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Even if Governor Alfred E. Smith never is President of the United States we can feel proud of him as a splendid example of Catholic manhood, sterling American citizenship and also of the self-made man whose heart is in the right place.

I am sure that in foreign affairs the Democratic party will still follow the ideals of Woodrow Wilson, who tried to keep this country headed in the right direction, who knew what America stood for and expressed to this world in the greatest language that any man ever brought to his command the ideals that inspired, and always shall inspire, the United States.

As President Wilson so eloquently said, no nation should be governed except with the consent of the governed. This is what I understand to be the right of national self-determination. It is the basis of our Declaration of Independence. I believe it justifies my belief—which I recommended in the initiation by the State of New York of a proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution requirements for submission to the people instead of to the Legislature of each state, of all future proposals to amend that instrument.

Guarding the legal rights of citizens is an obligation as important as safeguarding their personal and political rights.

All Wrong

That terrible tragedy in Chicago where two gilded fools, idle sons of the rich, killed a seven year old schoolboy neighbor, just to "see if the murder would give a new and novel thrill!" calls attention to two things:

1. The dreadful effect upon society at large being produced by the lack of God and Religion in the public schools of today.

2. The terrible possibilities attendant upon mixed marriages. It is stated that one of the fathers of one of the young murderers married a Catholic wife but repudiated any pre-nuptial promises and the children of the union were brought up as non-Catholics.

If these boys had attended Catholic schools they would at least, not been infidel in their bent, neither would they have had so much idle time that they could think up devilish and nefarious plans to break the laws of God and man as well.

These boys had not the advantage of parental guardianship, discipline or companionship. They did as they liked and had "ar too much money to spend."

Is it any wonder that these boys went wrong, with no understanding at home, no belief in Almighty God, no reverence for or obedience to authority?

Such episodes as these furnish unanswerable argument against such infamous laws as the Oregon, Washington and Michigan statutes intended to forever bar out any schools but those chartered and directed by themselves—otherwise the State.

J. Q. Jett, who was a special investigator for the Klan from its foundation until a few weeks ago, told a United States senate committee about the incomes of the officials of the society. As befitting the rulers of an empire the incomes are princely in size. In the course of his testimony, Mr. Jett explained that the officers were in the habit of padding their expense accounts, he having able to make "from \$500 to \$1,000" a week, though his salary was only \$40.

Says the San Francisco "Leader": "Too much legislation leads to a government not of laws but of arms and too much thinking of legislation takes up time in congress and soaks up barrels of the people's money. Already our statute books are so cluttered with contradictions that when a man has some one arrested he can't be sure that he won't be the first to spend the night in jail instead of the party whose name was first on the police blotter."

President Coolidge is not interested personally in the income tax reduction this year. Under the Constitution the President's salary may not be reduced or increased during his term of office. Reducing his income tax is construed as an increase.

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Demagoguery

Demagogues, as such, do not appeal to the Democrat & Chronicle as it castigates them thusly:—"They are the 'Whited walls' in American political life, the charlatans, the bunko steerers, not blind guides of the people but lying guides who for their own advantage, lead them wrong."

"Both parties have them, and there is no doubt that they are now more numerous than in an earlier period of our history, the modification in our election methods being partly responsible for this. Formerly aspirants to public positions had to win the approval of the more thoughtful element in our citizenry whom caucus and convention had sifted out of the mass. Now under our popular primaries, appeal is made directly to voters who are least informed about the issues, and in consequence we have a Congress so given over to raft and cant that Vice-president Marshall caustically called it 'the cave of the winds'."

"This orgy of demagogism, says General Duwes is running rife in the world. Europe, he declares, owes much of her confusion to it. He proposes to appeal, not to his party merely, but to all good citizens of the country. He will invite them to consider the great elemental economic principles and do all in his power to put the campaign upon a higher plane and bring in an era of common sense in public discussion and common honesty in public affairs."

