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### Much Aho.

Possibly, the city ordinance licensing hucksters is not a whole-some piece of legislation, but why abuse the aldermen for passing it? Had there not been public sentiment behind it such an ordinance never would have been passed by the Common Council or approved by the Mayor.

Why abuse the hucksters and charge them with being the cause of the high cost of living? The hucksters did not ask for the ordinance. On the contrary, they fought it tooth and nail. Why? Because the license fee adds to the cost of the operation of their business. The men who secured the passage of the hucksters' license ordinance were the retail grocers. Their argument was that they, the grocers, either owned or rented their own stores and paid taxes thereon, besides paying for light, heat, clerk hire, wagons and trucks and what not. Farmers and unlicensed hucksters could do business on practically no capital and compete disadvantageously with the city grocer because they pay no city taxes, no city rent or any other expense. They are in no sense part and parcel of the city proper. To why the licensed hucksters pay a stated sum into the city treasury for permission to do business. The city grocer pays his license in the way of direct taxes, the huckster by an indirect license fee.

Suppose the huckster ordinance is repealed? Can any one guarantee that the unlicensed hucksters and unlicensed farmers will sell their produce at any lower rate than the city grocer does at present? Possibly, they might do so this year because their crop is greatly in excess of the average yield and the European war is shutting off the foreign markets. Farmers are not noted for being in business for their health any more than the city grocers. And why should they? This year they have a great crop of apples and they want the city people to buy them at the highest price they can possibly secure.

It looks as if somebody was fooled to the limit by somebody who profits by the deception and agitation or that there is a veritable tempest in the proverbial teapot.

### Babies Welcome!

Rev. Dr. F. P. Duffy, pastor of the Church of Our Savior in South Fordham, suburb of New York City, is about to build a new church. Among other modern equipment, Father Duffy proposes to have a "nursery" where the young children may be checked and taken care of by a competent attendant while the mother goes into Mass. Describing his new plan, Father Duffy says:—

"In this parish I have a number of young couples with children. The mothers are fine Catholic women who never missed Mass in their lives before the baby came. They are living among comparative strangers. The moth-

er can't ask a stranger to take care of a baby; the man of the family wants an undisturbed sleep until the hour for the latest and lowest Mass. If she brings the baby to church everybody looks at her as if she were a criminal whenever the youngster exercises its lungs—and there you are.

"So I've got a room off the gallery which will be fixed up as a nursery. And every Sunday morning I will have a competent woman in charge. The mothers can hear Mass in the gallery. And if little Willie gets too impatient for her prospects the nurse can step to the door and announce: "No. 27 wants his mother."

### Where the Distinction?

Gradually, it is dawning upon the world at large that perchance the Allies—France, England and Russia—are fully as blood thirsty in their determination to prosecute the European war to the bitter end as are the German Kaiser and the Austrian Emperor.

It is also filtering through our comprehension that there is a French militarism, an English militarism, a Spanish militarism just as militant, just as aggressive, just as arrogant as German militarism. Upon this point the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen well says:—

"Militarism, English militarism on the sea, German militarism on the land—why is the one more defensible than the other? Why is (Rule Britannia) any less of a challenge than (Deutschland ueber alles)?"

Moreover the French authorities have confiscated all the Catholic Churches in France which is something the German Kaiser never has done. Probably the Cathedral at Rheims was taken over by the French Government and that was the reason not any great regard for things religious or what the Cathedral stands for, that is responsible for the vehement protest against the Germans' firing upon the Cathedral.

### Horrors

What a terrible thing the European war is may be gleaned from the following story told by a wounded officer of the results of engagements between large bodies of men equipped with modern military appliances:—

"This is not a war of men, it is a war of machines. There is an appalling soullessness about it that is inhuman. Men turn hand-dies and death flies out. That is what this battle has been. It is all really one battle on the Marne and the Aisne.

"No one can ever conceive what the battle has been who has not seen the battlefield. Men could never kill one another by heaps and hecatombs. They would be sickened at such wholesale slaughter. They would cry: "We are soldiers, not butchers. A battlefield should not be an abattoir.

"Only machines ingeniously constructed to destroy men as locusts have to be destroyed, when they sweep over fertile land, only automatic death dealers without heart, pity, or remorse could carpet the earth with them in this frightful way.

Political advertising will be popular under the new direct primary law.

Catholics should respond liberally to the appeal for the Catholic Charity Guild and St. Ann's Home for the Aged. The good work of both needs no comment.

October 1914 has been a great month for weddings in Rochester at least.

There appears to be no end of the war in sight at present.

Good reading is as essential in every family and a Catholic paper is as good reading as can be had.

### A Catholic Charity Day.

Possibly because of the unsettled times and as a step toward the consolidation and co-ordination of all the Catholic charity activities, it is announced that this year, instead of separate appeals for the Catholic Charity Guild and the annual donation for St. Ann's Home for the Aged, the two will be consolidated. The solicitors employed by both organizations will solicit donations, as usual, and then all will unite in a Catholic Charity day at Convention Hall on November 18th. Dinner and supper will be served, a bazaar for the sale of fancy and useful articles will be conducted and musical and literary program will be offered.

