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Ethics.

If all newspapers were conducted on the high plane set forth by Edward McKemon, formerly eastern manager of the Associated Press...

Here is Mr. McKemon's formula for standard of newspaper management and production:

"Two years ago as a guest of the Rochester Press Club I outlined my standards of journalism. I now repeat that I believe in honest, fearless and decent journalism, I do not believe in a narrow journalism that appealing to and drawing its support from the few, comes inevitably to reflect mainly a limited section of society."

Why?

The New York "World" and the London Express are at variance over Colonel Lindbergh at the following editorial utterance of the "World" would indicate:

"With regard to the plan Lindbergh has in mind, which is to fly to England by way of Greenland and Iceland the London Daily Express announces that it is his opposition."

Well, it may as well be conceded that this newspaper is right when it says that a second flight by Lindbergh would be in the nature of an anti-climax, and that he can never hope to duplicate the "impression" that he made on his first flight.

Another words, he is a solid fellow and he has his mind on solid things. If he makes another flight, he may make it for one reason or another, but he will not make it to set the crowd wild.

"For What He Is"

A secular metropolitan daily that is supporting Governor Smith offers this advice to his party managers: Gov. Smith trying to run on an evasively dry platform would be caught in a hopeless tangle of contradictions.

We do not fancy either the Democratic party or the voters of the United States will be in the dark very long as to where Al. Smith stands on the issues of the day, should he be the nominee of the Houston convention.

Challenged.

Our esteemed contemporary "the Union and Times" does well to call attention to a rare inconsistency in the attitude of certain bigots who persistently attack and criticize the Catholic Church.

There has already been a great deal and it is plain there will be much more discussion, during this "presidential year," of Catholic teachings with regard to the proper relations and the respective spheres and functions of the Church and the State.

Of course, the truth is that these Protestants are no more consistent in their beliefs concerning the duty of the citizen to give an exclusive allegiance to the State than they are in their traditional contention for the right of every Christian to interpret the Bible to his own liking.

Perhaps the current discussion of the Catholic attitude toward the State may help to enlighten and direct American public opinion. Perhaps it may remind a good many Protestant citizens that it is not by the Catholics but by their own sects that the American Commonwealth is threatened with union of Church and State.

Even in Maine, one of the Klan hotbeds, the thinking citizens can not stomach the attempts of the fanatics and bigots to centralize in Washington absolute control of education, even if it is sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons of South and West.

The secular "Commercial" of Bangor, goes on to say: "Federal control, direct or indirect, must inevitably undo much of the good that has been accomplished through local and state control. It is not necessary to cite the familiar instances of nationalized education in Russia and Germany. This is a nation of 120,000,000 persons of varied origins, scattered over a vast territory. To impose nationalized education in such an area must mean, as surely as the sun rises, the clamping down upon millions of children of a bureaucratic system that is flat, uniform, standardized, wholly unimaginative—that would be both repulsive and oppressive in its effect upon local heritages, local aspirations, local enterprise and local genius."

New Issue

The New York "World" does not believe in a policy of silence toward corruption in government because politicians fear to imperil party success if some of their own associates are involved.

There was little comfort in Senator Borah's speech at the Hamilton Club in Chicago for those practical politicians who believe that a policy of silence and evasion about corruption in government is safest in the coming campaign.

That Senator Borah, in the present state of the United States, should give so much weight to moral issues may provoke the cynical sneers. They may pretend to make light of such questions in the great game of politics to be played this year.

"Our Spare Time"

If the following dissertation by the Kansas City "Post" stated the situation correctly, the unemployment menace would not be so dreaded:

The fact there is considerable unemployment during prosperous times simply that through improved methods of working we have earned more time for play, but have not yet learned how to use it.

When three-fourths of the people can do all the work that needs to be done in the country it means that work one-fourth less than they once did, but somehow the leisure isn't divided up evenly.

Women Diplomats

Vision of women invading what has until recently been classed as distinctly man's domain—the diplomatic service—is seen in the following editorial from the Chicago "Journal":

Recent appointments of American women to responsible positions in the Diplomatic and Consular Services draw attention to the way woman is working into the Government. One was appointed by the recent Pan-American Conference to service on its commission for framing an international code of women's rights in all the republics of the three Americas.

This recognition of women in foreign service is not peculiar to the United States. Bulgaria, France and Russia place women in the diplomatic field. Russia has had women Ministers to Sweden and Mexico, and they seem to have managed matters as well as men would have done.

England does not place women in its Consulates and its diplomatic berths, and two women in Parliament demand to know why. These parliamentary Rosalindes—"I only want to know, you know"—are Ellen Wilkinson and Nancy Astor. They recently heckled Secretary Chamberlain of the Department of Foreign Affairs after a fashion that taxed his diplomatic ability to answer.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, May 13.—St. John the Silent, who, after the death of his parents, built a monastery and entered it with a view to making salvation his only pursuit.

Monday, May 14.—St. Pachomius, converted to Christianity through kindness, established a religious order at Tabenna and trained vast multitudes in detachment from creatures and selves. He died in 348.

Tuesday, May 15.—St. Peter Martyr, who was put to death during the persecution of Dacian in Asia Minor. He was first bound to a wheel and his bones broken, but when it was seen this availed nothing against his faith, he was beheaded.

