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Two Cardinals?

According to the secular news despatches from Rome Archbishops Hayes of New York and Mundelein of Chicago are to be elevated to the Cardinalate and become Princes of the Church at the Papal Consistory of March 26.

Official confirmation of these despatches is lacking as yet but it appears to be a fact that both Prelates have started for Rome to be present at ecclesiastical functions to be held in the Eternal City.

Catholics of the United States will rejoice if the report be true because then there will be four American members of the Sacred College—a somewhat fitting recognition of the virile, aggressive Catholic citizenry of the great Republic of the West.

And the two prelates mentioned are outstanding Churchmen presiding over the two most important and growing Dioceses in America.

Now if the Holy Father turns toward San Francisco for the next Princes of the Church, both the Pacific Coast Catholics and those in Rochester will rejoice.

Hazy Thinking

A persistent self-advertiser graduated from a much-raking reporter to official position in the United States Treasury Department, then to a prominent position in the Morgan-Rockefeller banks until he made his pile, then to act as publicity adviser to the world and the nation.

This gentleman is reported to have had differences with a dead President of the United States. After the latter's death he broke into the print with a story that somebody had told somebody else that the dead President was mixed up in a scandalous proceeding.

Summed before a legislature investigating committee and asked about these assertions this self-advertiser shamelessly admitted he could not give the authority for the story but that "it was floating around" and that he thought somebody ought to prove its truth or falsity!

And now this self-advertiser has the consummate audacity to advocate the organization of a new political party with a single plank platform.

"Be Honest!"

That sounds good but its adoption would exclude from membership the discoverer and progenitor of the proposed party.

"These days it is not sufficient to claim and admit honesty. One must be prepared to prove himself honest before he is accepted as not dishonest by his fellows.

The man who deliberately bears false witness against his brother and he who spreads broadcast a scandalous slander against his brother—even if it be more or less true—are not so far apart in the category of public sentiment.

No avowal of honesty avails unless he who makes it himself practices honesty.

Why the unanimous chorus of opposition to the Clean Books Bill from the secular press?

Eastman states his proposals intelligently and cogently.

"Why bill" will soon be heard at large assume all expense of education.

"Suppose you were maligned and slandered in certain quarters" says following editorial in the "Democrat-Pilot" of Boston, "and suppose that you had a friend who stood up for you exposed the slander, cleared your character and made you respected and favored where you previously misunderstood or disliked. Would you not appreciate that friend?

Well, as a believer in the Catholic religion, you are frequently misrepresented and misunderstood. But at flood tide through the treaty of Versailles, peace cannot be said to be coming. You have a friend that goes to Versailles established with increased influence and power the Kingdom of Yugoslavia; at the same time it withheld Italy from the Adriatic, in plain advantage to Yugoslavia.

For the Catholic family of today, with an ocean of secular newspapers, periodicals, "large edition novels" and countless pamphlets about it, the Catholic paper is the rudder and compass to all who would follow the true line and reach the right destination.

To take a Catholic paper is evidence of interest in Catholicism as well as Catholic news. To stop a Catholic paper is evidence of a loss of interest in things Catholic.

With the addition of a paragraph or so regarding lack of time to take steps to save one's soul and another recognizing Almighty God's sovereignty this editorial from a non-Catholic secular contemporary would be a classic in the category of "Stop, Look and Listen" series.

The funeral procession that held you up the other day as you were driving along the avenue, was in honor of a man who hadn't time He was only 54, yet in that brief span of years had built a fine, substantial business. He couldn't be reached away from desk. One board meeting followed another. One conference crowded upon another. His daily correspondence was a veritable mound. He hadn't time for anything but business until they called in the undertaker.

Life is only so long. Nobody can crowd all the good things it offers into a decade. Even though you live, age will creep on to take away the bloom from the things you planned to do. You can't motor across the Continental Divide at 60 day and get the same punch out of it you could have gotten at 40. At 60 you can't hike in the woods and brave the dangers of outdoors as you did when young.

