future, when the rates will be readjusted. The rates on many articles is at present exceedingly high that on wood being prohibitive. The board will meet again on Friday evening April 4th.

FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. ALEX STEPHENSON THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alex. Stephenson took place this afternoon at two o'clock from the home of her mother Mrs. Charles Benham, Queen Street, and was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Hicks of Marysville. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were, Charles Boyce, Gordon Hovey, Robert Cairn, Fred Smith, Wm. Gray, Fred Gamble. The mourners were, Alex Stephenson, Harry Stephenson, John Stephenson, Robert Clark.

The flowers were:— Large wreath, family. Flat bouquet, mother and sister. Large wreath, employees of dressing room, Marysville Cotton Mill. Flat bouquet, Mr. J. Miller. Large basket of roses, lilies of the valley and carnations, employees of the beaming room of the Marysville Cotton Mill.

During the service at the house the hymns sung were, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

JAMES BURDEN ESTATE

Letters of administration in the estate of the late James Burden, which was admitted to probate yesterday, have been granted to Isaac E. Burden of Pownal, P. E. I., son of the deceased. The estate is sworn at \$1,500 personal property. Mr. A. R. Slipp is proctor.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

A delegation from the Local Improvement Association waited upon the City Council last night and pressed the claims of the association for a grant. It was decided to give a grant of \$100.

NEW CANCELLATION STAMP

Secretary S. Hooper of the Fredericton Exhibition has obtained permission from the post office department to have the local post office use a cancellation stamp which will print upon mail matter the words: "Fredericton Exhibition, Sept. 15-20, 1913." Owing to a mistake made by the makers who substituted "exhibition" for "exhibition" there is a slight delay in getting the new stamp in use.

ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR PLACED AT \$90,000

Increase of Three Thousand Over That for Last Year---Fixed Charges Show Decrease of About \$2,500---Almost all Departments Have Increased Estimates---Large Assessment for Street Lighting---An Increase of \$1000 in the Police Department

The assessment for the City of Fredericton for the ensuing year was made up by the City Council in committee last night and was placed at \$90,000. This assessment is the largest on record exceeding that of 1912 by \$3,000. It had been thought that this year's assessment would not exceed that of last year, but some items were found to be larger than had been estimated. Considering the demands that have been made upon the treasury of this city it is generally a fact for favorable comment that the assessment is not large.

Fixed charges are reduced by \$2,482.82. An item of \$3,220 for sewerage at the suggestion of Ald. Clark, chairman of the Finance Committee was struck out that department having a revenue which will meet the expense.

ITEMS OF INCREASE

The full legal amount for school, \$21,000, is in the assessment and an additional amount of \$1,000 for sanitary improvements at the High School is placed with it. The grant to the Victoria Public Hospital is increased by \$200 on account of a change made in the means of lighting the dynamo formerly run at the City Pumping Station being done away with. The Water, Justice and Fire Departments each get \$1,000 more. For the Street and Public Works Departments there is an increase of \$500 each. For City Government and Contingencies an increase of about \$800 has been made.

SLIGHT DECREASE

The estimate for the Street Lighting Department is \$500 less than in 1912, when the necessity for extensive repairs made the estimate \$10,000. This year there are also to be extensive repairs and improvements in this department and the expenditure will be heavy. For the Maintenance of Public Health and the Municipal Home the assessment is the same.

A statement of assessment for 1912 and 1913 is as follows:—

	1912	1913
Principal & Int. School Debt.	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00
City Debt	3,460	3,860
Fire Alarm	449.93	paid
Road Plant	224.87	paid
City Hall Imp.	478.88	479.02
Exhibition Debt	294.68	294.72
Shoe Factory	577.80	578.50
Steam Roller	1,080	1,040
Electric Light	800	810
Water Imp.	4,400	4,580
Street	2,200	2,160
Sewerage	3,520	
Water 1912 issue		200
Total Fixed Charges	\$18,266.26	\$15,782.44
Schools	21,000	22,000
Aid to Victoria Hospital	800	1,000
Maintenance Public Health	1,200	1,200
Municipal Home	3,000	3,000
Street Lighting	10,000	9,500
Fire Department	5,500	6,500
Roads, Streets, Bridges	4,500	5,000
Public Works generally	4,500	5,000
Administration Justice	4,000	5,000
Water Department	4,000	5,000
City G't & Contingencie	10,233.74	11,017.56
	\$87,000.00	\$90,000.00

PUBLICITY DEPT. RECEIVES \$2,250 ON MAYOR'S CASTING VOTE

City Council in Deadlock on Matter of Grant But on Re-consideration cut Down Grant Applied for \$250---Ald. Clark Opposed to Publicity Methods for Establishments of Industries---Made Strong Statement on Matter

The City Council in Committee last night after reaching a deadlock on the matter of voting a grant for the purpose of continuing the publicity campaign inaugurated last year voted \$2,250 on reconsideration. The motion was carried on the casting vote of His Worship the mayor, the aldermen all of whom were present dividing 5 to 5 on the question. His Worship explained his action in the matter by stating that the publicity campaign was a matter of importance and that the fruits of what had been done in the year previous would be lost if the campaign were not continued.

Ald. Clark spoke strongly against the methods followed by the Publicity Department as a means for the establishment of industries in Fredericton. Financial support on the part of the people of the city he said was the only means by which industries could be established in Fredericton. Ald. Clark advocated the giving of a grant of \$1000 with an assurance of reasonable assistance in addition when the necessity should

arise. The council was hopelessly divided on the question and the final grant was rather of the nature of a compromise.

HOW DEADLOCK OCCURRED

Ald. Everett moved, when the matter of the grant requested by the Board of Trade for publicity purposes came before the Committee, that the sum named in the application, \$2,500 be granted.

Ald. Farrell seconded the motion stating that on a recent trip to Hamilton and Toronto he had personally observed fruits of Fredericton's publicity campaign.

Ald. Clark moved in amendment that a grant of \$1,000 be given with a proviso that the City Council should support the effort to have industries locate in the city and should supplement the grant mentioned when it should be deemed necessary that more money should be expended.

Ald. Boyce seconded the motion.

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