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Rev. Felix O'Hanlon

Rev. Felix O'Hanlon, whose death occurred last week, was one of the best loved priests in the Diocese of Rochester. He was well-known in Rochester where he served several years as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church under the late Father Stewart. But he was best known as the pastor of the Clifton Springs parish where the latter years of his life were passed and where every man, woman and child, irrespective of creed, loved the pastor of St. Felix Church.

One by one, the priests ordained by the first Bishop of Rochester are passing to their last resting place. Father O'Neil, Father William Gleason, Father John Gleason, Father Kavanaugh, Father Kiernan, Father Leary, Father Dougherty; all these and many others sleep their last sleep. And now, Father O'Hanlon, one of the younger class, is gone. Many will mourn Father O'Hanlon, because he was a staunch friend as well as a zealous, loyal priest.

May his soul rest in peace!

Over Top!

The Rochester Herald hits off the Rochester record when it says:—This year, notwithstanding a fairly general business depression that began in 1920 and, with slight amelioration, has remained with us until now. Rochester has responded nobly to the appeals to its civic and humane spirit. It has contributed generously to the completion of the Y. M. C. A. Building. It has discharged a long deferred obligation to St. Mary's Hospital. Its Knights of Columbus organization has succeeded in providing itself with the means with which to erect its much-needed home. Each of these endeavors, in some measure, drew upon the resources of the people of Rochester that are the great reservoir from which all the necessary funds must flow into the Community Chest. Yet all these needs are satisfied, and the Chest is to be filled as usual.

Truly, our own is a city of cheerful givers—a folk who, we are assured on High Authority, are esteemed and beloved in that place where everyone most desires to be held in good opinion. With becoming humility, we have a great deal to be proud of.

Thanks be to goodness Nancy Astor and her Viscount have gone back to "deah ole Lunnon."

It is whispered that after the Chamber of Commerce cruise to Montreal the denizens of Quebec were not nearly so keen as heretofore over the proposed St. Lawrence ship canal.

Let us hope that bloodshed and riot in Ireland will soon be ended.

In the death of Rev. Felix O'Hanlon, Holy Mother Church has lost a loyal and the community a valued and valuable citizen.

K. K. K. in West

That the Ku Klux Klan is not over popular in its own circles is shown by the following comment from the secular Sacramento "Bee":—
The Ku Klux Klan needs no introduction to Sacramento, for deeds committed in its name all over the United States have been so brutal, so cowardly and so violative of every standard of American decency and fair play that its very name has become a reproach.

The Ku Klux Klan hates the Jews. The Ku Klux Klan despises the Negroes. The Ku Klux Klan is a bitter vilifier of the Catholics. The Ku Klux Klan has proven itself an unreasoning enemy of union labor.

The Ku Klux Klan is an evil scatterer of prejudices against every American citizen who became such by naturalization.

The Ku Klux Klan has distilled all these hates and bitterness into a secret, shrouded organization of mummery, whose membership is not proud enough of its organization to acknowledge its affiliation.

If the Klan is to have a membership in Sacramento let it be of those so devoid of Americanism, and so twisted mentally that they frankly and knowingly ally themselves with an organization in concert with which they must hate their Catholic neighbor, fight their Jewish acquaintance and war against all the union labor men they know.

Hopeless

The "True Voice" points a truth when it says:—We have little hope that the President's rebuke to those guilty of religious intolerance will have any effect in the quarters where it is needed. The bigot is always cock-sure of his position and insensible to advice or rebuke. President Harding has only made certain that the country at large understands his position. Perhaps, also, he has prepared the field for further attacks upon himself by the religious bigots. That would be deplorable, but it is likely enough. The religious bigot is a peculiar specimen of humanity.

Whether President Harding's choice of a Baptist Bible class as the auditors of his rebuke has any significance we cannot say. But, as the South—where bigotry flourishes most luxuriantly—is predominantly Baptist in religion, there may be something specially intended for those of that religious persuasion. Anyway, the Ku Klux Klan should take notice of the President's stand.

Let It Be Native

While there is no need of any aristocracy, except it be of brains and intellect, in the United States we coincide with "Columbia" when it says:—

"If some sort of an aristocracy is necessary for the stable and satisfactory government of even a democracy (and the question is not yet finally closed to debate), American traditions have a native aristocracy but hands across the sea snobbery is and must always be the essence of contradiction of the American impulse. The propagandists of Anglo Saxon supremacy, and they have a hundred synonyms, which are the names of a hundred societies, must realize that their success in America will be their destruction everywhere, for they are the breeders of impatience against England and of suspicion against England among Americans who, recognizing English virtue, are not blind to English vice.

Catholics should be careful to see that their vacation season is near the Catholic Church.

Governor Miller now knows how it feels to be arrested for speeding, even if he were not in charge of the car.

There is no reason why 267 Methodists should not be elected to Congress neither is there any reason why a few Catholics should not also be elected without violent protest from Bishop Burt and his fellows.

The Rochester Catholics have always been generous in their contributions for the Holy See. They should be even more generous Sunday when the collection for the Holy Father is taken in all the churches in the Diocese of Rochester.

It is plain that the big interests are united to the end that wages must come down while organized labor is fighting against a reduction. Until there is an amicable adjustment or some sort of adjustment, there will be no settled industrial improvement.

This is as good a time as any to subscribe for a Catholic paper. The Catholic Journal carries the full service of the National Catholic Welfare Council news section; its parish and diocesan news are up to the minute and its general features equal those of secular publications.

Is the State Department of Labor to have a Safety Congress this year?

If the Labor Statistics sent out by the United States Department of Labor are correct, unemployment in this country is lessening. It is devoutly to be hoped the report is correct.

Did the Genoa conference really do anything? Time will tell.

Lloyd George is either a real optimist or a first rate whistler.

It is evident several congressmen and United States senators are nervous as to just what their constituents really think of their record and performance at Washington.

William J. Maier, of Seneca Falls is the new State Comptroller. He has many friends in Rochester who were pleased to hear of his promotion.

Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Cannon, Dead Lockport, May 31.—The Most Rev. Patrick J. Cannon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in this city since 1869, died at his residence this morning. He was born in Quebec on July 17, 1833, and his death was due to general breakdown due to advanced age. He had been ill for some time and was unconscious from Sunday until his death.

Monsignor Cannon was educated in St. Mary's Seminary at The Barons, Mo.; at St. Hyacinth, and at Rome, Italy. He was ordained on May 25, 1861, by Cardinal Patrizi in the Cathedral Church of St. John Lateran, Rome.

On returning to America, Msgr. Cannon was appointed rector of the church at Auburn, N. Y., December 22, 1861. On September 22, 1862, he was transferred to St. Mary's Church at Niagara Falls, where he remained until July 12, 1869, when he was appointed to the pastorate of the Lockport church. August 4, 1889, he received the title and dignity of domestic prelate from Pope Leo XIII, and December 10, 1910, the title and dignity of protonotary from Pope Pius X.

The fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate of the Lockport church was celebrated by Monsignor Cannon, and on May 25 last year, the 61st anniversary of his ordination.

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