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## One Left Out.

One of the editorial comments about the now famous New York to Paris flight of Charles Lindbergh, which has been widely distributed and talked about was that of the New York "Evening Sun" whose guiding genius—if we mistake not—since Frank A. Munsey's death is William T. Dewart well known in Rochester.

The editorial in question follows: "LINDBERGH FLIES ALONE."

Alone?

Is he alone at whose right side? Courage, with Skill within the cockpit and Faith upon the left? Does solitude surround the brave when Adventure leads the way and Ambition leads the dial? Is there no company with him for whom the air is cleft by Daring and the darkness is made light by Emprise?

True, the fragile bodies of his fellows do not weigh down his plane; true, the fretful minds of weaker men are lacking from his crowded cabin; but as his airplane keeps her course he holds communion with those rarer spirits that inspire to intrepidity and by their sustaining poeony give strength to arm, resource to mind, content to soul.

Alone? With what other companions would that man fly to whom the choice were given?

Would the editorial not rather sink in deeper if mention were made, if just a little deference were paid to God, the Creator?

## A Boost.

The New York "Herald Tribune," owned in part by Ogden L. Mills, who ran against Governor Smith last fall, has this boost for the Governor's presidential boom:

During the heated controversy over the next Democratic Presidential nomination, this newspaper has been and will continue to be an unbiased bystander. Its duty is to record without prejudice the progress of the struggle, and to note gains or losses as they occur. It therefore publishes the act that the Hon. Thomas J. Hefin, United States Senator from Alabama, has issued a statement denouncing the Smith candidacy, and declaring that all the newspapers of New York City are in favor of Mr. Smith because they are all pro-Catholic. For the last few months the Smith and the anti-Smith battle fronts have been stabilized. But Mr. Hefin's declaration effects beyond all question a very decided Smith gain.

## To Be Expected.

Whenever there is a charge of official control; whenever new district heads are named to take charge of the enforcement of the Volstead law, familiarly known as the booze control law, forthwith there is a flourish of trumpets.

The enforcement officers, who have been superseded are flayed as incompetent or criminally negligent while their methods and system are advertised as obsolete and provocative to the good, to say the least.

The incoming officers are lauded to the skies as efficient, conscientious, honest officials. In fact these incoming officials do not wait for Secretary Mellon and the Anti-Saloon League to so certify. They admit it themselves before they have entered upon their official duties at all.

Regrettable as it is the suspicion is increasing in volume that the prohibition enforcement corps is the most corrupt vehicle in the country and that it would not be long until you note that precious little in the way of Catholic happenings—local, domestic, or foreign, is left unreported by our splendid Catholic news service.

## Charter Ideas.

While the Buffalo "Union and Times" is in no sense a partisan political paper, nevertheless it is vitally interested, as every paper should be in all civic or community movements.

At present Buffalo is operated under a Commission chosen and elected on a non-partisan basis as the drafters of Rochester's new City Manager Charter proposed and which the Court of Appeals may uphold, if it sustains the Appellate Division's reversal of Justice Thompson's decision on holding the non-partisan feature in contravention of the state election law.

Buffalo is moving for a new Charter and the "Union and Times" presents these arguments in favor of selecting officials by political party designation:

"It is to be hoped that party nominations will come back into existence. That is one outstanding feature of the present form of government that is radically wrong. This nation was founded on a party basis. Parties have been in existence as long as the Union. Without them the United States would never have survived.

"They provide two distinct lines of thought. The two great parties, Democrat and Republican, while similar in a great many ways, have a fundamental basis in which they differ. Ever since the present Charter has been in existence non-partisanship has been the ruling factor. Every councilmanic election has brought forth from a dozen to a score of candidates, many of them admittedly ill-fitted to the posts they sought. A few hundred signatures on petitions sufficed to put them in the race. On the basis of some popular fancy, most times halcyoned with an insincerity of purpose, a candidate has an excellent opportunity of being elected.

"Party nominations will remove all evils necessarily arising from such a system. It would be highly improbable that either party would nominate men for city offices who were not able, efficiently trained and of unimpeachable integrity. These men thus nominated make their campaigns along party lines. They do so with the principles of their respective parties.

"Then should these same men, after being elected to office, prove themselves unworthy of public trust, the party to which they have allegiance is held responsible. With the present system elected officials are responsible to no one. They may not even feel responsibility to the men who supported them in their individual fight for election.

"It is to be hoped the gentlemen engaged in drafting the new Charter will specify that candidates should be chosen on a party basis. It will insure not only capability but responsibility."

## Mass Every Day.

It used to be the impression that women were more religiously inclined than men, that women did the family praying, so to speak. That is not so true these days as witness the following editorial in the "Union and Times":

Buffalo has lost a great citizen and the Church has lost a staunch Catholic in the death of John A. Kloepper, president of the Liberty Bank. A remarkable tribute was paid to Mr. Kloepper on Saturday by a non-Catholic associate. "Mr. Kloepper's first act, every morning, was to go to Mass," he said. "He attended Mass each day as regularly as he came to the office." Here was an example that left its impression upon one not of the faith. No matter how pressing was his business engagements, no matter how manifold his duties or obligations in a business or social way, John A. Kloepper always found time to give the first half-hour of the day to the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

All Buffalo has sung the praises of this executive's integrity. His memory has been honored during the last few days by a multitude of friends and acquaintances. But nothing that has been said or written of him is quite so praiseworthy as the tribute of a non-Catholic—"He attended Mass each day as regularly as he came to the office." It is such faith and love that produce great men, great commercial leaders, great executives, great Catholics. He was not too absorbed in business to lose sight of the first end of his existence. How many others who reach high stations might follow his sterling example?

