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President Roosevelt and Congress

A Review of Legislation of General and Particular Interest to Catholics at the last Session of Congress.

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THE RAILROAD RATE BILL.

This measure has been discussed so thoroughly in the daily press that only a passing notice is necessary. The most remarkable features in connection with this particular legislation were the almost unanimous vote of the House in its favor, and the able discussion which followed in the Senate. This discussion really developed into a battle between the constitutional lawyers of that body. Democrats and republicans disagreed among each other as to the particular form of legislation necessary but the President won out in the end, and the bill finally passed in practically in accordance with his views.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

The difficulties encountered in the preliminary work of building the Panama Canal were great. The sanitary conditions had to be improved; machinery and material had to be purchased; the labor problem had to be solved, for it was found that American labor could not be employed in large numbers in that dangerous climate; and the question of a lock or sea level canal had to be decided. All these problems have been disposed of.

THE PURE FOOD BILL.

This much-needed legislation was recommended to Congress by the President toward the close of the session and was passed to the entire satisfaction of the country, with the possible exception of the impure food men.

THE PACKING HOUSE INQUIRY.

The developments in the meat packing investigation showed a bad state of affairs in the packing centers, and furnished another evidence of the President's watchfulness over the interests of the people. The original report was made by Prof. Neil, of the Catholic University, and Labor Commissioner.

THE INDIAN TRIBAL FUNDS.

When it became generally known that President Roosevelt had allowed the use of certain moneys, amounting to \$98,000, from the Indian Tribal Funds to the Catholic Indian Mission schools, a howl of remonstrance went up from the fanatical element in the country. The most absurd and mendacious stories were circulated in some of the Protestant press which lent itself to their propagation. The Outlook, the Independent, and other papers took the lead in this crusade. Lying about the Catholic Church, which had already become habitual, now developed into an art, and with some into a science. Even Indian Commissioner Leupp was compelled to sit down on some of these professional liars when he published his statement refuting the charge that had been made of a co-jeristical combine between the government and the Catholic Church. The facts in the case are sufficiently simple. This Congress and this administration were the first to do Catholics full justice, and, in spite of the efforts of Representative Stephens and others, Congress continued the allowance of these funds. The Stephens Bill was defeated in the Indian Committee, eight republicans voting to lay it on the table, while the five democrats present voted solidly against it.

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[To be continued.]

At Cliff Haven

Third Week at Champlain Assembly

(Written for The Journal.)

A lecture program full to the brim with bright, clever talks by equally brilliant talkers; a series of festivities from the delightfully informal to the splendidly formal; and record-breaking attendance for this period of the year have made the past week, the third in the present session, of Champlain Assembly, a time long to be remembered in the annals of Cliff Haven. There is not a dull spot or a dull moment in this charming place now. The porch of every club and cottage rings with the merry laughter or hums with the earnest talk of a congenial group; every hour has its center of interest, whether it be the chapel, the class room, the lecture hall, the beach, the golf links, or the ball room. In this charming companionship and these divers interests which are Cliff Haven's chief charms, there are at present about seven hundred persons whiling away their time.

The members of the School have listened with marked pleasure to lectures on instinct and intelligence given each morning by the well-known scientist, Dr. James J. Walsh, professor in St. Francis Xavier's College, New York City. Equally instructive in nature were the two eloquent discourses on Governor Dongan and Early Colonial Times delivered by Judge Thomas C. O'Sullivan of the Court of General Sessions of New York City, one of the most brilliant orators in the metropolis. Pleasing variety was given the intellectual program by the addition of two recitals by Miss Katherine Collins of Boston, formerly the principal of the Ralston School of Expression, Washington, D. C. Miss Collins has made a reputation for herself as one of the great dramatic readers of the day, and her appearance at Cliff Haven was therefore awaited with interest.

