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Good Work.

Commendable, indeed, is the move made by the Knights of Columbus in sending out all over the country trained speakers to present to all American citizens who will hear—regardless of race or creed—the truth about Mexico and the awful mess Calles and his ilk have made of things—how they are ruthlessly trying to destroy all Religion under the mask behind which the arch fiends always hide—patriotism and alleged love of country.

In New York state choice has been made wisely in entrusting this task to former Judge Philip H. Donnelly. He is a fluent public speaker who never goes upon the platform until he has mastered the subject upon which he is to speak and is able to marshal his arguments cogently and convincingly.

Judge Donnelly attracts attention right off when he announces that the Knights of Columbus are not asking the United States to intervene in Mexico but that they want to present the truth and the facts to the American people feeling sure that when they know the truth their innate sense of justice will assert itself so strongly that the Government at Washington will not extend any special privileges to Calles' crew while the big financier's in the United States will hesitate long before supplying Calles with funds to crush out Religion.

Judge Donnelly also punctures by incontrovertible evidence that Calles' position is not sustained by the Mexican Constitution. On the contrary it violates the Constitution. He also stresses the fact that Mexico was recognized by the Wilson Administration upon the express understanding that freedom of worship and tolerance of all Religion was to be the rule of government—a stipulation which has been trampled, spit upon by Calles and his crew.

We shall return to this subject again. For the present we ask our readers to follow the Holy Father's admonition to pray for Mexico and never fall to believe that "Truth is mighty and will prevail."

Probably Out.

President Coolidge's Kansas City speech on Armistice Day, apparently settles the status of the United States Court. The President will not ask the Senate to recede from its reservations. The League of Nations Council has rejected certain of these reservations, temporarily, and in a temper that betokens permanency.

Despite the vehement protestations of the ultra-pacifists, covert European sympathizers and those who, for personal financial considerations, would have the United States cancel all our war debts, we believe the sober, second thought of a majority of the American people will coincide with the President and the Senate.

The less entanglement we have with European politico-craft, the better position the United States will be in to help make a lasting world peace. The more we buttress our impregnable and independent position; the more we resist the importunities of self-seeking propagandists, the better will be able to counsel the would-be warriors of Europe—and the woods are full of them—to stay their hands.

The European politico-diplomats have tried every wit to mix us up in their intrigues. Centuries of training enable them to deal us full hands in the game of diplomacy and then beat us out.

It is not yet time for us to forget the warnings of Washington and Jefferson and enter into entangling alliances with the belligerent Republics or the decadent monarchies of Europe.

We will all have a slight relief when the messengers from New Jersey arrive in the little New Jersey town of Newville has retired from the

Don't Rob.

Rochester, in fact every city in the East bordering on the Great Lakes has more than passing interest in the action now being tried out before former Judge Charles E. Hughes, to restrain Chicago, rather than restrict her from diverting too much water from the Great Lakes by its drainage canal.

The Rochester "Times Union" puts the case for Rochester well when it says:—

Rochester has a direct interest in the proceedings before the United States Supreme Court to restrict diversion of water from the Great Lakes by the Chicago drainage canal. This canal was undertaken at a time when sewage disposal plants had not been developed to any considerable extent in this country. It began with an initial diversion of 4,267 cubic feet a second.

Since that time the population of Chicago has more than doubled, so that diversion of 10,000 cubic feet a second has been reached.

The contention of the Great Lakes states, including New York, is that the unquestioned serious lowering of lake levels, which has increased from year to year, is due in large part to this diversion of water from Lake Michigan. Chicago has undertaken to prove that climatic influences are responsible for nearly the entire lowering.

In order to gain supporters Chicago has brought forward the claim that Mississippi River navigation will be hampered by cutting off the diversion.

If such arguments are to be brought forward then it is in order for the opponents of diversion to insist on consideration of the far greater volume of Great Lakes traffic, as well as to point out that development of power on the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers is reduced by diverting water at Chicago.

Immediate sharp reduction of flow through the drainage canal might raise sanitary difficulties; but Chicago should modernize her sewage disposal system and stop robbing the Great Lakes of water at the earliest possible date.

Leonard Helped.

