

The Dead Christ and the Holy Women.



By ANTON VAN DYCK, in the Berlin Gallery.



According to Scripture.

AN EASTER STORY.

FROM the indisputable evidence of the calendar they knew that they had been married just six years Easter—but the recollection brought joy to neither.

Five of the six had alternated abroad, or, when in town, at his club.

She, curiously enough, had never ceased loving him, and had, by her charming personality, won a warm place in his parents' affections, with whom she dwelt.

A mere triviality had separated them. Just at first wounded pride silenced her. But when days merged themselves into years without word or sign, her anguish increased proportionately, so that she came to pass that the wealth of love cemented itself in her bonnie little five-year-old son his father had never seen, though cognizant of his existence.

There were times when she felt an indescribable longing for his presence—then she would summon all her dignity to her aid and strive to overcome it—but our wills are not always under control, and feminine nature is still an unsolvable quantity.

Thus, she decided that concessions, if any, must certainly emanate from her if their embittered lives were ever to be welded into one harmonious whole.

So, like a thorough tactician, she formulated her plans and resolved to storm the citadel. Her anticipation of victory was heightened by the encouraging reports of mutual friends who assured her that his misery exceeded hers—his loneliness in the midst of social distraction more pronounced—and his stubbornness still his besetting sin.

Easter morn with the scent of lilies in the air; the glorious radiant sun lavishing her quivering spears of abundant gold on the fashionable throng promeneading the avenue. And he—irreproachably attired, nodding nonchalantly to passing acquaintances from his point of vantage—allows a shade of annoyance to mar his cynical countenance as an express van suddenly halts in front of this habitat of swiftdom.

But annoyance quickly gives place to consternation as a huge packing case, profusely perforated and handled with solicitous concern by some person—presumably a footman—and a dainty befrilled French maid, whose instantaneous appearance mystified him more than the congregated spectators.

ily limited, he remained in ignorance of the close proximity of a faultlessly appointed automobile. But, consternation in turn gave place to absolute horror as he deciphered his own name in bold lettering upon the case, and realized that it was to be deposited in his apartment.

He had scarcely regained his mental equilibrium, ere his valet, with evident perturbation, announced—but just what he intended to impart was relegated to oblivion, for, following close upon his heels, were the obsequious man and maid servant and between them the obnoxious case.

"If monsieur permits"—but ere monsieur could collect his scattered senses the duo had swiftly and deftly undressed the seemingly clumsy box, and disclosed to view an immense egg elaborately gilded and tied about the centre with a broad satin ribbon.

"Monsieur's Easter gift," announced the maid demurely, adding, "when Monsieur is ready the carriage waits below." Scarce comprehending and certainly unconscious of their exit, he gazed apprehensively at

within that of the astonished elder man, and, with the abandon and confidence of prattling babyhood, lisped, "Me want mamma, oo tum too!" then spying the glistening foil, ejaculated, "want dat, too," suiting the action to the word.

Having gained one point he grew loquacious as to his woolly dog, his chu-chu ears, gran'ma and gran'dad, interlarded with spasmodic attacks of mamma; his attentive listener, albeit a clumsy nurse, was strangely affected by this hum-drum domestic recital until the demands for mamma dominated all else with the exception of a piteous little, "Ise hungry, too."

Then he hastily pressed a button, but in lieu of the valet he expected, the demurely smiling maid awaited with a cry of delight the little fellow sprang into her arms. The maid reluctantly turned toward the door. Suddenly he bounded from her embrace and scampering toward his erstwhile nurse, lisped plaintively, "Oo tum too," with an irresistible but familiar little gesture.

The man flushed dully, hesitated,

Actor Loses Presence of Mind at Hotel Fire.

Chester, Pa.—In an effort to escape being burned to death, John Conly, a comedian, of the "Vanity Fair" company, was instantly killed by jumping from a third story window of the Arcade Hotel, in this city, where the theatrical company was staying. The flames broke out on the first floor of the building and cut off the escape of all the members of the company.