In point of distinction the chief social event of the week was the formal opening of the new Buffalo Cottage, and the reception in honor of the distinguished guest of the occasion, Rt. Rev. Charles H. Colton, bishop of Buffalo, which took place on Thursday evening. Several distinguished Buffalonians both clerical and lay, participated in the short program of addresses and songs. Handsome little programs, the work of the artist Peter Paul, were given to the guests as souvenirs of the event. Other charming social affairs of the week were the two weekly hops at the Champlain and Jersey Clubs. The affair at the Jersey Club Monday evening was the first of the season. In honor of the occasion the handsome ball room was transformed into a bower of beauty by artistic decorations of electric lights, evergreen, and an abundance of golden hearted daisies. The formal ball at the Champlain Club on Wednesday evening lost none of its charm because of the other brilliant affairs, but as usual, attracted the largest crowd of the week.

The usual Sunday evening reception in honor of the lecturers and distinguished arrivals of the preceding week, was a great success. Those honored were Dr. Lorenzo Ulloa of Brooklyn, Mr. Frank Neenan and Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., of New York City, and Rev. Henry Laidenbach and Rev. George Weber of Buffalo.

Two new ventures were instituted at Cliff Haven this week. A choral union and a weekly recital at which one or two artists who have made a reputation in the musical, literary, or dramatic world will appear. The choral union, which was organized on Monday by Mr. Camille Zeckwer, the famous organist of St. John's church, Philadelphia, will pursue

the study of arpeggio music during the summer. Both of these features are bound to arouse new and strengthened interest in true art among those who visit Cliff Haven.

Five Minute Sermon

The False Prophet

The word prophet means a person who, being inspired by God, announces future events and foretells what will take place in the remotest times in regard to the people and religion by the immutable will of the Lord. But the name was also given to all good and holy men who in the name of God, taught religion to the people; who corrected, advised, and consoled them unto eternal life, as circumstances required.

As plants are known by their fruit, so also are false prophets known by their works. Thorns will not bring forth grapes, nor can you gather figs from thistles. In the same manner a corrupt heart cannot produce good actions; and if a hypocrite does something now and then that is good in itself, you will in a short time discover the motive of his actions. A corrupt heart will strive to conceal itself, but its hypocrisy is revealed by its actions. The style of dress, conversation, recreation, amusements, friendships, etc., plainly show the true condition of the heart.

Christ wished to teach us that it is not enough to abstain from doing evil. God expects that when we avoid evil we should also practice the Christian virtues according to our state of life, and correspond faithfully with the graces we have received. Call to mind the servant who was punished because he did not trade with the talent he had received, and the tree that was ordered to be cut down because it brought forth no fruit, though covered with rich foliage. Woe to us if we are good Christians only in appearance, and do not bring forth the fruit of good actions.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday July 22—Gospel St. Matt. vii. 15-21—St. Mary Magdalene, penitent.
Monday 23—St. Apollonia, bishop and martyr.
Tuesday 24—St. Francis Solano, confessor.
Wednesday 25—St. James, apostle.
Thursday 26—St. Anne, mother of B. V. M.
Friday 27—St. Pantaleon, martyr.
Saturday 28—St. Nazarius and Comp., martyrs.

St. Mary's Hospital.

Patients in hospital June 1, 145; patients admitted during June, 150; births, 14; deaths, 21; discharged, 184; patients remaining in hospital July 1, 104.

Charity patients, 32; private, 35; city, county and town, 14; ward pay, \$3. Total, 104.

Total number of calls, 112; hurry calls, 21; cases transferred to St. Mary's hospital, 76; to homes and stations, 24; to other hospitals, 5; not taken or cared for, 7.

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Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places

In receiving the second group of Spanish pilgrims a few days ago, His Holiness, Pius X, earnestly exhorted them ever to sacrifice their political preferences on the altar of their religion and their country. "Always be true to your God and to your native land," he advised, "and avoid all political parties that even for a moment would put you in opposition to your faith." In concluding he paid a high tribute to the Queen mother, Maria Christina, as a model of mothers and Christian sovereigns. The pilgrimage was led by the Bishop of Victoria.

