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## No Religious Intolerance.

A few days ago the National Catholic Press Service carried the news that, with Bishop Muldoon's consent, the Catholic service and sermon each Sunday morning at Mooseheart, Illinois, the home and vocational school maintained by the Loyal Order of Moose, is broadcasted from the Order's radio station, WJJD.

This is a distinct innovation but it was to be expected from Mooseheart. There is no religious bickering there. The atmosphere is not only free from religious intolerance—there is no such thing. The Moose have a Protestant and a Catholic chaplain on the Mooseheart staff.

At present there is no distinctive Church edifice but each has service on Sunday in the big auditorium. The Catholics attend Mass first—the Order having provided a portable altar, vestments, etc. The Protestants follow.

When the children of a deceased member are received at Mooseheart, the preliminary record shows the religious persuasion of the parent or guardian and the children are so listed and assigned, and so continue until they leave which is when they graduate from high school and acquire a trade or vocation.

The Catholic chaplain at Mooseheart is Rev. John J. Laffey, of Providence, R. I., in whom Rochester is interested as he was a student at St. Bernard's Seminary in the days when Archbishop Edward J. Hanna was Professor there. For a time, Rev. William Donovan, well known in Rochester where he is now teaching at Aquinas Institute, acted as temporary chaplain in connection with his duties as assistant rector of St. Mary's, Aurora, Ill., when the Catholic population at Mooseheart grew to such an extent that a permanent chaplain was needed. Bishop Muldoon assigned Father Laffey to the position and he has continued there to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, especially to the Mooseheart Governors, headed by Secretary of Labor James J. Davis and of which last year Willard A. Marable, of Rochester was an associate governor.

## Slush.

It is no wonder that Protestant churches are not half filled when one reads such slush as the following extract published in a morning paper from the Sunday sermon of a leading Protestant preacher:—

"Many people worship a half-god who would punish with eternal fire all who sin while he lives in a blissful heaven, but they need to see the whole God who is redeeming."

"A vengeful god cannot be any thing but a half-god," said Dr. Burdett, "and we need to have a whole God. There certainly is a punishment for sin but that may come through the extinction of the soul. We may be sure that that brings to God a great sense of loss."

"A whole God will revive our spirits which have been blunted by sin and help us to live as we should. Such a God, we may be sure, will ultimately frustrate the power of evil in the world and will rule all the world in righteousness. Only as we have such a God to worship and such faith will we find strength and satisfaction of life."

The proposed power dam at Mt. Morris will add another barrier to the annual Genesee freshets and floods.

Like the Rochester industrial exposition, flower show and horse show, Rochester's food show was the finest ever.

Simon Adler must feel proud of the esteem in which his Albany colleagues, evidently, held him.

Rochester school authorities are committed to the "open window ventilation" for schools.

## Quinte Reopened.

Rochesterians, especially, will heartily endorse every word of the following editorial in the "Democrat & Chronicle":—

Announcement by the Chamber of Commerce that resumption of steamship service through the Bay of Quinte is planned for the summer season will be hailed by many thousands of Western New Yorkers as welcome news. The trip from Rochester to the Murray canal and through the Bay of Quinte to Kingston is second in interest only to an excursion among the Thousand Islands, as a summer outing from Rochester.

Previous to the World war the Bay of Quinte route was deservedly popular with the public of Rochester and Western New York. Many Rochesterians learned so well the attractions of the winding channel along the north shore that they were regular visitors to the locality. Suspension of public transportation service between Rochester and the Bay of Quinte left such visitors without means of reaching their summer homes, except as they went by round about routes, or furnished their own means of navigation. Many of them preferred to go elsewhere, rather than struggle with transportation difficulties.

In the years that have passed since the suspension of direct steamboat service to the Bay of Quinte from Rochester, Western New York has gained greatly not only in population, but in appreciation of attractions to be found each summer along the lakes. Reopening of the Bay of Quinte to Rochesterians is likely to lure a host of visitors to the charming region.

## Canal Satire.

The Rochester Times-Union waxes satirical in this wise over the proposed sale of the Erie or Barge Canal to the United States Government:—

"A concurrent resolution will pass the Legislature. It is expected, to permit the people to vote on a constitutional amendment to sell or cede the Barge Canal to the Federal Government for use as a part of an All-American ship canal from Oswego to the Hudson tidewater.

