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Lent

Once more the holy season of Lent is here. The Church has decreed that each year her children shall devote a certain season to works of penance and during which they shall abstain from what are purely worldly pleasures.

Aside from the spiritual side of the Lenten fast, there is a bodily and purely physical side as well. American people, especially live at a rapid pace. The social whirl enervates the women, while the banquets and convivial gatherings rack the constitution of the strongest man if he be "in the swim" in the world of business and finance.

Catholics, however, see a wider application of Lent. This season goes over again the way of the Cross. It takes us over Christ's life to His crucifixion on Calvary, and then to His glorious resurrection from the dead on Easter. We as Catholics then should observe the Lenten season, not wholly as a vacation from social and worldly cares. We should perform works of penance and try to improve our spiritual condition. It does not suffice to abstain from dinners and dances, and to substitute card parties and novel reading.

Chief Quigley

All honor to Joseph M. Quigley, to whose persistent work is due the major part of the credit for the pleasant fact that to-day Rochester is without a "Red Light," or "Tenderloin" district. Since Mr. Quigley became chief of police in this city his influence has been thrown steadily toward elevating the moral condition of Rochester and he has succeeded splendidly. Such reforms cannot be finished in a day, neither should they be undertaken to the advance agency of a brass band or an advertised "survey."

Anybody who knows "Joe" Quigley knows him for a man of fine sense, high moral conviction and as a clean liver. He makes no pretense to ostentatious superiority but in his heart, he would like to see his fellows live as cleanly as he does himself. He knows it would make for the

best interests of the community, aside from the religious side of the question, because Mr. Quigley is a Catholic and the Catholic Church is the greatest conservator of public and private morality in Rochester as in every city.

Is it because Chief Quigley is a Catholic that sneers at his recent efforts are heard in certain quarters? Or is it that these persons would prefer that the "Red Light district" had been permitted to continue unmolested? If these persons would openly advocate such a condition, and there are many who hold just such views who are not immoral themselves, the issue would be joined openly. But to rave against such a condition and then throw cold water upon efforts made to ameliorate it, raises a suspicion of hypocrisy and double dealing.

For our part, we are proud of Chief Quigley and want to encourage him to continue in the course he has mapped out.

Judge Not

While, if true, the charges made against the fifty or more labor leaders by the Federal government, are horrible, it must not be taken for granted that all those indicted are guilty. Under the American system of jurisprudence the accused man is adjudged innocent until proven guilty, not as in France guilty until he proves himself innocent. It is to be feared that too many sensationalists have been guilty of presuming that the French method is the right one, unless some one in whom they are interested is involved, likewise some of our officials. The latter seem to think they must convict everybody they indict, instead of holding to the American rule that prosecuting attorneys and judges are elected or appointed to see that even-handed justice is meted out, to society and the individual members. Too often prejudice is permitted to enter into the grand jury room and indictments follow without warrant of law. Indictment is merely accusation, the truth or falsity of which is to be established upon trial of the person accused.

For these reasons, the rank and file of organized labor is not to be censured for standing by its leaders when first accused. If, on the other hand, organized labor persists in crying persecution after conviction is had upon a fair trial than it is culpable, but not before.

These things should be borne in mind by crazy sensationalists, who are as dire a menace to the community as the men they denounce, likewise lurid newspapers to which the same characterization may be applied. Andrew H. Green, the millionaire capitalist of Syracuse, has set a good example by going on the bail bond of two of the alleged dynamiters arrested in this city. He takes the position we do, that the men should be presumed guilty until proven innocent.

If you have broken those New Year resolutions, Lent is the time to try try again.

Italy's anti-religious government, it is reported, is following the lead of France and Spain, and trying to eliminate God and religion from the schools.

So our taxes are to be higher this year? Well, if our authorities give us value received for our money no great fault will be found.

Direct primaries, as at present construed, do not appear to augur "rule by the people" any more than under the old primary system.

Political activities remind us that another presidential campaign is impending with its turmoil, mudslinging and unsettling of business.

A Certain Silver Sixpence. Beau Brummel had a very odd way of accounting for the sad change which took place in his affairs at this time. "He used," observes one of his friends at Caen, "when talking about his altered circumstances, to say that up to a particular period of his life everything prospered with him and that he attributed his good luck to the possession of a certain silver sixpence with a hole in it, which somebody had given him years before with an injunction to take good care of it, as everything would go well with him so long as he did and vice versa if he happened to lose it. The promised prosperity attended him for many years while he held the sixpence fast; but, having at length in an evil hour unfortunately given it by mistake to a hawkeye merchant, a complete reverse of his previous good fortune took place and one disastrous occurrence succeeded another till actual ruin overtook him at last and obliged him to expatriate himself."—Captain Jesse

Origin of the "Three R's." The famous toast to "the three R's"—reading, writing and 'rithmetic"—was made by Sir William Curtis, lord mayor of London, in the year 1766 and for many years one of the witticisms of the lower. What made it more ludicrous was that he proposed it at a dinner given by the London board of education. It was received with great applause and drunk amid much merriment. At the time it was recognized as a jest, but was afterward taken up in earnest by the mayor's detractors, who have handed his name down to posterity as a blundering ignoramus. A writer has now come to his defense and says that when he was a boy an aged member of the board of education assured him that Sir William knew better and that he really used his famous alliteration as a jest. To many people, however, the story will always sound better when it is based upon the better that Sir William was really serious.

A Record Hailstorm. One of the worst hailstorms ever known in the United States occurred Sept. 5, 1898, in Nodaway county, Missouri. The path of the storm was about three miles wide and eighteen miles long, its greatest violence being felt over a region of four square miles east of Clarmont. At one point in this region the fall-of-hail was so heavy that a drift unprotected by artificial means remained lying on the ground for four weeks after the storm. At the end of that time people in the neighborhood were found gathering the hail for the purpose of making ice cream. During the storm cylindrical pieces of ice were pelted up four inches long by about two and a half in diameter. The growing corn was practically all destroyed in a field of eighty acres only one stalk was left standing. Chicago News

A View of Jefferson Davis. Very straight and tall thin with a clear-cut, clean shaven, distinguished face, with a look half military man, half student, with a demeanor to all of perfect if somewhat chilling courtesy, by temperament a theorist able with the ability of the field marshal or of the scholar in the study, not with that of the reader and master of men, the hand of workers, devoted, honorable, single minded, a figure on which a fierce light has been cast, but not perfect not always just, found in the tolls of his own personality, but yet an able man who suffered and gave aid, believed in himself and in his cause and to the height of his power labored for it day and night. Such a man was Jefferson Davis. Mary Johnston in "The Long Roll"

Conquered. No snatched the hard featured woman, opening the kitchen door about six in the evening and to be perfectly plain with you.

You couldn't quarrel, gallantly in tempered Fulton Knott, lifting his tapered remnant of a hat—you couldn't be otherwise than perkily handsome with me.

Didn't Tire Him. He had taken pains when he applied for work to assure the farmer that he never got tired. When his new employer went to the field where he had put the man at work he found him jolling on his back under a tree.

"What does this mean?" asked the farmer. "I thought you were a man who never got tired."

Liquid Ours. They were waiting for dinner, and the virtuoso, who was to play afterward at the musicale, was willing away the time at the piano. "How would you like a sonata before dinner?" he asked.

"Hardly," returned the host. "I had four on the way home."

A Happy Ending. "Has your new novel a happy ending?" "Very. The judge awards my heroine \$50,000 a year alimony in the closing chapter."—Detroit Free Press.

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