Fifty years ago the colony of St. John in Dakota County, Neb., was founded by a little band of daring Irishmen, headed by their pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Tracy. It was then a vast wilderness, inhabited by wild beasts, but it appeared desirable to the pioneers, and so they pitched their tents there, and on the day following, Sunday, June 2, laid the foundation of the town of St. John. The fiftieth anniversary of this event was celebrated by the large and prosperous population of the country on July 17 and 18, the cause of the delay being the absence of the present pastor, Very Rev. W. D. Moriarty.

The most notable celebration in Brooklyn and in fact the only one with the old time Independence Day features in the borough, took place in Prospect Park, under the direction of the Knights of Columbus of Long Island. A year ago a similar celebration took place and it proved so successful that the Knights of Columbus decided to hold an annual rally in Prospect Park on each recurring Independence Day. In spite of the bad weather a big crowd turned out to join in the patriotic exercises, and all the leading councils of the Knights on Long Island were well represented. The military company of the organization were present in full uniform. With Chairman William A. Prandergast on the platform were Congressman M. E. Driscoll of Syracuse, the orator of the day; Congressman Caulder and Fitzgerald of Brooklyn the Rev. Dr. W. J. White and many representative Brooklynites.

The oldest prelate in Christendom, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Archbishop of Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, has just entered on his ninety-second year.

Very Rev. Dean Edward M. Faller of St. Mary's Church, New Albany, Ind., celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, July 5.

Thanks to the joint liberal gift of land worth \$70,000 by Willard R. Partridge and Henry Blackwell, of Detroit, the House of Providence, one of the noblest charities of this city, will soon be in a position to extend its usefulness.

Officials of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, which has a membership of several hundred priests and lay brothers, scattered through America, Europe and Asia, and which has charge of numerous churches, missions, schools and colleges in all parts of the world, will gather at the University of Notre Dame on August 8 to consider the religious, intellectual and financial condition of the order.

At the recent examination for admission to the Altona (Pa.) Public High School the entire class of fourteen presented by St. John's Parochial School passed while fifty per cent. of those from the other schools in the city failed. Of the 315 pupils seeking admission to the High School there were only two who answered all the questions in arithmetic. These two were boys of St. John's School. That is something worth knowing by those interested in education.

The Sacred Heart.

Love and Devotion With Which It Should Inspire Us.

The world was never more junked than it is today, for differences in creed entail differences in charity, and as there were never more creeds there was never less charity. In such a situation a new heaven was needed for a society so un-Christian, and Christ met the necessity in detailing to Blessed Margaret Mary the reasons for devotion to His Sacred Heart.

Why should we be devoted to the Sacred Heart? For the same reason that we adore the sacred humanity, for we adore the sacred humanity not because of itself, but for the divine person in whom it subsists. The heart is an essential to humanity. From it goes forth the warm blood of life; in it are centered all the feelings that thrill in life's activity. Christ had a perfect human heart, divine because of His personality. Yes, in that orb of flesh was domed all the love that decked Eden with its beauties and Adam with his superior gifts. There dwelt the love that could not be influenced by human hate, for love loved even hate and thus made love itself all the more lovable. There dwelt the love that prompted the institution of the Blessed Sacrament, at which nature stands amazed, saying: "I saw God walking on earth clothed in the scarlet robe His mother knit for Him, and at the wonderful vision of the 'Word made flesh' I was in my thought beaten flat to the earth. Now am I utterly undone when I see Him in a humble garment still, the appearance of bread; when I see Him borne up by the two fingers of the priest, the Being whose one finger mapped the course of the stars, whose wish made them, whose smile sends summer rippling to the world."—Catholic Union and Times.

Rumors of New Cardinals.

A recent news dispatch from Rome says that "the public statement recently made by Cardinal Sabotti, former apostolic delegate in the United States, that Archbishop Farley of New York was destined to obtain higher honors very soon forecasts the certain promotion of the New York prelate to one of the highest dignities of the Church." As it is, Archbishop Farley can obtain no other promotion but that of the cardinal's hat, as he is already at the head of the most important diocese of the world and has already obtained the nomination of assistant to the pontifical throne, which gives him precedence over all other archbishops not invested with the same dignity. It is then safe to say that the New York prelate will soon become a member of the Sacred College and thus add to the influence exercised by the American hierarchy in the Council of the Princes of the Church." It is also rumored in Rome that either Archbishop Ireland or Archbishop Ryan will be elevated to the cardinalate at the same time that Archbishop Farley is promoted.