"There is no understanding that Uncle Sam is a customer, but it is possible he may be, and so it is thought best to get in shape to take him up instantly if an offer is made."

"This being the case, it will be a good ditch across a delightful and thriving part of the state. Of course it must be sold or ceded as used property, but it will be easy to convince the customer that it has not been injured in its use and that it is in good working condition. It has cost the people of the state some \$200,000,000 but some of us have had great benefit out of the expenditure. Take Rochester, Syracuse, Utica and Schenectady for instance. For these cities to be able to get rid of the old Erie Canal, through relocation and construction of the Barge Canal, has been worth some millions of dollars, although the changes made necessary cost the cities large additional expenditure.

"But if Uncle Sam wishes to buy, borrow or accept, he can here find the best canal bargain ever offered, and he may be assured that it will be no trouble whatever to get the goods."

Will Rogers is a shining example of how to be a popular entertainer without offense to public taste.

Illinois voters, evidently, have no great respect either for President Coolidge or his World's Court.

Senator William McKinley finds himself in parallel situation with Walsey.

In the death of Miss Eugenie Reche, Rochester loses another of her connecting links with an almost forgotten generation. Truly, she was a Catholic gentlewoman of the old school.

A secular contemporary remarks: "The four great destructive agencies are wind, water, fire and boys."

Congratulations to James McLuskey upon reappointment as Postmaster of Syracuse.

This is National Forest week by proclamation of President Coolidge.

Poison, booze and divorce are the real perils to the American people today.

## Noted Irish Surgeon Will Visit America

Dublin, April 12.—Surgeon John M'Arde has been selected to represent the National University of Ireland at the International Congress of Surgeons to be held in the United States this summer. Surgeon M'Arde, who is a Catholic, has been professor of surgery in the Dublin College of the National University of Ireland since its foundation.

The School of Medicine attached to the college enjoys the highest European reputation. The president of the College, Dr. Coffey, who is a prominent Catholic, is a noted authority on biology and has enriched the literature of the subject by many publications which rank as standard text books.

## Patience Praised.

Irvin Cobb, columnist and humorist is no bigot. In the course of a recent address before the National Democratic Club Mr. Cobb declared that if Catholic priests preached the gospel of hate, proscription and misrepresentation, as was done by countless ministers during the recent wave of religious persecution, an indignant populace would have been hanging priests to lamp posts by the hundreds. Livia S. Cobb, prominent novelist and publicist, told 500 members of the National Democratic Club recently.

"What the country lacks most, and needs most is a nation-wide spirit of tolerance," the Lovellist said. "I am a Protestant and a Southerner, and my father was a member of the original Ku Klux Klan which after the Civil War prevented the Negroes from ruling the white people of the South. The present Klan, however, is dying."

"Our Pilgrim fathers," Mr. Cobb said, "left their home country because they had grown so obnoxious that their own homeland was forced to spew them out. Prohibition is kept alive by the Puritan influence, towards, weak-legged Congressmen and bootleggers. What has become of the obsolete and old-fashioned principle of American liberty?"

"This country has always been subject to sporadic outbreaks of rank home-grown Puritanism and narrow intolerance. In my opinion the Mayflower should have made a round trip," declared the speaker.

Mr. Cobb declared that two groups had been responsible for bringing on prohibition—the brewers and distillers. They were the fathers and mothers of the corner saloon, "a most unpleasant establishment."

"During the whole era of bigotry and vituperation I feel that the finest thing was the attitude maintained by the clergy of the rank and file of that Faith against which the spleen of the bigots was chiefly directed. I know of nothing more exemplary as a tribute to the spirit of law and order than their serenity under fire." Mr. Cobb asserted.

In this regard the speaker referred to the attitude taken by Catholic clergy during the reign of bigotry in this country.

"To speak of the Ku Klux Klan as like kicking a dying horse," he concluded.

## The Dead Line.

Supremy Knight James A. Flaherty of the Knights of Columbus sounds a note that is in the hearts of many a fraternalist:—

"I do not know that I have ever had the experience of looking through a Council publication without finding somewhere in its pages an appeal to delinquent members."

Month after month, space must be used to urge a certain small group to discharge their financial obligations.