Firemen were on the scene before the flames gained much headway, and rescued all the occupants of the hotel except Conly, who seemed to have lost his presence of mind and jumped from the window, despite the warnings of the firemen. Mrs. Watson, also a member of the company, was burned severely. She is in a hospital in a serious condition.

BOY MURDERER EXECUTED.

Frank Furlong Killed His Aunt While Befriending Him in Her Home.

Ossining, N. Y.—Frank Furlong, known as the "boy murderer," was put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison, N. Y.

Furlong, who was only twenty-seven years old, is the second youthful slayer to die in the chair at Sing Sing within eight days. George Granger having been executed previously.

Furlong was the son of a Bronx fireman and was convicted of the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Keeler, at her home, No. 82 East 115th street, in November, 1904. He was a dissipated youth and his aunt frequently befriended him. He had gone to her house and she was preparing a meal for him when he struck her down, beat her to death and robbed her of some jewelry and a small sum of money.

NEW GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO.

Reginald Post, Now in Insular Service, Succeeds Winslow.

Washington, D. C.—Reginald Post, of Bayport, L. I., and a former Assemblyman for that district, has been selected by the President as Governor of the Island of Porto Rico to succeed Governor Beekman Winslow, who is to become an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Post is now Secretary of the Insular Government and is about forty-one years old.

To Erect Skyscraper in Courthouse.

Henry Hornbostel, of New York, is preparing plans for a twenty-story building to be erected within the square inside of the courthouse at Pittsburg. The work of construction will go on without disturbing the present structure.

Police Raise Corruption Fund.

J. Aspinwall Dodge said at the legislative hearing in Albany, N. Y., on the Bingham police bill that the police had assessed gamblers \$750 a piece for a corruption fund to defeat the bill.

UTILITIES COMMISSIONS WOULD HAVE MUCH POWER

Governor Hughes' Views Carried Out in Drastic Bill.

SWEEPING CONTROL OF ROADS

Present Commissions' Functions Taken by State and New York City Boards—Franchises Restricted—10 Men at \$10,000.

Albany, N. Y.—Immense powers of regulation and supervision of street and steam railways, express companies, sleeping car companies, freight companies, gas pipe line companies and gas and electric corporations are lodged in the two public service commissions created in the Public Utilities act drafted along the lines of the recommendation of Governor Hughes by Senator Page, of New York City, and Assemblyman Merritt, of St. Lawrence County.

There is provided one commission for New York City and one for the remainder of the State. Each is to be composed of five members. Each member is to receive \$10,000 a year. The New York City commission is vested with all the powers of the present Rapid Transit Commission and with many additional ones, including sweeping powers over all the railroads and common carriers operating exclusively in that district and over those portions of other railroads inside the lines of the city and also over all the gas and electric corporations.

Both passenger fares and freight rates may be regulated by the two commissions in their respective jurisdictions. The new commissions have power to compel adequate service. Mergers are prohibited unless consented to by the commissions. Present holding of public service corporation stock by stock companies is not prohibited, but no new holding companies are to be permitted.

The penalties for disobeying the mandates of the commissions range from \$1000 to \$5000 fines, while officers and employees are to be guilty of a misdemeanor. Private suits for damages by injured parties also may be maintained. Shippers, as well as the corporation employees may be adjudged guilty of misdemeanors for violating any parts of the act.

The worst fears of the corporations are realized in the details of the bill, and they are arranging for a battle that will be memorable in the history of the State Capitol. Many great fights have been waged by the corporations here for many years, but those contests will be pigmies alongside the colossal conflict that is now impending.

Governor Hughes went over the bill, is familiar with every section of it, and it has his approval. The corporations do not know just yet how to fight the Governor. He is the uncertain element in the calculations they have made. It is pointed out that all the other States are watching New York's lead in the war to make the corporations treat the public right, and that if this State is successful there will be similar successful fights against the corporations in all the other States. So it is hinted that public corporations outside the Empire State will find it worth their while to join in the fight here and crush out the movement in its inception.

