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**Gregorian Chant**

The entire Catholic family of the United States is interested in the Gregorian Congress held in New York city this week. In terms understandable to the average laymen this Congress spells the story of the restoration and development in the Church of the ancient Gregorian chant and this is also a history of the development of musical notation during the Middle Ages. Naturally, this interests the entire musical world—that is the music lovers of refined taste and appreciative of the beautiful, the soulful interpretation of music as distinguished from the bizarre and the cabaret-like—and Rochester is especially interested because the late Bishop McQuaid, Dr. Petter and Professor Eugene Bonn have done so much to encourage the Gregorian Chant and to exemplify its use and beauty in the Cathedral and in the ceremonies of St. Bernard's. The Seminarians of St. Bernard's were privileged to be present at the Congress in New York and to profit by the inspiration of Don Mocquereau, he who has done so much to mark the Benedictines of Solesmes Abbey, now resident at Quarr Abbey in the Isle of Wight. For forty years he has studied and worked, studied and worked, searching out ancient manuscripts, ancient notation, traditional melody. Because of his advanced age he was loath to leave Quarr Abbey and journey across the Ocean to the New World but the plea that leaving his cloister for a few weeks might be the only sacrifice he would be called upon to make for Almighty God prevailed and he came to the Congress.

**A Veto Governor**

Alfred E. Smith is likely to take former Governor and Senator David B. Hill's place as "the Veto Governor."

If Governor Smith is not convinced that a bill is necessary or if he disagrees with the object sought or the form of the measure, he does not hesitate to disapprove it or to give his reasons for that action.

The Governor was not deterred by the apparent up-state sentiment for the Lusk Committee's bills designed to eliminate the Socialist party and to drive such alleged educational institutions out of existence, also to establish a New York secret service spy system under direction and control of Attorney General Newton and the Department of Justice from being a red hot veto.

He also vetoed the McLaughlin bill designed to exempt women employed in printing or publishing establishments from the provision of the labor law prohibiting night work for women in factories. In disapproving the measure the Governor said: "I regard this proposed enactment as a distinctly backward step for the State of New York to take at a time when there is international recognition of prohibition of night work for women as a health measure. It is wrong to compromise with a principle. If we exempt printing establishments this year, we will be urged to exempt some other establishment next year and gradually the statute will be so weakened as to make it useless." In this respect the Governor did not tell the full story. The men printers opposed the McLaughlin bill because they want to shut out women printers and the Governor evidently agrees.

There are many persons who are abusing Governor Smith for signing the 2.75 beer bill and who charge him with violating his official oath because the new law is a direct conflict with the Prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution. This is not so. The Eighteenth Amendment prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. Congress passed what is known as "The Volstead Act" which defines an intoxicant as any beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcoholic content. The Volstead act is a war time measure and expires automatically when peace is declared. The Volstead act is open to interpretation by the courts just as is any other law passed by Congress or the State Legislature. If the courts decide that the Volstead act is invalid then New York has set a standard of intoxicant. If the United States Supreme Court decides the Volstead Act constitutional in all particulars, then New York's new law, as we view the situation, is of no effort.

Whether one likes him or not, whether one agrees or disagrees with him, it must be conceded that Governor Smith has the courage of his convictions and does not lack a comprehensive vocabulary with which to give voice to his convictions.

**Might Do So Here!**

Possibly, there are parishes not a thousand miles from Rochester where the following incident published as authentic by a Catholic exchange could be duplicated:—"It is related that the Cure of a parish church in Paris, famous for the number of fashionable people who are married there, put up a notice that he regretted to see so many of his parishioners so hard hit by the bad times that they could not afford to buy more than half a frock to get married in. He had, therefore, bought a large white shawl with which during the marriage ceremony they could cover the part of them that the dress left uncovered."

"Over the top"—Rochester did it for the Community Chest as it has in every other big civic movement.

Such is fame! The Post Express tells its readers that "Senator Cox is the choice of the Ohio delegates for the Presidential nomination in the San Francisco democratic national convention! And James is now serving his second term as Governor of Ohio!"

The tobacco makers and tobacco users are quite positive that they and their pet habit will not be interfered with by legislative or constitutional enactment. They should reflect upon the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Let us hope that after the political conventions are over our officials will return to their public duties and have an end of playing politics.

