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"World's Work"

It does seem as if "World's Work" is edited or published or written for somebody who really is not overland of the Catholic Church because every little while there is a dig in the magazine referred to against the Church. If some Catholic of prominence notices the fling and protests, "World's Work" apologizes profusely and asserts loudly and blatantly that the offense was blamable upon some inefficient underling who has been fired.

The latest effusion from "World's Work" is in an editorial on the decision of the United States Supreme Court that the Oregon anti-Catholic school law is unconstitutional and void in which it is stated:—

"The Catholic Church has a right to maintain a parochial school system if it desires—every man has a right to whatever religion he desires—parents have a right to select for their children whatever religion they desire for them and to send them to schools where they will receive instruction in that religion."

But following those statements the "World's Work" gets weak and end of the run, and allow ordinary citizens to drive along the highways with a knowledge that if they are caught it is by bandits and they should act accordingly.

Group Vs. Individual

Owen D. Young, Chairman of General Electric Board of Directors, thinks if the farmers would develop more group action in place of individual initiative, there would not be so much unrest in the rural agricultural sections of the country. In a recent interview Mr. Young says:—"The politicians and the public service commissions can co-operate in solving the problem of farm electrification if they will. It is necessary that everybody who has a hand in it shall pull together. The farmer should help by being open minded. With his help the farm can be made the best of all places in the world to live. The business of farming can and should be made to yield profits commensurate with any other business."

"Farmers are the backbone of America. Economically, socially and politically they are this country's anchorage. They are individualists, however, and electrical development should endeavor to develop a general of sentiment in his community for the advancement and improvement of his business and a general agreement to take the service when it becomes another's property she is immediately available on economical terms. He has taken advantage of the automobile and the radio, both of which are comparatively recent developments of electric light and power; and he has probably taken advantage of them because he could do it alone, because it involved individual action, whereas the purchase of light and power for the farm involves group action. He must learn to co-operate if he is to get it."

Only Cure

The "Union and Times" hits the nail on the head in the following editorial:—

Professor Antheaume of the Academy of Paris, says that what we call kleptomaniacs is just plain thieving. It is the opinion of the professor to much effort is expended in explaining crimes as various kinds of diseases. When Harry Thaw shot Stanford White the claim was made that he was suffering from dementia Americana. When Loeb and Leopold killed the Franks boy, the excuse was made that they were morally incompetent. When the fashionable Mrs. Rich enters a department store and steals from the counters she is pardoned as a kleptomaniac.

Now dementia Americana is a so-called word for murder, and kleptomaniacs is a polite name for petty larceny. The nature of the crime remains the same. Its viciousness depends not upon the purpose or intent of the guilty party in the opinion of the court but upon the size of the offender's pocketbook. If poor Nellie Jones from Hogan's alley is caught in the act of appropriating another's property she is immediately put down as a thief. But if the fashionable Mrs. Rich follows Nellie's example, the world looks with sympathy upon the guiltless Mrs. Rich and hangs her head, and weeps.

The only cure for crime is punishment, irrespective of a person's prestige or social position. Call it homicide or larceny what you like, it will always remain homicide and larceny. This generation is given to calling a tablespoon a spoon and a spoon a tablespoon. But changing the name of a crime does not change the essence or the cause of crime; neither should it change the proportionate punishment. It is a travesty on justice and a comedy of judgment to cure an offender with an alibi in place of a rod. It is not to be wondered at that murder is rampant and that criminals stalk through the world untouched when the courts give ear to the cleverly devised arguments of highly paid lawyers—whose plans many times do not go unheard. Again we repeat that the only cure for crime is punishment proportionate to the offense.

How Tell?

The Rochester Journal and Post Express raises a pertinent question when it printed this editorial a few days since:—

How is a man driving an automobile to know a "hijacker" from a federal prohibition agent? Truck drivers were ordered to stop, and took it for granted that prohibition agents were holding them up. They were bound and gagged, taken to a vacant lot, and their trucks, worth \$25,000, were taken from them.

The peaceful "non-bootlegging" driver of an automobile sees a light flash in his face and is told to stop. He stops and finds that he is dealing with a prohibition agent. If the latter turns out to be an agent who doesn't happen to combine highway robbery with prohibition activities so much the better.

