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GREAT EASTER CROWD AT ATLANTIC CITY

Big Hotels Had to Turn Hundreds Away and the Boardwalk Parade To-day Will Break the Record

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ATLANTIC CITY, April 14.—Easter Sunday, 1900, will ever be a thing of the past, but the memory of it will live for at least another twelvemonth. For to-morrow will mark an epoch in the history of Atlantic City. With all that has been said or written about "the biggest season on record," with all the booming of the City-by-the-Sea as a winter and spring resort, the actual conditions existing to-day have not been a whit overdrawn. There are a number of hotels which have every room crowded with guests to-night, and, indeed, there have been many people disappointed in securing the accommodations they hoped to find, everything having been engaged at their favorite hotel long before their arrival. In all several hundred people have been turned away from the first hotels at which they sought shelter and compelled to go to other houses with which they were not so familiar. Some of these people had quite a long search before they finally found themselves located, but that was mainly because they were hard to please. The majority seized upon the first accommodations that offered and were soon housed, somewhere and some how, but almost invariably in a comfortable manner.

This over-crowded condition of the hotels during the Easter holidays has been foreseen for some time, but not until this week did any one realize that the crowding would be as great as it really was. Early in the week, however, it was seen that the more popular hotels would be by no means able to accommodate all who were sending in applications for rooms, and arrangements were made with the smaller, but, in many cases equally desirable houses, to take care of the overflow. This has been done most satisfactorily, so that, although Atlantic City is crowded as neither it nor any other resort was ever before crowded at Eastertide, all of the thousands of visitors are being taken care of in a manner that will make each and every one of them forever a friend of the place.

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If the splendid weather which has been the rule during the past couple of weeks continues to-morrow, there will be an immense throng of promenaders on the boardwalk. The Easter Sunday parade of fashion has become one of the leading features of the spring season, and its importance this year will be commensurate with the size of the visiting crowd. If present indications are any criterion the boardwalk will be scarcely large enough to hold all who will wish to take part in this great annual function, either participants or spectators. It is safe to say that there is not a single person here who will not make his or her appearance on the Boardwalk to-morrow, if that person is able to walk, ride or be carried out of doors; for a visit to Atlantic City at Easter time would be incomplete without an hour or two of mingling with the brilliant throng on that wall make the beach front a prototype of the most fashionable promenades of the large cities.

Next week many of these Easter visitors will doubtless take their departure, but the number of rooms engaged at the various hotels indicates that there will still be plenty of life here, even during the usually rainy dull month of May. The post-Lenten exodus this year is likely to be much smaller than usual, and arrangements have been made to continue the concerts, dances and other social entertainments at the hotels during the entire spring season.

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The annual rumor that President McKinley is contemplating a visit to this place has made its appearance with the familiarity of an old acquaintance, but just how much foundation it has must be decided by the future alone. Captain James S. Edwards and Louis D. Wine, of Washington, the latter of whom is said to be a close friend of the President, were guests at the Seaside House early in the week, and it is reported that they propose trying to induce Mr. McKinley to run down for at least a few days next month. He is understood to be favorably disposed, having frequently discussed the attractions of the resort with his brother, Congressman McKinley, who is a frequent visitor here, and his favorite niece, Miss Mabel McKinley, who has also passed many holiday days at the shore. President McKinley partially made arrangements to come here a couple of years ago, but his plans were put all awry by the breaking out of the Spanish-American war and he was unable to leave Washington for any extended vacation. But it is hoped that nothing will interfere this spring. If the President does decide to pay a visit to the Brighton of America this year he will be assured of a hearty welcome.

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When the members of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association come to this place on May 24, at the close of their convention in Philadelphia, they will find that excellent preparations have been made for their entertainment by the local hotel men, acting in conjunction with the Philadelphia committee. The party, which will number about 600 persons, will be brought down from Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in a special train, and will be taken back by the Reading Railway two days later. The program of their first day here will include a banquet at the Hotel Windsor, a drive, a promenade on the Boardwalk, a sail from the Inlet and a reception and vaudeville show at the Brighton Casino in the evening. On the second day the party will visit the grounds and golf links of the Country Club of Atlantic City, at Northfield. On their return they will attend special concerts on the piers, followed by a smoker at the Windsor and a reception for the ladies of the party at the Hotel Dennis in the evening. The majority of the party will return to Philadelphia on the following morning, en route for their homes, but it is expected that quite a number of them will decide on a longer sojourn here.

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A full-fledged "Zoo" on the Boardwalk is a novelty that has attracted the attention of visitors this week. The menagerie is located in a large building near Missouri avenue, and in addition to the usual aggregation of beasts of the forest there are a number of trained animals which give a really good exhibition. The "Zoo" is directed by Frank C. Bostock, a well-known animal trainer.

