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## Authentic?

Even the supposedly conservative and staid press associations are compelled to resort to the tactics of the yellow journals.

Borrowing a leaf out of the Coolidge book and substituting for "official spokesman" an "high official of the Vatican" one press association seeks by indirection to throw cold water on the supposed presidential aspirations of Governor Alfred E. Smith and to boost the political stock of President Coolidge. This high official is quoted as saying that the Vatican is not taking any part in American politics and, of course, is not interested in any presidential candidate. Had the interviewer stopped right there, right-minded and well-informed persons might have believed his interview was authentic.

But he went on to hint that the Pope felt that the talk about Governor Smith as a Catholic candidate for the Presidency was most unfortunate and added that the Vatican's relations with President Coolidge and the present non-Catholic administration were most cordial and there was no thought that those relations would be bettered by a Catholic President.

Now, who believes that the Vatican diplomats, the best trained and far-seeing in the world, would be guilty of such crass stupidity, to say the least. There is no Vatican au-thority that would belittle Governor Smith, even indirectly, or indirectly belittle the great Catholic metropolis of New York. Headed by that eminent Prince of the Church, Cardinal Hayes, when the popular will indicates the esteem in which New York's Governor is held by the Catholics of the greatest Catholic center in the Western Hemisphere?

Even if some Vatican dignitaries held privately to the views expressed they would be loath to voice them publicly. They have not forgotten the harm done to the Church by the unfortunate Bellamy-Storer incident in the days of Roosevelt nor that an American prelate whose transcendent abilities led his friends to predict for him a Cardinal's hat died without having attained the dignity because of the officious meddling of over-zealous friends.

It may be put down as a settled fact that the Vatican neither will take part in American politics nor will it discuss them for publication anonymously.

## Nonsense.

Wholesome fun and harmless nonsense have their place in the established order of things. The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle publishes a column every day in which both appear very often sandwiched in between historical and educational items. One of these will bear repeating and will recall old-time memories of a generation gone by:—

Samuel Foote's nonsense lines, now forgotten, are sometimes remembered on account of one character, the Grand Panjandrum. A story told about this nonsense relates to a memory test given to Macklin, who claimed that he had brought his memory to such perfection that he could learn anything by note on once hearing it. Foote accepted his challenge, and he wrote the following test, which he submitted to Macklin:

So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage leaf to make an apple pie; and at the same time a great she-bear, coming up the street, popped its head into the shop. "What no soap?" So he died, and she very impudently married the barber; and there were present the Ploinks, and the Joblilles, and the Garylles, and the Grand Panjandrum himself, with the little round button at top, and they all fell to playing the game of catch in which can, till the gunpowder ran out at the heel of their boots.

## Age of Superlatives.

Records have been broken in every line in the last twenty years—even in wars and calamities, gravely remarks a contemporary but it does not institute comparisons as to whether these superlatives are so because things are bigger really, or whether they are reported more minutely or affect more persons and more property because the world is wealthier and more densely populated. Our contemporary goes on:—

"We seem to have run into an epoch when records in every line are broken and wars, calamities, benefices are bigger than ever before. As for the Mississippi river, we may assume the periodical recurrence of equal rainfall in the unrecorded ages of the past, when cyclical periods of maxima ran out together, as seems to be the case today. But Nature handled such situations wisely and used them to improve conditions. Such floods were beneficent, enriched the riparian lands and lifted vast new areas out of the sea. They poured bravely over wide tracts; for the few inhabitants easily retreated ahead of the inundation and returned, if they wished to, after it had passed. But man has now taken the matter out of the hands of Nature, as far as he has been able to do so, by confining the river within banks, levees and dykes. But these are effective only to a certain point; and the time is in-sight when a better method must be found; but no engineer has devised it as yet. The Eads jetties which confined the current as it entered the Gulf, had some of the effects aimed at; for the hurrying current plowed its narrow channel deeper, kept it to an extent from silt to shallow-ness and thus relieved the pressure on the higher embankments up the stream.

It is true also that for several centuries Holland has fenced back the ocean, "shut up the sea with doors," as said of old, and told it: "Here shall the proud waves be stayed." But that is a different situation. The normal sea level does not change from year to year; and the ocean works with the Hollanders to shoal the waters outside the barrier, build up new land and thus protect the dykes. River conditions are different, the stream is forever attacking the embankments, wasting them steadily, and every so often assaults them with raging violence, breaks them down, sweeps them away and recovers the domain of which it has been robbed.