If he turns out to be a bandit the citizen must suffer the consequences. Wouldn't it be a good idea to catch bootleggers at the start or the end of the run, and allow ordinary citizens to drive along the highways with a knowledge that if they are caught it is by bandits and they should act accordingly.

Fewer Laws

Defending a premise that we should repeat old laws before erecting new ones that we need fewer instead of more laws, the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" says:—

One of the most disquieting facts is that the average age of our criminals is ten years younger than when this century began; and other factors also confound the sociologists of a decade or two ago. They speculated that crime was due to indigence, illiteracy, intemperance, industrial oppression. Yet now we find that England—poor, wet, with two million workers unemployed—has closed or torn down fifty jails in the last few months; whereas America, rich, dry, without sodden poverty or slums, with wages at peak and little enforced idleness, has to add one of the greatest crime waves in world history; and, though most of her malefactors escape, has densely crowded penal institutions and an urgent need for more. Those are surprising disconcerting facts, ev- they were all through with Mr. Hotchkiss' camp and were going to play in Mr. Rippey's back yard if Meyer Jacobstein was to be Master of Dolls. Mr. Rippey said Mr. Jacobstein would but Mr. Jacobstein said he wouldn't and kept on saying it until the callers grew tired, and went back home after they heard Mr. Hotchkiss had faced about and made up with Mayor Van Zandt.

So the Mayor and Mr. Hotchkiss lived happy ever afterwards and only one who were grieved were the "men of nowhere" who had been hoped to use Meyer Jacobstein to kill hot common knowledge that people who stout one of the Ten Commandments tend to become disrespectful of them all? Moral laxity does not stop at disregard of one injunction; and so with our laws—bad laws bring good laws into contempt. These things demand serious, dispassionate thought.

Which Is Which?

Politicians are slightly mixed these days—that is politics is mixed and when the mixture is mixed the mixers sometimes become mixed themselves—that is confused.

Rochester politics is mixed this year. At first, everybody thought Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Van Zandt were on the outs. Then a number of persons who were friends of the Mayor stood up and shouted out loud that they were all through with Mr. Hotchkiss' camp and were going to play in Mr. Rippey's back yard if Meyer Jacobstein was to be Master of Dolls. Mr. Rippey said Mr. Jacobstein would but Mr. Jacobstein said he wouldn't and kept on saying it until the callers grew tired, and went back home after they heard Mr. Hotchkiss had faced about and made up with Mayor Van Zandt.

Surely, "World's Work" does not believe the United States would go to the everlasting how-ows if a Catholic—like Governor Al. Smith—should be elected President! It would not question Al's ability, his knowledge of public affairs or his personal honesty!

Granting all this, what excuse would "World's Work" present for not supporting Al. Smith if he is nominated in 1928?

Aid To Business

The Rochester "Times Union" puts out this pertinent consent on the possibilities of the Rochester subway.

Emphasis is placed upon the aid to business to be expected from the subway in the report of progress presented by the advisory committee and the letter of Chairman Argetinger accompanying it.

This will require time to demonstrate. Certainly a four-track right-of-way nearly circling Rochester and touching both residential and industrial sections is a most unusual transportation facility for any city to possess. In some of the big cities, tunnels have been dug at high cost for moving freight, not to mention passenger subways.

Securing direct revenue from operation involves initial difficulties, as the freight transfer privileges become continually more peddling the places that dispense illicit booze!

Although heretofore classed as "cold", President Coolidge appears to have accumulated quite a number of warm personal admirers.

William A. Buckley's re-entrance into politics recalls one of Rochester's best Postmasters.

Political conditions of 1925 recall somewhat similar occurrences thirty years ago when Good Government clubs seized control of the city government by the advisory committee.

President Coolidge appears in earnest in his admonitions to his Cabinet officers to cut their expenses to a minimum.

And now we have a direct telephone cable between New York and Chicago and between Rochester and Boston. How the world do move!

Nearly 6,000 motorists lost their licenses for careless driving up on August 1st in New York State! That method of procedure will be as effective in curbing reckless driving as peddling the places that dispense illicit booze!

