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What Would Happen

Just what might be expected were
the Oregon bigots successful in their
crusade to eliminate the Catholic
schools, may be seen by a study of
conditions in those parts of Mexico
where the atheistic crew are in full
control.

In the province of Tabasco, the
government has ruled that no clergy-
man or priest may perform religious
rites or conduct religious services
who is unmarried. At last accounts
a number of Catholic priests are in
jail for violating this absurd law
while Bishop Dias and 14 priests are
in exile or hiding for refusing to
accede to the infamous decree. Cath-
olic Churches are closed or turned
over to sects which have married
clergymen and 180,000 communi-
cants are deprived of the consolation
of the practical performance of their
religious service.

Talk about "Dark Ages"! Mexico
is practically a pagan country!

Right Note

We are glad to reproduce the fol-
lowing tribute from the Rochester
"Democrat & Chronicle" to the
youngest State Comptroller the State
ever has had:

In Comptroller Murphy Rochester
has given the state a level-headed
official, concerned alike to save the
peoples' money and preserve from
further encroachment such rights of
home rule and self-determination as
the Constitution gave them. These
have been steadily whittled down,
for state activities entail expense and
most of the commonwealths are
easily won over to the policy of let-
ting Washington do whatever it will
undertake and taxing the few great,
populous states to foot the bill. And
Congress will undertake any activity
which calls for new governmental
agencies, swimming ponds for "lame
ducks," salaried soft snaps for de-
serting constituents and hordes of
complacent partisans jubilating in
Federal jobs.

If this trend to centralization goes
on much further, so Mr. Murphy
tells the convention of state com-
ptrollers and auditors, few state rights
will be left. States will have sold
their birth rights for messes of
pottage—poor pottage at that; and
he urges a national conference of
state officials to combat the alarm-
ing growth of Federal bureaucracy.
The public must be educated to real-
ize that government, like household
affairs, must live within their means;
that heavy borrowing usually means
wasteful spending, and that the
recklessness of public money-hand-
lers and their feverish eagerness to
do things for people they might far
better do for themselves are making
their governments worth less to tax-
payers than they cost. Our Com-
ptroller is sounding the right note.

Not To Be Wondered

While one cannot but admire the
loyalty to tradition that inspires the
movement to perpetuate the Gaelic
language, it cannot be gainsaid that
it is Mrs. Agnes O'Farrelly, lecturer
in Irish in the National University,
the Irish Free State authorities are
making Gaelic in the public schools
the language by compulsory tactics,
a grave mistake is made because of
Gaelic never will be a universal
tongue and its acquisition will serve
only those who expect to live and
die in Ireland and the only ones
their eyes will meet will be Gaelic
who can talk only Gaelic.

Strange as it may seem to the
Irish States and also to many others
who hate to own it, the one language
that is worth while to any European,
at least outside his own is the Eng-
lish language, with the predominance
of those who speak English the
privilege of being enjoyed or discar-
ded is not far distant that the only
language which will be the Eng-
lish language required will be the Eng-
lish language—this in the broadest
rule of De Rivera, the stesla is
compulsory.

Days Recalled

Death of "Queen Mother Alexan-
dra" recalls olden days. Queen Vic-
toria, Prince Albert, Edward VII—
then the idol of the fun-loving rois-
terers of England and all Europe—
as Prince of Wales all pass in review
along the grand avenue of memory.

Alexandra became the Princess of
Wales when it looked as if—barring
possibly the French Republic—mon-
archy was firmly rooted in perman-
ent tenure all over Europe.

No suspicion at all of the terrible
events in 1914 that bid fair to elimi-
nate all monarchies, all dynasties,
all special privileges, all classes and
cases, forever and ever of this mun-
dane sphere; in all probability, ever
crossed Alexandra's mind when as a
simple but beautiful princess from
Denmark she married Edward of
Wales and started to become one of
the best loved royal figures in
Europe.

She was a conscientious, high-
minded woman, a true wife, a queen-
ly spouse, she was one of the old-
fashioned wives and mothers; would
there were more, not less, like her.

Right!

We do not know a motorist resi-
dent in Rochester or who visits
Rochester who does not indorse
heartily the following editorial from
the Rochester "Herald":

Motorists whose errands take them
through Main Street between Fitz-
hugh and Prince Street can testify
to the fact that even balloon tires
sometimes fail to absorb all the
shocks of travel. The cobbled surface
of Rochester's principal thoroughfare
may be historically interesting, but
most American cities are now rele-
gating their antiquities to museums.

Even worse is the pavement of
Andrews Street between Front Street
and Clinton Avenue North. Narrow
and ridged with car tracks, the
street has the added disadvantage of
a high, convex crown, so that cars
bound and skid even on the dry cob-
bles, and on rainy days are quite
likely to sideswipe vehicles standing
along the curbs.

