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What We Save

We respectfully commend these illuminating facts and figures to the bigots who would abolish Catholic schools.

In 1920 the states paid \$950,000.00 for the education of 23,250,000 children in elementary schools, or at the rate of approximately \$40 a child.

According to the federal bureau of education, in 1918 the expenditure was \$763,678,999 for 20,549,000 children.

On the basis of \$40 per capita, corresponding cost, were it not for the parish schools, it would amount, exclusive of buildings and equipment, to \$71,826,920.

According to the department of public instruction of the State of Ohio, for teaching alone it cost \$29.56 per pupil in the elementary schools of that state.

Bandits Like 'Em At the risk of being charged with lese majeste or something of the sort, we republish these satirical aspersions on the automobile bureau of the State Tax Commission.

The eminent aesthetes who preside over the destinies of the motor vehicle department of New York state, have, in the vulgar phrase, pulled a boner.

In fact, the new year was hardly under way before a motor car, driven by gunman who had done murder, outdistanced a pursuing car filled with police.

Professional assassins still open criticism of the new system of plates. But the police did admit that, given the 1923 license, or others equally plain, the numericals would have been noted.

We predict that the Empire State will record more motor get-aways this year than ever before. The 1924 plates, even when brightly new, are almost undetectable at a distance. How worthless they will be

after a few weeks of dusty roads may be left to the imagination.

Good Boy Joe

We are glad to extend congratulations to the Hon. Joseph F. Ritchie upon his promotion from city assessor to be United States Marshal.

While the assessorship is a dignified position, the Marshalship pays more and the incumbent is allowed to practice law in the State Courts anyway.

Joe is deputy grand knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus and an active "Casey". There is his shrewd political strategy in the Hotchkiss recommendation to Senator Wadsworth of Mr. Ritchie.

Moreover, Joe is equipped to fill not only the Marshalship, so long and acceptably filled by Judge John D. Lynn, but any other public position.

Here's to you, Joe! May you be confirmed unanimously and serve credit to yourself and the admiration of your friends.

Peace Plan

Much interest was taken in Edward W. Bok's announcement of \$100,000 prize \$50,000 on right and \$50,000 more if American people by referendum approved the plan submitted to achieve lasting peace.

Some 22,000 plans were submitted, these were examined by a special committee headed by Edwin Root and plan No. 1469 was awarded the \$50,000.

The name of the successful competitor will not be made known until after the referendum.

Those whose plans did not win a prize are kicking because they claim they submitted better plans than the winner.

Perhaps a referendum will show that a majority of the people favor the U. S. in the League of Nations.

An exchange states so much of general application in the following editorial excerpt that we cannot refrain from reproducing it.

During the Great War a French lecturer in the United States confronted a group of high school students and began to speak to them in French.

Their faces reflected the bewilderment they felt. Suddenly the speaker reverted to plain English.

Well, young people, that is the cause of most of our wars. It is I really predicted these days that our wars are now fomenting.

And find that we should differ less. Our thoughts might pleasantly agree.

Evidently, Syracuse Massons are not bitten by the Ku Klux virus when they unite with the Knights of Columbus in social session.

That there are Protestant leaders who contend for belief in the virgin birth of Christ and in Christ's miracles, shows there are many Catholics who still refuse to give up all faith and tradition to the research bureau unbelievers.

Cardinal O'Connell sums up the peace controversy in this sentence: "When Christian ideals rule the hearts and conduct of men then we shall have peace."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke has given up his pew in the old First Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N. J., declaring that he could no longer waste time "listening to the diabolical, bilious travesty of the Gospel" embraced in the controversy between the fundamentalists and moderns.

There have been 55,000 homicides in the last 13 years in the United States. This shows a disregard for God's laws and also the utter lack of fear of the penalties imposed by the criminal laws due to lax administration and the delay in bringing out justice to influential law violators.

Secretary Hughes is no communist, that is self evident.

We trust Cardinal O'Connell may return from his trip to the Holy Land with renewed health and vigor.

Deadly Parallel

A correspondent draws out a fine example of the deadly parallel in the following letter to a local contemporary:

In a recent issue of a morning paper there appeared the figures of the U. S. Census Bureau showing that the cost of government per person in Rochester is \$75.63, which is the highest of any city in the United States.

Just think of it, New York city which is the largest city in the world only spends \$66.66 per person which is nearly \$10 less per person than it costs Rochesterians. And yet on the same page with this article appeared a proclamation by Mayor Van Zandt in which he urged the People of Rochester to practise thrift and economy and use common sense in money matters, thereby following in the footsteps of Benjamin Franklin, the apostle of thrift whose birthday occurs January 17th.