Study All Evidence

Advice given to Gilbert Chesterton by a well known contemporary might well be followed by other would-be sceptics as to Tradition, historical truths and Religion:—"Gilbert Keith Chesterton likes nothing so much as to take a shot at any accepted bit of wisdom that has been accepted in some settled phrase form. While ago he happened to run across the historic dictum that people are always greatly influenced by their environment and that it is possible to understand what people have done by knowing something about where they lived. Mr. Chesterton immediately called attention to the flat plain of Belgium and the giant towers and turrets of Belgium's architectural achievements and wanted to know, 'How come?'"

"But it seems that the old wisdom was wisdom. The diggers in the Asiatic plains have recently unearthed a huge tower, supposed to be a replica of the Tower of Babel. It is a great structure, built solidly three hundred feet high with its top the same dimensions as its foundation. Being a solid bulk of brick bakery it is not easy to see what it could be used for, but inscriptions tell of its consecration to worship. Now the plain in which it stands is very flat and Mr. Chesterton seems again to have the argument with him. But an inscription has been deciphered which tells that the tower was built not by plainmen but by their conquerors from the hills, who at home worshipped their gods on hill-tops and set out to build some."

"Before attacking the law and the prophets, even a Chesterton will do well to look for all the written evidence in the case."

It will be recalled by the politicians and some others that Charles E. Hughes was defeated for President in 1916 largely because of a campaign mismanagement and quarrels among the campaign managers. President Coolidge may find history repeating itself if his friends Butler and Stearns run the steam roller too ruthlessly. National Chairman William R. Wilcox's cavalier usage of Boies Penrose in 1916 had a greater effect on Mr. Hughes' Presidential aspirations than most persons then knew or realized.

All over the State of Maine in August suitable observance will be made of the second anniversary of the death of Rev. Sebastian Rale, long revered as 'the Apostle of Maine.'"

Our old friend Dr. Harvey Wiley breaks into print yet. His latest is "A balanced ration is more important to a nation than a balanced budget." Perhaps. But most persons prefer a food menu that tickles their palate. And not every one has an income that will warrant the Wiley balanced ration all year round.

Here is one of the potent arguments advanced by G. McAdoo who headed the United States Railway Administration Board in the War days:—"The average wage paid by the railroads to employes in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, was \$830, while the latest wage statistics available indicate that the average compensation this year is running at the rate of \$1,620."

It is a fallacy to say that the world is over-populated, declares Dr. Halliday Sutherland of London, who is fighting the birth-control movement. Cities are over-crowded, he admits, but the cities are but part of an empty empire.

Germany, in October, 1919, had 43 cities with populations of more than 100,000, and seven cities had more than 500,000 inhabitants. Cologne, which before the war was the sixth largest city, is now third.

A wag well says: "Digging a well is about the only business where you do not have to begin at the bottom."

The new Cathedral at Helena, Montana, was dedicated a few days ago. Bishop Carroll, celebrated the Mass and Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis preached the sermon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

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

Sunday, June 29.—St. Peter, Apostle, was a fisherman of Galilee before he was called to become the Prince of the Apostles and the first Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church.

Monday, June 30.—St. Paul, was born at Tarsus of Jewish parents and studied at Jerusalem. Miraculously converted to the Faith he carried the Gospel to the uttermost limits of the world. With St. Peter he consecrated Rome by his martyrdom.

Tuesday, July 1.—St. Gal, Bishop, was born at Clermont in Auvergne about the year 489. He entered the monastery of Cournon where his virtues recommended him to Quintianus, Bishop of Auvergne, who promoted him to Holy Orders. When Quintianus died, the Saint was chosen to succeed him. St. Gal was favored with the gift of miracles. He died about the year 553.

Wednesday, July 2.—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. This feast recalls how the Blessed Virgin went to visit her cousin St. Elizabeth, who recognizing Mary as the Mother of God, burst into raptures and pronounced Mary Blessed above all other women.

Thursday, July 3.—St. Heliodorus, Bishop, was born in Dalmatia. He sought out St. Jerome in order not only to follow the latter's advice in matters relating to Christian perfection but also to profit by his deep learning. He went to Italy where he was made Bishop of Atilino. He died about the year 290.