Governor Alfred E. Smith deserved re-election as a fearless, conscientious, efficient chief executive of the Empire State. He was helped in the campaign by the foolish issues raised by his foolish opponent, issues that reacted upon their proponent. He was helped greatly by his opponents' imbecile attack on the Governor's private life and character—which the people have learned to estimate at high value.

But the greatest impetus to Governor Smith's triumphant election was given before the campaign started—just about the time of the Eucharistic Congress last summer when Bishop Adna W. Leonard, of the Methodist Church made a rabid onslaught on the Governor as a Catholic and "vassal of a foreign potentate."

We coincide with the "Union and Times" when it says:—

The return of Alfred E. Smith to office proves the confidence which the people place in him. Mr. Smith received an unprecedented majority because of his knowledge of state affairs and because, also, he has employed that knowledge for the state's advantage. He is a man of unimpeachable reputation, a man of the highest calibre—one who has risen from the ranks through sheer force of outstanding personal capability.

Mr. Smith won the election on his merits. He carried not only New York City but every city of size in the State. He was swept into office by the state electorate because that electorate has complete faith in the honesty and integrity of Smith, the man, and Smith, the Governor. He has many friends and many boosters.

His chief booster during the campaign was not Tammany Hall, or the Democratic party, but Bishop Adna W. Leonard who has brought Alfred E. Smith "within gunshot of the White House." Bishop Leonard deserves great praise in swelling Mr. Smith's unheard of majority.

Not With The Drys.

It is very plain that the New York "Herald Tribune"—supposed to be owned in part by the defeated Republican candidate for Governor—is not very friendly to the dry element in the party. In a recent issue it said:—

"The time has gone by when the threats of the Anti-Saloon League can alter the course of American politics. The nation is confronted by the gravest period of law-breaking in its history. Prohibition, so far from prohibiting drinking, has not even reduced drunkenness. Corruption of public officials is paralleled by an ominous contempt for law on the part of a large portion of the general public. Before such an impossible situation the nation will have scant patience toward government by extremist threats. The demand for counsel and study, a candid facing of facts and the devising of measures of relief by the great body of moderates.

"To weaken the Senate of the United States and deprive New York State of a conspicuously able representative as an act of political spite is neither good Americanism nor good politics. The Anti-Saloon

League has lost prestige and respect by its ill-advised campaign against Senator Wadsworth."

Two Lines Of Thought.

Commenting on the President's proposal to distribute any surplus that may be in the Treasury over and above current expenditures back to the taxpayers in shape of income tax rebate, the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" says:—

"There is a body of thought in our country critical of Secretary Mellon's insistence that our national debt shall be cut down as much and as fast as possible. Some dissenting theorists maintain that we should not be so concerned to do that, but should leave the future to carry a greater portion of the war debt. But the wiser, and apparently the majority, view is that the most sensible way—the only rational way—of handling a debt is to pay it, get rid of it, stop interest. They hold that Congressional expenditures should be limited to revenues of the current year, and that permanent relief from onerous taxation can come only with reduction and extinction of our national debt. To this principle and policy the President adheres; but believes, as he often previously has asserted, that the best place for money which the government can get along without is in the pockets of the people who earned it."

The once mighty Ku Klux Klan cut a sorry figure in New York and Massachusetts elections of 1926.

Governor Smith will now reorganize the New York State government.

Will the farmer labor bloc hold balance of power in the next Congress?

One thing is certain:—A sturdy fighter who held true to his convictions retires from the United States senate of March 4, 1927 when James W. Wadsworth goes into private life.

Rochester's Memorial Art Gallery is another of the Flower City's outstanding monuments.

The Strong Memorial Hospital adds another contributing factor to the city's progress.

Mayor Martin O'Neill surely is kept busy these days. Mayor Walker of New York, has nothing on Rochester's lively chief executive.

If Rochester's subway ever gets into operation it will be a great public benefit.

Church Refuses Catholic Burial To N. Y. Gunmen

Canon Law Prohibiting Interment Of Notorious Unrepentant Sinners In Consecrated Ground Invoked

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Nov. 8. Despite repeated efforts of relatives and friends of James Cunniffe, William Crowley and Frances Harris, the three members of the underworld slain in a gun battle at Detroit last week, to obtain permits for the burial of the bodies in a Catholic cemetery, the Church refused, because of the canon law which refuses Mass and burial in consecrated ground to notorious and public sinners who have not had the benefit of the last rites.