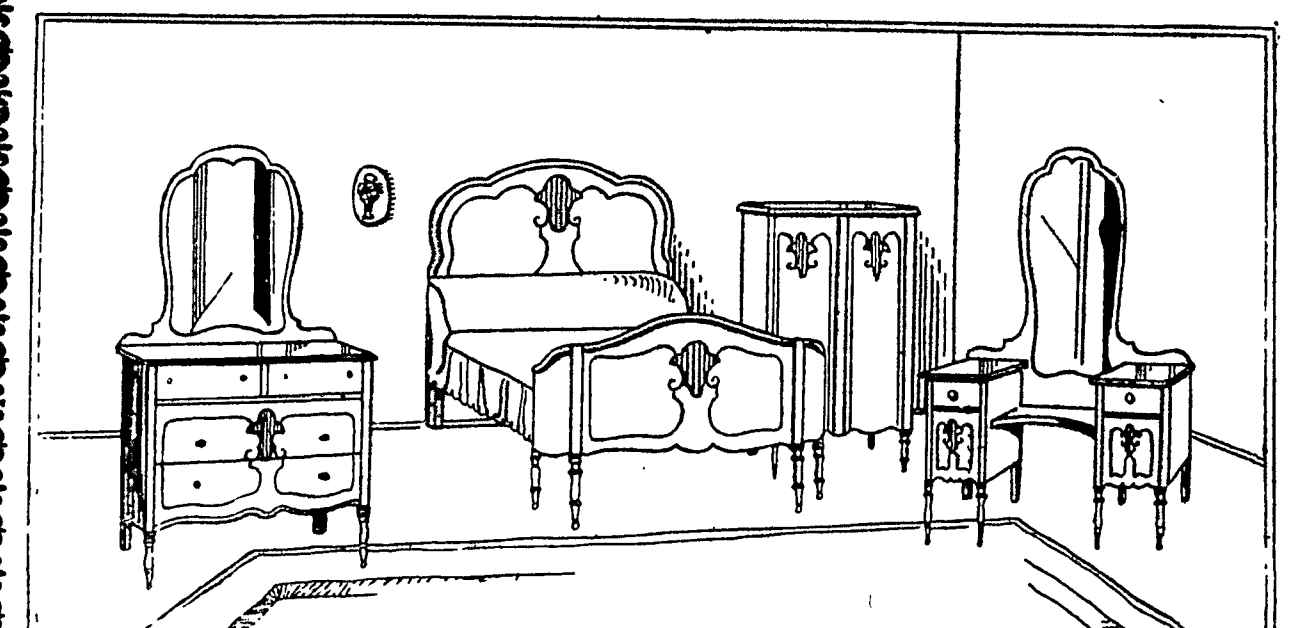
Christian Churches Meets In Stockholm

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

Cologne, August 10.—Preliminary to the convening of the World Conference of Christian Churches in Stockholm next week, a meeting of prominent journalists and representatives of the various churches was held in Berlin recently under the auspices of the Evangelical Press Union. At the Stockholm Conference, it was announced, there will be representatives of the various Protestant sects and also of the Greek-Orthodox Church.

Speakers at the Berlin meeting declared that the Conference will make no attempt to deal with doctrinal matters but will take up such questions as the relations of the church to industry and property, and educational problems. It is predicted that between six and seven hundred delegates will attend the meeting in Stockholm.

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French Walnut Four-Piece Bedroom Suite—Tudor period, full-size, bow-end bed; dresser has 21x42 plate glass mirror. Vanity dresser with large plate glass mirror and two smaller plates. Chiffonette with three drawers and sliding trays. August Sale Price for four pieces \$172.50

Full-Size Bed \$30.00, Dresser \$47.50, Twin Beds, each \$30.00, Vanity Dresser \$55.00, Chiffonette to Match \$40.00, Large Dresser \$52.50

Tudor Period. Has full-sized, bow-end bed, dresser, 23x45-in., with 26x32-in. mirror plate; vanity dresser, 19x44-in., with 16x46-in. mirror plate and two small sized plates, 10x28-in. Chest of drawers, 21x26-in. Has six drawers. August Sale Price for four pieces \$182.50

Individual prices are: Full-sized Bed, \$35.00; Chest of Drawers, \$30.00; Twin Beds, \$35.00 each; Chiffonette to match, \$42.50; Dresser, \$57.00; Chiffonette to match, \$42.50; Vanity dresser, \$60.00.

