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Safety Congress.

Since the advent of the Workmen's compensation law which charges upon industry the care of workers injured in industrial accidents—employers have turned their attention to industrial safety and prevention of industrial accidents. Studies have been made of dangerous machinery and devices installed to render them safer in operation. Workers have been cautioned to use these devices and to avoid unsafe practices.

In New York State, at least, the Department of Labor each year holds an Industrial Safety Congress at which experts from all over the country give exhibitions of safety and accident prevention and an exhibit is given of safe and unsafe machinery.

The tenth annual Industrial Safety Congress of 1926 is to be held in Convention Hall, Rochester, next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The safety exhibit opens Monday in Convention Hall annex while the Congress proper begins at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in Convention Hall.

All Rochesterians—not only employers and workers—should be interested in the safety problem and they should manifest it by their physical presence in attendance upon the sessions of the Congress. They will hear the last word in safety from the lips of experts noted the world over for their research into this subject.

If Rochester manifests keen interest in this 1926 Safety Congress this big gathering may be a permanent annual feature in Rochester. If there is a slim attendance and little interest manifested, then the probability is Rochester has seen the last of the state safety congresses.

Change Coming.

Rochester is to change its time-honored method of assessing property by men who are elected after designation by a political party committee. It is true that partisan nominations in municipal affairs are to disappear under the city manager plan that goes into effect on January 1, 1928, but the real estate and business men of the city have been agitating for years to have assessment of property made by "scientific" experts selected by competitive examination. That plan is to be tried out this year.

While the proof of the value of the new plan will be as to whether assessments will be uniform, just, equitable will not come until the first assessment and tax levy under it has been made, the "Democrat and Chronicle" takes tenable position in the following editorial:—

The city government is taking a great step forward in providing for the inauguration of a scientific system of assessments. Rochester is too large and the importance of the financing of its municipal activities is too great to permit the assessment of property, which is the basis of its financing, to continue on the plan so long in use by which personal judgment has determined assessed values.

The scientific system that is to be inaugurated here has been tried in many other cities, and the Mayor and the City Assessors have had the benefit of careful studies by the Bureau of Municipal Research. Its adoption will be a material factor in correcting the unsatisfactory condition of the city's current financing, and will count as one step more in shaping the city's affairs for the inauguration of the city manager plan in 1928.

The Mayor promises that the new assessing deputies and field men will be appointed on a purely merit basis, without regard to politics. The city naturally expects that political considerations will have no weight in assessing men for such important positions, and welcomes the Mayor's assurance of a correct interpretation of the interest and desire in this

Hard But True.

These be hard words but true ones that Myles Connolly uses in this month's "Columbia" in referring to the abominable Mexican situation:— Mexico, today, is light and inspiration to all communists, brutalists and revolutionary agitators. Mexico is the boast of all who were thwarted for years in their efforts to introduce sovietism to this continent. Mexico is the hope of all who are seeking to destroy Christianity and democracy. It is the stimulus of all male-factors, the joy of all destructionists. Mr. Goldstein's article "Calles and His Friends," in this issue of "Columbia" gives sufficient proof of this. But one does not need factual evidence. One could guess without trouble the exultation of all the enemies of wholesome and sane living and justice at the success of Calles' attacks on religious and political freedom. Wherever evil men gather in dark places to whisper of their views, Mexico is the password. Radicalism at last has a foothold in America.

We have Mexico below us to pervert the minds and morals of our people. We have Mexico at hand applauded for making a success of a philosophy that may be our ruin. We have Mexico approved by scores in high places for the very views we have thought to keep from America. Her propagandists flood the continent with lies and appeals. Her agents are everywhere at work. The red tide rises. On many sides there is jubilation. Elsewhere, there is silence. One day, it may be this Mexico which, directly or indirectly, shall be cause of our destruction.

Denied.

One of the two great Mexican dailies, "El Excelsior" editorially disagrees with the propaganda in President Calles' benefit that he is building up a magnificent public school system in Mexico. Says "El Excelsior":—

"It is becoming apparent that, in spite of all the efforts which the secretary of public instruction is making to establish schools even in the towns and villages of the federal district, a large number of places still remain without schools. It is clearly apparent that the federal government can not do everything and that upon the town governments of the district must rest the responsibility for establishing those schools, the need for which leaves no room or doubt.

"On several occasions, we have commented on this same problem which is unquestionably of vital importance to the future of the nation, and to the solution of which the present administration is devoting all its efforts.

"The town governments, however, seem to fail to understand this importance and it is precisely the schools to which they have given least attention.

"In Ixtacnco, for example, a town of no significance in the federal district, what are they building with their public funds? Nothing less than a bull-ring, which, it is estimated, will cost no less than six thousand dollars.

