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Ignorance.

We do not recall seeing in any Rochester paper David Blumenfeld's syndicated article on Pope Pius XI but from the tart comments made on the publication in a Buffalo paper by the "Union and Times", one gathers that Mr. Blumenfeld had better not essay writing about things Catholic without a trifle more equipment than he appears to possess. Here are a few Blumenfeld slips:—The Pope wears only a thumb ring!

Before breakfast the Pope says Mass. After toast and coffee he says a second Mass!

The Pope criticizes all sermons delivered by the Cardinals.

On state occasions the Pope dresses inco and chasuble! Every evening the Pope chats with his Cardinals.

Just before retiring each night the Pope counts and checks the hidden funds of the Vatican.

These are but samples of ignorant misinformation.

And now they warn us of a threatened coal miners' strike next September so as to prepare us for continued high price of coal!

Right.

Down in the national capital they are delving into the problem of prevention of school histories being de-Americanized. Rev. P. J. Cormican, S. J., writes a letter to the president of the Board of Education of Washington in which he makes these pertinent statements:—

The ostensible purpose of the movement is to create a better understanding and closer union between the two great English-speaking nations; but the hidden aim is to denationalize young America, and the ultimate object is to get an erring daughter back into the loving embrace of a sorrowing mother. If the separations of the Colonies be a blunder, why, the sooner the blunder is corrected, the better for all the parties concerned. If the heroes of the American Revolution were no better than "rebels" and "rowdies" and "smugglers" and "sore-heads," their descendants have nothing to be proud of. On such a theory, America may be worth living for, but certainly she is not worth dying for. Think of leaving such an impression on our children!

In view of this undoubted movement to pay compliments to England at the expense of America, we may well be excused if we require the Americanism of our histories to be beyond suspicion. Anything like a compromising or straddling attitude should be condemned. Accordingly, my sympathies are wholly with the first speaker the other evening, whose name I caught as Mr. Cameron. Think his strictures were right in the main, and his speech had a healthy ring to it.

In conclusion I would add that friendship cannot be based on falsehood and flattery.

diplomacy are often used to produce traitors to other countries, the English despise a traitor in their secret heart, and they will despise us if we prove traitors to American institutions and American traditions. We must choose between George Washington and George III, between the Declaration of Independence and Magna Charta; but the choice in such a case should be easy for every American whose heart is in the right place.

These impudent sugar barons rode for a fall a few years since. Perhaps they will come another cropper this year.

Legislature.

Apparently, unbiased and non-partisan sentiment rates the Legislature of 1923 as of not much account or benefit to the entire citizenry of New York state.

Partisan leaders of both sides, of course, say that they have done well with affirmative legislation and also with negative legislation, according to the party affected.

Such a condition is always found where the Governor and Legislature are of opposite political faith and it is accentuated where, as prevails this year, the Governor and Senate are in accord and the Assembly "opposed" politically. Naturally, there will be a deadlock on purely political measures and, quite often, leaders yield to political expediency in treatment of measures not entirely partisan and political.

Probably, the Legislature of 1923, is not much better or worse than many of its predecessors. Newspaper files reveal just as harsh criticism of previous Legislatures. But the public eye is focused on the present and not on the past Legislature.

Appropriations are higher than last year. That was to be expected. The issue was clear cut between Governor Miller's pruned to the bone policy and the promised liberality of Governor Smith and the people elected Alfred E. Smith as Governor by the biggest plurality ever given a candidate for Chief Executive.

Hence it was to be expected the Legislature would be generous with appropriations, especially when assured practically all appropriations passed by the Legislature will receive approval by the Governor.

Just so long as we have Government by parties in New York State we will have partisan divisions and the ins will proclaim their merits while the outs will about the demerits of theirs and claim the merits of their own policies if only they were the ins. Politics is an interesting study if approached from the purely critical point of view and without partisan bias.

Rochester rents are soaring to the sun and moon. Somebody may have a rude awakening.

Rebuked!

Harvard graduates in Rochester, especially Catholic graduates if there be any, should be interested in the following editorial in the May "Columbia":—

"When a college paper appears, if not with the sanction, then with the permission of the college authorities, those authorities must be held in some measure responsible for the publication. We have had occasion to mention before the caddish attempts at humor of the Harvard Lampoon. The Lampoon has lately graduated from the ranks of the cads; it is now a full-fledged handmaiden of bigotry and obscenity. In a recent issue we find blasphemous reference to the Mother of Christ, an incidental witticism relating to the Pope's daughter and uproarious funniness at the expense of a Catholic wedding party at St. Mike's Church." Catholic attend-

ing Harvard or Catholic graduates of Harvard should be instant and unanimous in protesting against this exhibition of gutter journalism in a sheet which is generally accorded rank by presumption (somewhat after the manner of football teams) among American colleges. If the authorities of Harvard cannot discipline the caddish clowns responsible for those gross insults and gratuitous indecencies, Harvard will stand before the country as a large nondescript institution that can no longer claim to be truly an academy of culture, because it will have forgotten how to teach young men good manners."

The Legislature has adjourned. Let us have peace.

Riding Too Hard.

There is much hard sense in the following editorial from the Post Express:—

The journals of the country which aim to give the most intelligent consideration to business conditions—papers which were established for that purpose—are in agreement that conditions exist and tendencies are at work which are quite likely to land us in a period of business stagnation at no distant day. A leading paper of this class quotes the most successful manufacturer of America as declaring that "business fundamentals are sound, but some people are riding prosperity too hard." "Unless the business interests come to their senses," he says, "and quit the mad scramble for materials and men, I am not so sure that we can retain our present prosperity."