## Educating Us.

Truly, it is remarkable the various lines of endeavor upon which the Federal Bureaus and Divisions try to enlighten the American public. Of course, many of us do not see the value of the instruction but, doubtless, this is because we are of the earth, hence, hopefully vulgar, hence we do not rise to the sublime heights as belittles some one of the modernist philosophers would say "we are cursed with an inferiority complex."

Here is one of the latest Federal Departmental effusions, as described by an esteemed secular contemporary:—

Many of us imperfectly appreciate all that our Department of Agriculture is doing to improve us and agrarian conditions which require amendment. The reasons, of course, that most of us are too myopic to see the importance of innovating methods as clearly as far-visions special-ists do. Our slack and lazy tendency is to let what we call well enough alone; but that is the state of mind our scientists earn their salaries by combatting, and they seek continually to jolt us in to doing something or other in their theoretically perfect way.

The Department has just sent out for publication by farm papers its conclusion and recommendation that up-to-the-moment farmers should build bathtubs for their hogs. The suggestion is that these should be of concrete, ten feet wide, thirteen long, twelve inches deep at one end and eighteen at the other. Where the porkers have access to running water—a brook through their cantonment—no tub is needed. But to allow them only a stagnant, muddy pool to wallow in is not only unsanitary but deflates their self respect. Certain porcine characteristics which are disapproved, including apparent carelessness in the matter of ablu-tions, are due to their civilized, so to call aspirations.

The screen pictures of the Eucharistic Congress shown in Rochester last week were not only realistic but of real historic value. They portrayed scenes and events in this great spiritual gathering that were new even to those who attended every session of the Congress because they say only a limited portion of the Congress. While the screen reproduction embraced the scene from all angles as told by twenty cameras on the ground and in the air. It would be well if these pictures could be shown in every parish hall in Rochester.

"Bargain day for bootleggers in Judge Hase's court" reads a newspaper headline. Fine commentary on American law and order!

Flying in air will continue to exact its victims for years to come.

## Exit.

Those who have followed the interviews had by the White House reporters with "the official spokesman" for President Coolidge will read with interest the following editorial in the Rochester "Times-Union":—

Is the "official spokesman" no more? At any rate he did not appear in the news dispatches after the last conference of the newspapermen with the President. It looks as if his existence were in danger, at least.

Of course the "official spokesman" is President Coolidge. There has been a good deal of fun poked at the President for the use of this rather thin veil of anonymity, and Professor Lindsay Rogers of Columbia has even launched a very vigorous attack against the whole practice.

Such criticism seems, however, to be of doubtful value. In one form or another this veil of anonymity has always existed. The phrase has varied, but the fact has been the same. In President Wilson's day, "it is reported on high authority" often did the same kind of service that the official spokesman has done recently. No president, except in formal speeches, has permitted himself to be regularly and directly quoted. There is logic behind such an arrangement. The President, when he faces the newspaper reporters, has to answer in a brief period, and without much time for reflection, a great variety of questions on a great variety of subjects. It is very easy in such circumstances to make a slip, or to subject oneself by some not too precise phrase to misinterpretation. The President has a right to protect himself against the consequences of such an occurrence.

The sole difficulty with "the official spokesman" is that the disguise is no longer effective, and therefore has little reason for being. Having become a mere form, it might as well be abandoned. It has become a mere convenient subject of jest.

The President, it is true, owes to the nation from time to time an authoritative exposition of governmental policy. But he can hardly be expected to make the weekly newspaper conferences quite that. They must necessarily have a more informal character. Nor should he be held too strictly to account for what he says on these occasions.

## It Had to Come.

"Mother's day" is a pretty sentiment and it has come to be a day nationally observed. Because it falls in May we as Catholics are impelled to recall the tenderest Mother of all—the Virgin Mary. We see no harm in venerating her as the Mother of God. We feel it her due. We feel that in so doing we are not offending God or His Divine Son.

We suspect that there are those who go into ecstasies over "Thanks-giving Day" who fairly exult in patriotism on Decoration Day and Fourth of July; who ascribe almost divine attributes to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln who rather cannot see just why we honor the Blessed Mother of God.

