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Mixed Marriage.

Bishop Hickey's latest pastoral is on a timely topic—the sacredness of the Marriage Ceremony.

There are altogether too many mixed marriages where the non-Catholic party disregards the promises he made to God's priest and his own wife that if there were issue of the marriage, these should be reared in the Catholic faith and also that the Catholic party is allowed perfect religious liberty and never will be interfered with in the practice of his religion. That infrequently, the plea is made that I did not understand these limitations were in the contract I signed.

Bishop Hickey's instructions are that no Catholic and non-Catholic shall be given a dispensation to marry until it is proven that a regularly ordained priest has given to the candidate for matrimony instructions on the Catholic Church, her practices, and tenets for at least six hours, at one sitting, or spread over a period of days or weeks. This done—the non-Catholic half of the party cannot plead ignorance to the pledge, etc., which the Catholic party must in conscience regard as legal and binding until death releases the agreement.

The Bishop's inhibition against the Saturday weddings and the subsequent hilarity and conviviality extending over several days, even to the extent of absence from Mass, is timely and needed.

His warning and appeal not to desecrate the house of God by unseemly outbursts of vulgar games upon the newly wed is approved by every sane man and woman and Catholics especially should pay heed to the Bishop's words.

Marriage is a sacrament and not to be treated with levity or vulgarity. When performed at Mass and those married receive Holy Communion it is intolerable that they be subject to such ribaldry before they leave the Church.

Heed the Bishop's words.

What We Do Not Do.

Very likely, the exact feeling of those opposed to the United States entrance into the World Court is in the Baltimore "Sun"...

Mr. Kent yesterday described the American scene in Geneva—United States Senators and Representatives everywhere, American generals and admirals in the galleries of the League's rooms, university presidents, famous financiers, noted economists, engineers, business men, professional men and what not every where, not to mention the presence of the largest number of journalists.

"In every conceivable way except officially," concludes Mr. Kent, "we are in the League and officially we cooperate with its committees and commissions, sitting on them and exerting our influence. We have taken part in nineteen of the League's undertakings. We are in the back door, the side door, on the roof and in the cellar. The only place we are not in is on the main floor of the Assembly and the only thing we do not do is to vote."

Mr. Kent forgot one other thing we do not do. We do not help pay the bills. We may be in the back door and the side door, in the cellar and on the roof, and only absent from the main floor, but that one particular absence clears us of assessments. And England carries the burden. When one or more of the poorer nations cannot meet the levies—Honduras, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Peru and China were reported in arrears on Friday—the other nations carry the load and apparently it is England, with all her troubles, that is chiefly looked to.

The discarded Alexander won the World's Series for the St. Louis Cardinals!

Bishop Hickey wants to minimize as far as possible any possible scandal from a mixed marriage.

Vote Some Way!

Not so much attention has been given to the referendum of the proposition to modify the Volstead act which is to be voted upon this fall at the general election to choose governor and state officers.

The Republican New York "Evening-Post" staunchly Republican and effectively supporting the state candidates of the party, runs the prohibition referendum daily in a box on its editorial page and considers it important to give it attention. It is unlike ordinary referendums, for these call for action, whereas this asks only for an expression of opinion to the end of crystallizing sentiment on a highly controversial question. Awaiting the vote on this, the candidates are giving that issue little present attention.

The Post is not in sympathy with the suggestion put forward that citizens should decline to express their convictions by their votes. Naturally it says, this advice is regarded as a sign of defeat; and the course advised is indefensible since it is not self-government but an attempt to defeat a proposal by taunting the vote cast. The proposition does not contemplate nullification of the authority of Congress to decide what alcoholic content in a beverage makes it intoxicating, but recommends that Congress shall leave to states that wish it the right, within limits, to say what beverages are non-intoxicating in fact. The Post approves this and remarks that "the arbitrary mathematics of the Volstead law stretches the word intoxicating until it cracks."

The text of the referendum to be submitted on November 2nd is as follows:

Should the Congress of the United States modify the Volstead act to enforce the Eighteenth amendment so that the same shall not prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation and exportation of beverages which are not in fact intoxicating, as determined in accordance with the laws of the respective states?

Shameful.

We commend the following editorial in a recent issue of the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" to the careful perusal of those who would coddle and amuse and cajole the burglars, the bandit, the gunman—the non-Catholic half of the party and the highwayman.

Citizens of Chicago admit that their principal hope of subduing the gangs that are terrorizing that city is in possible Federal intervention.

The city, county and state machinery of the law, say leading citizens of Chicago appears to be stalled and useless. Only the power of the United States government, it seems to the residents, can cope with the mysterious hidden terror that strikes and runs; that seems able to reach out of the dark recesses of crime and disarm the forces of law and order.