A part of the trouble is the over-eagerness of manufacturers to do two years' business in one and cash in all at once. This is equally apparent in the building business. Rentals being excessively high and out of all proportion to the average income, there is a universal feverishness to take advantage of an exceptional situation, get new constructions on the market, get while the getting is good and squeeze the orange—the public—before it has been squeezed dry.

This is not only selfish, but it is ill-advised, is suicidal, according to far-sighted observers that look ahead, judging the future by the past, and whose conclusions as to business tendencies and dangers are accepted as of weight. The last to overload are always caught and crimped or buckle under burdens they cannot unload because the time for unloading has passed. Such times have never yet failed to follow eras of feverish expansion; and the question is how near is such a time to-day?

A blanket mortgage will not heat the house in winter.

Repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will not enhance the district attorney's political powers.

Looks like another merry paving contractors' war.

It's no fun being a state senator these days. You are damned if you do and damned if you don't.

If there were not so many new laws enacted this year, the layman may know what is on the statute books.

Looks as if Spring were here at last.

Parochial school graduates have no trouble passing civil service examinations.

Rochester's baseball season opened with a bang.

Governor Smith will offend the dregs if he signs the Mullan-Gage repeal bill and he will alienate some wet politicians if he vetoes it. But Al generally knows what he is about.

Political conditions, locally, are reversed. This year it appears the Republicans are to have primary contests.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, May 13.—St. John the Silent, who, after the death of his parents, built a monastery and entered it with a view to making salvation his only pursuit. He was made a Bishop, but abdicated his episcopal charge to assume a position of great humility in the monastery of St. Sabas. He did not reveal his identity until forced to do so several years later.

Monday, May 14.—St. Pachomius, converted to Christianity through kindness, established a religious order at Tabenna and trained vast multitudes in detachment from creatures and selves. He died in 348.

Tuesday, May 15.—St. Peter Martyr, who was put to death during the persecution of Dacian in Asia Minor. He was first bound to a wheel and his bones broken, but when it was seen this availed nothing against his faith, he was beheaded.

Wednesday, May 16.—St. John Nepomucen, chaplain of the wife of the Emperor Wenceslaus who vainly tried to extort her confession from him. Finally Wenceslaus had him bound and thrown in a river. A heavenly light disclosed the body and he was buried with fitting honors. Three hundred and thirty years after death the tomb was opened and the tongue of the saint was found to be still incorrupt.

Thursday, May 17.—St. Paschal Baylon, a lay brother of the Franciscan Order, who was renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Friday, May 18.—St. Venantius, martyr. He was seized as a Christian and brought before a judge, but was several times miraculously saved from death. With his convert companions he was finally beheaded, in the year 250. The bodies of these martyrs are preserved in the church of St. Venantius at Camerino, Italy, the birthplace of the saint.

Saturday, May 19.—St. Peter Celestine, who left his home to live in a mountain solitude and whose rule of life formed the foundation of the Celestine Order. He was elected to the Papacy, but, after four months, retired and spent the rest of his life in a cell.

Brooklyn Girls' Club To Have Big Opening Of Premises, May 15.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Brooklyn, N. Y., May 5.—The Catholic Young Women's League of this diocese, with a membership of over 500, will hold a formal opening of their club house on May 15. The club will occupy two big, old-fashioned houses which were presented to the League by Bishop Molloy. The upper floors of the buildings will house about twenty-four girls.

The Catholic Young Women's League started four years ago as a parish society. Now it is a diocese-wide organization. "We have high school girls, students of all kinds, home girls and business girls," said Joseph T. Cunningham, director and founder of the league.

"The idea of forming the league came to me at the close of the war. I felt that our girls needed a club of their own, similar to the Carroll Club in Manhattan. When Bishop Molloy became head of the diocese he showed his approval of the work of the league by giving us two houses.

"It is my hope that these houses will serve as the nucleus for a home for working girls, which will eventually be as large as the Harriet Judson of the Young Women's Christian Association. Everything that can possibly be

done to maintain the home atmosphere at the club house will be done. Personnel managers of several banks have asked the league to find rooms for their girls."

It is planned by the League to make the club house a self-supporting institution. Room rents will be kept as low as possible.

Made Bonfire Of Altar Linen And Smashed Statues in Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Brooklyn, N. Y., May 5.—When Miss Elizabeth Monaghan entered the Church of Sts. Margaret and Mary at Manhattan Beach last Tuesday, she discovered a pile of altar linen blazing on the floor and a young woman who afterward said she was Tessie Alfarno, smashing statues within the chancel.

Miss Monaghan screamed, and the young woman quickly ran from the Church. A policeman hearing the scream gave chase after the fleeing woman and arrested her on a charge of arson and malicious mischief. She was sent to the Kings County Hospital for observation.

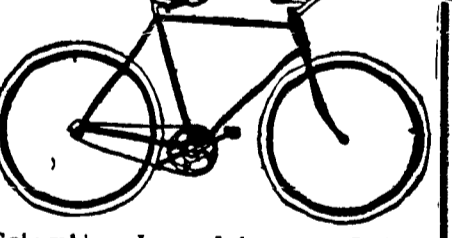
College May Close If Diamond Jubilee Campaign Fails

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, May 7.—The College of St. Francis Xavier in this city, one of the most famous Catholic institutions in the United States, is faced with the prospect of having to close its doors permanently unless the present diamond jubilee campaign for funds is successful, it was announced here by the committee in charge.

The college has been closed temporarily because of lack of funds. The campaign committee is endeavoring to raise \$500,000 and five thousand New Yorkers are asked to give one hundred dollars each.

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