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Bon Voyage!

The many friends of Rev. Simon FitzSimons, M.R., the scholarly and zealous rector of St. Mary's, Rochester, will wish him bon voyage in his trip to the Holy Land and the Holy Places in Italy.

Father FitzSimons has earned the rest and leave from parish work which has been granted by Bishop Healey and no priest in the diocese of Rochester deserves at the hands of his parishioners more than he does.

He will return refreshed in mind and body with a store of new experiences and added knowledge which will be passed on to his parishioners.

The Catholic Journal unites with his friends in wishing Father FitzSimons a safe voyage, a pleasant sojourn in Europe and Asia and a safe return.

Begin Now!

A New York secular paper makes this plea for cleanliness in public places which is equally as appealing here in Rochester:

More than a million New York school children are co-operating in the campaign to keep the city's parks free of litter.

The children have had impressed on them the necessity for keeping beautiful what little natural beauty is left to them.

Now if we can inculcate the same idea in the minds of adults we will be making real progress toward keeping the parks tidy, for the grown-ups, more than the children, are the guilty ones when it comes to desecration of the public recreational grounds.

A person who leaves lunch boxes, bits of food, papers and the like behind him in the parks is as much of a vandal as one who tramples shrubbery, breaks branches off trees or defaces public monuments.

And most of these vandals are adults.

If the grown-ups will do their share toward keeping the parks clean the children surely can be counted on to do theirs.

Postmaster Mullan.

We are more than pleased to coincide with every word contained in the following editorial in a recent issue of the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" a few days ago:—

News that Postmaster John B. Mullan has been re-appointed for a period of four years has been received with general satisfaction in this city. The present administrative head of the postal service in Rochester is justly popular, not only by reason of a pleasing personality, but even more because of the efficiency which he has introduced into the postal administration here.

Almost everyone comes in contact with the postoffice in one way or another. To the average citizen, the postal system is an impersonal thing of more or less importance to the daily life and work of the community. But to hundreds of business men, whose prosperity is directly involved in the efficient operation of the postal service, the Rochester postoffice is a vital and highly useful institution. Its directing head is personally known to most of them. They know what is going on in the Federal building and at the railroad stations because it is of the utmost importance to them that they should know. When they agree, therefore, that the Postmaster is deserving of re-appointment, their judgment is no idle compliment.

Postmaster Mullan has done well in his first term as head of the Rochester postoffice. The administration in Washington has shown obviously good judgment in retaining him in office for another period of four years.

Frank Gannett certainly has made the Times-Union pay when he must have a first-class building because it is so large enough.

"Fakes."

We wonder if there be not a dearer more truth than poetry in the following editorial found in an unnamed secular contemporary:—

One of the most amazing spectacles in recent years, from the point of view of those who regard law enforcement as essential to the safety of society, is the success of a convicted thief, murderer and professional gunman in defying the law that long ago was to have visited punishment on him. But the case of Bandit Chapman is merely an isolated example of the apparent helplessness of justice under present conditions. The causes lie much deeper than anything apparent from the surface.

For years a certain class of writers in America has been busy glorifying the criminal and condoning crime. Gangsters who are merely subnormal young men clever enough to elude the police for a few weeks are heralded as international crooks, master criminals, gentleman burglars or arch-bandits. Their deeds are gilded with a fake romance that is as unlike the real thing as day is different from night. Black is called white, and white is painted black. The police are described as brutal and stupid, and their work is brought into such ill repute that when a certain type of attorney comes forward to save the criminal from the consequences of his misdeeds it is sometimes made to appear that the only persons really to blame are the prosecuting attorney and the police. America stands face to face with a reign of lawlessness that is working havoc among its youth. Other countries suffer from a similar condition, but are crapping with it manfully, undecieved as to its true character. Newspapers and magazine contributors, to say nothing of title writers for the films, can do a great deal to destroy the fake heroism of so-called master criminals by calling them just what they are, ordinary, weak-minded thieves and prospective murderers, who need to be rescued from themselves even more than society needs to be guarded against their depredations.

Pastime.

Not in years has the great American game of "Wall Street, pick the winners" been so like a cross word puzzle as during the last six weeks. Stocks have tumbled over night like the spring snow before the heat of the noon-day sun.

Of course the law of gravitation may be the explanation—what comes up must go down.

