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**Cardinal Gibbons**

One of the most striking figures in American life passed from us when Cardinal James Gibbons died last Thursday. His loss to the country at large is fully as great as to the Catholic Church and his own archdiocese of Baltimore—because he was ever a leader in every movement intended for the general good of the community, the State or the Nation. His voice was ever upraised, his pen never was idle when the safety of his country was threatened.

But as a Catholic churchman Cardinal Gibbons name and fame was nation-wide. The second American Cardinal, his length of service unparalleled in this country he was easily the leader of the Catholic Church in America for a quarter of a century. His sermons and books have been translated into foreign tongues and read the world over. No one knows how many souls were brought to the knowledge of the Church's true attributes by "Faith of Our Fathers", written in language easily understood and comprehended by even the most illiterate and the Cardinals daily life and conduct followed in the footsteps of Faith of Our Fathers. He was always a priest. Until a very few years ago he heard confessions in his church like any other parish priest and took his turn with sick calls and other parochial visits. Catholic education had a true friend in Cardinal Gibbons.

The passing of such a character is a source of national regret as is seen by the scores of telegrams from men and women in all walks of life, from the President down. Men like James Gibbons are needed in this crucial period in our country's history. But his work here was done and God called him to Himself and so let us say "Peace to his ashes and eternal rest to his soul!"

The Post-Express sums up all there is to the latest contribution to the Rochester street car history when it says:—The public is a little slow in seeing why their ticket-buying privileges should be curtailed because of alleged dishonesty on the part of conductors of the street railway. If there is no evidence to back up the company's allegations they should never have been made; if there is evidence of their truth, the proper place to air it is in the Police Court.

Before retiring from office President Wilson appointed ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York State a member of the Federal Board for Indian affairs. The ex-president not only honored a good man for any office but named a practical and not-afraid-of-his-faith Catholic.

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**The Senate**

To those who would abolish the United States Senate as a two conservative body, these words of Vice-President Coolidge when he was inaugurated on March 4, may convey a new thought:—

But its greatest function of all, too little mentioned and too little understood, whether exercised in legislating or reviewing, is the preservation of liberty. Not merely the rights of the majority—they little need protection—but the rights of the minority, from whatever source they may be assailed. The great object for us to seek here, for the Constitution identifies the Vice-Presidency with the Senate, is to continue to make this Chamber, as it was intended by the fathers, the citadel of liberty. An enormous power is conferred, capable of much good or ill; open it may be to abuse, but necessary, wholly and absolutely necessary, to secure the required result.

"Whatever its faults, whatever its human imperfections, there is no legislative body in all history that has used its powers with more wisdom and discretion, more uniformly for the execution of the public will or more in harmony with the spirit of the authority of the people which has created it, than the United States Senate.

"I take up the duties the people have assigned me under the Constitution, which we can neither enlarge nor diminish, of presiding over this Senate, agreeably to its rules and regulations, deeply conscious that it will continue to function in harmony with its high traditions as a great deliberative body, without passion and without fear, unmoved by clamor, but most sensitive to the right, the stronghold of government according to law, that the vision of past generations may be more and more the reality of generations yet to come."

**Religious Teaching**

Inculcation of reverence for God and religion as part of the secular education given in all public and private schools are urged in a resolution adopted by the National Educational Association in session last month at Atlantic City. It follows:—

"In view of the dependence of democracy on religion and the attacks to which all churches and all democratic governments are alike being subjected by radicals and radical nations, it is the duty of all churches, irrespective of divergence of creed, to unite in an effort to make religious education more universal and efficient, to emphasize the democratic element in religious instruction, to correlate religious instruction and all elements in public school education helpful to religion, it is the duty of public school authorities to emphasize all non-religious elements in instruction which tend to make religious instruction more intelligent and efficient, and to organize some systematic form of moral instruction in every public school, and it is the duty of churches and public schools alike to make earnest effort to insure a more general reverence for divinity and respect for all things religious, including respect for churches other than one's own, and for everything connected with their form of worship."

In the course of the discussion of "Democracy in Education" Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education, Boston, declared that "if for twenty-four hours the Ten Commandments should be absolutely and completely ignored, it would take a thousand years to get back to law and order."

They say that the Federal Capitol attaches now begin work at 9 a. m. sharp. There are private concerns that are beating that record now.

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**Bishop's Approve**

The Bishops of the United States have taken hold of the movement to make the Catholic press of the United States and Canada strong, virile and forceful. In a recent letter issued by Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, of Albany, he says:

We often cite with gratification the progress made by the Church in America. We are proud, and with reason, of the evidence of the faith and generosity of our people visible in our churches, schools of every grade, and charitable institutions for the relief of every affliction. But it must be frankly admitted that we have been lacking in appreciation of the value of the Catholic press as an agency of the Church to instruct, guide, stimulate and unify the masses of the faithful in all that the church seeks to do for their spiritual and material welfare.

"By far the greater part of our people depend upon the meagre and often inaccurate accounts they find in the daily newspapers for their information on happenings of the greatest interest to us as Catholics. As a result they hardly know what is going on in Catholic circles in our own country, and they are woefully ignorant of the religious and social activities of our brethren in other lands. From the same sources and in some cases from non-Catholic and often irreligious periodicals many draw what knowledge they have of the great questions of the day, questions into which religion and Catholic principles of morality largely enter.