RUSSIAN MONARCHISTS LOSE

The Duma Elected a Democratic President by a Heavy Vote.

Riot Follows Dispersal of Body, Troops Charging the People—Determined Struggle is Due.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Feodore Golovine, Constitutional Democrat, president of the Moscow provincial zemstvo, was elected president of the lower house of the Duma. He received 331 votes on the first ballot. The candidate of the Right (the Government party), Khomiakoff, received only ninety-one votes.

An enormous crowd gathered outside the Taurida Palace, where the lower house of the Duma sits, to greet the members of the new Duma as they arrived. Cheers, mingled with cries of "Amnesty!" were raised as the deputies entered the palace, the approaches to which were guarded by police and troops. Finally the troops were ordered to disperse the crowd.

There was a brief riot after the Duma had dispersed. Two of the revolutionaries received dangerous sabre wounds. The news spread and revolutionaries, students and workmen gathered in thousands near the university.

M. Golubeff, vice-president of the council of the empire, formally opened the Duma. The Secretary of State read the imperial ukase which convened the assembly. The Social Democrats did not attend the opening ceremony, but afterward took the oath. The budget estimates for 1907 were introduced by Finance Minister Kokovtsov. It was accompanied by a memorandum which placed the war expenditures up to January 1 of this year at \$1,299,000,000, and showed that the revenue during 1906 exceeded the expenditures by more than \$15,000,000.

The first test vote was taken on the final ratification of the president's election. The oppositional parties combined their votes and cast 356 for the Constitutional Democrat Golovine, whom the Laborites and Peasants had previously agreed to support. The Government parties cast 102 votes for Khomiakoff.

The Duma separated in good order, the parties of the Left going in conference to arrange how to force the question of the abolition of summary court martials and the granting of amnesty to political offenders.

This experience confirms the belief that since the dissolution of the first Duma the Russian people have learned more than the Government.

VOTES FOR DISESTABLISHMENT.

Disenfranchisement in England and Wales Approved by 198 to 90.

London.—A resolution in favor of the disestablishment and disenfranchisement of the Church in both England and Wales was adopted by 198 votes to 90 in the House of Commons. This resolution does not commit the Government, but the debate upon it was interesting on account of a statement made by Augustine Birrell, the Chief Secretary for Ireland. Mr. Birrell said he failed to see how the continuance of the established Church could be justified. The Church had done the State no good, and the State had done the Church only harm. Personally, Mr. Birrell said, he believed that disestablishment, far from harming the Church as a spiritual body, would restore it to a position of spiritual authority throughout the land. The Government's hands, however, were already too full to assume any responsibility in the matter.

This is the first time in its history that the House of Commons has adopted such a resolution. The only previous time a similar resolution was presented to a division was in May, 1871, and it was then rejected by a large majority.

N. Y. CENTRAL FOUND GUILTY.

Coroner Holds President and Directors Responsible For Wreck.

New York City.—President Newman and the directors of the New York Central Railroad were held responsible by Coroner Schwann for the wreck which sent twenty-two persons to death on the Brewster Express, near 201st street, in the Bronx, on the night of February 16.

The decision of the Coroner, based upon a verdict of the jury that the railroad lawyers had at first hailed as a practical victory, compels President Newman and the directors of this road to appear and give bonds just like any other offender.

Here is the full list of the directors: President, William H. Newman; directors, George F. Baker, Samuel F. Barger, George G. Bowdoin, Chas. C. Clarke, Chauncey M. Depew, Darius O. Mills, J. P. Morgan, William Rockefeller, James Stillman, Hamilton McKay Twombly, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, William K. Vanderbilt.

Will Receive Tainted Money.

General Booth, head of the Salvation Army, who arrived from England, wants \$5,000,000 for his work, saying he does not care if it is tainted.

Congressmen Visit Panama.

Speaker Joseph Cannon and a party of members of Congress sailed from New York for the West Indies and Panama.

Saved From Insane Kidnaper.