Following failure to obtain permits from pastors of several churches in the city, when the bodies arrived from Detroit on Saturday, an appeal was made to His Eminence Cardinal Hayes, but this, too, proved unavailing.

Lives Called Scandalous Father Joseph Corcoran, of the Church of the Sacred Heart, in the neighborhood of which the Cunniffe family live, expressed sympathy for the relatives of the dead gunman, but said that because of the country-wide attention drawn to his deeds it would be scandalous to receive him in a Catholic cemetery.

In answering criticism of those who referred to the fact that Rudolph Valentino, famous film star, and Michael McKenna, the bandit who participated in the orgy of murder at the Tombs Prison recently, had been buried in consecrated ground after a Mass of Requiem for the first, it was said that while the motion picture actor had not led an exemplary life, he had received absolution before death, and that McKenna, although a public sinner in the eyes of the Church, was attended by a priest before he died. Only the immediate family of McKenna accompanied the body to the cemetery. There was no religious ceremony there.

Catholic Lawyer Named Supervisor Of San Francisco

San Francisco, November 8.—Mayor James Rolph Jr. has appointed Lewis F. Byington, prominent Catholic attorney, to the vacancy on the board of Supervisors caused by Richard J. Welch's election to Congress.

Mr. Byington was chairman of the sesqui-centennial committee that achieved such remarkable success in conducting the celebration here last month to mark the founding of Mission Dolores, and the city. He is

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, November 21.—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to divine service and love both before and after their birth. Some Jews, not content with this general consecration of their children, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of the priests in the Temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the Temple, and brought up attending to the priests and Levites in the sacred ministry. It is an ancient tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was thus solemnly offered to God in the Temple in her infancy.

Monday, November 22.—St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr, a rich, beautiful, noble Roman maiden renewed on her wedding night the vow by which she had consecrated her virginity to God. Valerian, her husband, was moved to the reception of baptism and with his brother, Tiburtius, who was also converted, signed the confession of his faith with blood. Cecilia was sentenced to be suffocated, but survived the ordeal. The executioner sent to behead her struck three blows and left her to linger more than two days with her head half severed. She died 177.

Tuesday, November 23.—St. Clement of Rome was said to be a convert of noble birth and to have been consecrated bishop by St. Peter himself. He lived at the same time and in the same city with Domitian, the persecutor of the Church, and besides external foes had to contend with schism and rebellion from within. He urged the duties of charity, and, above all, of submission to the clergy.

Wednesday, November 24.—St. John of the Cross, being unable to learn a trade, after having chosen poverty for his portion, became a servant of the poor in the hospital of Medina, while still pursuing his sacred studies. In 1563, being then 21, he simply offered himself as a lay brother to the Carmelite friars, who, however, knowing his talents, had him ordained priest. He would now have changed to the severe Carthusian Order had not St. Theresa, with the instinct of a saint, persuaded him to remain and help her in the reform of his own order. He became the first prior of the barefooted Carmelites. Several times he was shamefully persecuted by his brethren and publicly disgraced.

Thursday, November 25.—St. Catherine of Alexandria was a noble virgin of Alexandria. Before her Baptism, it is said, she saw the Blessed Virgin ask her Son to receive her among His servants but that Divine Infant turned away. After Baptism Catherine had the same vision in which Christ received her with great affection. Her rejection of the suit of the impious tyrant, Maximian II, led to her persecution and death in the Arabian mountains.

Friday, November 26.—St. Peter of Alexandria, Bishop and martyr, governed the Church of Alexandria during the persecution of Diocletian. He pronounced the sentence of excommunication against Meletius and Arius. He suffered martyrdom in 311.

Saturday, November 27.—St. Maximus, Bishop, was remarkable not only for the spirit of recollection, fervor and piety familiar to him from very childhood, but still more for the gentleness and kindness with which he governed the monastery of Lerins, which at that time had many religious. He died when elected Bishop but was compelled to take the see of Réz. He died in 460.