There is nothing new about the present outbreak of lawlessness in Chicago. From the earliest days of the settlement that afterward became Chicago crime and violence seemed to appear naturally in that locality. Other cities have had riots and murders, robberies and fire-fights, but Chicago has had far more than its share of such outbreaks of law defiance.

Not crime but the breakdown of the law is the thing that makes the present situation in Chicago menacing and ominous. Only a few months ago the funeral of a Chicago gangster brought out tremendous crowds, including members of so-called better-class society, representatives of the city and county government, the sponsors of law and order. The connection between the law-enforcing powers and the law-defying forces was unconcealed and brazenly obvious. Since that time members of the Cook county and Chicago city governments have been attacked by gangsters. Machine guns mounted in motor vehicles have held neighborhoods in terror while they inflicted wounds and death on those who dared defy gang edicts. The police power seems to admit its utter helplessness. The only law that the city fears is gang law.

Chicago's appeal for Federal protection from the human tigers that infest its street is a shameful confession of weakness and fear. It is more than that; it is a dangerous symptom of the breakdown of government that unless checked at once is likely to spread to other cities. If proof is needed regarding the danger of coddling criminal elements in any city Chicago's fate seems to furnish all the evidence required.

Rochester's hero worshippers turned to Al and Jim, Oogie and Bob this week just as Eighth Avenue turned out to see Gertrude Ederle after she swam the English Channel.

Charles Evans Hughes will speak in Rochester this campaign of 1926 but we have not yet been notified that Chauncey M. Depew will orate for Monsieur Mills.

Mooring of the Labor Department officers to Broad street is another departure westward just as the decision of the "Times-Union" to go farther south on Exchange street rather than move to the eastern part of the city.

An Usurper.

While just at present it may not change the situation in Mexico one iota, future developments may serve to remind one of the following scathing indictment of President Calles of Mexico by the "Union and Times":

Those who hold to the view that Calles is a saviour of his country, a great leader borne to drive out the power of the Catholic Church in Mexico, might do well to consider three facts: 1. Calles had no power to impose the regulations upon the Church. 2. Calles is not legally qualified to act as President. 3. The Constitution of 1917 has never been legally adopted.

That Calles had no power to impose the regulations upon the Church is evidenced by the 49th article of the Constitution of 1917:

"The Supreme power of the Federation is divided for its exercise into legislative, executive and judicial. Two or more of these powers shall never be united in one person or corporation, nor shall the legislative power be vested in one individual except in case of extraordinary powers granted to the executive in accordance with provisions of Article 29."

The extraordinary powers granted to the executive, "in accordance with provisions of article 29," are only "in cases of invasion, grave disturbance of the public peace or any other emergency which may place society in grave danger or conflict." As there was no case of invasion, disturbance or conflict, the grant of legislative power to Calles was void.

That Calles is not legally qualified to act as President is evidenced in article 82, section 7 of the Constitution. Dealing the qualifications for President, the article states:

"He shall not have taken part directly or indirectly in any uprising, riot or military coup."

Calles, be it remembered, was one of the ring-leaders in the overthrow of the Carranza regime in 1920. Therefore he is disqualified as the authority under which he claims to act.

That the Constitution of 1917 has never been legally adopted is unquestionable. The Constitution of 1857, in force at the time Carranza revolted, provided that amendments to this Constitution should be passed by Congress and be approved by the majority of the state legislatures. That was never done as the "Wall Street Journal" states in its issue of July 28, Carranza picked delegates from his own followers and adopted the Constitution of 1917. It was not passed by Congress or approved by a majority of the state legislatures.

These are facts and not mere talk.

"Knights of Old".

It was a beautiful and inspiring sermon preached to the Knights of Columbus supreme council in Philadelphia by Rt. Rev. Daniel Gercke, Bishop of Tucson, Arizona. We take the liberty of quoting one paragraph as follows:

Today in our beloved Country discovered by Columbus we see a body of staunch, faithful Knights bearing his name and imbued with the same spirit that actuated the knights of old, pledged to the service of God and Country. The age of chivalry has not passed. The conquest is still on. It is for life eternal, and the principles enshrined in the hearts of Columbus and of the knights of old are the ones that must guide and direct you, if you are going to make a contribution to the welfare of your country and live up to the ideals of its first discoverer, loyalty to Christ's Church and to her central, supreme authority whose voice today is as clear, strong and authoritative as it was in days when Columbus crossed the Atlantic. She is as uncompromising today in her stand for the truths of Christianity, in her defense of morality and in her fearless upholding of the principles of authority, as she was on the day she was born of Christ. She stands for all that is pure, holy, true and just; she is the safeguard of society and the greatest moral force at work in the world today. There is no part of man's noble activity she has not cared for, fostered, encouraged, and brought to perfection. The priceless inheritance of classical literature—painting, sculpture, music, art—must have perished but for her. Mental development has flourished under her guiding hand and in all ages the noblest intellects have been proud to call her mother and confess themselves her children. Loyalty to her is loyalty to Christ who has appointed her the infallible guardian and teacher of His truth and the dispenser of His graces. Live pure, speak the true, right word, follow your King, reverence authority, and in your onward march to progress and the attainment of your lofty aims behind you as faithful friends, advocates and helpers, will be found the ecclesiastics of that great Church as they were behind the noble-minded Columbus in prosecuting his designs for God and humanity.

Alphabet Contest Winners

The winners last week were:—1st, Mrs. M. E. Tressy, 187 Barry terrace; 2nd, Joseph Crimmins, 34 Cady street; 3rd, Paul Nickel, 497 Carter street and 4th, Adam C. Nickel, 497 Carter street.

Jacobstein Will Be Returned To Congress

Much is heard from the opposition in this campaign about party loyalty; but the Republicans will tell you confidentially that they wish Congressman Jacobstein were a Republican. They recognize that he is an honest, tireless and intelligent worker for the interests of his district, on who has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. He has been absolutely impartial in his judgment of questions affecting people of all parties, races and creeds, and for this reason intelligent voters are rising above partisanship in their strong support of Congressman Jacobstein.



HON. MEYER JACOBSTEIN

Congressman Jacobstein's proved usefulness vindicates the judgment of those who sent him twice to Congress and of those who will keep him there. In support of this assertion, we will quote from a few of the multitude of letters he has received from gratified constituents.

Here is one from a person whom Congressman Jacobstein aided in a pension matter:

"Kindly accept the sincere thanks of _____ and myself. We are sincerely grateful to you for what you have done in securing the increase of pension. She said, 'God bless Mr. Jacobstein' when the word came."

The following is from a person aided by Congressman Jacobstein in an immigration matter:

"Your kind assistance has been material in bringing my brother back to this country. It is needless for me to say that I am grateful, as my thankfulness for his return has no bounds."

These are only straws which show which way the winds blow and could be multiplied indefinitely. He has letters from business men, labor unions and professional men, all complimentary. But enough has been said to show that we should keep Jacobstein in Congress.

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St. Anthony, as the champion and friend of the needy, serves notice upon his Clients that if they would employ him as their heavenly advocate they must pay him a fee in the form of Bread for his poor. In a word St. Anthony helps those who help the poor.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor gave lodging and food to an average of forty poor men every day during 1925, or a grand total of forty-three thousand meals during the course of the year. It was St. Anthony who paid the bills of the grocer, the baker and the butcher, and the way he did it was through the thank offerings for St. Anthony's Bread gladly sent to Graymoor by grateful clients for the favors they received through the medium of the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor.

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Mrs. M. J. A., New Foundland: "I enclose please find a Post Office Order which I promised if my husband had a successful operation. Thanks to the intercession of dear Saint Anthony the operation was a success and my husband is now far advanced on the road to recovery."

H. H., Massachusetts: "I enclose please find a thank-offering for Saint Anthony's Bread. Last week I mistaid two valuable rings and had given up looking for them as hopeless. After praying to Saint Anthony, my husband looked in an almost unheard of place and found them. I feel that it was a miracle that they were not thrown out. I thank you for your prayers, and I shall always have great faith in dear Saint Anthony."

A. F. B., Wisconsin: "A few months ago financial disaster threatened us. I promised an offering for Saint Anthony's Bread and publication if we got help. We were saved in a truly miraculous manner."

L. C., New York City, N. Y.: "My request has been granted through Saint Anthony's Perpetual Novena and I have found the position I had been looking for. I am very happy and I gratefully enclose a Post Office Order."

Mrs. M. R., White Plains, N. Y.: "Enclosed you will find thank offering for Saint Anthony's Bread. My husband took up a new business and I promised an offering if he succeeded. So far he has met with unexpected success."

N. F., Portsmouth, Va.: "I am enclosing offering for St. Anthony's Bread. This is in thanksgiving for a petition granted through his intercession on the very day your Novena ended."

F. R. K., Seattle, Wash.: "Please accept the inclosed thank offering for favor received through the Novena to Saint Anthony. Thanks to the dear Saint, I sold my two vacant lots at reasonable prices and have everything adjusted satisfactorily."

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