At Prescott, Ariz., Miss Burr, daughter of a wealthy Philadelphian, was rescued by a posse, after being gagged by an insane man and left in a gorge. He evidently was seeking a ransom.

Bequest to Museum.

The will of the late Stephen Salisbury, of Worcester, leaving \$3,000,000 to the Worcester Art Museum, has been sustained by the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

EXPLOSION SHAKES 3 STATES

Spark Sets Off Dynamite at Hudson Tunnel in Homestead, N. J.

Shock is Felt Severely in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut—Many Thought It an Earthquake.

New York City.—Rigid investigation has been begun for the purpose of fixing the responsibility for the remarkable dynamite magazine explosion which shortly after midnight wayed New York City to its foundations and spread a tremor through three States.

It occurred near the portal of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, at Homestead, N. J., a small village in the township of North Bergen, a mile and a half back from the face of the Palisades. Following the hard rock strata, the vibrations wrecked many light structures near the scene of the accident and broke hundreds of plate glass windows in Union Hill. Spreading fanlike eastward and northeast, they awakened thousands from their slumbers in the metropolis and in outlying suburbs of Long Island and Connecticut, nearly 100 miles distant, yet were not felt in the populous communities to the west across the Hackensack Meadows.

One watchman has not been seen since the explosion, and there are reports that portions of a human body were seen by one of the farmers in the neighborhood. Only four persons were officially reported as injured. The terrific detonation, the fact that the men in the tunnel were at the time changing shifts and the great damage done to property caused the reports to spread that there had been a great loss of life. These rumors, however, proved to be unfounded. The missing and injured are: Missing—George Johnson, general night watchman, fifty years old, lived in Fulton street, Bergenline avenue, Union Hill, N. J. Injured—Felice Malberti, nineteen years old, Homestead; face and chest lacerated by fragments of glass; taken to North Hudson Hospital; Henri Malberti, seven years old; face and hands cut; North Hudson Hospital; Josephine Malberti, twenty-four years old; face and arms lacerated by fragments of glass and splinters; North Hudson Hospital; Antonio Matchek, forty years old, watchman of magazine; found unconscious, suffering from bruising and shock; North Hudson Hospital.

Although many buildings near Homestead were wrecked some that were close to where the magazine was exploded escaped unscathed, and the most serious effects were noted more than a mile away from the spot.

This was due to peculiar geological formations as well as to the vagaries of air concussion. The structures which surround the mouth of the Pennsylvania tunnel are built mostly on a marsh beneath which are thirty to forty feet of red Jersey clay. Their location is just beyond the long ridge of rock which ends abruptly at the Hudson River in the Palisades, and through which the bore is being driven.

The magazine was a wooden shanty ten feet square. It rested on bog land.

To keep the dynamite from freezing the employees had warmed the repository with steam pipe, which was led from the power house, 100 yards distant. The effects of the upheaval were violent enough in some parts of the reservation. The magazine went up in the air and the only trace of it which has been found so far consists of two bits of charred board. It left a bowl shaped excavation ten feet deep and twenty-five in width.

SENATOR SPOONER RESIGNS.

The End of His Term Precipitates Contest in Wisconsin.

Washington, D. C.—Great surprise was occasioned by the declaration of Senator John C. Spooner that he had sent his resignation as United States Senator from Wisconsin to the Governor of his State, to take effect on May 1. With remarkable frankness Spooner, in his letter of resignation, admits that he gives up the honorable position of Senator to gain wealth for himself, supposedly in the practice of law in behalf of the corporations and railroads for which he has been a leading exponent during his entire service in the highest legislative chamber.

Beginning as a lobbyist for the railroads in Madison, Wisconsin's capital, Spooner never wandered far from the line of their interests. It is known also that since he came to the Senate he drew the articles of incorporation of the United States Steel Company, or "Steel Trust," and has been an agent of other corporate interests.

FIVE CARS ROLL OFF BANK.

Three Killed on Grand Trunk Line—The 150 Passengers All Hurt.