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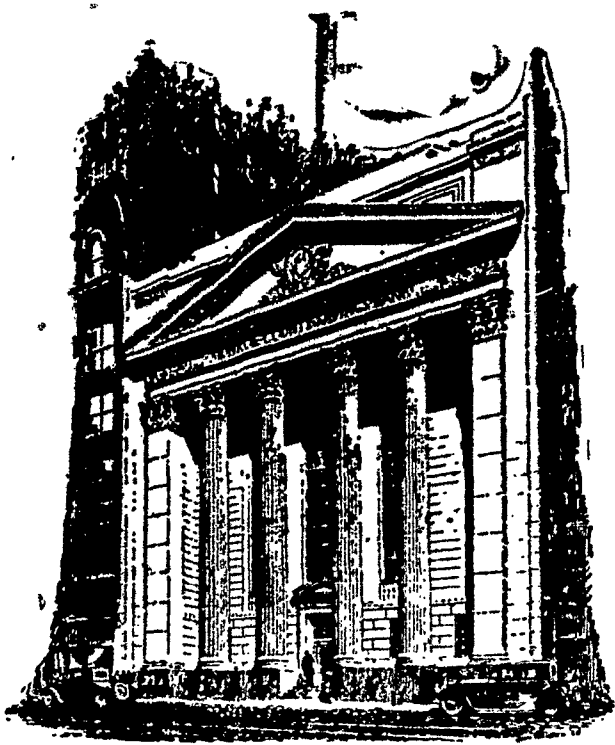
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An increasingly large percentage of the testimonials which come to Graymoor from the Clients of St. Anthony as a result of their having recourse to his intercession through the Perpetual Novena conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement relate to financial matters, such as business success, securing a position, increase of salary or selling a house. Many have adopted the custom of associating St. Anthony with them as a Business Partner, promising him for his poor, of some church or charitable object a certain percentage of their earnings. Fully one-third of the thank offerings made recently by Clients of St. Anthony for favors granted through his intercession have been of this nature. The following examples were received at Graymoor during the last few days:

Mrs. E. W., Pennsylvania: "Inclosed you'll find check which I promised for St. Anthony's Bread if St. Anthony would grant my petition. We wished to sell a piece of property and on the fourth day of the Novena we had a buyer. All thanks to dear St. Anthony—it was through him the sale was made."

H. E. T., Oklahoma City, Okla.: "Inclosed please find check which I promised in honor of St. Anthony if he would find a position for my son. I am thankful to say that before the Novena was finished my son was settled in a very good place and I send the promised amount with great pleasure."

W. M., Pennsylvania: "I have adopted St. Anthony as my Silent Partner. Had a vacancy for one year and promised St. Anthony that if he would send me a good tenant before the end of the month I would give one-tenth of the rent. That very day the house was rented."

Mrs. J. J. S., Louisiana: "A short time ago I joined in the Novena to St. Anthony promising an offering and publication if my husband obtained a certain position and would succeed. He took up the new position and so far has met with unexpected success, so I am sending the money order due St. Anthony. Many thanks to him and to you Fathers for your help through the Novena."

Mrs. C., Canada: "The inclosed offering is to be used for St. Anthony's Bread Fund or any other good purpose in thanksgiving for a Great Favor. We had been trying to sell our house for a long time without results; but thank God and good St. Anthony shortly after we mailed our petition to the Shrine we got a buyer and made a remarkable sale."

T. L. D., Auburn, N. Y.: "Inclosed find check which represents ten per cent. of a business deal which St. Anthony helped me with. He sure is a Wonder Worker."

A. M. R., New York: "St. Anthony is certainly One Good Business Partner. I shall never forget what he has done for us in the past six months. Many thanks to him."

Mrs. A. C., Penna.: "My daughter not only got a good position but an increase in salary as well. As promised I am sending in thanksgiving an offering for Masses in honor of St. Anthony and the Little Flower and would like to have you publish our gratitude."

H. F. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.: "Please find check promised if I should succeed in securing a promotion in my work. It seems almost a miracle that I received this promotion, and I give all credit to St. Anthony and the Little Flower for my success."

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