John P. Boylan, John Connors, Richard T. Ford and Charles R. Barnes stand out in the rejuvenation project of the Knights of Columbus building.

Undoubtedly ten cent car fare is the goal of the surface street car companies. One alternative is abolition of the requirement that street car companies be required to pay, at least of paving between the tracks and for two feet on either side of the tracks.

Do you read carefully the Catholic Journal's news columns? If so, that it would not be long until you note that precious little in the way of Catholic happenings—local, domestic, or foreign, is left unreported by our splendid Catholic news service.

## Why?

Under the caption "Murder in the Cities" the Rochester "Times-Union" prints the following editorial:

"Why should murderers ply their trade with many times more vigor in Jacksonville, Florida, than in Schenectady, New York?"

"Why should a citizen of New York City be three times as safe from homicide as the citizen of Chicago?"

"Why should four southern cities—Memphis, Birmingham, Tampa and Jacksonville—hold the records in the ascending scale of murder in American cities, in the order named?"

"The sin that was Cain's may be the product of emotions in human nature as deep as they are old. But why these and other most odious comparisons gathered by The Spectator, an insurance journal? Why, for instance, is Worcester, Massachusetts, comparatively free from homicide, while Detroit registers twenty-five murders per year for every one hundred thousand of population? Both are typical American communities. Both are industrial cities. Both are industrial cities. Both have a large foreign-born population, fallaciously supposed to have much to do with the crime rate.

"If the latter is true, why is it that southern cities, having almost no foreign-born residents, register more than twice as many murders per one hundred thousand of population as the nearest competitor, Detroit? The Jacksonville rate is seventy-five per one hundred thousand, three times that of Detroit.

"Experts will have their own opinions concerning these figures. But the man on the street senses that the cure for this evil lies within the powers of police and city administrators. When some American cities can keep the homicide rate within bounds, no city should lose heart in the attempt to emulate that record. Where the big city can succeed, the small city should succeed better. Where such a heterogeneous population as New York can shine in the murder statistics, a homogeneous population such as Tampa should at least glow."

Has not an entirely wrong impression been created? Due to the fact that one murder or atrocious crime committed in the cities receives more publicity and newspaper space than ten or twenty committed in the far Western or Southern suburban and rural districts. Have we not come to believe that New York, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco fairly reek in crime?

Bishop Adna Leonard (Methodist Episcopal) is wrath because the French served champagne at a dinner to Colonel Lindbergh when Ambassador Herrick was present. In other words, Bishop Leonard would have all Americans abroad boor and insult their hosts?

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to John P. Boylan upon his election as President of the Rochester Telephone Corporation. Since Mr. Boylan's advent in Rochester he has impressed himself not only in the telephone business but upon the civic life of Rochester. He ranks as one of Rochester's outstanding citizens.

No less a personage than Charles Evans Hughes believes that congestion in the courts would be lessened if automobile cases were handled in great part by administrative boards much as the Workmen's Compensation is now administered in New York state.

Rochester's ball team seems to have its ups and downs, not only as to ownership but also as to managers.

So far no one can find fault with the excess of heat, speaking in local weather terms.

Consolidation and merger appears the order of the day, even in the newspaper field.

Now that vacation is upon us, it is well to look into the proximity of a church before final decision as to the temporary summer home.

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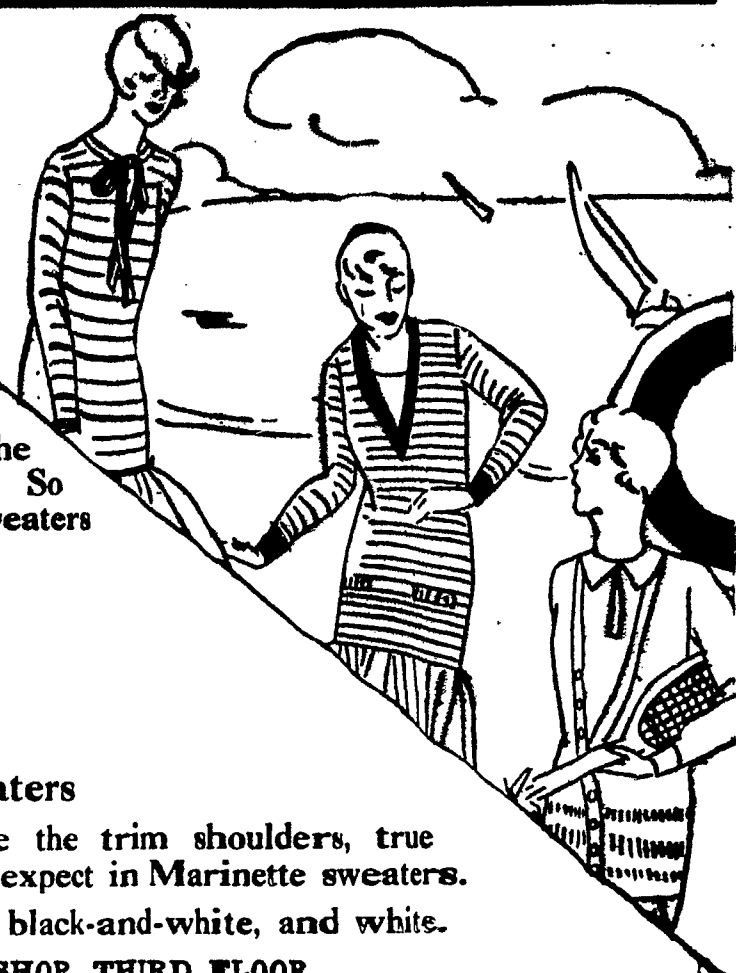
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