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A large number of Philadelphians came down in the early part of the week to witness the initial performance of "Mr. Aguinaldo," the Mask and Wig Club's newest burlesque, to-night. This year's play is fully up to the standard set by the famous Mask and Wiggers in past years. It is full of catchy music, and the local hits introduced are all thoroughly up to date. The club's prestige will certainly not suffer by this year's performance. The University boys will make things hum here during their brief stay in town. Next Monday evening the combined glee, banjo and mandolin clubs of the University will give one of their inimitable concerts here, the advance sale of tickets indicating that the patronage will be very large. Last evening the University basket ball team began a series of games with the local club on Young's Pier.

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Changes among the beach front hotels are not frequent, except when a new house is erected, but an important change has just taken place at one of the old established boatefies. The familiar name of Dew's Hotel has disappeared, but the hotel itself is still there, being now conducted under the name of Hotel Tarlton. The hotel has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best in the city, and this reputation will be fully maintained by the new proprietors. The Tarlton, which is located directly on the Boardwalk at Illinois avenue, is thoroughly modern in every respect, and is equipped with all conveniences. Dew's famous hot and cold sea water baths are still attached. The hotel will be now conducted by the Tarlton Hotel Company, with H. L. Bayley as manager. Mr. Bayley is an experienced hotel man, who has been connected with some of the leading hotels of the country.

The Hotel Boscobel, on Kentucky avenue near the beach, is one of the busiest houses on that busy thoroughfare. The Boscobel is kept open all winter, and enjoys an excellent patronage during the entire year. It is handsomely furnished and provided with all modern conveniences, such as steam heat, electric lights, etc. The owner, A. E. Marion, has successfully conducted the house for a number of years.

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Among the many enjoyable entertainments of the week was an impromptu euchre given at the Westminster on Wednesday evening, under the management of the Misses McLarney and Finney, of New York. The four bansoune prizes were awarded to Mrs. P. McGee, of Pittsburg; Miss Isabel Finley, of New York; Peter McGee and James E. McLarney, of New York. Among the players were Mrs. P. McGee, James E. McLarney, Miss Isabel Finley, Miss McLarney, Peter McGee, Miss K. A. Condon, Miss M. Moore, C. Gallagher, Miss M. Morrison, Miss Cusack, Mrs. J. H. Emery, Martin Flaherty, Miss Shannon, Miss Mary Vroom, Miss McKweeney, Miss Costello, Miss Chevins and Miss E. Cusack.

Another delightful euchre was held at the Scarborough the same evening. This affair was managed very successfully by Mrs. E. K. Hoff, of Philadelphia, and Miss Helen C. Clark, of New York. There were eight tables in play, the prizes being awarded as follows: Ladies' first, Miss Florence Holt; second, Mrs. Alfred Wyman. Gentlemen's first, John D. Greaves; second, John A. Muller. Consolation prizes, Miss M. M. Levie and H. S. Kenney.

The Entre Nous Club, an organization composed of a number of the leading young society ladies of this place, gave a dinner at the Hotel Dennis on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Retta Jordan, who is shortly to be married, and who will be the first member of the club to forsake bachelorhood. After the dinner the girls were joined by their gentlemen friends, and dancing was indulged in. The members of the club present were Misses Retta Jordan, Lulu H. Marvel, Gertrude Albertson, Ella Albertson, Minnie Morse, Mary Eckert, Jessie Adams, Elizabeth Conover, Lou Ina Evans, Emeline Evans, Jessie Willetts, Hande Irvin, Reba Cook, Margaret Evans and Sadie Pfeifer.

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The Hotel Stratford, at the ocean end of Kentucky avenue, has been purchased by William H. Stehle & Son, who will open its doors to the public on the first of June. Among the best distinguished visitors at the shore this week is the Countess de Mesnilglaise, from Guatemala, Central America, who arrived here in her private car several days ago, accompanied by her family and retinue, and took quarters at Bleak House for an indefinite stay. Parlors A and B, with a suite of five rooms on the ocean front, were reserved for the party.

A merry party of young ladies who have been making things lively at the Iroquois during the past week, is composed of Miss Josie M. Burnett, Miss J. E. Christopher, Miss Alice Milford, Miss Tillie M. Lackey, Miss Theresa A. Whitaker, Miss Annie C. Bennett, Miss Lizzie G. Taggart, Miss Jeannette Baum, Miss Martha W. Jones and Miss Francesca T. Heim, all of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brownan, prominent residents of Shamokin, Pa., are among the Easter visitors at the Westminster.

Miss Nellie A. Beardsley, Miss H. M. Smith and Miss L. R. Newman are a trio of young society ladies from Brooklyn who have made many friends during their sojourn at the Scarborough.

