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Signed.

We cannot see any reason for becoming "het up" because Governor Smith has signed the bill to repeal the Mullan-Gage enforcement law. New York State has not thereby voted to secede from the Union or to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment.

That is all there is to the repeal bill and its effects. Radical wets may hail it as an entering wedge to a return of beers and light wines. Nothing to that unless the Federal Congress sees fit to change the alcoholic content defined in the Volstead law.

All in all we refuse to become excited over Governor Smith's action. True, it may not please the radicals and it may embarrass the Washington politicians but why should the general public worry about that?

Posers.

The Post Express always has maintained a reputation for editorial plain speech and hard hitting. In a controversy, it hurls rocks not feather pillows.

Those of the up-to-date school of commentators on men and manners are the greatest posers this world has ever seen. They see the sham and hypocrisy of the exaggerated gallantry of the age of chivalry and they are fond of pointing at the stilted life and manners of the Victorian age, so...

they have no sincerity except their sincere aim to appear sophisticated and even base. The affectation of the writers, more than the speakers, of today gives us a writing that is not worth while, either for its content or its dress, and that shows its wilful ignorance of the language in which it is done.

Halt!

United States Senator Augustus O. Stanley, of Maine, does a public service in calling attention to the tremendous increase in the number of "special investigating sleuths" on the United States Government pay roll.

"In 1907, Senator Foraker, of Ohio, denounced the multiplication of useless offices and officers in his degenerate day, declaring that:

"The little band of 167 special deputies, agents and inspectors on the pay rolls of the Government, in ten years has swelled to an army of more than 3,000."

Only 3,000 prying agents and inspectors operating under federal government commissions in 1907! There are more than 80,000 now. Former Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, declared only a few months ago:

"Less than a quarter of a century ago, in the great employment of individual rights and local self-government, our federal authorities found it necessary to have upon the pay roll of the federal government fewer than two hundred sleuths, special agents and inspectors to aid in the enforcement of federal laws. Will any one defend the policy of the federal government which to-day employs forty-two thousand and inspectors, sleuths, inquisitorial agents to dog the footsteps of him who should be, in the exercise of his constitutional rights, enjoying the hitherto dignity and freedom of an honest American citizen?"

Look back to Jefferson's second inaugural. It read now like some old, sweet song:

"At home, fellow citizens, you best know whether we have done well or ill. The suppression of unnecessary offices or useless establishments and expenses enables us to discontinue our internal taxes. These covering our land with officers and opening our doors to their intrusions, had already begun that process of domiciliary vexation, which, once entered upon, is scarcely to be restrained, reaching successfully every article of produce and property."

From the beginning of Jefferson's to the end of Buchanan's administrations - sixty years - the federal government's operations, including two wars, cost less than a billion dollars.

During the last ten years of our time the appalling cost of a hundred different commissions, boards and bureaus, employing an innumerable army of deputies, inspectors, supervisors, spies and political parasites, has actually exceeded by four hundred percent the total cost of the federal government for the first half of its existence."

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Nothing On Us.

Writes the versatile Mr. Brisbane in one of his syndicated editorials:-

Mr. Harry S. Black of New York is building a town house on top of the new addition to the Plaza Hotel, which is eighteen stories high.

All the comforts of home on top of a hotel will amuse Europe, as another "American idea."

Mr. Black may have in mind beating the hanging gardens of Babylon and adding one to the world's seven wonders. Or he may have read about the dwarf standing on a giant's shoulders, seeing farther than the giant.

The next similar announcement will tell of a residence, not eighteen stories up, but two or five miles up, on a lighter-than-air machine, able to supply any climate desired.

That's nothing wonderful. Our own Richard T. Ford, better known as "Dick" is building - we are not sure but that he is occupying now - an elegant bungalow on top of his new Ford Hotel in Buffalo where he and his charming wife - who is a daughter of "Admiral" Commissioner Charles R. Barnes - expect to entertain their many Rochester and Buffalo friends.

Lloyd George says Europe is headed for another war. In that event, will the Presidents "World Court" avert it?

Colonel Bill Hayward's smile of the "Sidewalks of New York" replacing the "Star Spangled Banner" did not appear to scare Governor Alfred E. Smith.

How About Her?

