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Holy Year

Closing of the door to St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Pius XI, assisted by Cardinal Hayes of New York, marks the end of the "Holy Year" which has been eminently successful.

It is not impossible that the Holy Year, indirectly may result in better relations between the Kingdom of Italy and the Vatican so that the Holy Father may enjoy the rights of a spiritual sovereign at least and be freed from some of the odious restrictions that have made the exercise of his spiritual sovereignty difficult and at times well nigh impossible.

Questions

While the "Times-Union" did not support the present and future Mayor for re-election, its interest in civic affairs cannot be gainsaid and, therefore, the following discussion of subway operation possibilities is of more than passing interest.

As The Times-Union has pointed out, no contracts for the operation of the subway have been made by the city, and no plans for such contracts have been suggested or definitely discussed.

Nor has the city announced any program by which the capital charges of the cost of building the subway will be met.

In the mayor's announcement that completion of the connection with the Rochester & Eastern, under East who are proud of their services to avenue, will make possible the operation of the subway probably in 1926, nothing is said about these financial and operative problems.

Aside from all this, there is the Irish Free State, have given resplendent from the restrictions under which it denudes of your faith and of your now stands concerning the operation of the subway.

In the Times-Union of last Thursday it was said that it has not yet been determined by the mayor and his citizens' subway committee "whether it will be the best policy and we enroll you as a member of for the city to operate the subway as a branch of the municipal government or award a contract for its operation to the New York State Railways."

Attention has been called to the fact that if the city should decide to operate the subway as a municipal activity, it does not possess the legal power to do so. To obtain this power, legislation would be necessary.

If the city is to operate the subway this year, and as a municipal activity, the necessary legislation will have to be obtained within the next three months.

Has the city administration a plan for such legislation? And what is the estimated probable cost of operation, that will have to be added to the city's budget, soon to be adopted?

These are questions that ought to be answered before the city can contemplate with complete satisfaction the operation of the subway, great as the benefits may be eventually to come from it.

Observer, Al Smith celebrated his Christmas night. He attended Mass and then passed the day quietly with his family.

Water has come at last, it would seem.

Mitchell

It is difficult to analyze and weigh fairly the case of General or Colonel or Mr. Mitchell—it is equally difficult to state his exact status in the military service or as a citizen—in view of the many conflicting elements that enter in but the following editorial in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" is an exceedingly fair and impartial summary of its reception in the public mind, generally speaking:

Colonel Mitchell's strictures and aspersions on superior officers were unquestionably prejudicial to the service and as such had to be reprimanded and punished or disciplined in the army would be destroyed.

The Court gave him a fair trial. He was allowed to say whatever he wished in explanation and justification of his charges and to produce all the witnesses he desired to and any documentary evidence calculated to strengthen his case.

But, while losing his case before the court, he can be said to have impressed the jury—the American press and people. Unquestionably he has left an impression in their minds that will take much evidence to refute, that the aviation branch of the services, both army and navy, has been mismanaged. He can be said to have established his contention that our national air service is inadequate and less effective than it ought to be.

The principle generally accepted in civil court decisions, that the truth asserted with a worthy purpose is not libelous, is not followed in military courts. Perhaps it cannot be so fully without impairing discipline.

Ireland Honored

The Holy Father has honored Ireland in more ways than one. In the first place the head of the ancient See of Armagh has been elevated to the Cardinalatial purple.

Our beloved son, President of the Order of Pius IX, in the Papal brief the reasons therefor are set forth as follows:

It has always been the practice of Our Predecessors, the Roman Pontiffs, to mark their appreciation by signal favors of those leaders of men in the public affairs of the world who are proud of their services to Catholicism.

The Order of Pius IX of the First Class or of the Grand Cross, is one of the highest in the gift of the Holy Father, and is rarely bestowed.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., a grandson of the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and a non-Catholic takes issue with the correspondent of the "Forum" who seems to think the Pope and the Catholic Church rule of the Catholics, who are in the majority in Boston, never have taken advantage of their numbers to press their opinions on the non-Catholic minority.

