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## Parting Of Ways

Is the order of the day to be open war on the part of certain purse-proud, arrogant men of great wealth, recently acquired, upon the social welfare program of the National Catholic Welfare Council and those publicists whose views accord with the Council? It will be recalled that one of the strong pronouncements of the National Catholic Welfare Council was in favor of a "living wage".

Everybody knows who and what the "Wall Street Journal" represents. Just read the following excerpt from a recent "Journal" editorial:—

"When the real adjustment comes, the unskilled worker finishes where he belongs—at the bottom of the list. He will be able to live on \$2 a day when he is lucky enough to get that amount regularly. . . . The cost of living will adjust itself. The Labor Bureau will give up publishing nonsense about \$2,600 a year minimum for a fancied 'family of five.' The unskilled worker will thank goodness that he has no family of five, or indeed anybody but himself, to support; nor will any employer pay him on the basis of such fatherhood, as the bankrupt and discredited Inter-church World Movement absurdly proposed in its gratuitous inquiry into the steel strike. . . . This country can run best on a basis of plentiful domestic services at \$20 a month, with respectful and competent maids receiving \$25 a month, and glad to get it."

## President Harding

Warren Gamabel Harding is now President of the United States and Woodrow Wilson is a private citizen. While the American people wish President Harding well and will support his administration loyally, they also will have a kindly feeling for the man who served this country as Chief Executive in the darkest days of the world's history. True, many of us disagreed with ex-President Wilson and did not vote for the candidate of his party but we cannot subscribe to the mean, cowardly attacks made upon the President when he was a sick man and unable to defend himself.

President Harding's inaugural address will appeal to his fellow citizens by its directness, its simple and understandable language and its evident wish to convey to the people that the President is open to advice, that he will counsel with others and that he possesses a deep-seated religious fervor.

Warren Harding starts off with heavy responsibilities. From surface indications, he has surrounded himself with a cabinet made up of men of average mentality—taken as a whole—with Charles

E. Hughes above the average and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Herbert Hoover credited with records of achievement, likewise Secretary of Labor James J. Davis. In all probability the Harding Cabinet will furnish a splendid example of fine team work.

What the United States now needs is large doses of applied common sense. We all hope Warren Harding and his aides will administer the needed doses.

## Clean Films Needed

Whether the best way to meet the situation is by a state board of censors with plenary powers or by rigidly enforced local ordinances, certainly the need of stricter supervision over the movie films is needed, perhaps not so much in Rochester but in many parts of the State.

Governor Miller is a broad-minded man but even he admits he has inadvertently witnessed scenes in movie plays that he would not care to have his daughters see.

State censorship is urged by some legislators in bills introduced at Albany. Out in Chicago the Holy Name Societies are championing a local ordinance for the establishment of "an executive department of the municipal government of the city of Chicago, which shall be known as the department of motion pictures, and which shall be in charge and under the supervision of three members, to be appointed by the mayor, by and with the consent of the city council; one of which shall have been engaged in social service work; one in educational work, and one in professional or business life. Both sexes shall be represented on the board." These board members shall draw a salary of \$5,000 a year, thus assuring, the proponents of the ordinance argue, the selection of qualified persons who can afford to give their entire time to the work.

To this board is given complete power to pass or reject films.

## Mr. Wilson's Place

We wonder if our old friend John B. Howe, penned these words in a recent issue of the Syracuse Herald:—

"Before the country is much older, when the passions of the hour have subsided, Wilson's towering figure will be viewed in the perspective of a cool, unclouded atmosphere; and then the mass of his fellow Americans will again understand, and again manfully concede, the full measure of his greatness and his renown. No story of the world's greatest convulsion will be complete which does not accord him a heroic part in the unfolding of the drama; and no record of American history for the eight years from March 4, 1913, onward will be faithful to the truth which does not portray him as the overtopping personality of that eventful era."

"Wilson and Colby, Washington and New York specialists in international law" is likely to be a well-known law firm.

Will Hays says he will revolutionize the post-offices. There are any number of patriots in Rochester who will be glad to assist.

Evidently, Uncle George Aldridge holds a warm spot in the heart of President Harding.

This is "Catholic Press Month." We hope the subscription lists of the Catholic Journal will bear substantial evidence of the fact.

President Harding's repudiation of the League of Nations is so explicit that even Johnson and Borah should be satisfied.

What sacrifice have you made during this Lenten season.

Governor Miller's traction plan may be the long looked for solution of a vexatious problem.

## "Principles Of Freedom"

Under the above title has been published a book by the late Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney. A glimpse at the inner workings of the mind of this remarkable man may be had in the following quotations from the book:

"In the indomitable soul lies the assurance of ultimate victory."  
"For the good fighter there is always fine recompense; a clear mind, warm blood, quick imagination, grasp of life and joy of action, and at the end of the day an eminence won. Yes, and from the height of that eminence will come ringing down to the last doubter a last word: we may reach mountain tops in aspiring to the stars."

