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Warren G. Harding's place in American and world history will not be known exactly for years to come.

There were no spectacular features to President Harding's administration. The most outstanding event was the World's disarmament conference and its exact effect will not, cannot be measured for several years to come.

But there was earnest effort at the necessary and imperative readjustment following the destruction of the great World War. There was cessation of the irritation by super-sensitive voluntary agents of the Government. There was serious consideration of the rights of the citizen as contrasted with the war time arbitrary authority of those entrusted with temporary power and place.

Warren G. Harding did as much for any human could have done to reduce the extravagant Governmental expenditures of the war period. He was hampered by the fact that there were so many upholders of every agency sought to be curtailed. Each was willing to sacrifice the other but his project was absolutely necessary to the continuance of the nation's unity. Nevertheless, President Harding was able by persistent effort and persuasive influence to cut the governmental budget hundreds of millions of dollars.

President Harding was a typical American gentleman of the old school. He was courteous, considerate, conscientious, both as Chief Executive and as Warren G. Harding, plain American citizen. He surrounded himself with expert advisers and his administration, so far as it had progressed, was safe and sane. His untimely death is a crushing indictment of the tremendous burdens we impose upon our Chief Executive. There should be some way to make the Vice-President a real Assistant to the President so that the latter could be relieved of much of the routine duties of his office.

Will President Coolidge to make all of the late President Harding's Cabinet?

Everybody in the Republican Party are for Mayor Van Zandt's nomination, at least!

She begins to look like an old-aged summer after all.

Governor Alfred E. Smith expects to be quite busy for the next twelve or eighteen months.

Let us begin to save a little for the Aquinas Institute subscription.

Warren announced that the time is to go in the steel industry this concession Harding deserves. He had he could not have it achieved.

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Narcotics.

In a recent issue of "Columbia" Secretary of State Hughes gives interesting details of the campaign the United States is waging to eliminate the narcotic evil which has gained enormous proportions.

Mr. Hughes points out that there is no desire to restrict the production of opium, morphine and kindred drugs needed for medicinal and scientific use. But the United States takes the position that beyond these uses narcotics should not be produced, manufactured or sold.

We have gone so far as to promise to other nations we will not sell to them the component parts of such drugs produced in this country if they will cooperate with us in our restriction of the sale and distribution of the manufactured drugs.

"It is apparent, however," goes on Mr. Hughes, "that adequate progress cannot be made in the suppression of this traffic, until there is general agreement upon what is to be regarded as legitimate traffic. The position of the Government of the United States is that the legitimate use of narcotic drugs is limited to medical and scientific purposes. Further, it is the position of this Government that the illegitimate traffic cannot be stopped unless production of the raw product for other than medical or scientific purposes is stopped. Investigations have shown that large or uncontrolled production means large consumption. By a recent resolution of Congress the President is called upon to urge those Governments in whose territories opium and coca leaves are produced to reduce their production to an amount sufficient for strictly medicinal and scientific uses and to report to Congress at its next session.

"It is the intention of the Department of State to endeavor to bring about an international recognition of this principle. The League Convention furnishes the basis for international co-operation to this end, and to whatever extent that Convention proves to be inadequate, it should be appropriately supplemented. It is the intention of this Government at the coming meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations at Geneva, which the United States has been invited to attend, to take the position that the use of narcotic drugs for other than medicinal and scientific purposes is illegitimate, and to urge the necessity of reducing the production of opium and coca leaves in line with the resolution of Congress.

"It is hoped that the general international consideration of this principle, both in Europe and in the Western Hemisphere, will develop a powerful public opinion which shall support the attitude of this Government. Here is a plain duty to humanity, with the slightest possible opportunity for difference of opinion, and the United States will be true to its traditions in seeking that international co-operation through which alone this most serious evil can be abated."

A remarkable woman and devoted daughter of Holy Mother Church passed away in the demise of Mrs. Elizabeth B. McGowan, first Supreme President of the L. C. B. A.

Thank fortune the dance marchion craze appears to have subsided.

Warren G. Harding rose from printers' devil to the White House. Calvin Coolidge made the same journey from barefoot farmer's boy in Vermont.

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President Coolidge.

Alike in many ways is the accession of Calvin Coolidge to the President to that of Theodore Roosevelt. Had the political leaders ever thought seriously that either would have been President by automatic succession he never would have been nominated, let alone elected.

But the assassin's bullet cut short McKinley's life and Theodore Roosevelt automatically became President. Warren G. Harding's life work was finished and God, in His wisdom called him away before his term was ended and Calvin Coolidge, of New England, elected Vice-President now occupies the White House and will be President of the United States until March 4, 1925, at least, and perhaps until 1929. The new President's career so far entitles us to believe he will administer his high office with a keen sense of responsibility, justly, fairly, honestly.

No more can be asked. We wish President Coolidge all success.

Best Gift.

There is historical and other significance in perusal of the following communication addressed to the citizens of the United States by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, on the semi-centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence:—

"Grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, He has conferred on my beloved country, in her emancipation and upon myself in permitting me, under circumstances of great mercy, to live to the age of eighty-nine years and to survive the fiftieth year of American Independence, and certify by my present signature my approbation of the Declaration of Independence adopted by Congress on the Fourth day of July, 1776; to which I originally subscribed on the second day of August of the same year, and of which I am now the last surviving Signer.

