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A New Era.

The Catholic Journal's news columns will give our readers late and exhaustive accounts of the International Eucharistic Congress that will be held in Chicago next week. That it will be the greatest ecclesiastical gathering ever held in the United States goes without saying.

That it will be one of the most successful Congresses ever held is the testimony of the foreign visitors who have attended all the gatherings.

But most significant of all, is the feeling that the Congress marks the opening of a new era of tolerance and freedom from intolerance. Is this not the inference one may draw from the following appeal made before the Congress by Rev. John Thompson, of the Chicago Temple, to the Protestants of Chicago to throw open their homes for the housing of the visitors during the Congress.

"At least 1,000,000 visitors will be in Chicago during the Eucharistic Congress," said Dr. Thompson, "and they will represent not only the United States and Canada but every civilized nation in the world. Many notable gatherings have been held in Chicago in the last three quarters of a century, but none will surpass in worldwide significance this great event of the Roman Catholic church. With distinguished representatives coming here from all over the globe, the vast gathering will take on more than a sectarian significance. It will have a universal aspect which all should recognize.

"Therefore, I appeal to the people of Chicago, to Protestants, Catholics and Jews alike, and to those of no creed at all, that all barriers and divisions vanish during the coming Eucharistic Congress, and that homes of all classes and creeds and colors be opened to the visitors, and that the city be united in unstinted hospitality. What will it mean for Chicago? It will mean a new era of tolerance and fraternalism. The very practice of brotherhood promotes brotherhood. The demonstration of charity and tolerance increases charity and tolerance. It is Chicago's unrivaled opportunity. Let Chicago prove her spiritual unity.

Better Understanding Promoted. "I am confident I am speaking the sentiments of the vast majority of Chicago's citizens and church members in this appeal. I believe that nowhere in the world is there a finer spirit of religious co-operation than in Chicago. I am eager that a better understanding be promoted among all of our denominations and religious creeds and I pray for the day when there will be a real spiritual unity. Just as courtship precedes marriage, so are such events as denominational co-operation in providing hospitality for the great Eucharistic Congress the forerunners of the bringing of the great Christian church to the point of 'dwelling together with one accord' as its members did in the days of the disciples.

No more inspiring sight is seen each year than the impressive, pontifical field Mass of the Knights of St. John at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The crowning event of 1926 history will record the International Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in June.

Cardinal Bonzano, Papal Legate to the Congress is no stranger to the United States. He was formerly apostolic delegate.

Readers of the Catholic Journal will help us and for valued received, too, if they patronize Catholic Journal advertisers.

Consolidation of the Buffalo "Express" and "Courier" leaves Buffalo without either a Republican or Democratic morning paper.

Even a laborers' strike has a bearing on the general industrial situation.

Now is the season that starting the play their part in the toll.

It Won't Go.

While the suggestion put forth by Governor Smith and Tax Commissioner Mark Graves in the following editorial from a secular contemporary is capital, it will not go:—

A merger of counties would save money for the taxpayers, as Mark Graves, state tax commissioner, pointed out in an address at Canandaigua. By way of illustration it was observed that four counties having less realty value and a smaller population taken together than the single county of Chautauqua pay \$97,000 more for overhead than the one. In other words, if the counties of Ontario, Seneca, Schuyler and Yates were consolidated, their taxpayers would save nearly \$100,000 in overhead charges. Corporations have found that mergers reduce overhead expenses, and the counties would make the same discovery. The reasons for such a movement are all on the side of making the change. The present county boundaries are not made according to population or area, so there is no reason for retaining them upon that account.

Several counties with small populations and wealth could consolidate and still be smaller in population and wealth than some of the present counties. With the present ease and speed of transportation, there is not the old-time need for numerous county governments.

County government in the state costs a total of \$40,000,000 and no doubt a considerable portion of it could be saved. A number of consolidations would help to some extent, but, of course, the larger saving could be made in a reform of the county government itself.

Why won't it go? Because there are at least four assemblies, four county judges, four sheriffs, four county clerks, two state senators and a couple of hundred minor officeholders would lose their jobs.

Besides to much consolidation, concentration and centralization is not over-popular these days.

Salutary.

Beginning July 1, 1923, the Legislature directed that where a minor was employed illegally—that is, contrary to provision of the Labor Law—double compensation be awarded—the extra compensation to be paid by the employer and the insurance carries were not permitted to indemnify the employers under their compensation insurance policies. If the employees had failed to carry compensation insurance, then the entire double compensation falls on him.

The theory of the change in the law was that employers would be keener to observe the law forbidding employment of minors and, where they did take the chance, would be so careful to safeguard machinery that danger of accident would be minimized.