The Union and Times takes quite seriously the viewpoint that the Legislature or somebody should delve into this matter of fixing it so that stocks go up when you want to and vice versa. It says:—

But what interests the general public more is the cause back of these wild fluctuations. On January first a certain stock is supposed to be worth one hundred dollars—at least it is so quoted on the market. Suddenly the market turns and the value of the stock drops to fifty although the technical strength of the concern remains the same, and it is doing the same volume of business. And the result is that the man who owns a thousand shares of this stock in the morning finding that he is worth a hundred thousand dollars, discovers in the evening that his holdings have dwindled to fifty thousand dollars.

The point is have not the reformers overlooked an ace in the hole? A few years ago, they set up a terrible cry against gambling on the race tracks. In certain states they succeeded in having all betting stopped at the race courses. In other states they have made it a penalty to play a friendly game of cards on Sunday—in Texas for instance. They have shouted and bemoaned the evils of penny-ante and solitaire but when it came to the stock market which makes the race track and the gaming wheel appear like three shots for five cents at the head of an Ethiopian, to win a beautiful pewter loving cup they stopped short, seemingly afraid to strike at the "moneyed interests." Yet the "market" has caused just as much gambling, just as much penury, just as much misery as the race course and the gaming room.

The trouble is that the reformers will not touch the stock market, neither will they rail against it. The reason is simple. It has been the prohibition reform, supposedly to increase the earning power of the worker—not for himself but for the interests. It has been the heads of large corporations that have backed the reformers in many of their projects. To attack the "market" would be to kill the fatted calf. The millions which the financiers make from their knowledge of stock manipulations is perfectly legitimate in the eyes of the reformers for, from these millions they will receive their share to keep the public holy.

Twenty years ago—in April 1906—the Neal Daw centennial meeting in Rochester demanded that the Sunday liquor law be enforced. Clinton N. Howard was the principal speaker.

Mayor Van Zandt and his administration surely will have their hands full as long as they are directing the city government.

A Catholic contemporary does not like the programs of WGR, Buffalo as they are now administered. Well, if it is any satisfaction we are one of the subscribers to the Radio studio that gives us entire to the WGR and we are pleased with most of the programmes and also with the way they are put on the air. Possibly our contemporary, makes a mistake in the station it slams because our opinion of the methods in programmes of the two stations were just the reverse of that credited to our contemporary.

Lynn, Mass., has ordered its beauty parlors closed on Sundays. Hasn't the Bay State a definite legal ban on Sunday tonsorial work. Then why signal out the Women Vanities?

Local police and Federal agents do not appear to agree upon the way to suppress bootlegging.

Many a good dish is spoiled by bad cooking and seasoning.

Uncle James L. Hotchkiss is discreetly lying low and awaiting developments.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, April 11—St. Leo, the Great, was a native of Rome. His election as Pope on St. Michael's Day, 440, was received with great rejoicing. While his zealous fight against the Vandals, Huns, Nestorians and Pelagians made headway the heresy of Eutiches broke out. He brought about its solemn condemnation through the Council of Chalcedon and when Attila advanced on Rome, went courageously out to meet him. Attila, seeing, he said, "two venerable personages" (presumably Saints Peter and Paul) standing beside Leo the Great, turned back at the Pope's words. The saint died 461 after reigning 20 years.

Monday, April 12—St. Julius, Pope, became head of the Church on February 6, 337. He acquitted St. Athanasius of the false charges made by the Arians, deposed certain Arian bishops and framed 21 canons of discipline. He died April 12, 352.

Tuesday, April 13—St. Hermenegild, Martyr, reigned conjointly with his father, Leovigild, King of the Visigoths, and his brother Recared. All three were Arians, but Hermenegild was converted by the example of his pious Catholic wife. His father denounced him as a traitor. Despite persecutions and death at his father's command, he would not relinquish his faith, and died a martyr on Easter night. He is regarded as an example of constancy and sacrifice.

Wednesday, April 14—St. Benet, or Little Benet, built a bridge across the Rhone at Avignon because so many persons had been drowned in that stream. He began work in 1177 and died when the difficult part of the undertaking was finished in 1184. His body was buried on the bridge and so many miracles were wrought at his tomb that a church was built there. When his coffin was opened in 1670 the body was found to be entire, despite that the iron bars about the coffin had been rusted by dampness.