"It do hereby recommend to the present and future generations, the principles of that important document as the best earthly inheritance their ancestors could bequeath to them, and I pray that the civil and religious liberties they have secured to my country may be perpetuated to the remotest posterity, and extended to the whole family of man."

Charles Carroll of Carrollton August 2, 1826.

Fallacious.

It would be well if those would be reformers who affect to believe that the way to improve morals is to teach young people the way to be immoral—in other words they would prevent the disease by showing its evil effects, would read and ponder well the following observations by Dr. Thomas Calvin:—

Alarmed at the growing moral laxity, some propose that the way to raise the moral tone of the people is to teach them sex hygiene. There could not be a more absurd fallacy, for all the facts prove that the mere people know—excluding, of course, priests and doctors and lawyers—concerning questions of sex, the more apt they are to become immoral. Cardinal Newman pointed out long ago that "to know is one thing; to do is another; the two things are clearly distinct," and the wisdom of his words can be proven by common observation. The expert liar does not lie less when he knows how to do it well. He becomes a more frequent liar, more polished and more plausible when he knows the art. The cheat and the swindler do not cease cheating and swindling the better they know how to do it, for they become constant adepts at their work. Hence a knowledge of sex hygiene will not cure immorality, but will be more likely to increase it.

A striking proof of this is to be found in the recent war.

Before being sent to the front the soldiers were told in lectures by their medical officers of the great risks they would run in exposing themselves to the danger of contracting certain diseases. They were told that such disease was the commonest cause of blindness and deafness among children, that it filled the asylums with inmates and the hospitals with patients, and was a cause of unhappy and childless marriages. Notwithstanding the knowledge imparted to them, thousands of our troops contracted disease and brought it home to others, so that sex hygiene was of no value as a preventative against sin.

That Seneca Falls murder is only another tale of love turned to hate but the press has magnified it into a real thriller of misplaced romance.

The lawn grass—and the weeds as well do not seem to know it's vacation time.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, August 12. —St. Clare, Abbess, inspired by St. Francis, founded an order in a miserable house outside of Assisi. She was joined by her sister and later by her mother and other noble ladies. When the Saracen army of Frederick II was ravaging the valley of Spoleto her convent was miraculously preserved from harm when she caused the Blessed Sacrament to be placed in a monstrance above the gate facing the enemy. She died in 1253.

Monday, August 13. —St. Radegundes, daughter of the King of Thuringia, against her will was compelled to become the wife of Clotaire, King of Soissons. She continued the practice of great virtue at Court and finally obtained permission to retire to a monastery. She died in 587.

Tuesday, August 14. —St. Eusebius, was a holy priest who opposed the Arians at Rome and finally suffered martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian.

Wednesday, August 15. —The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, a holy day of obligation in the United States, commemorates the happy departure of the Blessed Virgin Mary from this life and her translation into the kingdom of her Divine Son.

Thursday, August 16. —St. Hyacinth, Apostle of Poland and Russia received the habit of the Friar Preachers from the hands of St. Dominic himself. He is credited with having worked numerous miracles including that of restoring life to a dead youth at Cracow. He died in 1257.

Friday, August 17. —St. Liberatus and six monks, martyrs, gave up their lives for the faith during the reign of Huneric the Arian Vandal king. They were condemned to be put in an old boat and burned at sea but when it was found that all endeavors to kindle the fire were in vain, their brains were beaten out with oars and their bodies cast into the sea.

Saturday, August 18. —St. Helena, Empress, the mother of Constantine the first Christian Emperor. She was a British princess. Through her efforts the True Cross upon which the Redeemer died was found. She died in Rome in the year 329.

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Cornerstone Laid For New Shrine At Ste Anna DeBeaupre

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

Quebec, July 26.—The cornerstone of the new Basilica at the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre was laid today in the presence of a crowd estimated at 15,000 persons. A solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. A. O. Gagnon of the diocese of Sherbrooke, opened the ceremonies. The prelate wore ancient vestments presented to Canada in 1666 by Anne of Austria. A chalice used in the celebration of the Mass was one that was first used in 1660.

Eight cures were reported among the crowds attending the ceremonies at the Shrine. Among them was that of Stephens Motherway, world war veteran of Springfield, Mass. He has gone on crutches since he was wounded during the war. He left his crutches at the Shrine.

Fighting Chaplain Now Compelled To Fight For Health

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

Gloversville, N. Y., July 30.—The Rev. Francis A. Kelly, first National Chaplain of the American Legion will leave for Saranac Lake this week for hospital treatment and rest by which he hopes to regain his health. He is suffering from an affliction resulting from his work during the war.

Father Kelly was known as the "Fighting Chaplain" of the 27th Division and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on the basis of his military record. He has been granted an indefinite leave of absence by Bishop Gibbons of the Diocese of Albany.

New Editor For Organ Of The Franciscans

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

Lafayette, Ind., August 3.—The Rev. Alfred Herman, O. F. M., pastor of St. Lawrence's Church here, has been chosen manager and editor of St. Anthony's Messenger, a monthly publication of the Franciscans. Father Herman will leave soon for Cincinnati where the offices of the paper are located. The Rev. Roman Kramer, O. F. M., of Cincinnati has been named to succeed Father Herman as pastor of St. Lawrence's.

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