The Union Committee has issued the following appeal to the public:

"The work which has been carried on for many years at St. Ann's Home for aged men and women is of such a fine nature and so valuable as scarcely to call for comment. Aged men and women of all classes who, by stress of circumstances, find themselves alone or homeless, there find comfort in their declining years; the poor and those whom fortune favored meet with equal consideration; and, perhaps, the most appealing part of the work is the plan by which it is expected old couples will be able to spend their declining years together.

"The Catholic Charity Guild has been in existence less than two years and has collected and expended about \$7,500 in relief work. Its work is primarily with the child, in the belief that, by raising the standard of life, spiritual and physical, of poor and unfortunate children, the community will be best served.

"No other single organization in Rochester is carrying on a charitable work of such magnitude. About five hundred women are engaged in the work, no one of whom receives any compensation. In its different branches it instructs children in their religion, it sends women into the homes of the poor, who look into their spiritual and bodily welfare.

"In those departments employment is secured where possible, rent is paid for widows to enable them to remain at home with their children; food, infants' layettes and other garments are given to the deserving and where physical debility, underfed condition or tuberculosis exists, milk is supplied.

"Representatives of the guild visit the courts and care for the juvenile delinquents and the offenders of mature years; the guild sends nurses to the sick in their homes and distributes flowers and literature to and visits the sick unfortunate in the public institutions. It teaches sewing and cooking and gives cheer to the little children at the holiday season.

"It is to carry on the work of these splendid charities that appeal is to be made on November 18th. Women from the various Catholic parishes in the city are planning for a busy day. Because of the increased demand by deserving persons for charity on account of lack of employment and the present financial stress, it is hoped that generous response will be made."

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Merkel of 20 Oscar St., took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters. She was a member of B. No. 977, L. C. B. A., and the Ladies' Sodality.

The monthly meeting of the Young Ladies' Sodality will take place Sunday afternoon.

A war without horrors would be unusual, to say the least.

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### RING OF THE FISHERMAN.

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The ring of the fisherman used by the pope exclusively to seal documents of the holy see shows an engraved figure of St. Peter, the first bishop of Rome, standing in a boat and fishing with two hands a net into the sea.

In 1806, when the French occupied the city of Rome, Pius VII, then pope, was ordered by General Radet to surrender the fisherman's ring. The pontiff refused. He feared that by means of the sanction of the ring the French government would be enabled to issue dangerous documents.

When finally forced to surrender it the pope altered the engraving or stamp with the view of making it use less to his enemies. This seal thus defaced was forwarded to Paris by the French general in command at Rome. Pius VII, in the absence of the fisherman's ring, made use of an iron seal engraved with the figures of St. Peter and Paul and inscribed with the words, "Pro Anno Piscatoris" (in lieu of the fisherman's ring).

The fisherman's ring was kept in Paris until Napoleon I was overthrown, when it was returned to the sovereign pontiff. The ring is used only to seal briefs. The bulls, more important documents, are stamped with the leaden seal of the ancient parchments.—Indianapolis News.

### Why the Earth Cannot Explode.

The theory is frequently advanced that planets and even suns sometimes explode and that the earth may some day blow up like a bombshell. No celestial body the size of the earth could possibly explode. If the entire molten interior of our globe could be replaced with nitroglycerin and detonated the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. In other words, if we assume that the crust of the earth is from fifty to a hundred miles in thickness it would require something much more powerful than even nitroglycerin to burst the shell. It is necessary only to do a little figuring to see that the pressure of the earth's crust at a depth of from fifty to a hundred miles far exceeds the pressure exerted by the most powerful high explosive.—Hudson Maxim.

### Reckless.

A colored man and his finest girl walked into a drug store. The man bought a one cent picture postcard and a one cent postage stamp. As he started to place the stamp on the postcard the colored woman walked toward the front door.

"Wait a minute, Susie," said the colored man. "I'm not near through." The colored man turned to the clerk and bought a package of chewing gum. As the couple walked out of the drug store the colored man was heard to remark: "There's no limit to me, Susie, when I'm out with you."—Indianapolis News.

### Appropriate.

"That's a queer design you have in the corner of your billboard," remarked Slopoy. "It's merely a little tower," replied the tailor. "Think it's appropriate, eh?" "Yes, it's a forget-me-not."—Philadelphia Press.

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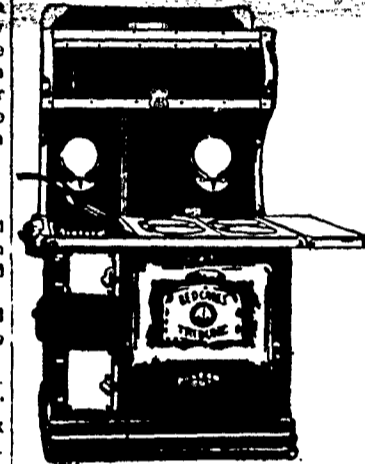
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