Turning to another page in the paper you discover that city taxes are to be raised again, this time in the form of a 20 per cent. increase valuation. I think a copy of "Poor Richard's Almanac" given to every city official during Thrift Week might bear some fruit.

It might be observed that, perhaps his Honor intends to practise in the City Hall the thrift he exhorts in the press. Or it may be realized the taxpayers will be called upon to shell out a large amount of the coin of the realm to meet their tax bills in Spring and hence is counseling thrift that they may have the taxes ready when called upon to pay.

And when all is said and written, we hark back to the old saw. "Do as I say not as I do."

Monroe County democrats want to be world to know they are for Governor Al. Smith for Presidential nomination and election.

Payments on subscriptions to the St. Aquinas Institute may be made now or any time.

That was a capital idea of the Columbus Club of the Knights of Columbus to have a Father and Son banquet.

Italian Presbyterian Ministers Protest Against Papini Course

New York, Jan. 11.—The Italian Presbyterian Ministers' Association has protested against the engagement of Giovanni Papini, author of "The Life of Christ", to deliver a course of lectures at Columbia University next summer.

This was revealed by a announcement made here by Dr. Charles Fama, physician in charge of an Italian mission. He said that a letter of protest had been written to "Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia, on behalf of the Ministers Association.

Papini's alleged sympathy with the Fascist regime in Italy is the basis for the protest.

"We may be of Italian birth but we are American citizens", Dr. Fama declared. "We believe that Papini has no business in this country. He is a Fascist; he believes with Mussolini that the world should be one Imperial Rome again, with Mussolini himself wearing the crown of the Caesars."

As evidence that Papini is none too friendly toward America, some of his countrymen who are protesting against his visit here recalled his description of the country as the "land of the millionaire, of the nauseating long gallow, of the degenerate Whittman, and of the intolerable Washington" words taken, they say, from his book "Uomo Selvatico."

French Catholic Societies Select Plays for Girls

Paris, Dec. 28.—A group of Catholic organizations has just compiled an analytical catalogue of plays for young girls. This volume should be of the greatest service to schools, clubs, societies and Catholic families.

Difficulty is often encountered in the effort to select a suitable dramatic program. The selection of a play from the title leads to many deceptions. The analytical catalogue eliminates this difficulty. An analysis is given of each of the 300 plays, comedies, dramas, operette, one-act plays etc. together with a statement of the age and number of actresses necessary and the kind of audience for which each piece is adapted.

A similar catalogue has already been compiled for boys and young men.

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Birmingham Catholic Mayor Leads Campaign For Christmas Relief

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Jan. 3.—Under the leadership of its Catholic Lord Mayor and with the cooperation of the Most Rev. Dr. McIntyre, Archbishop of Birmingham, the Christian portion of Birmingham city made a great effort to relieve the distress in this city over Christmas.

Members of all churches united in this charitable work, prominent among them being the Catholics, who are a powerful and an influential body.

His grace the Archbishop reminded the distinguished citizens who had gathered at a preliminary meeting to support the Lord Mayor, that the poor who suffered most were really the thrifty, and assured the committee that in any scheme put forward, calling on the religious denominations to cooperate, the Catholic churches of the archdiocese would bear their full part.

Plan To Celebrate Christmas As Special Feast Day of Peace

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Graz, Dec. 29.—Following the suggestion of the Rev. Ernesto Vercesi of Milan, who is well known in Europe as the advocate of an international Catholic movement in behalf of peace, there has been formed an International Catholic Committee, the object of which is to celebrate Christmas as the special Feast of Peace, in memory of the appearance of the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI "Ubi Arcano Dei."

The members of the Executive Committee include the Rev. Dr. A. Glesswein, Budapest; Canon Hughes, Madrid; Prof. Farago, Rumania; Count de Rouge, Paris, and several others.

Plans for the celebration of the Feast of Peace are already being made in several nations of Europe, and such celebrations will be held hereafter under the motto of "Christ the Prince of Peace." The committee has invited Catholic organizations and friends of peace in every nation to cooperate in this movement and work to spread the Christian idea of world peace.

College Girls Scored As "Hard Drinking Licentious Amazons"

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Jan. 11.—Drinking, dancing and social impurity are both the faculties of a great many college girls today, declared Dr. Charles J. Smith, president of Roanoke College, Roanoke, Va., at the opening session of the eleventh annual meeting of the National Lutheran Educational Conference.