Commenting on the news that the New York "Globe" after several years of journalistic vicissitude has been added to "Frank Munsey's newspaper graveyard" Editor Brisbane goes on to say:-

"Newspapermen in Washington, after deeply pondering, announce that 'truth, decency, fairness, are the cardinal principles of journalism. All those things are important. But the cardinal principles of journalism are fearlessness, energy, originality. Newspapers die out because proprietors or their heirs, softened by age or money, lose energy. They die because their owners lose courage or originality - or both."

A newspaper cannot succeed in a big way unless its readers feel intense interest as they read. They cannot feel intense interest unless the editor feels intense interest in making his paper.

Energy, Courage, Originality made Bennett, Greeley, Dana, Pulitzer and Hearst. Mention an editor that the big interests know they can neither intimidate nor cajole, and you find energy, courage, originality.

How about Rochester? We have great newspapers here yet, with one possible exception, there is no outstanding editorial figure connected with a Rochester paper.

Well, we did not see so many May Day disorders in the United States.

Rochester's proposed telephone legislation appears to be like "off agin, on agin, gone agin, Finnegan."

The "David Harum" revival will at least tend not to dignify hypocrisy.

Says the New York "World". The bill passed by the Pennsylvania legislature prohibiting any municipality in the state from adopting daylight-saving ordinance and the similar measure favorably acted on by the New Hampshire house of representatives exemplify new ideals of popular government. Is it a function of state legislation to make it a crime for a city or town to set the clock ahead for the summer?

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WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, June 10. - St. Margaret of Scotland, the daughter of an English King, became the bride of Malcolm of Scotland and reigned as Queen until her death in 1093. She built many churches and monasteries and would not rest until she brought about the observance of the law of God throughout the kingdom.

Monday, June 11. - St. Barnabas, was chosen to preach the Faith in Antioch and in this capacity he enlisted the aid of St. Paul. Later St. Barnabas went to Cyprus where he won his martyrs' crown.

Tuesday, June 12. - St. John of Fagondez, was a hermit of the Augustinian Order in Salamanca after he had resigned a number of benefices in the diocese of Burgos. A lady of noble birth but evil life, whose companion in sin St. John had converted, contrived to administer a fatal poison to the Saint and after several months of terrible suffering he died in 1479.

Wednesday, June 13. - St. Antony of Padua, known as the "Hammer of the Heretics", preached in France, Italy, and Sicily, working many miracles and converting thousands to the Faith. He died in 1231.

Thursday, June 14. - St. Basil the Great was born in Asia Minor. Two of his brothers became Bishops and together with his mother and sister are honored as Saints. He was known as the father of monastic life in the East and later was chosen Bishop of Caesarea in which capacity he courageously combated the Arian heresy. He died in 379 and is venerated as a Doctor of the Church.

Friday, June 15. - Sts. Vitus, Crescentia and Modestus, Martyrs. St. Vitus was a child of noble parents, who was instructed in the Faith by his Christian nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus. To escape the persecution of his pagan father and the civil authorities, Vitus and his companions fled into Italy, where they received the crown of martyrdom during the persecution of Diocletian.

Saturday, June 16. - St. John Francis Regis, was a member of the Society of Jesus, who during the twelve years in which he preached the gospel brought many thousands to the Faith. He died in 1641.

Rochester is not to have a street car strike. Why not send the Rochester diplomats to handle the Schenectady street car situation.

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Oregon To Have \$5,000,000 Shrine To Virgin Mother

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Portland, Ore., June 4. - A \$5,000,000 shrine to the Blessed Virgin, to be known as the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, is to be built on the Columbia Highway, where the snow-capped mountains of Oregon look down on the verdant valley and the peaceful Columbia River.

The shrine will be erected by the Servite Fathers and will be the first of its kind in the United States. The Servites, who direct a large parish in this city, have twenty such shrines in Europe.

The project is said to have the sanction of Pope Pius XI, who has extended his apostolic blessing to all who aid in the enterprise. Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, Archbishop Christie of Oregon City, Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, and several other prelates have expressed their approval of the project.

The Servite Order was founded in Florence in 1238 by seven noblemen to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared personally, calling on them to leave the world and don the habit in memory of her sorrows. The proposed edifice will, according to its sponsors, be distinctive of no city or state, but will be national in scope and interests.

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