But we did not expect that Mother's Day in 1927 would be made the excuse for certain ministers to devote Sunday sermon to rebuke his Catholic neighbors for "their idolatrous worship of the Virgin Mary." Verily a course in Catholic theology might do such learned men good—add a needed store to their fund of knowledge.

The declaration of Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, transmitted through the Apostolic Delegate at Washington, that the Holy See not only has not but will not become interested in American political affairs, confirms what we have said elsewhere in this column.

The Press associations having failed in entangling the Pope or the Vatican in American political dissensions, have resorted to the Washington expedient of interviewing an "official spokesman—an official of high rank in the Vatican." The device is too transparent.

Perhaps labor will be the rock to wreck the Baldwin premiership in Great Britain. Or will Baldwin drive his anti-strike, anti-lockout bill through by his big majority and not seek a popular mandate in a general election.

If all newspapers would minimize the nasty news the excuse of "the people want it" would fall of its own weight. If they can't get it at all, the people will live without it. And we cannot live without newspapers, really we can't.

If the court of Appeals sustains the Appellate Division on the proposed city manager charter, then, indeed, Martin B. O'Neil will be the last real Mayor of Rochester.

Really, one wonders that there are so many persons with a taste for such things and so much time on their hands that they can attend sensational criminal trials.

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Sunday, May 22.—St. Yves Helori, confessor, descended from a noble and virtuous family, was born in 1253. He took a private vow of perpetual chastity and devoted himself to the care of the sick and poor. He entered the religious life and wished to remain in the lesser orders. However, he was compelled by his bishop to be ordained. He died in 1303.

Monday, May 23.—St. Julia, virgin, martyr, was a noble woman of Carthage, who, when the city was taken by Genseric in 439, was sold as a slave to a pagan merchant of Syria. She spent her spare moments in prayer and pious reading. All her master's persuasion and authority could not shake her faith. Felix, the Governor of Corsica, martyred her when, on a visit to that country, she revealed the idolatrous practices and refused to offer sacrifices.

Tuesday, May 24.—Sts. Donatian and Rogatian, martyrs. Donatian was an illustrious young noble of Nantes who, when converted, brought his brother Rogatian into the faith by his example and discourses. Both were thrown into prison and finally cruelly martyred for professing Jesus Christ. They died about 287.

Wednesday, May 25.—St. Gregory VII was born in Tuscany about the year 1013. He contended against corruptions in the Church, and as Pope excommunicated the Cenci and Henry IV, Emperor of Germany, who sought to depose him but was compelled to seek absolution at Canossa. Later the Emperor relapsed and set up an antipope. St. Gregory died May 25, 1085, at the age of 72 years, after having reigned as Pope for 12 years.

Thursday, May 26.—St. Philip Neri bears the title "Apostle of Rome." He was one of the saints raised up in the sixteenth century. He lived in an atmosphere of sunshine and gladness which brightened all who came near him. The highest honors sought him, but he refused them. He died at the age of 80 years in 1595.

Friday, May 27.—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi was born in 1566 of an illustrious house in Florence and baptized Catherine. She took great pleasure in teaching the Christian doctrine to the ignorant. She entered a Carmelite monastery, changed her name to Mary Magdalen, and took the motto, "To suffer or die." She loved poverty and hungered after Communion. God tried her in ways fearful and strange, but raised her to high states of prayer and gave her rare gifts.

Saturday, May 28.—St. Germaus, bishop, was born in the territory of Autun about the year 469. Although made Bishop of Paris, he observed his earlier simplicity and austerity of life. He always had the poor in his house and begged at his table. King Childibert, a worldly prince, was completely converted by his piety.

Rochester is fortunate in its season of metropolitan opera. Likewise in its own opera company.

## Mt. Angel College Being Rebuilt

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Benedict's, Oreg., May 12.—Reconstruction of the Benedictine Monastery and Mt. Angel College here, destroyed by fire last September, is going forward. The first unit of the new construction is the monastery, a three-story concrete building with brick veneer. The community hopes to enter its new home in September. Work will begin soon on the abbey chapel and following that upon the residence hall for college students, for which plans have already been drawn. Included in the present building project is a college classroom and laboratory building.

The building program calls for an expenditure of about \$300,000. If a Republican Governor should be the will of the New York state voters, we fancy James W. Wadsworth could fill the bill, notwithstanding the dislike certain reformers have for him.

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