J. R. Monfort, a member of the Board of Education of New York city, is sojourning at the Albemarle, accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Randell and their daughter, Miss Helen Randell, well known in society circles in Washington, are spending Easter at the Albemarle.

G. Hallinger, a prominent resident of Camden, is at the Iroquois for an indefinite stay, accompanied by his wife and children.

G. P. Reinhard, of Newark, who is quite well known in business circles in that city, is spending the Easter holidays at the Grand Atlantic.

A. B. Martin, of Baltimore, manager of the passenger traffic department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, is spending a few days at the Hotel Dennis.

Robert Crein, a leading business man of Baltimore, is at the Berkshire with his family. They will remain until the first of May.

Frank R. Chester, of Philadelphia, who has just returned from a lengthy visit to Boston, is at the Norwood, where he will remain until after Easter.

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The churches of Atlantic City have all made preparations for great musical programs to-morrow. There are some good choirs and soloists here, and fine music will be heard in the various sanctuaries.

Miss Clara Park, of the Quaker City, is spending a few days at the Ponce de Leon.

Mrs. Thomas Cunningham and her daughter, of Philadelphia, are at the Ponce de Leon for a lengthy visit.

Mrs. John Wilson and Miss Helen H. Wilson were among the Philadelphians on the fair sex to register at the Hotel De Ville yesterday.

William Graham, of Philadelphia, is at the Ponce de Leon for a few weeks.

Miss Bertha and Edith Lambertson are a couple of young ladies well known in Philadelphia society circles who are located at the La Fontaine for the Easter holidays.

I. P. Jacobs, a Quaker City merchant, was at the Pierrepont during the week, accompanied by his wife.

T. B. Wrecken, another Philadelphia business man, who has been at the Pierrepont this week in company with his wife, has decided to remain until after Easter.

William E. Weber, a civil engineer of Philadelphia, spent the week at the Bleak House.

H. M. H. Hopkins, a business man of Buffalo, will remain at the Rudolf until after Easter. He is accompanied by his wife.

C. Adler, one of the largest bankers in the South, is sojourning at the Rudolf until after Easter accompanied by his wife.

James Lewis, a Philadelphia business man, has taken apartments at the Berkshire for the month of April for himself, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Lewis.

Miss Anna L. Ryan and Miss Mary E. Ryan, of Albany, are guests at the Berkshire Inn.

Mrs. P. A. Osbourn, wife of Senator Osbourn, of Philadelphia, who is a guest at the Berkshire Inn, will remain here for an indefinite period.

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The first progressive euchre of the season at the Iroquois was held on Thursday evening. The euchre was followed by a dance. Among the participants were Mr. and Mrs. Urie, Mr. Shaw, Miss Ware, Mr. Biddle, Charles Sproat, Miss Burnett, Miss Christopher, Miss Bennett, Miss Lackey, Miss Taggett, Mrs. Dickerson, Miss Dolph, Miss Milford, Miss Whitaker, Mr. Campbell and J. V. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McDowell, society leaders of Germantown, are at the Shelburne for an extended visit.

The Waldorf-Astoria, the magnificent new hotel on the beach near the foot of Tennessee avenue, has been leased for a term of three years to Harry Bothman, proprietor of the Clayton House, Wilmington, Del.

A party of distinguished Canadians sojourning at the Roman is composed of F. V. Skinner, director of the Canadian Pacific Railroad; J. G. Ogden, assistant general of the same road, and A. F. Rutter, of Toronto.

Dr. George H. Lutz, of Germantown, spent the week at the Chalfonte.

Alexander Potter, a well known insurance man of Philadelphia, is spending a couple of weeks at the Hotel Dennis. He is accompanied by his wife, his son, Dr. James W. Wister and his daughter, Miss Wister.

Recent arrivals from Philadelphia at the leading hotels include the following:

At Hotel Rudolf—Mrs. Mary Atkinson and Miss Sara Burborow, Mrs. George Rushton Howell, of Philadelphia; J. B. Stetz, of Virginia; Mrs. G. G. Crenshaw, Jr., of Baltimore; Miss M. Hopkins, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ogden, of Newark.