Not only is there a lack of physical equipment for education but there is an even worse shortage of teachers since the priests and nuns have been exiled or deprived of their right to instruct the young. Nearly a thousand public school teachers who refused to support the Calles regime's persecution of the Church have been discharged or compelled to resign from their positions.

Needed!

Not only pedestrians, but motorists as well, will give hearty indorsement to this leading editorial in a recent issue of the Rochester "Times-Union":—

"While walking along the Ridge Road in Greece, a boy 7 years old was struck and killed by an automobile Tuesday night.

"This tragedy illustrates a situation dangerous to pedestrians and nerve wracking to drivers of cars.

"In the old days of dirt roads, paths beaten hard by the feet of users were found alongside the main highways. No great danger existed of being run down by the slow-moving horse-drawn vehicles, but people wanted to keep out of the mud.

"When the paved road came, pedestrians took to the hard surface. Now we have many highways carrying the traffic of a city street, with cars passing at greater speed than is normal in cities, and no sidelpath of any kind.

"Places exist, such as the bridge over a little ravine at the point where the road from Durand-Eastman Park enters Summerville Boulevard, where it is difficult for the pedestrian to get safely by even in broad daylight.

"This dangerous situation should be faced and corrected. Paths should be laid out beside highways as a matter of course and established practice.

"It is shameful to be so careless that little children are in danger of being run down and killed when they are using the only passage available."

Be sure to attend all the sessions you can of the New York State Industrial Safety Congress to be held in Convention Hall next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mexico.

It is plainly evident that the American public is alive to the importance of the present Mexican crisis. If the Calles regime is permitted to crush out religion and establish a fake state church which in reality, no church at all and then to go ahead with a combination of bolshevik and Soviet rule it will not be long before the same sinister influences will extend to Central America and South America and then the United States will be confronted with a menace beside which the Cuban bugaboo so long and so persistently dinned in our ears will be a holiday fandango. The "alien red" will be in his heyday and in the days to come the Mexican border and the gulf ports will need military protection while a veritable army will be needed to guard the Panama Canal our present pride but possible future menace.

Washington had better insist upon fulfillment of the agreement Mexico entered into when the United States recognized her.

Nauseating.

Not alone does the harlequin who occupies the center of the stage in the much-advertised murder trial now in progress in Somerville, N. J. give prospective witness "third degrees" until he makes sure they will testify as he wants, but he has carried this "third degree method" into the actual trial of the case in Jersey Court.

One of the three defendants was on the stand detailing his movements on the days before, on and after the murder. Possibly, on the old theory that a sully person may be surprised into damaging admissions by suddenly looking upon the victim, this harlequin prosecutor brought into view a death mask of one of the murdered victims and asked the defendant to demonstrate upon that model how he would cut up a blue fish.

For the dignity of the Court it is fortunate to record that the presiding judge ruled out the harlequin's gruesome exhibit.

But there are many other nauseating features in the case. Newspapers will be clearer when this Jersey trial is ended.

Judge Philip H. Donnelly is hammering away at the Calles outrage in Mexico.

Aquinas Institute is winning a name for itself in athletics as well as scholarship.

Winter has been trying hard to break in for several days.

We trust that the Knights of Columbus will not encounter any drawbacks in the negotiations for a new loan with which to complete the building.

A safe automobile driver always drives safely.

Harry Crowley's knowledge of legislative ways and wiles makes him a very capable law committee man for the New York State Automobile Club.

Possibly the Baumes committee never thought a judge would go so far under its new law as to make an habitual criminal out of a youthful offender and send him to prison for life.

Even now, the Klan is taking steps to defeat Al. Smith in the national convention of 1928.

Anybody read Oden Mills' congratulations to Alfred E. Smith?

Dr. John Ready's death removes a fine American gentleman and a loyal son of the Church.

Advent is upon us. Let us prepare for Christmas in the way the Church enjoins.

Begin now with Christmas shopping. Do not leave it until the last minute. Remember tired clerks would like to feel the Christmas spirit even as you and I.

Edifying, indeed, is the sight of parishes making the jubilee in a body.

If South avenue is widened to Griffith street, Broad street extended to Park avenue, and Mortimer or Andrews street made a full roadway thoroughfare parallel to Main street, Rochester could no longer be called justly "a one street town."

Slandered of Priest Is Sent to Prison

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Oconto, Wis., Nov. 17.—Pat Malone, lecturer of the Ku Klux Klan, today was sentenced to one year of hard labor at the county jail for slandering the moral character of a Catholic priest in an address at the Klan conclave at Oconto Falls. The jury found Malone guilty after six hours' deliberation. Judge Weiner of the District Court passed the sentence.

On the stand Malone denied that he had said the priest was the father of "eight or nine illegitimate children."

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, November 28.—St. James of La Marca of Ancona went when a young man to the University of Perugia, where his progress in learning soon qualified him to be chosen preceptor to a young gentleman of Florence. Fearing that he might be engulfed in the whirlpool of worldly excesses, St. James applied himself to prayer and recollection. He took the habit of St. Francis and for 40 years took discipline every day. He became Archbishop of Milan. He died in 1476.

