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**DRAMATIC DEATH OF FRENCH CATHOLIC DEPUTY FROM SAVOY**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Paris, Dec. 1.—The discussion started in the Chamber over the resumption of relations with the Vatican was marked by quite a dramatic incident.

Standing on the threshold that led to the door of the house, Mr. Perrollaz, a Catholic Deputy from Savoy, after hearing the speech delivered by the radical leader, Mr. Herriot, against the plan for a satisfactory understanding with the Vatican, was having a heated argument with the latter. He was endeavoring to prove to him the inaccuracy of certain arguments he had exposed at the tribune. Suddenly, Mr. Perrollaz, while speaking, was seen to collapse. He died soon afterward from heart failure.

Shortly before, Mr. Perrollaz had made known his decision to ascend the tribune so as to uphold the motion on the re-establishment of the embassy near the Vatican.

Mr. Perrollaz, who was 63 years old, was elected only one year ago. He was a Professor of Philosophy in the State College.

**DETROIT PROTESTANTS' PLAN OF TEACHING CHILDREN RELIGION**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Detroit, Dec. 13.—Daily religious instruction for the pupils of the public schools during hours set apart for that purpose is contemplated in plans which six Protestant churches of Detroit are about to carry into effect for the moral benefit of the children of their congregations. The pupils of the public schools will be expected under this arrangement to attend classes conducted by teachers of their respective religious faiths.

Until that part of the plan which would provide for the instruction of the public schools can be legalized, the churches intend operating a school of the community type in which the elements of Protestant Christianity will be taught. This school, it is expected will be opened about February 1.

In a statement given to the N. C. W. C. News Service, Rev. Edward R. Bartlett, superintendent of the Wayne County Sunday School Association, described the present and ultimate scope of the plans which the several churches have adopted.

"It is generally understood that this experimental school is organized simply for the purpose of demonstrating the type of religious instruction which may be given as supplementary to our Sunday School work," Dr. Bartlett said.

"It is part of the program that eventually there will be a certain portion of public school time made available to the different churches wherein children may be given religious instruction, outside the public school buildings, at some hour or hours during the week. The children will be expected to attend the schools of their parents' choice, and it will be an arrangement in which Protestant, Catholic and Jew may well have a part. The aim is not the development of any special church program but simply to lay more securely the foundation of religious instruction now so sorely needed by the children of our Nation."

**CLOCK PRAYERS STILL A CUSTOM IN RURAL IRELAND**  
Dublin, Dec. 1.—How long does it take to boil an egg? This vexed question has come up again. An Irish teacher of cookery has answered:

"An egg is nicely boiled in the time it takes to say five Our Fathers, five Hail Marys, and three Glories be to the Fathers."

In rural places where clock time is less observed than God's time, this method of egg-boiling prevails. Priests allow the tea to draw while they repeat a "miscere" very slowly.

The Rhine peasants by the way, boil eggs by the Lord's Prayer.

English literature of the Catholic period bears evidence that the "space of a Paternoster" was once in England an ordinary measure of time.

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You probably know, for instance, some little old lady who, although she may not be beautiful or brilliant, is just "nice"—which is apt to mean that instead of bossing or scolding, she tries not to be troublesome or unreasonable to those around her. Or rather, she does not have to try, for it is characteristic of elderly human beings that they seldom try very hard to form new habits. Youth is the period of endeavor, and old age of results. This is the reason for the facility of young folks' displeasure at their parents' "old-fashioned" ideas. Such ideas are fixed; they will not change.

Yet not all elderly people are age-bound in their thoughts; many can even adopt them. Such a flexible condition of the elderly mind is, like the rigid, inflexible sort, a product of earlier life and habits. It is not likely to indicate any particular good or evil trait in the person possessing it.

If the young man or woman who feels impatient at the old folks' notions will cease to shrug a shoulder and exclaim: "I hope I'm not like that when I'm old," and will turn his attention to the younger generation, starting with himself, he is likely to do much more for human progress. When he himself has reached the age of fixed ideas his character will depend on his previous habits of mind; if he has kept himself free from prejudice and cocksureness and has been always willing to learn better ways of thinking and doing, he will be likely to remain correspondingly more rational with advancing years, and will, in truth, not be "like that" when he is old. —Penelope East Oregonian.

**COMMUNAL SPIRIT IN JAPAN**

Writer Notes the Fact That Natives Share Their Sneezes With Strangers on Street Cars.

Japanese do things in public for which we would ostracize a man or send him to the looney. From their communal spirit which tolerates bathing in public together they go to the other extreme of coming out on their balconies and clearing their throats at five o'clock in the morning and expirating into the open gutters below.

They will hold their fans before their mouths when talking or yawning, as do we, but will cough and sneeze in your face on street cars. And yet, among the relaxed observance of custom is pathetically beautiful. They come to celebrate the arrival of the cherry blossoms by bringing with them their geisha and their children; they move in perfect hordes; they go to the station in masses to see off some friend or relative and crowd the platforms, bowing and howling and howling again as though there weren't a thousand strangers passing before them; they dress, undress, eat, sleep and drink whisky by the tumblerful on the trains—yet their inner lives are as secret to one another as they seem to be to the foreigner.

