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Archbishop Curley

The new Archbishop of Baltimore, Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Bishop of St. Augustine, Florida, has been named by Pope Benedict as Archbishop of Baltimore, in succession to Most Rev. James Gibbons.

Archbishop Curley was born in Ireland and made his theological studies in Rome. He is only 41 years old now and when he was consecrated as Bishop of St. Augustine in 1914 he was the youngest Ordinary in the United States, 34 years old.

Time To Settle

It is to be hoped that the long drawn out battle between the building trades contractors and their employes has now been definitely settled and that this troublesome situation in Rochester will not be prolonged and carried over into the fall and winter months.

This industrial dispute has meant much to Rochester. Business men have felt it. The public generally has been inconvenienced, especially the renting portion because of suspension in new building. Every taxpayer felt it because this year's increase of 20 per cent in assessed valuations was to take the place of the customary increase in new building construction.

It is perfectly apparent that arbitration of the difficulties now in progress could have been had and settlement arrived at several months ago were it not for the stubbornness of the parties to the dispute. We do not undertake to say which was right and which was wrong. We do know that the workers have lost much more than acceptance of the cut in wages proposed originally and the employers have lost thousands of dollars in decreased receipts and depreciation of plants.

Arbitration should have been the vehicle of settlement last April as well as now.

Query: Is Lloyd George on the level in his parley with DeValera?

Lord Northcliffe seems bent in undoing Lord George as he made him and unmade Asquith.

Probably, Governor Miller will "fool 'em all" in 1922 just as Senator Mullan fooled the chaps who were heating the poker for him when he came up for reelection.

May be the "Ulster boycott" did more to wake up the British stupids than did the civil war in Ireland. Touch the Ulster Britishers pocket and he winces.

The wise mother never will allow her young daughter to ride with a young man alone in an automobile especially after sunset.

Well, Labor Day and the Industrial Exposition is not far away!

Sectarian

It appears that Pennsylvania is away behind New York in narrow bigotry. We have bigots in New York state to be sure and they are just as slimy in their crawling loathsomeness as any snake.

But New York judges have not reached the point where they will decide that if a state or municipal ward is sent for treatment to a hospital or other institution that happens to be under the direction of a Catholic Sisterhood, the State or city cannot pay anything for that pension's upkeep because it is a "sectarian" institution!

In other words, the institution may be Methodist, Presbyterian, Jewish, Universalist or infidel and be "non-sectarian". But Catholic control stamps it as "sectarian".

The "Catholic Standard and Times" well says:—The doors of Catholic hospitals are open to every one who applies for help and relief in distress. No passport is required; no baptismal certificate is demanded; no qualification of any kind, except real need, is insisted on; no discrimination is exercised against those of another faith; no preferential treatment is given to those who belong to the Church. The fact that the applicant for admission is actually afflicted and the victim of disease is sufficient to secure entrance for him and to insure him the best services the institution is able to give. All comers are welcome and received and ministered to on a basis of absolute equality. Nor are these institutions made the agencies of proselytizing. Their only aim is to alleviate the woes of afflicted humanity, to mend broken bodies, to heal wounds, to diminish suffering and ease pain, to refit men for their tasks in life, or when human ingenuity fails and the dread moment can no longer be staved off, to surround the last days of the dying with what poor comforts and consolations men can devise, and to soothe the agonies of the deathbed. Their only purpose is to carry out the works of mercy in the most scientific fashion and according to the most efficient methods.

They are not sectarian in scope. They erect barriers against no one. They dispense their services freely to the public in general. In the truest sense, they are a public benefit with not even the trace of sectarian exclusiveness. In the conditions of admission, in the universality of service, in the response to every appeal, they are plainly as public as any State institution can be. They supplement the secular institutions, which would not be able to cope with the extent of disease and sickness, if it were not for Catholic enterprise and co-operation, in this field of charitable welfare work. They relieve public distress. They take upon themselves the burdens of the community and help the State perform a work which, unaided, it would be unable to accomplish properly. If they are handicapped by lack of resources, the people are the sufferers and the losers.

The crants made to institutions run on such principles constitute no misapplication of public funds to private or sectarian ones; they represent a perfectly legitimate and in every way unobjectionable use of public money for the welfare of the people. Every cent thus appropriated was spent in the service of the people. It is for that very purpose that taxes are levied. Hence, no one had any reason and right to complain of these appropriations and the ends for which they were employed.

The withdrawal of State aid will be a blow to our Catholic institutions; but it will be a severe blow to that section of the people that depended on the liberal services of these institutions. Catholic homes and hospitals are not run on a basis of profit; there is no generous margin of surplus; they give the utmost return for

what they receive; they are organized in the most economic and efficient way. The only manner in which they can retrench expenses is by curtailing service. And that will mean hardship for many sufferers and will throw the burden on other shoulders. No economy will be effected by the new scheme.

The whole agitation, which has culminated in this ruling, has been inspired by bigotry. Its hideous and slimy trail is but too perceptible.

