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Did Not Do.

The Eucharistic Congress, as we have said already, was simply a great profession of faith.

As a Catholic contemporary has it, the Congress was distinguished more by what it did not do. It says:

We did not "resolute" at all. We did not "resolute" to bring the Pope to Washington, as ruler of these United States. We did not "resolute"

to make At-Smith President. We did not "resolute" to abolish the little red school house. We did not "resolute" to suppress the K. K. K. We did not "resolute" to replenish our ammunition against the day when the secret Jesuit Commander-in-Chief issues the word of order to strike out for Catholic supremacy in our country. No, we did not "resolute" at all. We worshipped our God, we adored Him, we prayed, we dedicated ourselves anew to Him. We tried to show our love for Him. We did not do any of the things that we were suspected of intending to do in the strength of numbers which surely impressed the country, and which would have been used for resolute "resoluting" by those who never could and never can have such a "political opportunity."

General Andrews Goes.

Commenting on the understanding General Andrews, chief ephemeral of the dry forces, disgusted and sick at heart, will resign, we find this sensible and coherent editorial utterance in the "Union and Times":

General Andrews intends to resign after September fifteenth. The reason given is the fanatical dries have been so bothersome that the General can no longer stand the impudence and imprudence of men and women believing that the eighteenth amendment is more sacred and more necessary than the constitution itself. Mr. Andrews has made an honest, conscientious effort to enforce the law. Now he is completely disgusted with the whole, or the unholy, business. He has been embarrassed, he says, at every turn—not by the wets but by the dries. Mark the statement!

This is no more than was expected. An honest man cannot make the nation a Sahara and a dishonest official of government does not intend to make it so. We have tried both kinds and have found both kinds sadly wanting. The great flaw in prohibition is that the people refuse not to drink, even the generation that wore curls and blouses when prohibition went into effect. This naturally makes the prohibitionist mad for his trump card was the declaration, that the boy or girl, twelve or thirteen years of age would not know the taste of drink, once the law was passed. This boy or girl is now nineteen or twenty and a notable proportion of them not only know the taste of drink but they have also experienced the dismal effects the morning after.

No one has observed this with greater dissatisfaction than Mr. Andrews. He has come to realize the futility of regulating appetites, of holding the policeman's club over the heads of the American people, of keeping to a position in which a human being is looked upon as a social outcast. He comprehends all this and hoping to regain a good name by returning to a more honorable calling where he will not have to act in the capacity of chief snooter for the United States Government.

This true, 'tis sad, 'tis true. What a drop in popular estimation for a man who, in other days and holding a position of the same weight and importance, would be held in public esteem. It is but further proof that the citizens of this country are tired of a system in which even honest men, holding high positions are bereft of that deference which ought to be their due.

Governor Alfred E. Smith is a devout and practical Catholic. He never has been known to miss Mass on Sundays or holy days no matter where he happens to be.

Time For Protest.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the time has arrived when all the Catholics of the world should unite in a mighty protest that will teach the Calles government in Mexico that the civilized world will not have any dealings with a government that is determined to stamp out all religious belief.

Speaking before the foreign relations committee of Congress the other day Judge Alfred J. Talley, of the Catholic Club, urged support of the Boylan resolution which urges President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg to withdraw recognition of the Mexican government by the United States.

Declaring that Mexico's recent acts against religion have been worse than anything done by the government of Soviet Russia, Judge Talley takes issue with President Coolidge for advocating the teaching of religion and at the same time extending the hand of fellowship to a nation standing for the antithesis of American ideals of freedom.

"For more than three months," Judge Talley said, "the Mexican government has been feeling its way to determine how far it could go with the Coolidge administration in its Soviet policy of destroying religious rights in Mexico. Having observed that our state department has done nothing either to compel Mexico to keep its promise to preserve religious liberty made at the time this country granted recognition, or to protect the rights of American citizens, or to respect the dignity of the United States, Calles now takes the plunge and outdoes Russia in putting into force a system of religious persecution without parallel in recent times."

Word of Warning Needed

"One word of warning from the United States would have stopped it—one genuine note of vigorous protest from President Coolidge or Secretary Kellogg would end it now."

But the Melcan government, having tried it out by various acts of aggression against human rights and liberties, always with an eye on this government to observe the effect, now concludes, and rightly so, that they can go ahead with impunity.

President Coolidge has preached profoundly on many occasions about the necessity of a government preserving and fostering the teaching and practice of religion but nevertheless he now extends the hand of friendship and of fellowship through official recognition, to a nation that stands for the very antithesis of the ideals of American freedom.

"Our government knows," Judge Talley said further, "that under the pitiful guise of a republic, Mexico is today an absolute despotism made so by the tacit support and encouragement of the present administration at Washington, whose silence and inactivity has been with justification construed by Calles as tolerance and acquiescence."

Boost—Not Knock.