Patches of sheet paving laid over
the cobbles have somewhat mitigated
the roughness of Court Street and
State Street, but there is still much
to be desired to make those conges-
ted thoroughfares safe for the enor-
mous volume of traffic which passes
that way.

Motorists could name a dozen
other streets or sections of streets in
the heart of the city where driving
is unsafe because of rough pave-
ments. Every driver of a car knows
that not only are cobbles pavements
dangerous, but that they retard the
speed of moving vehicles to an ex-
tent that seriously impedes traffic.

Anything that causes congestion is
responsible for serious economic loss
in these days of constantly growing
traffic in city streets.

Credit should be given the city
administration for the work it has
done thus far in repairing and patch-
ing pavements a comparatively small
cost, but no commendation whatever
can be given for the continued exist-
ence in the main streets of Roches-
ter of such antiquated pavements as
now disgrace Main Street, Andrews
Street, Court Street and other heav-
ily traveled thoroughfares.

Sleep Or Not

While it is couched in a quiet,
reminiscent vein, the New York Her-
ald-Tribune pokes fun at a growing
tendency to make the other fellow
take medicine because the doctor's
Now that sleep has become a sci-
entific plaything, it is open to con-
jecture whether the experimenters
on the whole are bent on attacking
"be" or reinforcing an institution "be-
loved from pole to pole." The sleep-
less tests so buoyantly endured last
summer by students of George
Washington University seemed to
argue on the side of the theory that
sleep is a superfluous hereditary
habit. But that stoical vigil is offset
by the designs of the Mellon Insti-
tute of Industrial Research, which
seeks to discover the conditions that
make slumber most restful.

Craws stated, the goal of this epi-
curean experiment is a really com-
fortable bed and bedding to be de-
termined by the restlessness or the
relaxation of the experimental stu-
dent sleeper. Artful instruments are
to register every kick and turn in
the somnolent laboratory. Since
the tests are to go on for two or
three years, with progressive elimi-
nation of apparently disturbing fac-
tors, the Pittsburgh pupils may be
expected to give a fair imitation of
the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus before
they quit. It will not be to much
general advantage to train a group
of sleep specialists, but the dormitive
Gaelic never will be a universal
tongue and its acquisition will serve
only those who expect to live and
die in Ireland and the only ones
their eyes will meet will be Gaelic
who can talk only Gaelic.

It is just possible that this ostentatious
wielding of sleep has a concealed
motive of cutting down the hours of
rest by proving that sleep need not
be long if it is intensive, a demon-
stration that would accord with the
movement for sleep's ultimate abol-
ition. Fortunately, sleep as a person-
al privilege is to be enjoyed or discar-
ded as seems reasonably safe from regu-
lation by scientists or legislators.
And yet it is not, in Spain, under
the rule of De Rivera, the stesla is
compulsory.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, Nov. 29.—St. Saturninus,
by direction of Pope Fabian went in-
to Gaul to preach the faith about the
year 245. He fixed his See at
Toulouse where there were a few
Christians. He brought many con-
verts to the Church. It happened that
to reach his church he was compelled
to pass daily through the Capitol,
the high place of worship of the
heathen dieties. One day a great
multitude was gathered there and a
bull stood ready for the sacrifice. A
man in the crowd pointed out
Saturninus and the people sought to
force him to idolatry. When he re-
fused he was fastened to the bull
which was then driven down the
Capitol. The Saint's brains were
dashed out against the steps and his
mangled body was later picked up
and buried by two devout Christian
women.

Monday, Nov. 20.—St. Andrew,
Apostle, was one of the fishermen of
Bethsaida and a brother, perhaps an
elder brother, of St. Peter. He went
forth upon his mission to plant the
faith in Syria and Greece and at the
end of years of toil won his martyr's
crown. After suffering a cruel scourg-
ing at Patrae in Achaia, he was left,
bound by cords to died upon a cross.
For two entire days he remained
handing on the cross alive, preaching
with outstretched arms to all who
came near.

Tuesday, Dec. 1.—St. Eligius, was
a goldsmith at Paris who was com-
missioned by King Cloaire to make
a throne. With the gold and stones
entrusted to him Eligius made two
thrones instead of one. Struck by this
rare honesty the King gave him an
appointment at Court. At Court
Eligius fortified himself against its
seductions by many austerities and
continual ejaculatory prayers. His
striking virtue resulted in his selec-
tion, while still a layman, as Bish-
op of Noyon. In that office his sanc-
tity was remarkable. He possessed
gifts of miracles and prophecy.

Wednesday, Dec. 2.—St. Bibiana,
virgin and martyr, was a native of
Rome whose father and mother were
both martyred for their Faith. Her
property and that of her sister
Demetria was confiscated and after
her sister's death Bibiana was placed
in the hands of a wicked woman
named Rufina who was instructed to
bring her to another way of think-
ing. When this method failed, she
was tied to a pillar and scourged to
death.