"Avoid vituperation as a disease, but have your facts clear and ready for friend or foe."

"Ask yourself if the people who go but from the remote places of Ireland, quiet-spoken and ruddy-faced, and return after a few years loud-voiced and pallid, have found things exactly as their hope. They protest yes; but their voice and color belie them."  
"It is harder to live a consistent life than to die a brave death."

"To slip apologetically through existence is not life. If such a mean philosophy went abroad, we would soon find the land a place of shivering creatures, without the capacity to live or the courage to die—a calamity, surely."

"If in a temporary reverse we are called to stand in the dock tomorrow; or if, finely purged in the battle of freedom, we come through our last fight with splendid triumph, our loyalty is there still, shining like a great sun, the same beautiful, unchanging thing that has lighted us through every struggle."

"We have noticed that the man who prefers his ease to any troubling duty has his mate in the woman who prefers to be wooed with trinkets, chocolates, and the theatre to a more beautiful way of life that would give her a nobler place but more strenuous conditions."

The Philadelphia Public Ledger has a special correspondent whose special mission is to minimize ill-favored conditions in Ireland and to prevent any Red Cross funds to be used for Irish Relief as has been promised to the Knights of Columbus by Herbert Hoover. This correspondent alleges there is no distress, no suffering, no privation, no devastated areas in all Ireland. There must be a few thousand liars if the correspondent is correct. However the correspondent protests too much. He defeats his own purpose.

Are the people really interested in the retention of the direct primary law or do they want to go back to the old convention plan?

The National Catholic Welfare Council is fast justifying its formation by the correct information and up to date news service it is furnishing on current Catholic events.

Archbishop Dougherty's elevation to the cardinalate will give the historic and important See of Philadelphia its first Prince of the Church.

There are friends of Rev. James P. Magee, in Rochester, who were delighted at the news this popular priest of Syracuse had been elevated to the rank of Monsignor. May he live long to wear his new title.

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## Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, March 13.—St. Euphrasia, Virgin, who, at the age of seven, begged that she might be permitted to serve God. Her mother permitted her to enter a monastery at an early age. Euphrasia refused an alliance with a wealthy senator and spent a life that was a pattern of meekness, humility and charity. On one occasion, to combat temptations, she employed herself, at the command of the abbess, in carrying huge stones from place to place. She died in 410.

Monday, March 14.—St. Maud, daughter of Theodoric, a powerful Saxon count and wife of Henry, Duke of Saxony, who afterwards was chosen King of Germany. After the death of her husband, Queen Maud founded many churches and monasteries. She had three sons, Otho, who afterwards became emperor; Henry, Duke of Bavaria; and St. Brunn, Archbishop of Cologne. The two eldest sons tried to strip Maud of her dowry on the pretence that she squandered the revenues on the poor, but afterwards repented. Maud died in 968.

Tuesday, March 15.—St. Zachary, successor of Gregory III, who ruled the Church with great prudence and benevolence. He adorned Rome with many sacred buildings. On one occasion seeing Venetian merchants selling slaves he bought the unfortunate victims and set them free. He died in 752.

Wednesday, March 16.—Sts. Abraham and Mary. Abraham was a rich nobleman of Edessa, who having married at the desire of his parents, fled and took up his abode in a cell, the door of which he walled up. His brother having died, Abraham was made guardian of his daughter, Mary. The saint placed her in a cell near his own and devoted himself to training her in perfection. After twenty years Mary fell from innocence and in despair fled to a great city. Abraham prayed earnestly for her and brought her back to repentance. Mary worked many miracles before her death in 365, five years after that of Abraham.

Thursday, March 17.—St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland.

Friday, March 18.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, at the time of whose episcopacy in that city the apostate emperor Julian resolved to falsify the word of Our Lord and tried in vain to rebuild the temple. Cyril suffered many persecutions. He was noted as a teacher and many of his expositions of the faith have been preserved. He died in 386.

Saturday, March 19.—St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus and patron of the Universal Church.

## Notre Dame For Irish Freedom

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Notre Dame, March 7.—A council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic was formed at Notre Dame University last week as a result of the visit of Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the Lord Mayor of Cork. Notre Dame is one of the few Catholic colleges in America having a branch of the new association.

## Georgetown Man Named Secretary To Daugherty

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, D. C., March 7.—William Franklin Gibbs, a cousin of William G. McAdoo and a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School, has been named secretary to Harry M. Daugherty, United States Attorney General, according to an announcement made here. Mr. Gibbs was secretary in the office of President Warren G. Harding previous to his inauguration.

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