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Easter

Once more the year has rolled round and the Church is about to celebrate the joyous Feast of Easter.

We have traveled to Gethsemani with the Master; we have watched with Him and listened to Judas betray and Peter deny the Savior of Mankind; we heard the rabble cheer the criminal and condemn to be crucified Jesus Christ; we have walked beside Him carrying His Cross and we have seen Him nailed to the Cross and have watched His last agony. We have laid Him in the tomb and then saw Him rise again.

And now we begin another year by celebrating the completion of the sacrifice upon Calvary that we sinners might have remission of sins and be eligible to Eternal rest in the world beyond the grave.

The Catholic Journal wishes for all its readers the full joy and blessing of the Easter season.

Business

There appears a feeling of optimism as to what a year or so will bring about in the way of increased prosperity, more business, more men and women employed, more money in the banks, more money in circulation.

However, such has been the talk in certain circles for a year or more. In other words, the wish has been father to the thought but the thought has not materialized. Railroad men's wages have been reduced, railroad men have been laid off and railroad repair shops have been closed. Shoe factories are closing down, clothing factories report cancelled orders and they too, will have to shorten sail.

Disarmament and reduction of army and navy will add another hundred thousand or so to the roster of the unemployed.

But the tide must turn. This nation is too big, too resourceful to go down. Business must pick up and the wheels of industry must revolve.

If you observed the Lenten fast in half the proportion the Church prescribes you should feel physically better while the spiritual benefits cannot be measured in exact terms.

Quite evidently, the spoilsmen in Washington and elsewhere are trying to frighten the President, Governors, Representatives and United States Senators.

It is a real pleasure to look forward and realize that American Cardinals are sure to participate in the next selection of a Spiritual Head of the Catholic Church.

On credit for business to pick up there must be work for the workers and enough in the pay envelope to go beyond merely rent and the bare necessities of life.

Let us hope the collection for the Catholic High School just opened by our Right Reverend Bishop will be successful.

The Price

Not always do we agree with William Allen White in his exaggerated and often overdrawn pictures but we are not so sure but that he has plumbed deeper and sensed out more accurately the real secret of the price the often uninformed and immature stars of the movie films pay for the thrills they give us in witnessing their screen productions in the following lines in a recent issue of a secular magazine:—

"We grow like what we love," sang an old poet. And so the movie people grow like what they play. They are children at the most; good-looking youngsters, who stopped growing at about 12 years old. Their faces flash upon the screen largely because their features register emotions quickly, and somewhat because their faces are pleasing and their bodies supple. Their acting is supervised play. They are directed for the most part to their successes. They have to deal with large primitive passions. For the screen requires action, and only deep passions are translated from meditation and speculation to action.

So we have the boys and the girls of the movies playing with physical dynamite in their hours of rest and recreation. An actor deals somewhat with subtleties, with shades and gradations of character and half toned episodes. So he is not handling the big stuff so constantly and so carelessly as the movie people handle it. Heaven knows, the actor gets blown up often enough by his emotions, and his life gets twisted and broken. But he and all the other artists, the musician, the writer, the poet, the painter and the architect, whose lives are filled with emotions of various sorts in their way of business, deal with passions less raw and dynamic than the people of the shadows. And they, poor children of the shades, walk in grief without knowing where their paths are leading. Their sad, battered-up little tragedies are the prices we pay for our thrills. We are eating the hearts of those who disport themselves for us.

Proper Title

Rev. Dr. Cantwell, in a recent issue of a Catholic annual gives this explanation of the proper title for the Church which it would not be amiss to paste in a convenient scrap book:—

The proper title for the Church is the Catholic Church.

The Church is, indeed, Roman as well as Catholic. The head of the Catholic Church is the Pope of Rome, in Rome is the seat of authority.

But there is an effort on the part of wriggling heretics to divide the Church of God into several "branches," and a tendency to make the term "Roman Catholic" the badge of one "branch."

They glibly speak of the "Roman" Church and the "English" Church and mayhap they refer to the "Eastern" branch. They have organized a religious business without any main office—rather an unusual experience for people so well drilled in the ways of this shrewd world.

And evidently these inventors have forgotten that, where there are so many "branches" there might be one trunk.

