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Watchful Waiting

At present writing this country may be said to be in a condition of "watchful waiting". While diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States have been severed, nevertheless the two countries are not at war and never may be, notwithstanding the belligerent editorials of the jingo press and the blatant harangues of demagogic agitators.

President Wilson is carefully awaiting developments. He is determined that the United States shall not precipitate war without direct provocation such as the wanton destruction of an American ship and the attendant loss of American lives. He will not plunge the country into war upon unconfirmed reports or simply to please those who are urging that the United States should enter the side of the Allies and fight Germany—just because.

This is a time, as the Catholic Journal said last week, for Americans to be patient and calm. Moreover, let there be no partisanship displayed. Regardless of politics, regardless of racial differences let all real Americans stand solidly behind the President. Let us hold up the hands of Woodrow Wilson as our Chief Magistrate! Meet while let us all pray that this country may be kept out of war, honorably.

A New Manager.

Perhaps, it will be the new General Manager of the Rochester branch of the New York State Railways, not the new Public Service Commissioner, who will give Rochesterians the boon they all greatly crave—better street car service.

If General Manager Hamilton can bring order out of chaos; can restore rapid transit—that new ancient memory—to Rochesterians, he will be hailed as a modern public benefactor and worthy of a statue in some small park or may have a new public school named after him.

Robert M. Searle is now in a sanitarium trying to regain his shattered nerves after three years trying to calm the irate Rochesterians who yearned to dynamite the State street car barns. Edward J. Cook has tired of being cursed and jeered and hooted at and he has washed his hands of the managership.

If the new man from Schenectady can succeed where "Bob" Searle and "Ed" Cook failed he is surely a street car wizard and worthy a niche in the Hall of Fame.

A Leader in Good.

Writing about the Conference on Catholic Charities recently held in the National Capitol, Washington "Times" published this notable tribute:—
"It has been one of the sources

of the Catholic Church's power that it has been a leader in practical good works. Its communicants have been trained in a firm belief that the deed makes the word fruitful. They maintain great agencies of mercy, aid and betterment for unfortunates; and their great system of parochial schools, sustained by a community which is also called upon to contribute to the maintenance of the public school system, is the most substantial testimony to their patriotism and devotion to their own high ideals.

"Catholic hospitals, asylums, homes for unfortunates, are everywhere models of efficiency and service. The constant effort to extend and improve their usefulness is one of the most important agencies for the progress and improvement of the whole nation."

Sublime

If ever sublime patience is portrayed and typified anywhere it is in the Catholic Church as is set forth in the following editorial in "The Missionary":—

"Protestant tolerance will not stand the test of enthusiasm, but Catholic patience is one of the firmest and most magnificent developments of the human race. It is cosmic—that bottomless word has to be used again to describe it; it has caught the spirit of the time and creation and eternity. Nothing ever dismays or shocks it—no raging of the heathen; no dissension or catastrophe, no injury or insult. It is not tolerant in a worldly sense, for it holds that truth must be absolute, one truth for all humanity, but it is full of tolerance and pity, ready to make allowances, to wait, to turn back, to begin all over again. There is no coldness about it; instead there is a passion. The passion of patience—somewhere or other that phrase has lately crept into religious discussion, and it admirably describes the marvelous temper of the Catholic Church."

That the Church has come down to us through long centuries of strife, persecution and bloodshed, pardoning her enemies, encouraging her children to love and patience, and setting to the world an inspiring example of every virtue is tested proof sufficient of her divine origin, and a triumph over the numerous obstacles that have made for the fall and ruin of merely secular endeavors.

Bad—Awfully Bad

In these days of the typewriter, the almost historic illegible penmanship has well nigh vanished. But the following anecdote about a former national celebrity will bear reprinting at this late date:
H. Grace Greeley's penmanship was so bad that someone always had to translate it into English. Sometimes these translations were blundering funny, as in the case of his answer to a lecture committee in Illinois. Here is what Greeley wrote:
"Dear Sir: I am overworked and growing old. I shall be sixty next February 3. On the whole I must decline to lecture henceforth, except in this immediate vicinity, if I do at all. I can not promise to visit Illinois or that errand—certainly not now."
"Yours,
"HORACE GREELEY."
And here is what the chairman of the committee replied:
"Dear Sir: Your acceptance to lecture before our association next winter came to hand this morning. Your penmanship no being the plainest, it took some time to translate it. But we succeeded, and would say your time, 'third of February,' and terms, 'sixty dollars,' are perfectly satisfactory. As you suggest, we may be able to get you other engagements in this immediate vicinity. If so, we will advise you."
"Yours respectfully,
"M. B. CASTLE."

Rev. P. F. O'Hare of Brooklyn has written a critical analysis of Luther's life and writings which move Joyce Kilmer, himself a critic of no mean ability, to remark that even the staunchest of Protestants must revise their previously held estimate of this arch-rebel against the Catholic Church.

