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Beginning with this issue the Catholic Journal gives its readers a greatly increased news service. Through the new department of Press and Publicity, organized by the National Catholic Welfare Council, The Catholic Journal will receive each week a cable and mail service from Rome, Paris, London and Dublin, and a news and feature service from Washington.

The department of Press and Publicity of the National Catholic Welfare Council, which will handle the news service, is in charge of newspaper men of national reputation. They will be assisted by a staff of experienced journalists. All news developments, both abroad and at home, of especial interest to Catholics will be adequately reported. Moreover, the news service will be supplemented by interesting features on Catholic subjects which will make good reading.

With this improved news and feature service the Catholic Journal ought to become of more value to all Catholics. We hope to be able to report to the National Catholic Welfare Council an increase in our subscriptions as an evidence of material appreciation of the efforts of the hierarchy to aid the Catholic Press and, through the upbuilding of the Catholic Press, strengthening the Catholic spirit and promoting Catholic welfare.
Tell your friends about the news service the Catholic Journal is receiving and persuade them at least to give us a trial subscription. If they will do this, which, in the circumstances, we believe it is their duty to do, we are certain their subscriptions will be renewed because of their desire to have the Catholic Journal regularly.

Good, Detroit

There was one city in the United States that suspended business, practically, between 12 and 3 on Good Friday. That was Detroit. Mayor Couzens issued a proclamation that read in part as follows:—

"The leaders of the Christian churches throughout Detroit have asked for a cessation of trading between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock on Good Friday, April 2d. During these hours the churches of both Protestant and Catholic denominations will be open for devotion.

"This movement must give rise to a greater sense of the significance of the day, as well as to a heightened spirituality in our community. We have frequently spoken about our having a 'city with a soul,' and it seems that this is a very opportune time to exemplify this, particularly if employers will do everything possible to allow their employes to attend houses of worship.

"It is, therefore, my earnest wish that every reasonable effort be made to comply with the request of the churches."
Don't Buy, Don't Sell, 12 to 3, Good Friday.

Here is how Detroit responded: Twenty-five thousand places of business closing for three hours. Detroit Stock Exchange closing all afternoon.

One hundred and seventy motion picture houses closing for the three hours, also displaying slides in furtherance of the movement.

All churches holding services during the three hours. Also services in the Detroit Opera House on the campus.

Many manufacturers allowed their employes to attend services during these hours.

Ill Advised

While one may sympathize with the striking railroad men to the extent of wishing that they could obtain fair living wages, if they are not receiving that at present, nevertheless they should reflect that there are thousands of men and women not so well off as they are and that if food supplies and coal and other necessities are held back by the railroad strike these persons will be still worse off in that they will either be compelled to pay exorbitant prices or forego these necessities in great measure.

In the long run, no strike is fully successful without public sentiment on the side of the strikers. In the present instance when the strikes are ordered over the protests of the union leaders, the ultimate result will not only be public sentiment against the strikers but also against labor unions whose members repudiate agreements and also turn their backs on their leaders.

Strikes to be successful, we repeat must be for a principle or for fair wages, else the public sentiment is adverse and the strike fails.

Expensive Justice

This illuminating despatch recently appeared under a London date line:—

Justice seems to be about the most expensive commodity going in these days of the high cost of living.

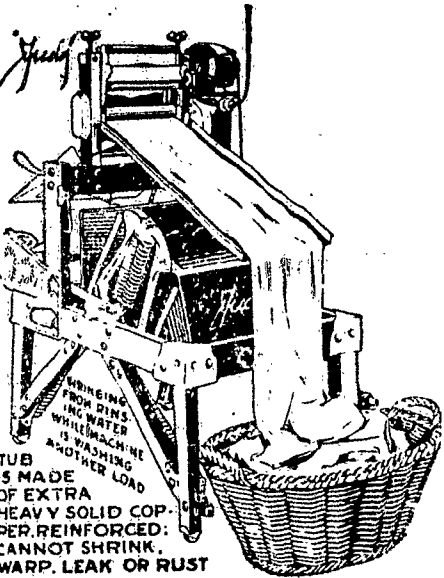
Recently Cardinal Bourne and the Jesuits, joint plaintiffs in an action to prove the validity of bequests for masses for the dead, bequests which gave us some of our most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in the Middle Ages, carried their case to the house of lords and rendered a great service to the Catholic community by eventually having it decided through this highest tribunal and once and for all that such bequests are legal. The cost of obtaining this decision, however, was nearly £2,000. More than two-thirds of this sum have been obtained, the Cardinal himself contributing generously toward it, but some hundreds of pounds remains to be found; and his Eminence appeals to the religious communities, who are likely to benefit greatly by the verdict, to find the remainder of its cost.

Jeremiah G. Hickey appears to be keeping the Chamber of Commerce up to the mark.

It is stated that Cardinal O'Connell and Archbishop Dougherty are planning their ad limina visits to Rome.

A contemporary states that of the 5,610,682 inhabitants of Canada, according to the latest census, 2,893,041 are Catholics, that is a crifle over one half the population.

Mrs. John B. Casserly, of San Francisco, a leader in Catholic welfare activity, has been appointed a director of women's relations to the United States Army, so Secretary of War Baker announces.



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