Mayor VanZandt was not much of a Santa Claus for Mr. Hotchkiss' friends.

Well, "Ma" Ferguson has not yet been impeached by the Texas Legislature.

Baying at Moon

Because Mr. Howard is a Rochester man and hence we might be accused of bias, intentionally or unintentionally, we have refrained from comment on his amazing appeal to the Holy Father to intervene in the controversy over prohibition and the enforcement or non-enforcement of the Volstead law.

Just to inform our readers how other Catholic papers view the episode we append herewith a recent editorial that appeared in the "Union and Times":

Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the National Committee for prohibition enforcement, appealed last week to Pope Pius XI for moral support of civil authority in the United States.

Let those who placed the Eighteenth Amendment in the constitution and enacted the Volstead Act into law, enforce it. If prohibition is right, reasonable and just, it ought not to be an impossible affair to win support for it. Why call upon the Catholic Church to hasten to its assistance? Is this an admission that the churches sponsoring prohibition have failed? Is this an acknowledgment that civil authority is helpless to enforce its own enactment? Is this an avowal that the American people are too rebellious to submit to the edicts of the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League? Or is it just a trap to catch us unaware?

Clinton N. Howard infers that the cause of unenforcement is due in large part to the refusal of Catholics to obey the prohibition law. That is a perfectly gratuitous insult.

Chief Prohibition Enforcement Officer General Andrews is about to try display advertising in an effort to popularize the Volstead law and the Eighteenth Amendment.

Useless

There will be difference of opinion as to the wisdom, expediency or feasibility of this procedure.

But there is sharp difference as to the method General Andrews proposes to employ. He announces that he will confine his advertising to billboards, apparently ignoring the widespread opposition by the scenic preservation societies to advertising on billboards, no matter for what purpose or for what product to be advertised.

The Rochester Herald called the campaign for Liberty loans which were so successful and in the prosecution of which not only billboards, but newspapers, magazines, street car cards, electric signs, platform speeches, all were used with telling effect.

The "Herald" well says:—Washington dispatches report that the Federal prohibition enforcement unit is about to try the experiment of selling prohibition to the people of the United States through advertising. But coupled with that statement is the qualifying admission that the advertising is to be on billboards only. Other methods of reaching the public are to be ignored.

It is to be feared that in this undertaking, as in others, the cause of thorough enforcement is to be sacrificed to penny-wise economy.

Half measures in advertising the evils of non-enforcement and the necessity of enforcement will get nowhere, except toward worse confusion than now exists.

Loans and won victory for America and the Allied Powers.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, Jan. 3.—St. Genevieve, Virgin, was a native of Nanterre in France. She made a vow of perpetual chastity when only seven years old.

Monday, Jan. 4.—St. Titus, Bishop, was a convert from paganism and a disciple of St. Paul. Paul "gave thanks to God, Who had put such carefulness for them in the heart of Titus", in writing to the Corinthians.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.—St. Simeon Stylites, became noted for his feat of spending thirty seven years on the tops of pillars, exposed to the heat and cold, day and night adoring the majesty of God.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.—The Epiphany of Our Lord. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" and the feast has become accepted from the fact that Christ on this day first manifested to the eyes of men His divine mission, when the miraculous star revealed His birth to the Kings of the East.

Thursday, Jan. 7.—St. Lucian, Martyr, was a native of Samosata in Syria. His parents died when he was quite young and he gave all his wealth to the poor.

Friday, Jan. 8.—St. Apollinaris, the Apologist, was Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, and was one of the most illustrious prelates of his age.

Saturday, Jan. 9.—Sts. Julian and Basilissa, were married, but by mutual consent lived in perpetual chastity. They converted their home into a hospital in which they sometimes cared for a thousand persons.

New Year's resolutions are fine if they are made to be kept and not merely as mental conversation.

It would be a great comeback if Charles E. Hughes should become Governor again and then be elected President.

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree and Alhambra seem to have a busy and profitable season planned for 1926.

Rev. Francis P. Duffy, famous wartime chaplain, has been elected President of the Catholic Summer School.