Tried Friends

An unnamed exchange prints the following concise description of a tried and true friend:—

"Next to a match that won't light is a friend who won't stand up for you in an emergency." How true. If there is anything disappointing, anything that may cause disaster, to words and conscience, it is a match that won't light. You are in sore need of light; maybe a burglar has invaded your privacy and is busy with his burglarious intentions. He may work on with perfect unconcern if the match doesn't light. You have a friend who stands by you through thick and thin," but when the test comes and you need someone to lean upon, you find your friend is a "match that won't light," and you are disappointed, not only in the person in whom you place confidence, but in the professions of friendship which were made. Oh, how many matches there are in the world that won't light! And how many friends there are who are ready to praise when praise is not needed, but are scared and fly away when the catastrophe appears. Oh, for tried friends, who, knowing what friendship is, will stand by you in evil report as well as good; who do not condemn without a hearing; who will measure your worth by your actions, and not refuse sympathy when you need it, or when you are destitute.

Still At It

United States Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, must have a mind singularly akin to that of "Tom" Watson—and the two Senators must be akin in their source of inspiration—as witness this extract from a speech delivered by him in Congress recently. Senator Williams, discussing the character and responsibilities of physicians said:

"A Catholic priest is a confessor; other clergymen are not, but every doctor, independently of church and religion, is a family confessor, and his duties as a confessor are not conserved by superstition like that of the priests. When you come to realize how he is a confessor and why, it is simply because he is a gentleman dealing with other gentlemen and other gentlemen's wives and children. No superstition holds him to his task; no Pope, no Bishop, no Archbishop, and yet you will search your memories, each of you, to find where a physician ever betrayed a confidence."

Name It!

"F.M.", writing in the "Union and Times" paints this word picture:

"I know a little prairie town in the middle west with a population of about five hundred. By the droll humor of the plainmen it is called a city."

"There is a public school, grammar and high. Three churches with three resident pastors—a Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic. The Methodist minister is an Englishman to the manor born. He slips his h's—the only thing that he does let slip. Now this town is practically an annex to the Methodist Church. The little Englishman, a low-browed, under-educated servant of the crown, is past master in ways that are dark and in tricks that are vain.

He is a Mason, an English subject and a preacher of a diluted worldly-wise gospel. He rules the school, the city government, the movies and censors all amusements. It goes without saying that hootch in this village (I mean city) is anathema.

"Catholic children must sing Methodist hymns in the school, bow their little heads and mumble Methodist prayers—or be penalized. An Irishman, who was favored and prosperous in this English colony of German-Americans, is now poor and boycotted. Why? He had forgotten the way to church. Then he found it. Then the boycott."

Let us have the name of this village. Let the Catholic News Service blazon it all over the world. Pitiless publicity may change conditions there.

In these days of unrest the Catholic should fortify himself by frequent reception of the sacraments.

In apportioning your charitable contributions, it is well to remember the Catholic Extension Society of the United States and the Society for Propagation of the Faith.

A strong, Catholic weekly is a necessary Diocesan adjunct.

THE CELTIC CROSS SENDS FOOD AND CLOTHING TO THE IRISH SUFFERERS

Germantown, Pa., certainly believes its name when it comes to the question of Irish relief. The MacSwiney Branch of the Celtic Cross has been one of the most active of any in the country. Among its activities is included the sending to Ireland of over \$2,500 worth of clothing, canned goods, groceries and flour, as well as \$400 in money. Bridget Donnelly has largely been the inspiration back of the work. She has just sent in a request for 500 membership buttons to start the fall campaign.

The ladies of Quincy, Ill., besides sending in \$26 in cash, have sent a large consignment of babies' clothing to St. Ultan's Infants' Hospital, Dublin, besides four large packages of school children's clothes were sent to Father Michael Carney of the Inishark and Inisboffin Islands, off the Galway coast, for the benefit of the 160 poor families that were in such dire straits. The Celtic Cross also sent them \$1,000 cash for immediate relief.

"Drive Between Cleveland and Buffalo By Water."

"Paradoxical as it may sound, the water route is the best one to take when motoring between Cleveland and Buffalo," is the advice of every well informed touring bureau. There are three serious detours on the route between Cleveland and Buffalo; one of sixteen miles between East Springfield and Girard, Pa., one between Northeast, Pa. and the New York State line and the other in the vicinity of Fredonia, N. Y.

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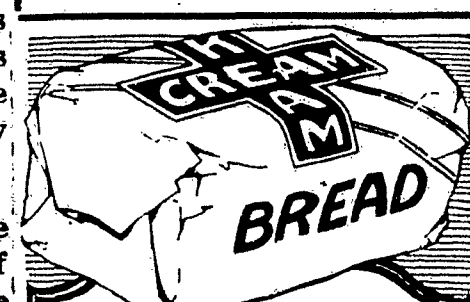
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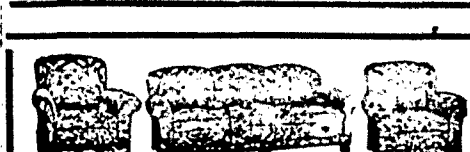
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