It is a queer thing but statistics just furnished by the State Department of Labor show that while 674 minors were injured in the State in violation of law, 75 were illegally employed and of these 28 were under 16 and awarded double compensation—or over one-third of the 75. The total amount of extra compensation thus awarded against employers was \$9,403.

It will be seen that even from the dollars and cents standpoint, it is expensive to violate the law. Possibly, the employers concerned stood to save a few dollars by using boy and girl labor instead of experienced workmen, but in the end it proved more expensive.

Some of the 28 awards represented comparatively small sums but two ran into real money—one award totaled \$2,684 and another \$4,780.

In the long run, it pays to observe the law.

"Differed, But Akin".

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, has been writing some very interesting reminiscences of the many great men, ecclesiastics and laymen, whom he has met in his quarter century as Bishop and nearly half a century of priesthood. In one of these he sums up the traits of the four Popes under whom he served as Bishop:—

These sovereign pontiffs, Leo XIII, Pius X, Benedict XV, Pius XI, all of whom I have known well, most of them intimately, were all truly remarkable men—differing in personal traits, but akin in all the things which really mattered—holiness of life, complete devotion to their office and untiring labor for the welfare of the whole world.

They were each in his own way both good and great—Leo in academic wisdom and diplomatic skill.

Plus X in the unerring instinct of the holy priest for the salvation of souls, and utter fearlessness toward the enemies of God—Benedict in his keen perception of international problems when the world was in chaos—Pius XI in the imperturbable calm of a soul close to the heart of Christ and a mind stored with the wisdom of the centuries.

What a series of men—the pride of the church—the glory of Italy—the fine flower of Christian manhood! What a privilege and honor to have known them, to have served under them and to have labored with them for the glory of God and the welfare of humanity!

God rest those who have gone to their great reward—God preserve, bless, guard and defend Pius XI—true father and true friend.

The Owl.

The storied encounter of President Calvin Coolidge and the White House Owl ending in the rout of the feathered intruder who had discovered one human who could outdistance him in the matter of holding his tongue have provoked many a newspaper wit to dash off a limerick or such.

But it remained for the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" to pen the following serious editorial on the alleged incident:—

Jokesmiths who have reveled in the opportunities presented by the legendary owl supposed to preside over the destinies of the Coolidge family have somewhat beclouded the bright truth that there is more than a little significance in the President's symbol of wisdom. Not only is the owl a wise old bird in appearance and behavior; he is one of the most useful among all the varieties which make their homes in North America. The combination of wisdom and usefulness appears particularly symbolic of that Yankee philosophy of life that forms the groundwork of the President's utterances.

Just where the owl obtained his name is not certain. It is obvious, however, from a study of old records and dialects and from a knowledge of the bird's vocal efforts that "owl" and "howl" are closely akin in meaning.

Unfortunately for Friend Owl, he like the small brown bat, has been the object of unjust suspicion and persecution since the dawn of time. Because of the strange noises emitted by the owl when in an amorous or challenging mood, it has been held since earliest times that the bird was a bearer of evil tidings, if not an omen of misfortune to come. The hoot of the owl, no less than the howl of the lonely cur, has caused more gooseflesh of nights than all the creaking stairs that history records. Hence, the owl has been hunted assiduously, so that in many localities the bird has been all but exterminated.

Happily, in recent years the light of understanding has begun to make headway against the fogs and darkness of superstition and ignorance. Also, the unjust slaughter of owls has in many places brought its just retribution in the way of a plague of mice that girdle orchard trees and destroy the farmer's grain. The little pellets of mouse fur and bones which lie at the foot of any owl tree in the woods show plainly enough who kills the most mice in that neighborhood.

If unmolested, owls will make their homes close to human habitations, even in the suburban wards of Rochester. They do no harm; indeed, wherever they are, rodent pests decrease in numbers. More silent in flight than any other bird, they fit like shadows through the dusk carrying death to the neutral foes of mankind. Friend Owl is worthy of a high place in the esteem of his human neighbors.

Slang.

While not covering the entire range, the following editorial in the "Union and Times" gives a fairly vivid notion of the queer additions current slang has added to our American vocabulary:—

American slang blossoms in many weird varieties. Its bulbs of thought are indigenous to many climates, races and conditions. At times it is expressive, piquant, original, brief, democratic and again sensuous, bizarre, impudent, cheap and unfillal. A care-free economy of thought and time transplants a word or sentence where ten luxurious circumlocutions bloomed before. "It's the berries." In a manner it is a revolt against or a reaction to the standardized technical terminology that accuracy, efficiency and dispatch demand in the rush and sweep of American business life. Every profession, trade, industry, cultural or social organization has a distinctive business vocabulary of its own. But the slangy street language affords a common medium for all of them. If the merchant "falls" for a proposition he is "sold on it." The steno "snaps into it," the contract says a "mouthful," the salesman "signs off," "steps on it" or "grabs a taxi."