The following editorial in an esteemed Catholic contemporary might well be studied and followed by certain Rochesterians:—

Do not "knock" your city. The faults that you find may not be the city's failings—many faults are too often imaginary. If taxes are too high, look around for another place to live where taxes are lower—provided such a place exists. If the weather is too hot or too cold, remember that there are people living at the Equator and at the North Pole. No city can choose its climate.

Climate is a part of the natural order of things. Do not forever criticize the city officials even though they are as bad as you picture them. You placed them in office believing them capable and efficient. The proper time to register your disapproval is on the next election day. Get the thought from your mind that living costs are higher in your home city than elsewhere. The people in the next city are saying the same thing. Remember that it is no more costly to boost than to knock and that boosters are usually well-meaning persons.

Just glance around when you are tempted to berate and belittle. Think that you have electricity in your home, electric washers and irons, vacuum cleaners and plenty of water at the turn of the spigot, automobiles, movie shows, trolleys and trains, radios and motorcycles. Then think back fifty years (within the memory of many) when all these were either luxuries for the extremely wealthy or unheard of among the people of '75. The trouble is, you have received too much, and growing selfish in your softness, you search for more and more which leads on to petty criticisms and fault-finding. Be content! Feel that your city and your neighbors are the best in the world. Praise but do not condemn. The faults in time will be fully remedied for age is the greatest pacifier of human defects and ills. Keep on praising and boosting. Sing the praises of your city far and wide. It is your city. You are part of it. Society is no greater or lesser than the individuals comprising it. If something is radically wrong, correct it by beginning on your own door step and see what you can do in your personal life or conduct to repair the mistake.

O'Neil—Harmony.

Perhaps, if the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" were more familiar with Mayor Martin B. O'Neil's disposition—particularly his diplomatic bent—it would not have penned the following editorial quite so soon:—

The most important issue before members of the Republican party in this city, at this time, is peace in their own ranks. It may help them somewhat in reaching a harmonious agreement if they think less about matters in regard to which they have been divided in the past and more about what is at stake in the coming campaign.

The choice of a United States senator, member of Congress, governor, and other state officers, to say nothing about legislative and local officers, will be made this fall. Most assuredly this is not the year from a national standpoint; it is not the year from the standpoint of the governorship, for keeping alive animosities. It would be regrettable all around, and the effect would be demoralizing. If anything happened that conveyed the impression that those charged with leadership, whatever faction they may have been associated with during the Van Zandt campaign, were more interested in satisfying personal grievances than they were in the welfare of the party as a whole.

The division that has existed in the party for the last year can be bridged without much effort now, by means of wise concessions, but the longer it is allowed to continue the more difficult will be the task in the end. It must always be remembered that the rank and file are more interested in victory at the polls than in anything else. Both Mr. Hotchkiss and those who took part in the revolt in the primaries a year ago, by keeping this fact in mind, ought not to have much difficulty in finding a common meeting place and putting an end to discord within the party.

Judging from recent whirligig turns of the political wheel, Martin is a past master in the art of political subtraction, division and elimination."

First Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Niagara Falls

Thousands of devotees to Our Lady of Victory and admirers of the great charitable work which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nelson Baker, Vicar General of the Buffalo Diocese and superior of Our Lady of Victory home for orphans and wayward boys of the country is doing will learn with great joy of the good news that the first Annual Pilgrimage and excursion from Rochester, N. Y. will take place on Sunday, August 15th, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven, the day on which will take place the Solemn closing of the great Novena to Our Lady of Victory. On that day amidst splendour and beauty, a great Religious procession will be witnessed by the Rochester pilgrims.

This year the Novena to Our Lady of Victory will take place in the new and magnificent three million dollar Father Baker's Our Lady of Victory Shrine which only recently was consecrated by Cardinal Hayes of New York and Bishop Turner of Buffalo. This great Cathedral-like edifice, built of white marble, the interior of which is likewise finished in white marble and decorated with costly colored marbles mosaics and rich paintings imported from Europe is considered to be the most beautiful church in the country today.

The Rochester pilgrims will have an unusual opportunity to see this magnificent Shrine during this pilgrimage. They will occupy reserved seats in the church during the services and a place of honor in the Great outdoor Religious Procession which will be witnessed by thousands of spectators. Following the Services the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Baker will himself conduct the Rochester pilgrims through his Shrine and explain in full detail the beautiful life-size marble Stations of the Cross and the Altars, the mosaics and paintings together with numerous other Shrines and Grottoes, which alone is worthwhile making the pilgrimage.

Msgr. Baker, or Father Baker as he is known to his millions of friends and admirers not only approved this pilgrimage but is also taking a great interest in it and is lending his fullest co-operation to make this first Rochester pilgrimage a huge success. The Rochester pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory Shrine and to Niagara Falls, is being conducted under the auspices of the Washington Tours and Travel Dept., of the Catholic Union and Times Press of Buffalo and will be under the personal escort of a well known Catholic young man, whose ten years of actual tourist and pilgrimage experience assures the Rochester Catholics his very best care and personal attention.

