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Knights Now

Bishop Hickey, in his address at the Communion Breakfast of the Knights of Columbus made it plain that he feels he who wears the name of Knight today should meet the tests imposed in Knighthood in the olden days. He said:

"You are called Knights. Do you realize that in the early centuries that those who were Knights had to prepare themselves as measuring up to the requirements of the Catholic Church. Knighthood in the history of the church has meant the man who stood up full of faith, full of loyalty to Mother Church, a man whose life was unquestioned, a man who had the highest ideals of the church and lived up to them. Is there any reason why that spirit of knighthood should depart? Is there any reason why the Knights of the 19th and 20th centuries should have less respect for the old church that has given them these ideals? No

"You and I are living in a world and age when what is material has taken the foreground, when that which is opposed to the spiritual has gripped the souls of men, and consequently the things of Earth and things that are material gain the hearts of men. The spiritual is in proportion, weakened. Never in the history of the world has there been such a condition of material success, property and position as in the century in which we live.

"My dear men, I am talking to you now as humans. We are all mortal. Consequently when materialism sweeps over the world, it takes a great amount of the spiritual from us. It is not easy to move against it, but there is a power that has come to us from Bethlehem and Calvary that will withstand anything man can produce against God and God's Church—and that is the power of the Catholic Church.

"Yes, in our country, that country move so well, we have a great mission to perform. The greatest argument you can give to anything that is alleged against the church is your life. The strongest argument in any age against any attack is a good life. If the Church wants more, she will tell you. But I tell you, my good men, that that argument, that force, is irresistible.

"Give me, five thousand men in Rochester who will be true to the ideals, who will live the lives of good Catholics, be men of prayer, live it out in home, live it in business, live it out in the world—and I have a force that nothing can overcome. This means genuine loyalty to God.

"Do you know the most difficult enemy in this world to conquer? I'll tell you. It is right wrapped within yourself. Self is the most difficult enemy to conquer. Do you know what makes Saints? To give up self, will and do the will of God perfectly. This is what leads to sanctity. May the Lord keep you strong in your resolution. May She, the Mother of our Saviour, pray for you that you may live loyal sons of Mother Church."

Eye Injuries

Injuries to the eyes of workers in the United States are increasing. In 1922 there were 12,000 cases of eye injuries and face disfigurement which resulted in 1,439 weeks of disability and for which \$27,855 compensation was paid. More than 800 additional cases of injuries to the eyes resulted in temporary disability and the payment of compensation for lost time. The compensation paid for permanent eye injuries in New York State, according to this analysis, is approximately one-eighth of the total amount of compensation paid for all non-fatal injuries in the industrial field.

In commenting on the analysis, Lewis H. Carris, managing director of the National committee, said: "The New York State report is another confirmation of the statement made by the National committee for the Prevention of Blindness in its recent report of a two-year study of the eye hazards in industrial occupations that 'Even when we put aside all social, humanitarian and other considerations, and look at the problem purely from the economic point of view, the eye hazard in industrial occupation still ranks second only to death in seriousness.'"

It is a matter of regret that the State of New York is to lose the services of Bernard L. Shientag as Industrial Commissioner. He has brought the State Department of Labor up to a high point of efficiency and it is a pity he will retire just when he has arrived at a point where his services are valuable. But absurd as it may seem, the position of City Court Judge in New York pays \$14,500 a year, \$6,500 more than the salary allotted to the Industrial Commissioner with all his responsibilities and supervision of six branch offices and 1,200 employees. The position of Public Service Commissioner pays \$15,000 a year and there are five while there is but one Industrial Commissioner at \$8,000. Some day the State will wake up to the fact that if it wishes to retain the services of efficient, well trained administrative officers it must pay salaries commensurate with ability, efficiency and character.

All honor to Father Sennett who has braved the wrath of the bootleggers, crooked policemen and scoundrelly policemen of Wehauk-

Not a few Rochesterians remember His Eminence Cardinal Logue when he visited here years ago. Bishop Brown of Cloyne, is now the oldest member of the Irish hierarchy. He was with Cardinal Logue when he visited Rochester.

John Jay Chapman thinks Harvard University's governing board will be contaminated by the presence thereon of a Catholic—James Byrne. Now just who and what is John Jay Chapman.

Tradition is all right in its place but tradition alone, although we must judge the future partly by the past, will not solve present day problems.

One acceptable and appropriate Christmas present is a subscription to the Catholic Journal.

Governor A. Smith is a hard fighter as many of his opponents have found out to their credit.

Perhaps Royal Copeland thinks he is a greater leader than Al Smith but the average man on the street knows Al and never heard of Royal. Probably, he has read health talks in the Hearst newspapers but he never has connected that Royal Copeland with Royal Copeland United States Senator from New York State.

Education Issue In Germany, As Stated by Marx

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Caplaing (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Cologne, Nov. 20.—Germany's bitter fight over Christian education centers around the old question of whether the parent or the State has the right to decide how the child shall be educated. Chancellor Marx declared in an address before a recent Center gathering in Munster, Westphalia.