Thursday, Dec. 3.—St. Francis
Xavier, was a young Spanish noble-
man in the dangerous days of the
Reformation who was making a
name for himself as a professor of
philosophy at the University of Paris
when St. Ignatius of Loyola won him
to heavenly thoughts. He was sent to
the Orient where he labored for
twelve years preaching the Gospel of
Hindostan, Malacca and Japan. He
died on a small island off the coast
of China when about to extend his
mission to that country.

Friday, Dec. 4.—St. Barbara, vir-
gin and martyr, was reared as a
heathen by a tyrannical father,
Dioscorus, who kept her secluded in
a lonely tower which he had built for
that purpose. She contrived to re-
ceive instruction and baptism from
a Christian priest and when
Dioscorus discovered this, he was so
enraged that he himself denounced
her before the civil tribunal. She
was horribly tortured and finally be-
headed, her own father acting as ex-
ecutioner. Just as the fatal blow was
struck there was a flash of light-
ning and Dioscorus fell dead.

Saturday, Dec. 5.—St. Sabas,
Abbot, was one of the most renowned
patriarchs of the monks of Pal-
estine. He was born in the year 439
and when quite young forsook the
world and entered a monastery.
After ten years, when he was still
only eighteen, he went to Jerusalem
to visit the holy places and there at-
tached himself to a monastery under
the control of St. Euthymius. Later
he retired into the wilderness and
others came to him desiring to
serve God under his direction. At the
age of fifty-three the Patriarch of
Jerusalem made him Superior-Gen-
eral of all the anchorites in Pal-
estine. He died at the age of ninety-
four in the year 532.

If Secretary Hughes and Senator
Wadsworth are guiding the destinies
of the Republican party in New York
State, we predict now that there will
be no serious dissension between the
Governor and Legislature at Albany
during the winter of 1926.

Hats off to Jimmie Walker the
Mayor-elect of New York. Although
Tammany bred and born we have an
idea that, like Governor Al. Smith
Jim will disappoint the croaker, and
be one of the best Mayors New York
City ever had.

Colonel Mitchell appears to be the
idol of the radicals if that pleases
him. He seems to be a lively rep-
resentative of the section that wants
to scrap battleships and forts and
make airplanes and hangars.

Do you read carefully each issue
of the Catholic Journal? If you do
you are well informed of the Catho-
lic news events of the week—the
trend of Catholic thought and are
prepared to refute attacks upon
Catholic practices and doctrine.

St. Josaphat Relic Venerated By English In London Cathedral

London, Nov. 16.—A relic of a
Russian Sixteenth century saint was
exposed for veneration at West-
minster cathedral here on Friday
evening and will remain exposed to-
morrow during the celebration of the
martyr's feast in Rome. The relic is
of St. Josaphat, who was murdered
by the enemies of the Eastern Or-
thodox reunion to Rome, a movement
in which he played a leading part.

Canonized by Pope Pius IX, St.
Josaphat has been quoted by the
present pontiff as a model and pa-
tron of all who are striving for
Christian unity. Two years ago Pius
XI issued an encyclical on Christian
unity in connection with the celebra-
tion of the 300th anniversary of the
saint's martyrdom.

The relic, which is the first to
reach England since the saint's re-
mains were recently transferred from
Russia to the Slav Uniat Church in
Vienna, was exposed at the Lady al-
tar of the cathedral from first ves-
pers today.

Campion Observes Education Week

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Nov. 20.—
Education Week was celebrated at
Campion College here by the reading
of a series of papers on historical
and educational topics prepared by
the students of the various classes.
Assignments for these papers were
given out several weeks ago in pre-
paration for the week.

Among the subjects discussed
were: "The Fundamentals of Our
Political System", "Why Voting Is
Useful", "The Constitutional Con-
vention of 1787", "The Duties of
Citizenship", "Education and Citi-
zenship", "Religion and Education",
"Obedience to the Law of the Land",
"The Role of American Catholics in
Our Country's Progress", and "The
Catholic School Teaches Respect for
Civil and Religious Authority."

The success of the Aquinas drive
to collect in unpaid subscriptions is
gratifying to Bishop Hickey and all
the Catholics of Rochester.

Radio is reacquainting home to a
number of old-time rovers who were
caught by the jazz of the cabaret.

Honestly, do you rave over the
tabloid newspaper?

State Comptroller Vincent Murphy
seems to be winning his way all
right.

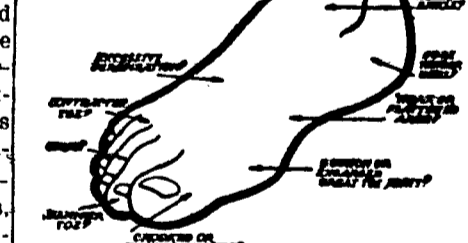
Many a boy figures he's going to
be yelled at any way so why be good.

We are now entering upon Advent,
the precursor of Christmas.

So far November has been an im-
provement upon October in the way
of weather.

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