"All this must be changed and the teachings of the pulpit receive aid from the influence of a vigorous and widely extended Catholic press, if we hope to have a Catholic people rightly informed on matters of grave importance, such as their civic rights and duties, the dangers which menace Church and society, and the remedies which the Church is able and ready to apply to existing or threatening evils."

**Forcible, Perhaps**

According to some of the newspaper despatches Secretary of Labor James J. Davis is not prone to be patient at long-drawn-hair-splitting legal arguments. When the basis of a decision in the dispute between the packers and their employees had been agreed upon and the packer's lawyers wanted to argue a few minor points, Davis is said to have interrupted with:—

"What's the use of arguing any more? Sign!"

And they all signed! Now that sort of brusqueness may not always do. There may be times when haste may not spell speed. Nevertheless, there are more times, where long drawn out arguments tangle up still more an already badly tangled snarl when quick decision at the proper psychological moment may save the day.

If Davis can strike the proper psychological moment to say "Shut up and sign!" he'll get along.

No one has done more to secure clean movie film service than the Holy Name societies all over the country.

Daylight saving seems to be popular here and unpopular there, depending upon the local viewpoint or interest. Quite like tariff, eh? Just ask a farmer.

The 1921 recipient of the Laetare medal is Miss Elizabeth Nourse, Catholic artist and a Catholic woman of piety and goodness. "As an artist Miss Elizabeth Nourse is first among all women artists of America," Clement J. Barnhorn, eminent sculptor and supervisor of the Cincinnati Art School, where Miss Nourse began her studies, has said. "Among the Catholic women there is none near her."

Cardinal Gibbons' death brings sorrow to many a non-Catholic heart.

**Holy Father Mourns Death of Cardinal**

(By Special Cable to N. C. W. C. News Service).

Rome, March 25.—On hearing the sad news of Cardinal Gibbons' death, the Holy Father expressed the following sentiments:

"The death of our dearest Brother, the Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, is a great grief not only for his diocese and his country, but also for the whole Church. Cardinal Gibbons was the living testimony of the magnificent development and the powerful organization which the Catholic Church has attained in his country, and for this reason he, more than anybody else, could show to the people the marvelous fruits that the Church can produce for the good of mankind even in our times, and not withstanding numberless difficulties.

"Cardinal Gibbons, excellent priest, learned master, vigilant pastor, was also an exemplary citizen, and by the example and preaching of Christian virtues in private as well as in social life, he contributed efficaciously to the sound progress of his great country. His memory therefore must be cherished with profound veneration not only by every Catholic but also by every citizen of the United States of America."

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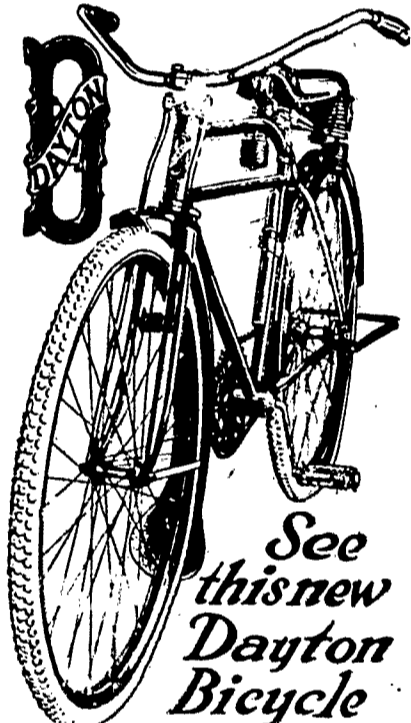
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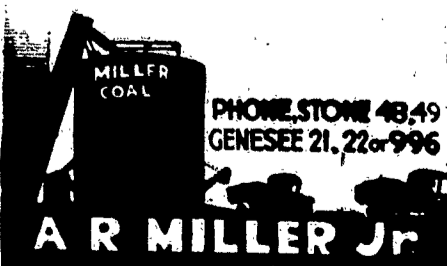
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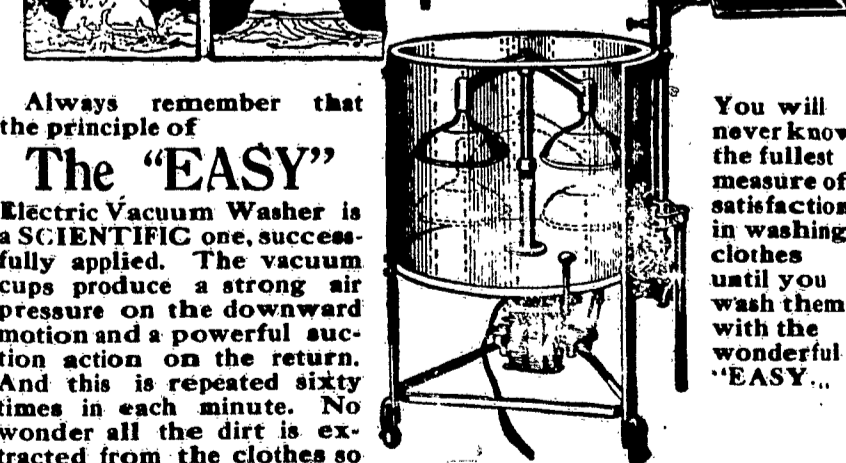
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