Scoring severely the modern girl, Dr. Smith asserted that though some women in every age have been guilty of unseemly conduct, "the world has never known the turning loose of such an army of hard drinking, cigarette puffing, licentious amazons as walk the streets and invade the college campuses of today."

Pointing to the evils which exist in some colleges, Dr. Smith said, "They exist in the home towns of the students, in the world everywhere, and I have personally known them to exist in our own theological seminaries. The modern dance is not bad of itself, but it is usually conducted in a bad setting. It can be above reproach, but it usually is not."

He censured the "daughters of the so-called best people" for their mode of dress, carrying of liquor, manner of dancing and engaging in "petting parties."

French Bishop Again Warns Against Modern Dances and Fashions

Chambery, Jan. 2.—Mgr. Castellian, Archbishop of Chambery, has again sent out a notice to the faithful of his archdiocese, warning them against certain modern dances and against indecency in dress.

While stating that previous warnings have been unheeded by some people, Mgr. Castellian declares that the action taken by many of the bishops of France has had its good effects, for although many of the dances which had been expressly forbidden by name have been retained, certain figures of these dances have been suppressed and greater reserve has been noticeable.

The master and mistress of the house must be responsible for the propriety of social gatherings in their homes, and must see to it that dancing does not exceed the proper bounds, the Archbishop declares, adding that "Christian fathers and mothers must not allow themselves to be dictated to by dancing teachers and dressmakers without conscience who, under the guise of fashion would impose upon them standards which would make for the deprecation of their sons and daughters."

Boy Scouts Used To Spread Bogus K. of C. Oath Says Dr. Eddy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—A campaign of hatred and falsehood against Catholics in which Boy Scouts and Sunday school pupils are used for its furtherance was charged against persons he termed "Protestant Christians" by Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Associate General Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. in an address at the ninth quadrennial convention of the International Student Volunteer Movement.

Dr. Eddy spoke on "Present-Day Social and Industrial Unrest" and denounced the Ku Klux Klan and fomenters of bigotry generally. "I find Protestant Christians starting a campaign of hatred and of falsehood against the Catholics, sending Boy Scouts and members of the Sunday school from house to house circulating that false and bogus oath which they have attributed to the Knights of Columbus and which the Knights do not and never have used," said Dr. Eddy.

Concerning the Klan Dr. Eddy said "The Klan members say that they are not against anyone, but they and their fruits ye shall know them and by the blood that has been, and will be shed, must their work be judged. I know that many good men who are members of the Klan have done some good things. Some of them are my friends. But I cannot believe in this movement with its denial of democracy by an 'invisible empire' its dictatorship, its secrecy, its radical supremacy and class war, which is the utter denial of brotherhood."

"Are we 98 per cent all right in America, in the matter of racial autoeracy? What treatment have we meted out to our 14,000,000 foreigners and our 12,000,000 negroes? Since 1885 we have some 4,000 lynchings, an average of two a week or 100 a year. A Southern Methodist minister, who is an authority on the subject, testified that in certain regions all the lynchings had been Methodist or Baptist."

Klan's Suit Against Hearst Magazine Promptly Dismissed

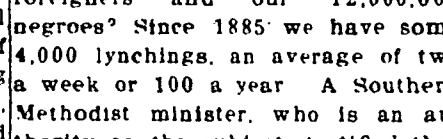
Washington, Jan. 11.—The Ku Klux Klan's suit to restrain Hearst's International Magazine from publishing documents revealing the workings and methods of the Klan was finally dismissed here by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Fiske O'Hara Here Next

Augustus Pitou announces the annual appearance of the favorite stage star Fiske O'Hara who comes to the Lyceum on Monday, Jan. 21, for an engagement of two nights and one matinee in his latest success of "Jack of Hearts", written by DeWitt Newling. The enormous success of "Jack of Hearts" proves that the theater-going public is giving its support to productions undeniably clean, free from offensiveness of any kind and absolutely above any possible criticism.

It is a story of joyous adventure, of unquestionable courage of youth, an amusing and refreshing tale with delightful ending. Jack Murnane is a breezy part that gives the genial Fiske a chance to display his talent of rather unusual quality. There are five chapters, all picturesque, in which the gifted O'Hara is alternately grave and gay. He sings some new songs, included in the list of being "Pretty Molly Malone", "Jaunting Down to Kerry", "Beguiling Irish Eyes" and "If I Were King of Ireland."

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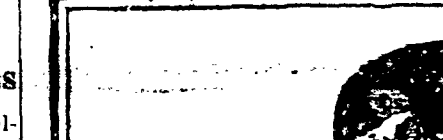
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