Toronto, Canada.—The Grand Trunk Railway passenger train leaving Toronto at 1 o'clock p. m., left the track two hours later three miles west of Guelph and the five coaches went topsy turvy over a seventy-five-foot embankment. In all, 150 passengers were on board the train.

Three were killed and practically every one of the rest was more or less injured. The dead are Charles Rankin, of Stratford, a well known hockey player, who was married only a week ago; ex-Mayor Donahue, of Stratford, and the three-year-old child of H. C. Walker, of Peterboro.

Europe Needs Foods.

An English statistician estimated that the importing countries would require at least 60,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour from the United States during the next four months.

Woman Gets Five Years For Forgery.

Miss Ellen Puckett, formerly an employe in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., who had pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery, was sentenced by Justice Bernard to serve five years in the penitentiary. Miss Puckett was charged with obtaining money by forging mortgages on property which she did not own.

Great Coal Co. Sued.

The Kelly Coal Company, at Danville, Ill., producing about 2,000,000 tons annually, has been sold for \$4,000,000.

BITS OF NEWS

WASHINGTON.—The United States Government sued Mesmin & Co., of Paris and New York, for \$500,000, alleging undervaluations of imported dress fabrics.

Secretary Taft made plans to go to the Isthmus to see whether the Gatun dam is practicable; if not the sea-level plan must be adopted.

President Roosevelt decided to appoint Senator J. C. Blackburn, of Kentucky, a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Central American republics have been asked to report to the State Department at Washington any violations of neutrality with reference to the war between Nicaragua and Honduras.

Two veto messages of House bills were received from the President in the House, one of them against the Klowa Pasture Townsite bill and the other against a bill for the relief of a civilian who served in the Civil War.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that trained or performing animals imported for use or exhibition in theatres or menageries are entitled to free entry under bond.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The Japanese training squadron, which has been visiting Honolulu, has sailed for Hilo, where the officers will make a trip to the volcano.

Plans of Cuban grafters were foiled by President Roosevelt's approval of the purchase of buildings used by the Cuban Government.

The Philippine Commission will move from the capital to Baguio for the hot season. Governor Smith is to leave Manila.

At San Juan, Porto Rico, the Legislative Assembly adopted the bill providing for the abolition of the death penalty, thus saving the lives of several persons who were awaiting execution.

Right Rev. W. A. Jones was consecrated Bishop of Porto Rico.

Three hundred Liberals, instead of the thousands expected, took part in the cock fight demonstration in Havana, Cuba.

DOMESTIC.

A tornado almost destroyed the town of Washington, Ark., killing two negroes and injuring several other persons.

D. F. Meetez, a Federal agent, began the work of verifying all naturalization papers held by Government and city employes in New York City.

Anti-suicide bureaus were opened by the Salvation Army in all the principal cities, to save from self-destruction the despondent sick and impoverished.

Henry W. Conner, president of the new Louisiana Jockey Club and prominent in Cotton and Stock Exchange circles, died in New Orleans.

Sixty-eight cases of freemasonry for Nicaragua and Honduras held up at New Orleans by Federal officers have been released.

The Indiana House of Representatives passed a bill appropriating \$5000 for the statue of General Lew Wallace, to be placed in Statuary Hall at Washington.

General Grant explained his Philadelphia speech in which he was reported to have criticised the President.

Myron J. Hazeltine, a chess authority, died in Thornton, N. H., eighty-two years old.

Joachim Nabuco, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, told the Liberal Club in Buffalo, N. Y., that Pan-Americanism meant peace among the American nations.

Dr. L. W. Bliss, brother of A. T. Bliss, late Governor of Michigan, died from heart disease at San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Bliss was born in 1836 in Madison County, New York.

Governor Terrell, of Georgia, appointed Senator A. O. Bacon United States Senator for the ad interim term.

Wisconsin has appropriated \$25,000 for a Jamestown Exposition display.

FOREIGN.

Finland refuses to aid Russia in arresting revolutionary suspects.