In these days the lives of Washington and Lincoln should be read and re-read.

Rochester's auto club is making a noise these days like unto Ad, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

A newswriter's roastfest with out speeches! My, word, that will be an innovation!

If each Catholic would protest when he saw a "smutty" magazine on his newstand these publications might disappear.

Catholics should and do take the lead in movements that make for real civic progress.

"Religious liberty is one of the basic principles of the American Republic. It has been faithfully preserved to our time. But it will not be preserved, if we countenance appeals to religious prejudice in our political or even our social life," says the Chicago Tribune.

"An appeal to patriotism is the last resort of a scoundrel"—Samuel Johnson.

"The worst thing that could happen to America would be that she should be divided into groups and camps in which there were men and women who thought they were at odds with one another, that the spirit of America was not expressed except in them."—President Woodrow Wilson.

"Our loyalty to our country is not based on our grateful recognition of the freedom that we enjoy here; nor on the equality which is guaranteed by the law; nor on the right which our Constitution gives to every man to worship God as he will; nor in the absence here of special privileges granted by reason of accident of birth; but we love our country and are faithful to its laws and loyal to its Constitution for God's sake and for conscience."—Bishop Keiley [Savannah.]

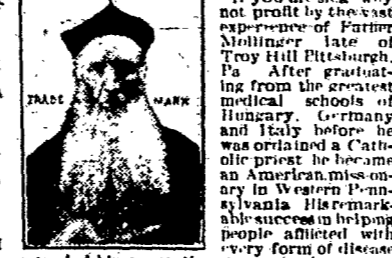
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NEGLECT IS OFTEN FATAL

Many Colds Lead to Pneumonia and Serious Lung Trouble—How to Avoid Danger.



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St. Andrew's Church

The masses on Sunday will be at 7:30, 9:15 and 10:30 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 services were held consisting of the Rosary, instructions for the children and Benediction.

The Parish Visitor greeted its readers for the first time last Sunday, it will be issued every three months, bringing the news of what is going on in the parish. Monday, Lincoln Day, was celebrated at the school hall with an entertainment by the children and home cooked candy sale.

A very enjoyable evening was spent Wednesday at the second annual banquet of the Holy Name Society, under the chairmanship of Henry Richter. The honorary guests were: Rev. J. F. Staut, Rev. F. Kunz, Rev. E. Bayer, Rev. F. Keitel, Rev. F. Straub, Rev. G. W. Eckl, Rev. A. Florack, Philip H. Donnelly, James S. McGee, Prof. Ralph B. Wagner, who acted as toastmaster. The menu was served by Mr. Hoffman and the music was furnished by Mignolis Band.

A Prize Pedro Party was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parish hall under the direction of Mrs. A. Foss. Mrs. Henry Schleuter and Mrs. Jos. Schneider.

The requiem masses for this week were for Mrs. Catherine Smith, Herman Kretz, Anton Sadler and Mrs. Catherine Schwind.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 19 and 20th, a very novel feature of amusement and entertainment will be offered in the form of an indoor picnic. A splendid musical program is to be rendered by the choir. Refreshments will be served and a merry time is assured by the committee in charge. Admission will be 20 cents.

An excellent course of sermons has been arranged to be given by the following priests during the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday, Rev. Walter Foery; Feb. 28th, Rev. John Breenihan; March 7th, Rev. Geo. Schmitt; March 14th, Rev. Michael Krieg; March 21st, Rev. Frank Mason; March 28th, Rev. Louis Edelman; Holy Week, Rev. Arthur Florack.

Next Sunday will be the regular Communion Sunday for the Young Ladies' Sodality.

Alhambra Dinner Dance

One of the pleasantest events of the season was given at the Rochester Club Monday evening, when Musa Caravan had its annual social evening, the affair taking the form of a dinner dance. About a hundred couples enjoyed the fine hospitality of the Caravan and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Dinner was served at 7:30 o'clock, and was followed by dancing at 10. Damon's Orchestra furnishing music. Beautiful gold pencils, attached to tiny ribbons in the national colors were presented to the ladies as souvenirs.

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Thoroughly clean the surface with soap and warm water, to which add a few drops of lye. Rub the surface dry, and then keep it covered to protect from dust. A wall of putty or clay should be put about two inches away from the spot to be repaired, being very careful not to touch the clean surface. This is to serve as a reservoir for the silvicing bath. For each nine square inches to be covered pour one-half ounce of a 10 per cent solution of silver nitrate. To this add ammonia water, drop by drop, until a light brown sediment appears and does not dissolve. There should be a very small quantity of this sediment at the bottom. Dissolve a piece of this sediment about one-fourth inch square in a half ounce of water. Warm the solution and add the nitrate solution to the mixture which should be in a warm place protected from dust and allowed to remain for twelve hours. Pour off the solution, dry, remove all traces of putty, etc., then cover the entire surface with shellac.

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