At Dennis—Mr. and Mrs. George N. Tindall, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Mary Hallinger, of Philadelphia; H. Hallinger, Mrs. H. G. Hallinger, Willie and Louis Hallinger, of Camden, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Linton, of Baltimore; Jas. H. Dupuy, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ogden Ogden, Miss J. E. Christopher, Alice Milford, Tillie Lackey, Theresa Whitaker, Annie Bennett, Mrs. Lizzie G. Taggart, Miss Jeannette Baum, Miss Francesca T. Heim, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Wanamaker, Jr., Andenreid F. Rex, Jr., Mrs. H. F. Rex, Miss Mary R. H. Schreiner, of Philadelphia; Mrs. H. T. Ogden and daughter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Newton and Miss Emily Newton, of New York City; Mrs. B. M. Prudden and Mrs. H. M. Snyder, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Benjamin Greenwell, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ella Ogden Lycett Mrs. M. B. Dickerson, and Mrs. H. Dolph, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ella E. Keller, Mrs. J. H. Muller, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. E. J. Edwards, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ogden Ogden, N. J.; Mrs. M. E. Southworth and Mrs. J. H. Emery, Martin Flaherty, Miss Shannon, Mrs. Burrows and family, of Philadelphia.

At Rudolf—Mrs. Mary Atkinson, Mrs. Hayheson Burnes, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Leyland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leyland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heimbold, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogden, Miss Nettie and Jeannette Keyser, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvia Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis Fred, Fresh, Miss Florence Bigrs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, Miss Florence Bigrs, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clarence Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Kane Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. William Callahan, Y. T. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Gaunt, Shirle Rogers Taylor, Charles Bloomingdale, Miss Bloomingdale, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden.

Among the social functions of the week at the Rudolf was the euchre and supper party Thursday evening. First ladies' prize was won by Miss Fisher, second ladies' prize by Mrs. Edwin Hay, third by Miss Mamie Taylor. White Elephant prize by Mr. Ogden, first gent's prize Mr. Howard Boyd, second gent's prize Jackson Ogden, third Mr. Hallinger.

EVARD.—H. H. Graham, Mrs. Samuel Reed, Charles Gaffney, Mrs. H. Bonsall, Mrs. H. Bonsall, A. J. Sellers, Mrs. W. H. Cochran, Wm. Bowman, Mrs. Wm. Bowman, Miss Ella Bowman, Mrs. C. Graham, J. A. Maguire, Harry Godey, A. C. Engleman, Mrs. T. Brown, Mrs. H. Brown, Miss Annie K. Brown, Charles G. Brown, Miss Kate Reed and Wm. T. Brown.

HOTEL ESMOND.—H. Peale, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. van Hoesen, James McLean, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, Mrs. J. W. William Lannson, Mrs. A. G. Borden, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. J. F. Pierce, Mrs. Mary Smith Patton, Alex. E. Patton, Jr., Mrs. C. I. Stannard, Mrs. J. R. Thomas.

DE VILLE.—I. V. Tagart, J. H. O'Hara, John Linder, H. M. Hopkins, James H. Rice and wife, Mrs. A. M. Dederer, Miss Caroline Dederer, Miss E. Wallace, Miss Annie Crete, Miss Caroline Hobus, Mrs. J. Bidwell, Miss A. Bidwell, H. S. Walker, Wm. Grey Lansdon, Jr., Mrs. Frank S. Pavnall, Miss Jessie A. Pavnall, J. J. Bassett, Miss Kate A. Byrne, Mrs. A. M. Hewson, Mrs. M. Long, Miss E. Long, Miss Pattersons, Miss Richardson, Miss Ross, Harris, Miss Wolphine Dunkirk, Mrs. E. Fenner, Miss Perley, Miss Ida Noble, Miss Ida Valet, Miss Anna Francis Levitt, Judge and Mrs. John Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Madden, U. S. A., Charles Hansell, Miss C. H. Colby, Miss A. Brown, Miss A. Brown, Mrs. W. L. Betts, Miss J. Betts, Miss J. Betts, Miss Charles Gaffney, Mrs. H. Bonsall, Miss Godey, Miss A. Godfrey, Miss E. Godfrey, Edward A. C. Ritchie, Mrs. T. Roberts Harper, Edward McGaughan, Mrs. J. Tuelin, Miss Margaret Gill, Mrs. J. Brown, Miss Ella Wilson, Miss Ella Wilson, Miss Ella Wilson, Miss Connelly, Miss J. Hitchter, Wilbert Hitchter, Frank M. Ramsey and wife, F. M. Ramsey, A. W. Church and wife, John Scatwood.

WESTMINSTER.—Mr. and Mrs. James Costello, Miss Costello, Miss Mary Costello, Mrs. J. Humphries and wife, Miss Humphries, Mr. Dowdey, Miss F. Fleming, Miss E. Fleming, Jr., Morrison and wife, Miss J. Morrison, F. C. Ingler and wife, Miss Ingler, Miss Gallagher, Miss Kellmurray, M. Brennan, Miss Collins, Miss Kellmurray, Miss Kellmurray, Miss Isabel Bliss, Miss Agnes Bliss, Miss Bliss, Miss Fanny Bliss, Miss Bliss, Miss Bliss, Miss