Thursday, April 15—St. Paternus, Bishop, was born at Poitiers about the year 482. After his father Patranus, with consent of his wife, ended his life in Ireland in holy solitude, Paternus embraced the monastic life in the abbey of Marnes. Later he took up the austere anchoritic life in the forests of Seley. He converted many idolaters. In old age he was consecrated Bishop of Avranches. He withdrew to solitude in France and died in 550.

Friday, April 16—Eighteen Martyrs of Saragossa and St. Engratia, or Engratia, Virgin Martyr. St. Optatus and 17 holy men received the crown of martyrdom on the same day at Saragossa under the cruel Governor Daclian in the persecution of Diocletian in 304. Saint Engratia, or Engratia, a native of Portugal, fearing the vanities of the world, stole from home and a brilliant marriage and fled to Saragossa. She reproached Daclian for his barbarities. She was horribly tortured and mutilated and died from the mortification of her wounds, in prison, in 304.

Saturday, April 17—St. Anicetus, Pope, Martyr, was head of the Church from 165 to 173. His vigilance protected his flock from the wiles of the heretics Valentine and Marcion. The first 36 Bishops of Rome, down to Liberius and, this one excepted, all the popes to Symmachus, the fifty-second, in 498, are honored among the saints and 78 popes are named in the Roman Martyrology.

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Belfast Parliament Refuses To Assist Expelled Catholics

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

Dublin, March 29.—In the Northern Parliament recently a Labor member asked the Prime Minister whether he was aware that a number of Catholic workers were expelled from their employment in the Midland Railway, on account of their religion, during sectarian troubles; that some of these expelled workers had given lifelong service to the company, and whether, now that uninterrupted peace was being enjoyed, he would use his good offices to have these men restored to their former positions.

Mr. Andrews, Minister for Labor, replying, said that this was a matter not brought about by any action of the company, and that the reinstatement of the employees could only be brought about by arrangement between the company and all its employees, and that, therefore, he could not interfere in any way. The Minister added that he understood the matter was now particularly difficult as the company had been obliged to pursue a policy of retrenchment and was not in a position to re employ any old hands or take on new ones.

This is a typical incident of the mutual arrangements between all sections of the Orange societies in Northern Ireland, which culminates in the Ministers of the Crown refusing to take any steps whatever to give protection to Catholic employees, even when they are driven from their employment by violence.

Nottingham Prelate Many Times Jubilarian

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

London, March 29—Msrgr. Provost Croft, Protonotary Apostolic and Vicar General of the Nottingham diocese, who has died in his eighty-ninth year, held what is believed to be a unique record in the number of jubilees he attained.

He celebrated his silver, golden and diamond jubilees as a priest, his silver and golden jubilees as a Canon, and his silver and golden jubilees as rector of St. Hugh's Church, Lincoln. Had he lived another few months he would have completed his silver jubilee as Vicar General of the diocese.

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A. B. Phila, Pa.: "Thanks be to God and St. Anthony our prayers have been heard. My dear brother's mind was restored and he was able to receive the Last Sacraments before he died."

T. J. C. Ky.: "The petition which I sent in last month has been answered. I have secured a position giving me steady employment."

L. F. P. Vt.: "Enclosed you will find a small offering which I promised to St. Anthony if he would grant me a favor which I greatly desired. Good St. Anthony has answered my prayer a hundred-fold. May God be honored ever more and more through the Wonder-Worker of Padua."

M. B. N. Y. C.: "Enclosed find an offering which I promised to St. Anthony's Bread Fund for an increase in salary."

B. J. D. N. Y. C.: "Enclosed find donation for St. Anthony's Bread which I promised a few months ago if petition was obtained. I firmly believe your prayers have helped me, as I secured a good position after asking for remembrance in the Novena."

Mrs. D. C. M. N. Dak.: "Enclosed you will find my donation for St. Anthony's Bread in gratitude for benefits received through the Perpetual Novena. I have gotten back my health and strength for which I am very grateful."

F. J. P. Providence, R. I.: "Enclosed please find offering which I promised to St. Anthony if I found a position and also had our two tenements rented. Thanks to St. Anthony both my requests were granted."

Mr. and Mrs. T. D.: "Words cannot express our thanks to St. Anthony for obtaining a favor that was almost impossible. The fourth day of the Novena the favor was granted."

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