It is as though from behind the scenes—in which many people are more interested than in the play itself—the actors had come, forgetting, in a moment of absent-mindedness, to put on their make-up, or had come upon the street, forgetting to take it off.—Sydney Greenlee, in "Japan, Real and Imaginary."

**Moral Forces.**

Above all it is ever to be kept in mind that not by material but by moral force are men and their actions governed. How noiseless is thought! No rolling of drums, no tramp of squadrons, or immeasurable tumult of baggage wagons, attends the movement. In what obscure and sequestered places may the head be meditating which is one day to be crowned with more than imperial authority; for kings and emperors will be among its mislastering servants; it will rule not over but in their heads, and with these its solitary combinations of ideas, as with magic formulas, bend the world to its will. The time may come when Napoleon himself will be better known for his laws than for his battles; and the victory of Waterloo prove less momentous than the opening of the first mechanical institute. —Thomas Carlyle.

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The Home for Crippled Children, Pittsburgh, Dec. 13.—Eight Pittsburgh Catholics who were requested by non-Catholics of the institution for the next five days to assist in raising \$200,000. Only a relatively few Catholics were approached by the Commission, succeeded within three days, but the response was generous in gathering \$12,500 for the institution. The Home for Crippled Children, Pittsburgh, Dec. 13.—Eight Pittsburgh Catholics who were requested by non-Catholics of the institution for the next five days to assist in raising \$200,000. Only a relatively few Catholics were approached by the Commission, succeeded within three days, but the response was generous in gathering \$12,500 for the institution.



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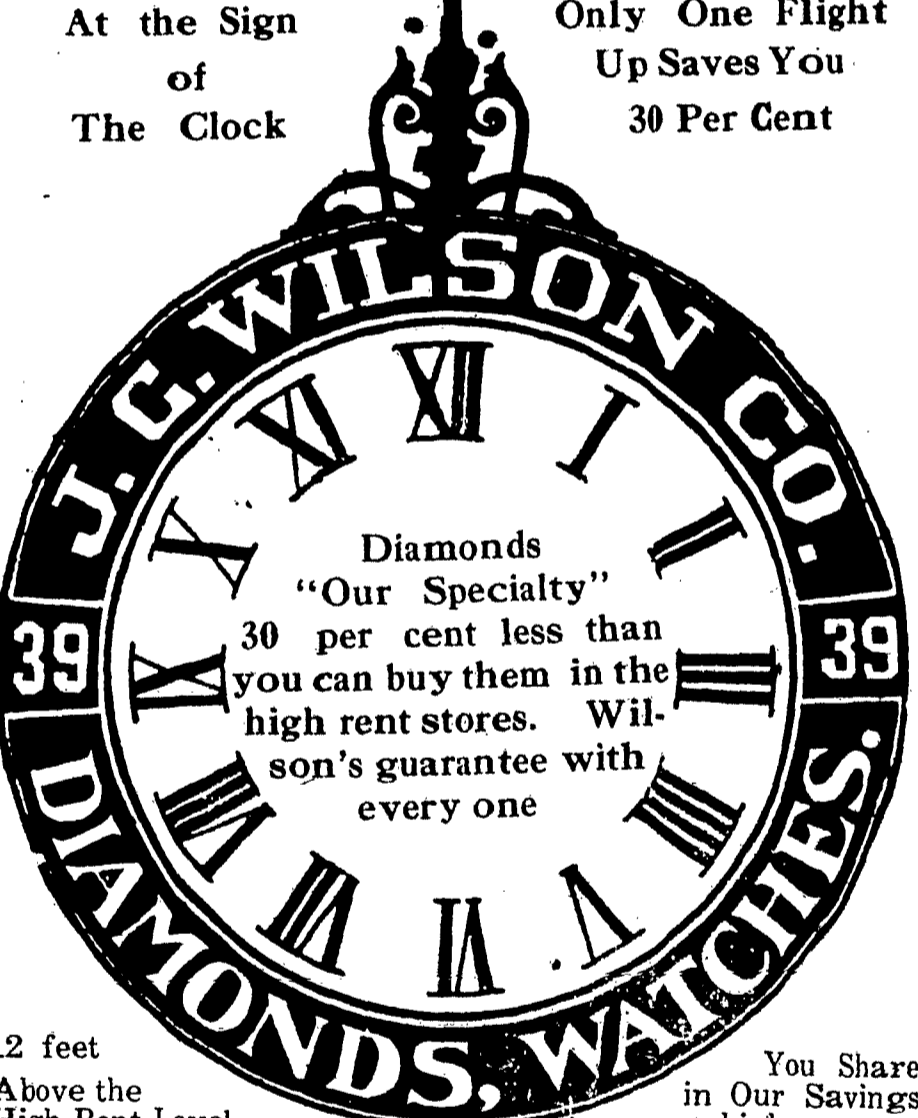
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