- 6-Pc. Mahogany Decorated Bedroom Suite, was \$390.00, now \$249.50. 6-Pc. Buff Decorated Bedroom Suite, was \$395.00, now \$295.00. 6-Pc. Decorated Bedroom Suite, was \$446.00, now \$295.00. 6-Pc. Olive Heather Bedroom Suite, was \$375.00, now \$295.00. 6-Pc. French Gray Enamel Bedroom Suite, was 475.00, now 395.00. 7-Pc. Bedroom Suite, was \$537.00, now \$445.00. 8-Pc. Genuine American Walnut Bedroom Suite, was \$677.00, now \$445.00. 6-Pc. Genuine American Walnut Bedroom Suite, was \$703.00, now \$495.00. 6-Pc. English Mahogany Bedroom Suite, was \$757.00 now \$95.00.

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Legion Names Priest, Former Chaplain, On F. I. D. A. C. Delegation

Cincinnati, Aug. 15.—The Rev. William P. O'Connor, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul church here and formerly National Chaplain of the American Legion, has been selected as a member of the Legion's delegation to attend the convention of F. I. D. A. C. the Inter-Allied Federation of Veterans, in Rome September 10 to 13.

Brig. Gen. L. R. Gignilliat, Superintendent of Culver Military Academy, in Indiana is chairman of the delegation of which Father O'Connor is to be a member.

Father O'Connor has a distinguished war record and has served the Legion in important capacities since the war. He was commissioned a chaplain July 11, 1917, and served until his discharge in April, 1919, as a captain. He was chaplain of the 136th Field Artillery, 37th Division, through its training period, and went to France in 1918, his transport ramming a German submarine on the way over. He participated with his division in the Aisne-Marne, Oise, Aisne and Meuse-Argonne engagements. After the Armistice, he arranged one of the most successful traveling dramatic productions of the A. E. F., and upon returning to America was with the national headquarters of the Red Cross for some time.

Joining the Legion he became, not chaplain, but commander of his post, and shortly afterward was named a member of the Legion's National Ceremonials Committee which drew up the rituals used by the Legion throughout the country. He became National Chaplain in 1923. He is now Chaplain of the 107th Cavalry, National Guard, of his state.

ROOM WANTED, a breakfast and a six o'clock dinner by a young lady teacher. Reasonable. M, this office

Graymoor's Novena To St. Anthony of Padua.

The best and widest known Shrine of St. Anthony, the Wonder-Worker of Padua, in all America is a simple statue of the Saint which stands on the Gospel side of the High Altar in St. Francis Monastery Church on the Mount of the Atonement, Graymoor, New York. Here a new Novena is begun by the Graymoor Fathers every Tuesday and thousands of Petitions are constantly presented by them to the intercession of the Universal Friend of all who invoke his aid.

Here are a few of the latest testimonials received at Graymoor from St. Anthony's grateful Clients:

C. E. W., New York: "I am enclosing a check for St. Anthony's Bread which I promised some three months ago if my petition was granted. I have secured an excellent position nearer home, and with a much larger salary than I had been drawing. I am very grateful to St. Anthony and to the people of Graymoor whose prayers aided me."

M. S., Minneapolis: "A few weeks ago I sent a petition to be included in your Novena to St. Anthony. I asked for prayers for the success of my father's business, which he had just started. One of the very next days he received several thousand dollars worth of work, so the prospects of success are very good. Enclosed find a thank offering."

A Friend of St. Anthony, Anaconda, Mont.: "Enclosed find donation for St. Anthony. My sister was seriously ill, in fact she was not expected to live. I promised this thank offering to St. Anthony if she would recover, and she is now home, and well on the way to complete recovery."

Those wishing to enter Petitions in the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony at Graymoor please send them to ST. ANTHONY'S GRAYMOOR SHRINE, Friars of the Atonement, Box 516, Peekskill, N. Y.

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