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Friday, May 19, 1916.

**Sacred Heart.**

Bishop Hickey has announced his intention to have organized in every parish in the Diocese of Rochester a branch of the League of the Sacred Heart.

This devotion has long been known to the Catholics of Rochester through the earnest work of the Madames of the Sacred Heart Convent in Prince street. But the work has been general in the city at large, not localized as it will be, under the Rt. Rev. Bishop's plan, under the direction of the parish priests. The membership of the League will be increased in large measure.

No onerous obligation is entailed by membership in the League of the Sacred Heart and much spiritual good results merely by membership and by reciting the daily prayers for the League's intentions. Those who wish to do more may become promoters and follow up the members assigned to their bands by distributing the League leaflets in other ways. While this is not essential to those who wish to receive Holy Communion monthly and offer this up for the League's intentions. Prayers for grace to Catholic physicians, the welfare of the widows and orphans of the European wars, the conversion of all sinners, the spread of the Catholic press and wholesome Catholic literature, these are a few of the monthly intentions of the League.

A large membership should be enrolled in a short time in the League of the Sacred Heart in the Diocese of Rochester.

**Danger.**

It is an old saying that we are in as much danger in our daily walks of life as we are in traveling by trains, by water and flying in the air.

A few days ago passengers in a city street car were treated to a visual proof of this old saying. They had not proceeded far when the trolley slipped off the pole. It ripped off a section of trolley wire which grounded and sent a shock through the car. Immediately, hot-headed and frightened men and women began a mad rush for safety. The doors of the P. A. Y. E. car were locked. Before the frightened conductor could open them, the maddened passengers had broken windows and well-nigh wrecked the car. An ambulance and hospital destination was the sequel for not a few of the passengers.

It is saddening to relate that there was not much old-fashioned chivalry displayed on this occasion. Men did not stand back for the women and children. On the contrary, they thought only of themselves. They fought and clawed to save their own precious skins. The net result was that several women were badly injured when a little presence of mind might have saved everybody whole.

It is well to practice self-control and men should school themselves to think for others and not for self alone.

**Impartial.**

Surely, the New York World cannot be accused of pro-German sympathy or of pro-Irish proclivities. Hence the following editorial from the World on the way the English have handled the Irish situation is both impartial and illuminating:

In the reaction caused by the hasty execution of Irish prisoners the British Government is being ginned to realize how badly it handled the situation. By his promise that no more sentences will be carried out until Parliament has had time to debate the matter already taken, Premier Asquith admits the need of great caution.

In giving the military a free hand the way was opened for a policy of ruthlessness. Prisoners were taken before secret courts martial and sent to their death at the hands of the firing squad before the public even knew that they were under arrest. It is not sympathy with treason but abhorrence of needless shedding of blood that inspires protests against the Government's course.

If the Irish prisoners had been fighting in the streets of Dublin their end would have excited scant pity. But the insurrection had been suppressed, the troops had restored order, and the future peace of Ireland dictated that the insurgents should be treated with some clemency.

If after Lincoln's assassination Mrs. Surratt's fate had not been left to a military commission, this country would have escaped the mistake of her execution. In the case of the Dublin insurgents, martial law exacted the extreme penalty before public opinion could intervene. In their hurry the military showed themselves vengeful and bloodthirsty, and the Government stands responsible for their merciless methods. The chapter of history that it has written will forever stand to Great Britain's discredit.

**Where He Belongs.**

Following item from an unknown exchange tells a story of how one sub-cellar bigot went wrong and landed just where he belongs—in the penitentiary: Charles Follensbe, an anti-Catholic lecturer of Waterloo, Wis., and organizer for the Knights of Luther, will spend two and a half years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for violating the Mann act. He was sentenced at Superior, Wis., recently, by Judge K. M. Landis of Chicago.

During the past years Follensbe toured Kansas and other states, delivering lectures on "the immorality of the Catholic clergy." Follensbe, so the story goes, while engaged in righteously pursuing truth and routing the poison of hypocrisy from the paucity, upset the morals of his own home town by eloping with the wife of a Waterloo saloonkeeper. The fact that he was married and had two children did not deter him, the authorities say, from choosing a second mate, married also, and the mother of two children.

**A Reason?**

It may be a matter of surprise to many persons as to the inspiration behind the way of support for the campaign to inform mothers for the campaign to inform mothers to avoid maternity. In our opinion, the reason is not hard to locate. Women no longer desire to be mothers. They are not inclined to abstain from the fleshpots of Egypt, but they wish to avoid any of the consequences. Unfortunately, the law makes certain kinds of operations criminal and punishes both the physician and the one operated upon. It is a campaign to change the

laws so that these operations will be legal. If one has any doubts upon the question, let them consult any physician who knows them well enough to talk freely and confidentially. Every day physicians are urged to perform these criminal operations. Often times, the prominence of the per-sympathy of pro-Irish proclivities. Hence the following editorial from the World on the way the English have handled the Irish situation is both impartial and illuminating:

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It begins to look as if munitions, work and high prices paid for unskilled labor in private enterprises are far too alluring for the average man to be tempted to enlist in the Army at \$15 per month. Either Uncle Sam must make up his mind to pay better wages or else resort to compulsory military service before we have that standing army of 180,000 men.

Really, now, is it not a breach of neutrality for Americans to serve either in the Allies Army or with the Entente Powers? And yet we read every day of Americans serving in the aviation corps with the French Army. These should forfeit their American citizenship.

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