King Edward conferred upon daughter Princess Henry the Order of the Bath.

Santo Domingo is reported satisfied with the treaty.

Khorassan Governor, accused of connivance in the sale of Persian children, has been dismissed.

Constitutional Democrats assert that they will hold the balance of power in the Russian Duma.

Russian troops evacuated Tshitshar, and Chinese garrison advanced to the city.

The general feeling of alarm over the increase of crime in France was echoed by an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies.

The British naval estimates provided for the building of one battleship less if "an understanding between the naval powers is reached at The Hague Conference."

Seventeen persons condemned by court-martial for participating in the recent rising at Tukum, Russia, were shot.

Unionists captured the Brig division of Lincolnshire for the first time since 1894.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has published an article giving his reasons against objections to discussing the question of limitation of armaments at the next peace conference.

The Italian Minister of Public Instruction announced that Italy would carry on the excavations at Herculaneum without foreign aid.

Rosina Brandram, who was principal contralto of the Savoy Theatre, London, is dead.

Five Constitutional Democrats and one Radical were returned to the Russian Parliament from St. Petersburg.

The Paris Matin declares the documents seized in the Papal Nunciature, in Paris furnish irrefutable proof that the Vatican was guilty of interference in the affairs of France.

The Italian Government ordered the sequestration of the rest of the Van Dyck painting, several of which were recently sold to Mr. Morgan.

The Vatican issued another statement, saying that the documents seized at the Nunciature in Paris had been misrepresented, and denouncing the action of the French Government.

The Japanese cruisers Tsukuba and Chitose left Yokohama for Jamestown, to take part in the naval review there.

The Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, Yang Tcheng, has recommended that the Chinese Government send officers to Germany to study the German arsenal service.

MADONNA

ELAINE GOODALE EASTMAN

Illustrated by Squire-Mars

The Child is the Future incarnate—
A Spirit unfallen and free—
The spotless forerunner of manhood—
The type of a race that shall be.
Oh, white is the soul new-created,
By the prayer of a mortal beguiled,
And the holiest thing under heaven
Is the innocent heart of a Child!

And yet to no eye save the Mother's
Life's difficult secret is plain;
She has sounded the depths of Creation—
She has passed through the furnace
of Pain;

Her soul is the soul of a Virgin,
By the passions of earth undefiled,
And the angels in heaven do homage
To the Mother adoring her Child!

—Harper's Bazar.

the novel gift—this chef-d'oeuvre—then gingerly approached, while conflicting thoughts spread through his brain.

Upon close inspection, however, perceiving numerous perforations, he felt greatly relieved, and, under the impression that some eccentric friend had presented him with a rara avis, he proceeded to untie the knot of ribbon.

Instantly the egg parted—disclosing a satin-lined nest in which reposed the sweetest, chubbiest miniature of himself. The little man was arrayed in a middy suit, and the jaunty gold-lettered cap had slipped back, revealing a glistening mass of sunny curls.

One tightly clinched hand held a sadly battered woolly dog.

Drowsily, sleepily, the big brown eyes opened.

Unabashed, and with perfect unconcern, he clambered from his bizarre abode, and, like a lesson well learned, placed his dimpled hand

then, as the insistent "tum-tum" became more clamorous, suddenly discovered an involuntarily caress, gathered him in his arms and paced the apartment with uncertain steps.

Halting before the wide window he perceived for the first time the waiting automobile.

The child evidently recognized it, too, for a joyous gurgle escaped him—"Tum-tum wif me," he pleaded eagerly. The man glanced sharply about—the maid had noiselessly disappeared. Straining the child closely to his breast, he showered burning caresses upon the wide-eyed, wondering little face. Then, hurriedly, as if fearing a revulsion of feeling, he donned his outer apparel and softly departed, holding the little one close, its gleeful laughter echoing strangely through the lofty corridor and she—watching, waiting, catches a glimpse of two happy faces—murders tremulously, "Verily, a little child hath led him."—Buffalo Evening Times.

