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October

During the month of October, Holy Mother Church enjoins special devotions in honor of the Rosary of the Blessed Mother of God, one of the most beautiful devotions practiced by devout Catholics.

Many a Catholic man and woman says the Beads every day and prides that the Catholics of several times a day. It recalls the life and labors of our Divine Lord...

Two Points Made.

In the following editorial, two fine points are made by the Brooklyn "Tablet": The Associated Press, that monopolistic organization that controls the news of the world...

Who has not known of men and women, who are hardly in the literate class, but who tell their beads with a fervor and simple abiding faith which we have envied? This one fact testifies to the firm hold-upon the Catholic public of every land and clime of the Holy Rosary.

While the Rosary is said every day it should be recited with more than ordinary fervor during this month of October which is specially set aside in honor of this devotion.

When the End?

War correspondents and military experts seem to agree that unless some unforeseen event transpires, the European war will not end for another eighteen months at least.

While it is undoubtedly true that Germany is on the defensive and that her ally, Austria-Hungary, is harder pressed, it is presenting Catholic aspects of a true that Germany is still fighting outside her own confines and that the Allies are finding it difficult and expensive to dislodge her from the foreign territory she has won and occupied.

Months may elapse ere Germany is driven back to her own borders. Austria-Hungary may capitulate, but the critics say it is inevitable that the German people will battle stubbornly before they will permit an enemy to enter Germany. And it must not be forgotten that the morale of the German people has surpassed that of the nations comprised in the Allies.

October is dedicated to the most holy Rosary. Would that the despatches prove correct which intimate that Archbishop Hanna is considered at Rome in connection with a Cardinal's hat!

Turn out en masse and give the Third Regiment boys a royal welcome home! Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaefer recently celebrated his silver jubilee as Bishop of Oklahoma.

tion of Germany as a potent enemy in Europe.

Meanwhile, the senseless slaughter goes on. All that we can do is to continue to pray for peace.

St. Bernard's

This is the season when the faithful are called upon for their annual contributions in aid and support of education of students for the Catholic priesthood. Here in Rochester we have one of the most noted and most successful theological seminaries in the United States. Its signal success has long since silenced the critics who disputed the late Bishop McQuaid's belief that the comparatively small Diocese of Rochester, located far from the financial centers at that date, could and would furnish sufficient support to maintain a Diocesan Seminary for the training of students for the priesthood. Indeed, the late Bishop's hope have been more than realized.

Fame of St. Bernard's has gone abroad in all the lands where float the Stars and Stripes. Students are now enrolled from every Diocese included in the United States. Ordained priests are found in nearly every one of these Dioceses even now whose devotions practiced by devout Catholics.

And so it is with more than a pride that the Catholics of Rochester contribute liberally toward the maintenance of St. Bernard's. And we feel sure that the annual collection of 1916 will be a beautiful and never-to-be-forgotten prayer. Our Father, amounting subscribed in previous years together with the "Hail Mary" which rises to the lips of every Catholic who practises his religion at all earnestly comprise the spoken prayers while the meditations keep ever before our minds the life of our Blessed Lord.

The Associated Press, that monopolistic organization that controls the news of the world, doesn't tell all the news. We were aware that Bishop Shanahan, of the Catholic University at Washington, gave up his vacation at Nova Scotia to go to Washington, there to travel by the special train of President Wilson's to Kentucky for the ceremonies of the acceptance of Lincoln's Log Cabin by the United States. Bishop Shanahan was the guest of the two leading spirits of the moment, Catholics, both of them, Clarence Mackey and Robert Collier. The Bishop pronounced the benediction. Not a paper of our great city mentioned his name even amongst those present.

Of course it may have been for want of space on account of the President's speech, or may be it was for "certain reasons" best known to the Associated Press. Meanwhile the Catholic papers are anxious and essential when it is a question of presenting Catholic aspects of affairs. That's the point we are driving at.

In the first place, it is pointed out that if you wish full and reliable news about things Catholic, you must have in your home a Catholic paper.

In the second place, attention is called to the omission by the Associated Press of the presence and participation in the Lincoln ceremonies where President Wilson was present of a Catholic Bishop. Just why this omission, of course, at this time we are unable to give a reason.

Another notable addition to New York state's educational institutions is the Passionist College at Dunkirk, the corner stone of which was laid recently by Bishop Dougherty, of Buffalo.

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Blessing the Graves.

It was a wonderful ceremony that was witnessed by the thousands of Catholics and non-Catholics who wended their way to Holy Sepulcher Cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

Under no other auspices could it be witnessed because none other ecclesiastical division in the world performs the solemn ceremony of blessing the graves of its departed members and in many localities the pious custom is not carried out as it is in the Diocese of Rochester.

Those departed loved ones who sleep their last sleep in Rochester's beautiful city of the Dead are not forgotten even if their own relatives may perchance, have removed elsewhere or been called to their own last reward. Daily the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the repose of their souls and once a year the Bishop and priests repair to the cemetery to there chant the office for the Dead that eternal rest may be granted to the deceased Bishops and Priests of the Diocese and the dead who lie buried there.

