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Have You Noticed

It is not out of place to call attention of our readers to the really splendid Catholic News Service from which all over the world published every week in the Catholic Journal and supplied by the National Catholic Welfare Council.

In point of Catholic news, this service is to us what the Associated Press is to the secular newspapers.

Let us recall the news articles in last week's Catholic Journal. A fine article led the list on the progress of the Catholic women's organization in the Pacific coast.

These informing news despatches are to be found only in the Catholic Journal. No longer can the claim be made valiantly that we have no Catholic news service, foreign and national, and that more and better Catholic news can be had by perusal of the secular dailies.

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Going Back

According to the National Catholic news service, the advent of M. Herriot as head of the French Republic is likely to bring renewed restrictions on the Catholic Church.

It is to be hoped this may not prevail. The French Republic is in no way too good for the nations of the world today and a religious warfare will not add to its standing in the world at large.

Catholics of America will resent any revival of persecution of their French brethren and their influence may be exerted in such a way as to reach the godless French rulers that they had better revise their proposed tactics and go slow in their mad desire to eliminate all Religion.

Libel on Lincoln

Is there no way to prevent dead men, who cannot defend themselves, being made the vehicle of monstrous declarations they never made, in fact their whole career and life were a continual refutation of any such sentiments?

This is the plea of a plea made by Carl Russell Fish, of the University of Wisconsin in the July issue of the "American Historical Review".

"In an American Protestant Protest against the Desecration of the Tomb of Roman Catholics," recently circulated by the Million, Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying: "Unfortunately, I feel more and more, every day, that it is not against the Americans of the South alone I am fighting. It is more against the Pope of Rome, his pernicious Jesuits, and their blind and bloodthirsty slaves... that we have to defend ourselves."

"Students are perfectly well aware that no such quotation is to be found in the Works of Lincoln, they know that the spirit of the quotation is contrary to the whole character of Lincoln's thought and expression, they are familiar with the fact that on its face it is not less absurd to attribute such a statement to Lincoln than it is to accuse the apocryphal of such a position. Are they equally conscious of the danger that lies in the fabrication of such forgeries? All men of prominence after death are liable to such misrepresentation. At the present time, however, and in the United States, Lincoln is the chief victim. Many similar inventions are being continually circulated under his name, in order to attach his great prestige to this cause or that, and the general public is not in a position to tell the true from the false.

The 1924 annual meeting of the Bishops of the United States will be held at the Catholic University in Washington September 24 and 25. Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, will preside. It is probable that for the first time, four Cardinal Archbishops will sit in the conference: O'Connell, of Boston; Hayes, of New York; Dougherty, of Philadelphia and Mundelein of Chicago.

One of the important topics of discussion at the National Charities Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, early in September will be whether Catholics should participate in and share in the proceeds of "Community Chest drives". We notice that Buffalo is to take the negative side in the discussion. That emphasizes the fact that Buffalo's situation is different from that in Rochester.

Shall We!

Continuing the discussion we quoted in last week's Catholic Journal, we reprint herewith another pungent editorial from the "Union and Times" which should furnish food for reflection to all soberminded men and women, no matter what their profession or creed.

The Democratic National Convention passed, as most thinking people expected it to pass, in compromise. We have nothing to say of the tie for the nomination; it is so weak that even a little adverse puff from our own inconsiderable eminence might blow it away entirely.

But—and here we are deeply interested—the question of a Catholic as presidential nominee was one of the real questions at issue. Our attitude is this: neither by papal intrigue nor by hierarchical maneuvering, but by natural and divine law it must come about that a Catholic will be President of these United States.

Our own Chief Joseph M. Quinn took a leading part in the recent International Conference of Police Chiefs.

It is good news that Bishop Hehey had a safe trip across the Atlantic.

It appears quite certain that Republican Leader Hotchkiss will again be County clerk Hotchkiss.

James M. E. O'Grady would, no doubt, consent to return once more to the Halls of Congress in Washington.

His Honor makes it plain that he is the Mayor of Rochester.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

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

Sunday, July 27.—St. Pantaleon, Martyr, during one period of his life was led into apostasy by a belief in the false maxims of the world. Later, however, he was again converted. He distributed all his goods to the poor and shortly thereafter met his death for the Faith.

Monday, July 28.—St. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs. St. Nazarius was the son of a pagan officer in the Roman army. He embraced the faith of his mother Perpetua. Arriving at Milan he was beheaded together with Celsus, a youth whom he took with him on his travels. These two martyrs suffered during the first persecution under Nero.

Tuesday, July 29.—St. Martha, the sister of St. Mary Magdalene. Her life was devoted to the service of the Saviour. When she was young she was persecuted by the Jews of her native town. Her family with a few friends fled to a boat without oars as God ordained and refrained from sail but which was borne to the coast of France.

Wednesday, July 30.—St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre. He was of noble birth and German or an Irishman, by descent for a time practiced law at Rome. He was also an officer in the Imperial Army. It was revealed to the Bishop of Auxerre that Germanus was to be his successor and he gave the latter tonsure notwithstanding his opposition. He died in 448.

Thursday, July 31.—St. Ignace of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, was born in Spain and served as a courtier and soldier until his thirtieth year. Called by Divine Grace to leave the world he went to God's service and he died in 1556.

Friday, August 1.—St. Peter the Apostle. This feast commemorates the miraculous delivery of St. Peter from prison when an angel appeared and cut the chains which had been placed upon him by orders of Herod.

Saturday, August 2.—St. Stephen, the first martyr. He succeeded St. Peter as the supreme head of the Church in 33. In 37 he was stoned to death in his pontifical chair, he was headed by the satellites of the Emperor.

METHODIST MINISTER BRANDED WITH "KKK" AFTER PULPIT SERMON

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Battle Creek, Mich., July 18.—The Rev. Oren Van Loon, Methodist pastor of the Community Church at Berkley, a suburb of Detroit, is gradually recovering at a hospital here from eleven days of torture at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan. He was the victim of a conspiracy which had for its object the opening of a convent for the girls of the Archdiocese of Goa. Close to the Portuguese district of Marmagao, lies the British district of North Kanara, and there from his pulpit, Patriarch finally had to acquire land at Karwar, the chief town of the British district, for the erection of the convent.

In spite of the anti-religious policy of the Portuguese Republic, Catholic charity is still alive in Goa and its dependencies. One lakh rupees was donated by a Catholic woman of Goa for the erection of the convent.

Although it is several days since his return, the minister cannot remember anything that happened to him after he left a Royal Oak bank where he cashed a check for \$55. He remembers waiting for the car, and there his memory ends. He strongly affirms, however, that fear of the Klan would by no means impel him to silence.

His wife is convinced he was drugged. She points out that the signature on the check was his, but indicated his mind was not working clearly. She also recalls that the time of the incident was particularly propitious for a plot of long standing, because he had planned to be away a day, and an early search for him was unlikely. The police have developed no clues.

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