**FLEES FROM TERRORS OF RUSSIAN REDS**

**American Woman Says Russia Has Been Nightmare for Two Years.**

After two years of hardship and adventure in Soviet Russia, Miss Elizabeth Holliger of Syracuse, N. Y., has made good her escape through the south Russian zone of hostilities and reached safety at the American Red Cross refuge. She is one of the thousands of refugees who are now crowding the shores of the Black sea, seeking an exit through "Russia's Back Door."

Miss Holliger, who has resided for the past 20 years in Russia, was living at Kiev when the town was occupied by the troops of the soviet army. Fearing violence she left her home and hid for days in the local cemetery, existing by night the dwelling of some humble friend who secretly provided her with food. Eventually her hiding place was discovered and she was arrested. On account of her nationality, she was immediately released and allowed to return unmolested to her home, but forbidden to leave the region.

"Conditions soon became unbearable at Kiev," says Miss Holliger, "so I escaped at the first opportunity. Traveling on foot and suffering greatly from fatigue, cold and hunger, I managed to evade arrest and reach Ekatarinodar. From Ekatarinodar I walked to Novorossisk."

At Novorossisk Miss Holliger arrived in a state of complete exhaustion, numbed with cold and half starved. She has now almost recovered from her trying experience and is temporarily employed here as a Russian interpreter. She plans shortly to return to her home in Syracuse.

"Russia, during the past two years," she says, "has been a terrible nightmare. I never want to see it again. All I desire is to efface forever from my memory the events of the last 24 months."

**BIG CITY HAS A HEART**

**Chicago Paused Until a Pigeon Was Extricated From a Wire.**

Even the great city of Chicago, that drives its men and horses pitilessly to death, has a heart for helpless, suffering things. Men are shot down by thugs or run over by reckless motor-car drivers, and the crowd hastens by—it is the business of the police and the coroner.

A poor, begrimed, sooty mother pigeon, tremendously busy with her spring house-building plans, caught one of her feet in an electric wire under the dizzy cornice of a six-story building. There she hung and fluttered in a vain effort to free herself. The commotion attracted the attention of thousands—among them hundreds of humans who are also homeless.

The pigeon struggled desperately and finally, exhausted, hung limply by one leg. Her mate was making heroic efforts to save her. He would fly against her body with full force, but could not release her, although his final effort carried her body to the top of the cornice so that she rested easier.

Meanwhile, word had been carried to a hook and ladder company, which came clattering to the spot, but a passing workman, just a plain American, who refused to give his name, rescued the suffering bird at the extreme risk of his own life. Crawling up a crazy fire escape, he edged his way along the cornice, clinging to the wall with one hand, he tenderly freed the bird and held her until her strength came back. Then he tossed her to the roof of the building and she flew away, while the dense crowds below roared their approval.

**BAN ON LATE DANCES**

Pasadena Won't Permit Music After Ten O'clock in the Evening.

Tourist devotees of torporific or shimmering jazz music addicts will have to seek other diversion in Pasadena, Cal.

A drastic ordinance forbidding dancing or the playing of dance music between the hours of 10 p. m. and 8 a. m., recently adopted by the city commission, has just become effective in Pasadena, one of the country's most popular tourist centers.

Drove Newlyweds to Barn.

Because of the scarcity of houses, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Mink, newlyweds, who went from Texas to Beloit, Wis., were forced to take up quarters in a tumble-down barn.

Pie Without "Kick" Loses Favor.

The prohibition law preventing the use of whisky or brandy in the making of mince pies has caused this former popular delicacy to fall into disfavor, proprietors of Chicago hotels report.

Germany Delivers Seed to France.

Sufficient oats and barley to sow the entire devastated region in France have been delivered to that country by Germany, in accordance with the repatriation clauses of the peace treaty.

Woman Died After Four-Month Sleep.

Death came to Mrs. Charles Erickson, fifty-five years old, of Clarendon, Pa., a few days ago, after she had been asleep for four months.

Remarkable Contrast in Revenues.

Government revenues since September, 1917, aggregate \$11,481,100,000, almost equaling those for the 55 years preceding, which were \$11,582,000,000.

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**"LIVE ADVERTISING"**

The Rochester Herald in its issue of May 28, 1920, published an excellent editorial under the heading mentioned above. It related to the circumstance of an old house being torn down and the finding of \$1,325 in gold coins in an earthen jar, which had lain idle and earned nothing in many years. A Savings Bank used this story to bring out the fact that if this sum had been in the bank it would have earned \$1,590 at 3% simple interest.

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