After the work-a-day world "punches the clock," "dolls up," "gets the eats," the movies, the ball park, the lodge room, the hotel lobby, the gym or concert bring them together and here the ephemeral brain flowers are hybridized and nourished by the light superficialities of small-talk. The best survive for a season and then the new crop from vaudeville, comics and magazine wits blow in. And woe to the pedant whose mind is behind schedule and not "hitting on all six" to cull the freshest phrases. He'll be "all wet."

But the acrobatic mind of the present younger set has "em all pushed off the boards." Oh, Baby, listen in—get an earful of the tropicalism of the Shebas, Dumb Doras, Sweet Mammias, finale hoppers and dizzy Janes dispensing appeasance, boloney, bull or bunk to the Sheiks, Curbstone Crusaders, Asphalt Arabs, lounge lizards and Drugstore Cowboy. "No butter'n egg man can throw a party" if he is too "high hat" and "can't act his age." If he's "right" he can "cut himself a piece of cake," otherwise "he can cook himself a radish" and "take the air." "What a world! Fer crying out loud!" We're sorry that something can't be done about it.

"So's your old man"— Oh he will be!

The winner of the third annual oratorical contest was Herbert Wengle, of Blessed Sacrament parish, Los Angeles, Calif.

Really, a repetition of Pentecost was seen at the Eucharistic Congress when every nation, every tongue in the world were represented and heard.

Rev. George Leo Carter, recently ordained a priest of the Oblate Order, is the fifth boy of a well-known Buffalo family to be elevated to the priesthood!

The Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems of 1926, scheduled for June has been postponed until October 1 and 2 in Washington, D. C.

Mexico should be denied recognition by other nations until she grants religious liberty to all her people.

According to letters received by Rochester friends Rev. Simon Fitz-Simons on Ascension Day celebrated Mass for his people of St. Mary's on Mt. Olivet in the Holy Land.

Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, were complimented by designation as guards of honor in the big procession that will close the International Eucharistic Congress in Chicago.



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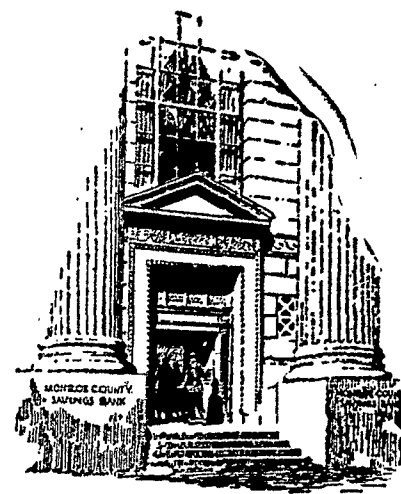
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By way of illustration, we give the following examples culled from testimonials received by the Friars of the Atonement during the last few days.

A. D. E., Fla: "I herewith enclose check which represents five percent of my earnings for the month of April, as I promised my Business Partner, St. Anthony, if he would help make our business a success."

Mrs. C. D., Stockton, Cal: "I feel that your Novena to St. Anthony has helped us in the past month and I am enclosing the sum which I promised if our business would increase. It has increased, thanks to St. Anthony."

Mrs. J. P. L., Jersey City, N. J.: "Enclosed please find my thanksgiving offering promised to St. Anthony if he would sell our house, which he has done. Kindly publish as I am most grateful."

A. J. McE., Indiana, "Enclosed find offering for St. Anthony's Bread as part of the amount promised for success in business, which was undoubtedly due to his intercession."

Mrs. M. J. B., Duluth, Minn: "I am very happy and grateful to you for helping me to obtain my request. I asked that our basement be rented and for good business in general. The basement was rented May 1st and I feel sure St. Anthony helped to rent it. In fact all the glory goes to him."

Mrs. R. H., Penn: "A short time ago I sent my petition to St. Anthony, asking him to sell two lots for me which I had been trying to sell for years. Thanks to St. Anthony, I sold the lots just about the time I had finished the Novena."

M. V. L., Providence, R. I.: "Enclosed please find One Dollar for Bread for St. Anthony's Poor. It is part of what I promised St. Anthony if my business would increase. It has increased, and I am indeed very grateful to dear St. Anthony."

A new Novena to St. Anthony begins at Graymoor every Tuesday. Address all petitions to: St. Anthony's Graymoor Shrine, The Friars of the Atonement, Box 816, Peckskill, N. Y.

Make Interest Your Friend

Some years ago a man borrowed money to purchase certain articles for his own use. His business failed, and he was left with debts on his hands. He got a job, and after many years paid back the borrowed money.

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"If interest works as hard as that when it is working against me," he said, "it would work just as hard if it were working for me. Hereafter, I am going to make interest my friend instead of my enemy."

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