What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and then shuffle his great pile of money and losing the power to enjoy it? Horace Greely, who died untimely at 61, promised a friend shortly before the game soon and go fishing. But he never did. He hadn't time. Have you?

If the "stagger plan" for school sessions were in vogue, Mother would be on duty about 20 hours out of the 24 if she had to get Johnnie's breakfast at 6:30, Susie's Sunday, March 16.—St. Abraham at 7, Willie's at 7:30, Dad's at 8 was a rich nobleman of Edessa who lived for fifty years in a cell where he sang God's praises and implored mercy for himself and all men. When his brother's daughter, St. Mary, was confined to his care, he placed her in a cell near his own and trained her in perfection. After twenty years of innocence she fell from grace but was later brought back to repentance through the prayers of her uncle and his friend St. Ephrem.

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Archbishop of Sens he gave up his see to become a missionary to Friesland. After converting thousands to the Faith he died in 720.

Friday, March 21.—St. Benedict, Abbot, when a young boy was sent to Rome to attend the public schools. Terrified by the licentiousness of the students he fled to the mountains of Subiaco where he devoted his time to the writing of his celebrated rule. He died there in 643.

Saturday, March 22.—St. Catherine of Sweden, virgin, was the daughter of Ulfho, Prince of Nericia and of St. Bridget. When she was given in marriage to a nobleman named Ergard she persuaded him to join her in a vow of chastity. She died as Abbess of Vadstena in 1381.

Cardinal Bourne Discusses Reunion

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, March 3.—In a Lenten pastoral letter to the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Westminster, Cardinal Bourne takes occasion to remind the people that there is a great gap to be bridged before a union of the Christian churches, as recently discussed, can be brought about.

Declaring that the Catholic clergy of England would make any sacrifices to bring about unity, the Cardinal further points out that: "Papal infallibility is the fundamental doctrine of the Catholic Church and all discussions on union are useless and a mere waste of time until that doctrine is accepted by the other churches."

New York Parish Honors Pastor

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, March 4.—Parishioners of St. Paul's church, East 117th street near Park avenue gave a reception at Central Opera House last night to their pastor, Msgr. John McQuirk, D.D., to mark the forty-first anniversary of his installation as rector of the parish.

A dramatic and musical entertainment was furnished and the reverend guest of honor was presented with a purse of gold.

U. S. Ambassador For France Attends Service In Paris

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Feb. 29.—Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador of the United States to France attended with M. Makinot, Minister of War and Marshals Foyolle and Franchet d'Esperey a solemn service celebrated recently in the church Saint-Louis des Invalides over the tomb of Napoleon, in memory of the American and French soldiers who died on the field of honor in the battles of Champagne.

Several members of the American Embassy, in uniform, and many members of the American colony in Paris were present at this ceremony, at which Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, presided.

Senator Contributes To Cardinal Gibbons Colored Institute

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, March 10.—United States Senator O. E. Weller is a recent contributor to the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, a national school for colored youth to be erected this summer in Southern Maryland. In a note accompanying his donation, he states: "The Cardinal Gibbons Institute is a most laudable and appropriate undertaking. It will be an institution in keeping with the life and character of the late Cardinal. He was a great American, and his vision, breadth, and life have made an impress on the people of our State and on the country which will live for many years."

Catholic Editor Goes Abroad

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Milwaukee, March 7.—Miss Mary T. Canney, formerly of the faculty of Mount St. Vincent's Seminary, New York City, and now an associate editor of the Catholic School Journal, will sail on March 12 for an extended trip to Europe.

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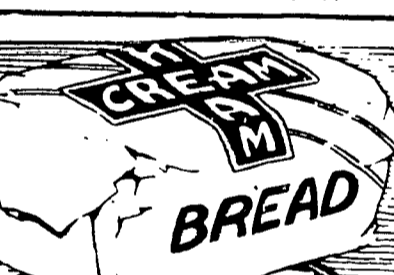
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