Friday, July 4.—St. Bertha, Widow, Abbess, had five daughters, two of whom are numbered among the Saints. After the death of her husband she entered the nunnery which she had built at Blangy in Artois. After she had established a regular observance in the community she shut herself up in a cell to pass the remainder of her life in prayer.

Saturday, July 5.—St. Peter of Lubeburg, was born in Lorraine in 1369. At the age of twelve he went to London as a hostage for his brother, the Court of St. Pol. The English were so impressed by his holiness that at the end of a year he was released with only his own word as ransom. When only fifteen years of age he was appointed Bishop of Metz. Later he became a Cardinal. He died at the age of eighteen in the year 1387.

Canonical Consultor Named For French Embassy in Rome

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

Paris, June 16.—The French Government has created a post of canonical consultor at the Embassy to the Holy See, and on the very day upon which he presented his resignation as premier, M. Poincare signed the decree, appointing Abbe Wetterle, former deputy from the Haut-Rhin, to this post.

The role of the canonical consultor will be mainly to inform the French Ambassador, M. Doucet, in regard to the purely Catholic and religious aspect of all the questions which may be brought to him for consideration.

Abbe Wetterle, who is 63 years old, represented Alsace in the Reichstag at Berlin as protesting deputy. He was elected after the Armistice to the French Chamber, but he was not a candidate for reelection this year. A writer of great ability, Abbe Wetterle has been the director of several newspapers in Alsace, and he is a member of the Academy of Metz.

As Alsace and Lorraine are still under the regime of the Concordate, the opinion of an Alsatian ecclesiastic may frequently prove particularly valuable to a diplomat who must discuss with the Holy See questions affecting religious interests.

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Be Generous

Our Right Reverend Bishop has designated Sunday, June 29 as the day for the 1924 collection for "Diocesan Needs."

It is a worthy object and we Catholics should be prompt and generous in our response to Bishop Hickey's appeal.

There are certain needs of the Diocese which must be cared for—Catholic needs—which cannot be met from the Community Chest because they are purely Church purposes and for extension and preservation of purely Catholic works and institutions.

Then there is need of a new, at least an improved Chancery office. The present quarters are antiquated, badly equipped. There is no gaining the statement that those who have to work in the present chancery office cross attendance to health.

We are not overburdened with Catholic appeals. We should be proud to do our share toward maintenance of our Catholic institutions. Generous support of Catholic projects like these, loyal co-operation with our Bishop, will be the best investment, spiritually, that we can make. It will return to us one hundred fold.

Make the 1924 collection for Diocesan Needs a record breaker even for Rochester.

Example

Governor William S. Flynn, of Rhode Island, is an alumnus of Georgetown University. This may explain part of the underlying motives back of the old "Mossback" war on Governor Flynn and the State Senate of Rhode Island—majority of whose members are self-made men in contradistinction to the old settler, aristocratic rulers of the little State.

Governor Flynn was the speaker at the recent Commencement exercises of Georgetown that conferred upon him a Doctorate of Laws.

"Render the service of an upright life as the only recompense to God," was Governor Flynn's admonition to the graduates. "Moral discipline has been yours, good example has surrounded you, the benefit of religious training has been extended you. You should be men of faith."

"A great part of the people of this country diet on literature that foment hatred and bitterness," he continued. "Gentlemen of Georgetown, go forth with high resolve in the communities where you live, to exercise the knowledge you have received to protect those communities from such evils. The summons today to college men is to render unpaid service for the uplift of their fellow men. I adjure you, take your place in the world about you mailed in the armor of truth. It matters not if you fall crowned or uncrowned, to God be served."

"A wrong education is often worse than ignorance. We must have training of the heart, to serve God, our fellow man, ourselves, for the great common good of our country and of the citizens of all races and creeds."

Dudley Field Malone may have loved Woodrow Wilson but he sure had no abiding affection for Woodrow.

These young Chicago killers may seem to follow on the heels of insanity but they should be confined in an asylum for the criminal insane. Their names should be permitted at least to be printed in the papers to repeat the same crime of 1834.

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