One good New Year's resolution: Never to be without a Catholic paper in the house.

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Happy New Year

Best Wishes For Your Health Happiness And Prosperity For The Coming Year.

Rochester Savings Bank

Corner West Main and South Fitzhugh Streets

St. Anthony's Famous Shrine At Graymoor.



"Among the followers of St. Francis of Assisi, there are few, who, from their lives and miracles have received such world-wide admiration as St. Anthony of Padua. It would be utterly impossible to relate one-half of the miracles which are recorded as the fruit of his intercession.

G. K. New Jersey: "Enclosed find offering promised St. Anthony if he would help in the sale of a bungalow. This he did satisfactorily. The other petition was for my health. Since the Novena finished I have stopped losing weight, my strength and energy are returning and I feel quite an improvement over my previous condition."

H. A., Cleveland, O.: "Some time ago I entered my petition for a position, and am glad to say that it has been fulfilled. I am a non-Catholic, but St. Anthony has been most gracious to me."

Mrs. A. B., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.: "My petition has been answered, and I am very thankful. My brother-in-law was out of work one year. I asked him to promise an offering to St. Anthony in return for a position, which he did only last week, and this week he is working."

The Friars of the Atone ment will be pleased to enter your petitions in the Perpetual Novena, which begins each Tuesday and ends the following Wednesday. They will also send you the special prayers and directions how to observe the Novena upon request. Send your Petitions to

ST. ANTHONY'S GRAYMOOR SHRINE

Friars of the Atone ment Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

Should Be Fixed

There is no questioning the propriety of hurrying the suit to test, the correctness and legality of the appraisal of the street car property's assets.

Under the service-at-cost contract the street car company is entitled to Year in Rome, on account of the Holy make six per cent on its assets. When Year, instead of in Paris as in other its net return exceeds six per cent the fare is to be reduced. When it falls below six per cent the company presided. The venerable cardinal, has the right to increase fares.

Hence the appraisal value is a orary president and Cardinal Provital and essential factor.

Many persons think the company's claimed valuation is too high and that it has been allowed to add items that would have been charged to overhead and maintenance in any private enterprise.

The company, of course, disputes this contention and contends that its valuation, if anything, is too low. All the elements are present for a real litigation.

The suit should be prosecuted vigorously and speedily. If outside counsel is needed, to combat the company's expert attorneys, they should be engaged.

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It seems to us that those newspapers that adhere to the World Court plan are stuck on it.

Eucharistic Congress Standing Committee Has Session in Rome

Rome, Dec. 23.—The general meeting of the Permanent Committee on Eucharistic Congresses met this year in Rome, on account of the Holy Year, instead of in Paris as in other its net return exceeds six per cent the fare is to be reduced. When it falls below six per cent the company presided. The venerable cardinal, has the right to increase fares.

About thirty members of the Committee attended the meeting, at which important decisions were reached in regard to the coming Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, and also the Congress scheduled for the year 1928, which is to be held in Sydney, Australia.

After the meeting, Bishop Heylen, of Namur, presented the members of the Committee to the Holy Father, who received them in audience in the Hall of the Tronetto. In a fatherly address Pope Plus thanked the members of the Committee for the great work they are accomplishing.

Oratorians Extend Their Work To Japan

London, Dec. 21.—The influence of the Congregation of the Oratory, founded by St. Philip Neri and established here by Cardinal Newman, is being extended to Japan and Germany.

Father Joseph Bacchus, prefect of the Little Oratory at Edgbaston, informed the brothers this week that Father Francis Xavier Iwashita, a Japanese priest who recently visited the Oratory, has received ecclesiastical permission to found an Oratory in Japan. Father Iwashita will devote himself, Father Bacchus states, especially to the Catholic students at the University of Tokio and organize them into a Little Oratory.

Two German Clerics who are to be ordained soon are now at Birmingham studying the work of the Oratory with a view to opening up the work in the Fatherland.

Father Bacchus told the Brothers there is already an Oratory not far from New York and there are signs that the congregation will be established in other countries.