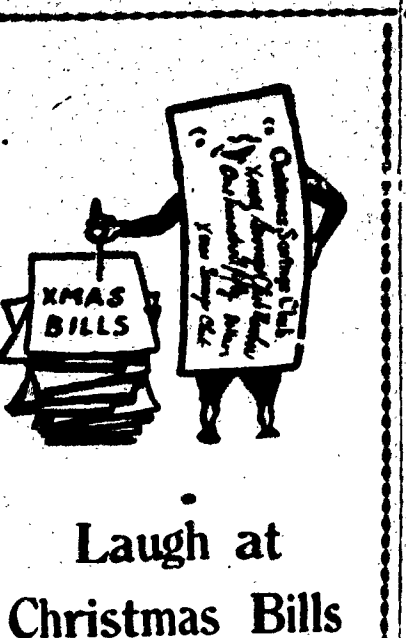
The Centerists hold that the right is vested in the parent, the Chancellor said, while the Nationalists believe the will of the State is supreme. Herr Marx declared that "Christian education" as conceived by the Nationalists is confusing for the simple reason that it cannot be defined. Already, he pointed out, there are so many different opinions as to "Christian education" that one does not know where to turn. What Catholics demand, he added, is not this contentious, indefinable "Christian education," but Catholic schools and Catholic teaching for their children. Protestants seek Protestant schools and Protestant teaching for their children.

Chancellor Marx charged that the German Nationalists, and not the Socialists, are responsible for the present inadequacy of the German Constitution in regard to Christian education. The Nationalists, he said, now clamor for a truly Christian school act, but it would have been more sensibly had they joined with the Center when the Weimar Constitution was being framed, and forced a proper school clause in that instrument instead of taking a negative attitude and later loudly demanding a change.

It was only the cooperation of the democratic groups which made the Constitution possible, and only the insistence of the Center which put in it some provisions for Christian education, the Chancellor reminded his hearers.

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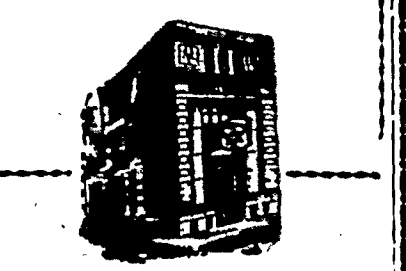
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Better Look Into It!

If might be well for the Rochester trades unionists who are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and who are Catholics to read over and inquire into the following charges made by the "Union and Times":

The A. F. of L. has adopted a resolution favoring the passage of the Sterling-Reed bill to federalize education. The greater number of union men in the United States, we are told, are Catholics. How will they look upon this latest move of the A. F. of L. and the officers of the American Federation of Labor? The passage of the Sterling-Reed bill will seriously hamper the parochial schools, in which the children of union men are receiving their education. Will they stand back of the A. F. of L. resolution favoring this move to make Washington a democracy and increasing the taxes in New York state, for instance, to erect and maintain schools in the state of Texas?

It is evident that the Catholic members of trade unions were not consulted before federated labor voiced its opinion in this matter. In fact, recent actions taken by the supreme officials have not gone well with individual unions, as was shown in the dissatisfaction over the blanket approval of LaFollette and his principles. The A. F. of L. might consult the various "locals" throughout the country before it presumes to speak for the workmen.

On Right Line

President Coolidge is astonishing the politicians and everybody else. He not only preaches thrift and economy—he actually practices it. It has been the custom of President's and other public men to travel in private and personal Pullman cars and not to spare expense as long as it was borne by the public purse.

President Coolidge made his first cost employers in New York State trip away from Washington—to more than a million dollars during Chicago—and return in an ordinary the year ending June 30, 1923, the Pullman. He and Mrs. Coolidge ate last year for which statistics are in the regular railroad dining car available, according to figures obtained by the Safety Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Rochester. This fact is revealed in an analysis of workmen's compensation cases received by the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness from the State Department of Labor. The report shows that there were 602 cases of permanent injuries to the eyes of employees; that those injuries resulted in 54,000 weeks of disability; and that \$992,705 in compensation was paid to the victims. In addition there were 12 cases of combined eye injuries and face disfigurement which resulted in 1,439 weeks of disability and for which \$27,855 compensation was paid. More than 800 additional cases of injuries to the eyes resulted in temporary disability and the payment of compensation for lost time. The compensation paid for permanent eye injuries in New York State, according to this analysis, is approximately one-eighth of the total amount of compensation paid for all non-fatal injuries in the industrial field.

Be Careful!

There is no gain saying the fact that nine-tenths of the motorists in the United States try to drive carelessly and obey all laws and regulations. If they were the only ones to be considered, drastic laws and regulations—that bear equally upon all motorists—would not be necessary. But the other tenth will not be amenable to law or regulation. They are those reckless, who drive like mad, looking neither to right or left, paying no attention to any one else, making nothing whatever as to whether they inconvenience or injure anybody. These are those who will always take a chance at any other day, a railroad man or a policeman. These are the reckless who would say and all in its recent report of a two-year study of the eye hazards in industrial occupations that 'Even when we put aside all social, humanitarian and other considerations, and look at the problem purely from the economic point of view, the eye hazard in industrial occupation still ranks second only to death in seriousness.'