Monday, November 29.—St. Saturninus, Martyr, went from Rome at the direction of the Holy Father about 245 to preach the Faith in Gaul. He became the first Christian Bishop of Toulouse. Idolaters sought to have him participate in the sacrifice of a bull. He refused and was tied to the bull which was driven down the Capitol. The Saint's brains were dashed out on the steps.

Tuesday, November 30.—St. Andrew, Apostle, was one of the fishermen of Bethsaida and brother, perhaps elder brother, of St. Peter. He became a disciple of John the Baptist. It was he, who, when Christ wished to feed the 5,000, pointed to the lad with the loaves and fishes. He went forth to preach the Faith in Scythia and Greece and finally won the martyr's crown by being bound and left to die upon a cross.

Wednesday, December 1.—St. Eligius, a goldsmith of Paris, because of his honesty in handling gold and precious stones of the King was taken to court, where he fortified himself against temptations by many austere and constant ejaculatory prayers. He had a marvelous zeal for the redemption of captives. He became Bishop of Novon and his sanctity in the holy office was remarkable. He died 665.

Thursday, December 2.—St. Bibiana, Virgin, Martyr, was a native of Rome. Her father, mother and sister gave up their lives and Bibiana refused to bend before the attempts of Apollonius, the governor, to shake her in her faith, was scourged to death at a pillar.

Friday, December 3.—St. Francis Xavier was a young Spanish gentleman in the dangerous days of the Reformation. He made a name for himself at the University of Paris but St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus, won him from the world. Xavier bore the Gospel to Hindostan, to Malacca and to Japan. He was prepared to go to the vast empire of China when God called him to Himself, on December 2, 1552.

Saturday, December 4.—St. Barbara, Virgin, Martyr, was brought up a heathen. Her tyrannical father kept her secluded but she contrived to receive instruction and was baptized by stealth. Her father denounced her after a civil trial. She was horribly tortured and then beheaded. As her soul was being borne to God a flash of lightning struck Dioscurus, her father.

Priest Begins Life Of Cardinal Logue

Dublin, Nov. 12.—The Rev. P. J. Toner, D. D., of St. Patrick's, Portadown, is engaged in writing the life of the late Cardinal Logue, having undertaken the work at the request of Cardinal O'Donnell.

As the late Cardinal Logue kept no copies of the multitude of letters which he wrote, Dr. Toner is anxious to receive any such letters which may be in the hands of those who received them, or of their representatives. Dr. Toner undertakes to return the letters safely.

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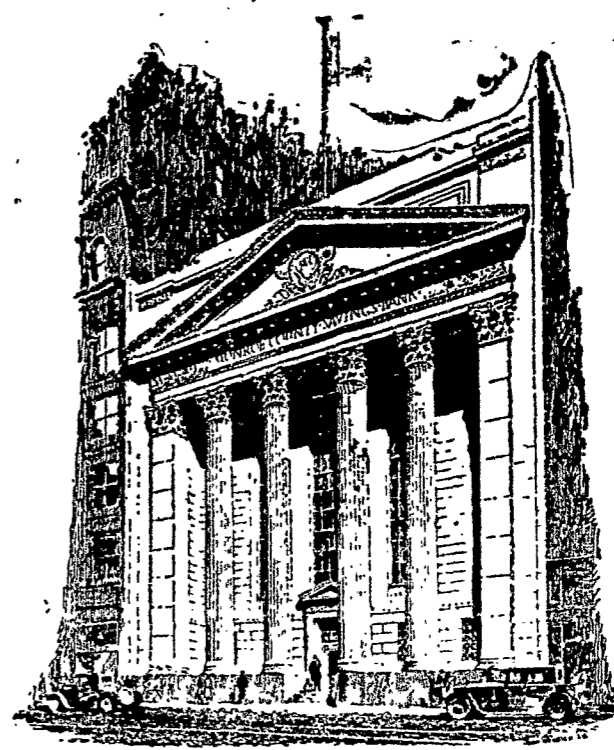
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Tribute to Tolerance Of Card. O'Donnell

Dublin, Nov. 16.—At a public banquet in Dublin, Lord Glenavy, the Chairman of the Irish Senate, and a famous Protestant Unionist, referred in the following words to the new spirit of mutual toleration: "I will never fail to recognize the part that His Eminence, Cardinal O'Donnell, has played in spreading toleration, goodwill and friendship."

Irish Envoy To Vatican Urged

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Nov. 15.—Declaring that the Irish Free State minister at Washington has been of great assistance to the British embassy there, the Irish delegates on the inter-imperial relations committee are pending every effort to have the Imperial conference recommend the appointment of an Irish minister to the Vatican.