The tours or pilgrimage is not all given to Religion: In addition to the Novena Exercises at Our Lady of Victory Shrine the pilgrims will be taken on a sight-seeing tour of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y. In the Falls city we will see the handiwork of our Creator and stand upon the Rock ledge from which Father Henipla, a Franciscan Priest first beheld the beauty of the Falls. A very interesting trip will be made

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, July 25.—St. James, Apostle, with Peter and John, comprised the three of the twelve chosen as the familiar companions of Our Lord. When he was accused and brought before Herod Agrippa, his fearless confession of Jesus Christ converted his prosecutor on the spot. Accuser and accused were then killed together.

Monday, July 26.—St. Anne, was the spouse of St. Joachim and was chosen to be the mother of the Blessed Virgin. The Saint was advanced, in years when Mary was born. In gratitude, St. Anne vowed her daughter to God. When Mary was three years old, the sainted couple took her up to the Temple steps, and watching her pass into the inner sanctuary, saw her no more.

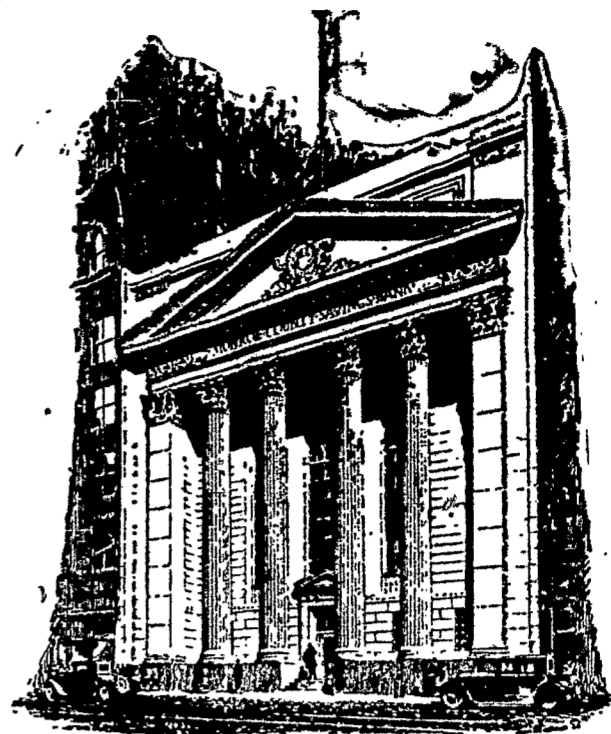
Tuesday, July 27.—St. Pantaleon, martyr, was physician to Emperor Galerius Maximianus. A Christian, he was seduced unhappily into apostasy. He repented, and giving his belongings to the poor, suffered death for the Faith.

Wednesday, July 28.—Sts. Nazarius and Celsus, martyrs. Nazarius was the son of a heathen father, high in the Roman army, and a mother who was a zealous Christian. His fervor led him to desert Rome and to preach the Faith in many places. He was beheaded for the Faith in Milan with Celsus, a youth whom he took along to assist him. They suffered under the first persecution of Nero. Their bodies were discovered by St. Ambrose in 395.

Thursday, July 29.—St. Martha, virgin. St. John tells us that "Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." When the storm of persecution came, we are told, the family of Bethany, with a few companions, were put into a boat, without oars or sail, and borne to the coast of France. Martha's life was devoted to service of the Saviour.

Friday, July 30.—St. Germanus, Bishop, gave little sign of sanctity in his youth. He was of noble birth and at first practised law at Rome. He was converted from a life of pleasure to one of religious service, however, and conquered the Pelagian heresy that was laying waste in England. He died in 448 while interceding with the emperor for the people of Brittany.

Saturday, July 31.—St. Ignatius of Loyola. St. Ignatius was born at Loyola in Spain in the year 1491. He served as a courtier and a soldier until he was 30, when, laid low by a wound, he received the call to leave the world. He founded the Society of Jesus, and Our Lord promised him that the precious heritage of his passion, one of contradiction and persecution, would never fail his Society. He died July 31, 1556.



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around the Gorge whereby the pilgrim will be able to see the Falls from the Canadian side as well as from the American side. Meals will be served in the new Lackawanna and the New Niagara Hotels. Everything of the best is being provided for in this tour at a very reasonable cost and the party of this pilgrimage is limited to two hundred.

Those who are planning to make the pilgrimage are requested to write at once for reservations, booklet which gives cost and full information. Address all letters to the Washington Tours and Travel Dept., the Catholic Union and Times, Franklin and Erie Sts., Buffalo, N.Y.

Alhambra are prepared for a peaceful invasion of Canada next Wednesday.

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