Truly, this annual ceremony exemplifies the thought that it is a holy and wholesome custom to pray for the dead.

Bubble Punctured.

A favorite stock argument of the anti-Catholic agitator is to charge that we are not good citizens and that we are un-American. Hon. Joseph Scott, of California, in an able and eloquent address before the recent Supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus in Davenport, Iowa, punctured this bubble very effectively. Here is a short and pertinent excerpt from his address: "My observation has led me to believe that there is some anxiety even among some otherwise well-informed people as to the political power of the Pope. We Catholic Americans owe no political allegiance to the Pope. He has no civil power whatever over our activities. I am saying this deliberately, and without equivocation to accept it with the sincerity with which it is expressed."

"So long as religious liberty is practiced under the spirit of the constitution, the Catholic would be the veriest ingrate who would not give his whole-hearted allegiance to this country. If we only look abroad, we shall see Catholics of every country in Europe dying by the thousands for the flags of their nations. In some instances that flag typifies a country which has in the past promulgated and enforced discriminatory laws against the Catholic Church, and deprived Catholics of their just rights, and positively proscribed their freedom and happiness, but it is the flag of their country, and the Catholic's patriotism is a living virtue, and he feels impelled to respond to the call of patriotism and the bounden duty of his conscience.

Tom. Watson, apparently, is in absolute control of the state of Georgia. He has compelled the Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign, a law directing the grand jury to inspect all convents and monasteries in the State. To be sure, the inspection will not reveal any wrongdoing, but why perpetrate any such insult upon the homes of gentle ladies? If the grand jury may poke into convents, why not next compel the Free Masons to hold public initiations?

Judging from the press despatches, the Catholic denunciation of Carranza, President of Mexico, is justified abundantly. The despatches say that Carranza is to repeat the performances of the French atheists and confiscate to the Government all Church property. Nominally, the priests and bishops are to retain control, but only under the strict supervision of the Government which is to prescribe at what hours and under what conditions religious services are to be held.

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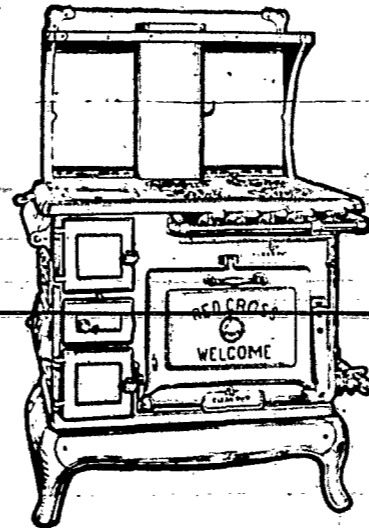
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Dr. James J. Walsh has rendered both the Catholic Church and Science valuable service by tongue and by pen. In a recent article in the "Catholic World" he calls attention to the fact that Catholic surgeons several centuries ago performed as delicate operations as are done today and also administered anaesthetics. He contends that hospitals, under strictly secular auspices are a dangerous experiment. He concludes: "All those who are acquainted with the history of hospitals for dependents are very chary of secularizing elements and government control. Inspection is always needed of any institution that cares for dependent human beings. Without inspection abuses surely creep in. Government control, however, has in the past always led to unfortunate abuses apparently by an inevitable tendency. The mere wage earner cannot be expected to care properly for human beings who need not only physical care but also human sympathy. Man lives not by bread alone. The chapter of the history of hospitals is only one emphatic illustration of this. The care of the children, of the aged and of the insane make other and possibly even more significant chapters of the same impressive story."

Possibly war exigencies may give us two cent newspapers again.

New churches, under the announced plan, cannot be erected or new parishes created without consent of the Government. The latter also reserves the right to confiscate all church property absolutely.

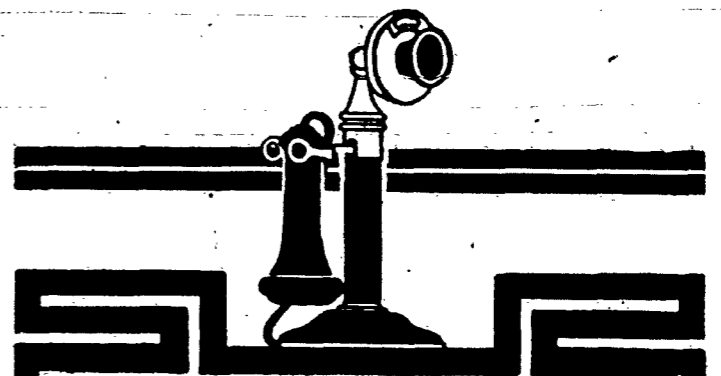
And this is the Carranza who promises so glibly that his Government will not interfere with religious liberty and that he will safeguard Religion in every way! Carranza promises or guarantees are but broken reeds!

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