Cardinal Gibbons at seventy-two. On June 30 his eminence, Cardinal Gibbons celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the cardinalate and the forty-fifth anniversary of his consecration into the priesthood. There was no special celebration; the cardinal celebrating Mass as usual. At seventy-two Cardinal Gibbons is one of the best preserved men in Baltimore. His daily walk brings him in contact with thousands, and the elderly gentleman who walks quickly by, waving his hat every few steps and showing his red cap beneath, is the head of the Church in America. He is democratic to an extreme and numbers among his acquaintances more non-Catholics than any other prelate in Baltimore. (Philadelphia Press.)

A Father's Rules For Courtship.

These rules have been suggested to the young women of his congregation in regard to courtship by Rev. Father Bennett of St. Nicholas' German Catholic church of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Permit no young man to call often than once a week.

Limit such visits to two hours.

Allow no male caller to remain after 10 at night.

Dismiss any man who pays attention for six months without proposing marriage.

Permit no engagement to last longer than six months.

Avoid forming acquaintances with any young men who are not properly introduced by persons they can trust.

The Health of the Holy Father. Persistent rumors come from Rome and elsewhere about the health of His Holiness, Pope Pius X. These rumors attribute to the Holy Father a dozen different ailments, from heart disease to nervous prostration. In opposition to these rumors are the statements of the Pope's physician that the only trouble with the Holy Father is an occasional attack of gout and the reports of various Catholic clergymen who have recently been in Rome that the general health of the head of the Church is good and that he is in no present danger whatever.

Frequent Communion.

Attitude of the Holy Father as to This Important Question.

The Holy Father is very anxious that all Catholics should approach the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar frequently and has witnessed himself in no manner terms on the matter. Referring to this subject, the pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart says:

People wondered at times what frequent communion was. There is no longer any room for doubt. Frequent communion is daily communion. In our present Pope his mind is in a remarkable degree published at the end of last year.

Daily communion is desired by the Church. The Council of Trent said the faithful to approach the altar every day they are present at Mass. The full force and meaning of the words have not reached their hearts unless they share in the communion.

Daily communion is desired by Christ. He showed with us in the bread. Every day we eat bread, every day they eat the Living Bread. "Give us this day," we pray, "our daily bread." And our prayer is for daily communion as well as for daily Mass. Christ, too, declares that we are the bread, and that was a daily food given from heaven and having in it all delight.

Daily communion is a need of the soul. The fight against sin begins with every sunrise; the struggle with passion is unceasing. The stout heart, the resolute will, gain their courage and strength from the purity, humility, and love of the hidden God of the tabernacle.

Daily communion is not for the weak only or for the young, although it is for them especially, but it is for every one who is free from mortal sin and who goes to Christ not humanly or vainly or humanly, but by the countless good works. The communion is the judge.

ST. PETER'S TOMB.

Pope Pius, it is said, has been searching for it.

The report that Pope Pius has been sent to searching for the tomb of St. Peter, the apostle, has excited the interest of all Rome.

The tomb of St. Peter is supposed to be concealed in the vault under the altar of the original basilica built by Emperor Constantine in A. D. 324. 1450 Pope Nicholas V. demolished the church preparatory to building a new one. The tomb of St. Peter, however, was left undisturbed.

The building of the present St. Peter's church was begun in 1626 by Pope Urban VIII, who laid the corner stone. In 1814 Leo X, emperor of the papal state, supervised the rebuilding of the church, which was finished in 1822.

Through out the centuries the search for the tomb of St. Peter has been a matter of great interest to the papacy and the Roman people. In 1849 the body of St. Peter was supposed to have been found in the vault under the altar of the original St. Peter's church. According to Catholic tradition, the body was located in a silver coffin.

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