We regret to say that we find some of our Catholics, especially those who mix much with the "branch" theorists, using the term "Roman" Catholic with an emphasis on the "Roman." Some of them imagine that they are pushing thereby up into the number of the highly educated. There is no snobbery worse than Catholic snobbery. We rejoice, though, that it is mostly unconscious.

In order to offset the attempt to write and speak this "branch" theory into the language which we use, we will recognize that it is advisable to call the Church

the Catholic Church," when we speak of it. We learn from authentic sources that had the Council of the Vatican gone on its deliberations and legislation "Catholic" would have been made the official title of the Church.

Air Travel

There is a horror of collision in the air between aerial conveyances, whether airplanes, sea planes or dirigibles, and naturally so. True, there have been no more of these catastrophes by air conveyance than by steamboat, by locomotive or automotive control. But there is a possibility of rescue or escape in a collision or explosion on land or water but practically none in the air. And that is the cause of the horror of air catastrophes.

The collision over the English Channel will not tend to excite popular agreement with the following editorial in the New York "Herald":—

The designer of the monoplane flying boat that is being built for Vincent Astor has said that altitude flying is duller than croquet. There is no sensation of speed aloft. Only when one flies close to the surface do ships, light houses, cities, tear past one exhilaratingly. Even climbing lacks the delectable thrills of humming along close to the surface. Optic sensations report more satisfactorily than instruments that "she's ripping along."

And the sky may well pall on some people. No matter how jolly the party abroad, there must be a sense of detachment from humanity "up along the ceiling." Pearly, creamy or rosy cloud formations do not always retain their interest. A work of man here and there is still needful to stimulate the ordinary mind. Low flying brings these into view more abundantly than even railroad or automobile travel.

A new growth of interest in aviation as a wealthy man's sport may result from Mr. Astor's investment. The war distracted airplane designers from sporting development, but here as elsewhere we may get away from the war.

It is fitting that men who sell worthless stocks be punished but we rise to observe that there are some "bucket shop brokers" who do not even give their dupes a pretty even if worthless stock certificate. And dozens of these right here in Rochester are not even in danger of the penitentiary.

Really, does anybody take seriously the argument that if the suburban cars were stopped at the city limits, the rural inhabitants will cease trading with Rochester merchants and go to Syracuse, or Buffalo or New York?

Who is lying in the coal strike statements? Somebody is not telling the truth. One thing is certain:—If the price of coal is increased by the strike it will mark disaster for some congressmen or the first officials to be elected, whether national, state or local.

When will the rulers of the earth understand that there never will be a real League of Nations with the Vatican excluded.

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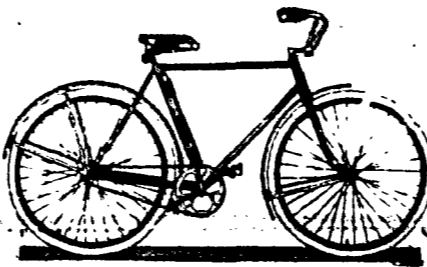
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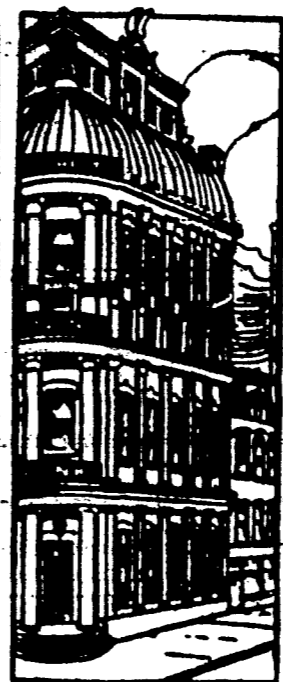
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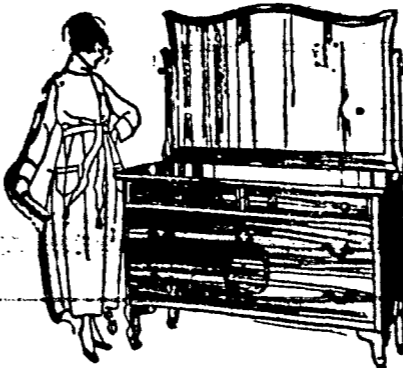
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