"The majority pay dues and assessments cheerfully and promptly. But the delinquents we have always with us. It is true that many of them do, finally, come around."

"But do they ever stop to consider the amount of time and energy that has been expended to get them to do what is nothing more than their simple duty?"

Do they ever reflect that the time and energy thus expended could be much better devoted to the furtherance of the works of the Order?"

Do they realize the injustice their tardiness works on their Brother Knights? It is manifestly unfair to compel members in good standing to carry along the dead weight of those who are habitually and consistently in no standing at all.

There comes a time when the patience of Council officers is exhausted. An ultimatum is broadcast. A dead line is set. Then comes suspensions with the inevitable cry by the suspended that they have been treated too drastically. I find little sympathy for them in my heart.

"The day may come when the sincere, energetic members of our Order will not have to expend their time and their labor struggling to keep the delinquents just out of reach of suspension. Sometimes I doubt the wisdom of bestowing on these non-paying members the attention they receive. It might be better for all if they would voluntarily resign to form a do-nothing pay-nothing, receive-everything society of their own."

Truly, this is the electric age with its electric lights, toasters, washers, irons, ranges, electric power for machinery, for telegraph, for telephone and many other uses.

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Monday, April 26.—Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs. St. Cletus was the third Bishop of Rome, and succeeded St. Linus, a circumstance, which, alone, shows his eminent virtue among the first disciples of St. Peter. He sat from the year 76 to 89. St. Marcellinus became Bishop of Rome in 296, about the time Diocletian made his impious claim to divinity. He died in 304 after gaining much glory in a cruel persecution.

Tuesday, April 27.—St. Zita, Virgin, lived for 48 years as a servant in the house of Fatimelli, a citizen of Lucca. She was very devout and once when she had remained in church, absorbed in prayer, long past her hour of bread-making, she returned home to find the bread all prepared. No one in the house had touched it and a delicious perfume of roses issued from it. Her pleasant demeanor in the face of mistreatment won her the admiration of her fellow servants and the respect of her employer. She died in 1272.

Wednesday, April 28.—St. Paul of the Cross modeled his 41 years of life on Christ's Passion. Several crushing crosses beset his attempts to institute the first house of the Passionists. He branded the Holy Name on his side and his heart beat with a supernatural palpitation that was especially vehement on Fridays. An intense heat from his heart at times scorched his shirt. He endured 50 years of bodily pain.

Thursday, April 29.—St. Peter, Martyr, was born at Verona in 1206 of heretical parents. He went to a Catholic school, however, and no persuasion could shake his faith. He received the habit from St. Dominic himself. Two heretics, whom he had confounded, attacked him as he was returning to Milan and split his head with an axe. While lying on the ground he dipped his finger in his own blood and wrote "I believe in God, Creator of Heaven and Earth." Then they stabbed him to death.

Friday, April 30.—St. Catherine of Siena, daughter of a humble tradesman, was raised up to be the guide of the Church in one of its darkest periods, the Fourteenth Century. In face of virtually the whole world, she brought Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon. She died in 1380 at the age of 33 years.

Saturday, May 1.—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles. Philip was one of the first chosen disciples of Christ. St. James the Less, author of an inspired epistle, was also one of the twelve. On dispersion of the apostles, St. James was left as Bishop of Jerusalem. His piety and purity were so renowned that the Jews, it is said, touched the hem of his garment out of respect.



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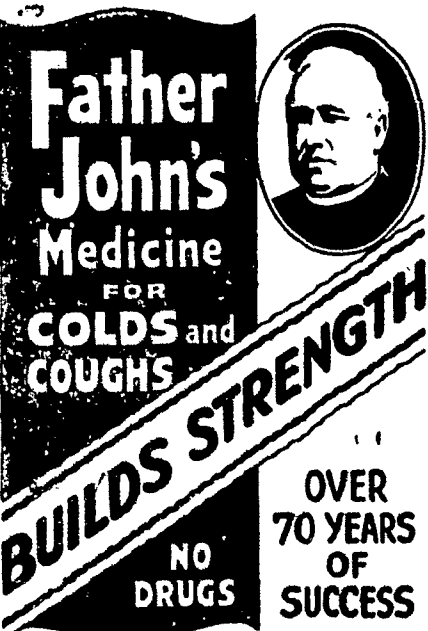
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