Wednesday, May 16.—St. John Nepomucen, chaplain of the wife of the Emperor Wenceslaus who vainly tried to extort her confession from him. Finally Wenceslaus had him bound and thrown in a river. A heavenly light disclosed the body and he was buried with fitting honors. Three hundred and thirty years after death the tomb was opened and the tongue of the saint was found to be still incorrupt.

Thursday, May 17.—The Feast of the Ascension. The fortieth day after Easter Sunday commemorates the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth.

Friday, May 18.—St. Venantius martyr. He was seized as a Christian and brought before a judge, but was several times miraculously saved from death. With his convert companions he was finally beheaded.

Saturday, May 19.—St. Peter Celestine, who left his home to live in a mountain solitude and whose rule of life formed the foundation of the Celestine Order. He was elected to the Papacy, but, after four months, retired and spent the rest of his life in a cell.

New Pamphlet Sales Record By Truth Society of England

London, April 30.—Another new record in pamphlet sales was recorded by the Catholic Truth Society of England and Wales at its annual meeting here this week. It was stated that during 1927, the total number of pamphlets sold was 1,020,944.

This was the first time that the sales amounted to more than one million. In addition to the pamphlets sold, 25,950 were sent free to subscribers. Books sold last year totaled 29,639, and leaflets 254,800. Leaflets sent free to subscribers totaled 17,200.

It was reported also that various publications of the society were translated into Dutch, French, Japanese, Bengali, Afrikaans and German. Big orders for pamphlets were received from North and South America, Africa, Australia, Germany and India.

The Catholic Women's Club of Rochester is a viable institution. Columbus Hall appears to be a popular rendezvous these days.

Fred A. McMill, formerly city editor of the old Rochester "Post Express" is still editor of the "Optical Journal."

His many friends in Rochester regret the death of Vincent H. Rindan, of Buffalo, collector of Internal Revenue under President Wilson.

If the United States Senate would let up a little on investigations and turn its attention to constructive legislation the general public would be as well pleased.

One friend, at least, of the late George W. Aldridge survives. Andrew Weidenmann has been reappointed collector of the port of Rochester.

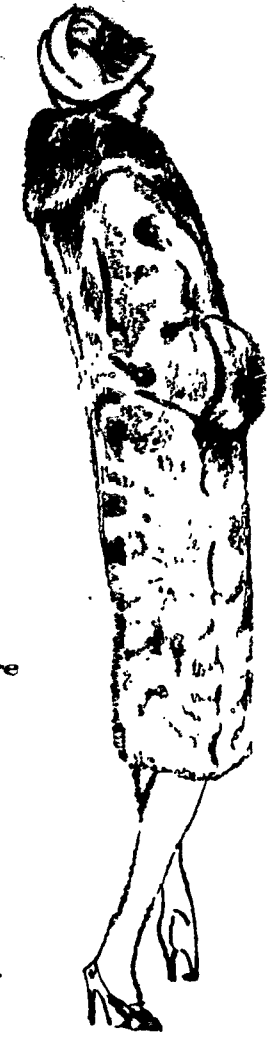
Supreme Court Justice Aaron Levy of New York, addressing a Catholic dinner recently said: "I do not tolerate you but I do appreciate you. A fine distinction, well taken."

If there were a few more Heffins in the United States Senate, there would be no question of Al Smith's unanimous election to the presidency, let alone a nomination in the Houston convention.

It is to be hoped that the Radio Commission will not curtail or hamper WHAM, one of the best broadcasting stations in the country, one of real educational and recreational value, as compared with the scores of purely commercial and advertising stations.

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Layman Reads Death Service For Msgr. Mora

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Mexico City, May 2.—Significant of the circumstances which caused his death in exile was the funeral service held in memory of Msgr. Mora y del Rio, Archbishop of Mexico City, by the Union of Mexican Catholic Women in the aristocratic La Profesa church here Thursday.

The interior of the church, whose columns and altars were draped in black, was filled with a congregation representative of the city's best society. A large catafalque covered with a purple pall and bearing the late prelate's mitre, golden crozier and stole, stood in the center aisle.

Senor Junco, who presided occupied a small rostrum placed in front of the pulpit. A large crucifix and six candlesticks were the sole objects to be seen on the altar. Such portions of the Mass as could be recited by a layman were read by Senor Junco, and the Kyrie and other parts of the Mass were sung. At the Gospel, Senor Junco delivered the following eulogy to which all listened with most respectful silence:

"Although it seems unfitting that a secular voice be thus heard in the sacred place of the temple, accustomed as it is to the irreplaceable priestly presence which creates by its office the adorable presence of Jesus Christ, a word must be said to express our grief at the loss of the saintly pastor whose departure afflicts us.

"It is not true that he has left us, for he is with us everywhere—we hold him in our hearts. His head, beautifully white, a symbol of virtue and of the years which have bent all the more because of the tribulations of his time; his fatherly smile; his hand, delicate and fine, which bestowed blessings upon us; his clear eyes, lighted with a celestial light—these are with us today, to be held in our minds throughout life, a memory imbued with gentleness and love.

"This sweet life went out as a lamp which is extinguished before the tabernacle. An austere and gentle life, filled with sanctity, has cast itself at the feet of Jesus. The vase, his body, is shattered, but the spirit, like a holy perfume, is with us still.

"Let us pray for him as faithfully as we believe he would have prayed for us. The good shepherd has left his sheep. But how he will mourn for them, and how he will intercede for them.

"At this moment, his invisible presence is all about us, and seems to smile upon us and give us a final blessing.

Girl, Becoming Ill, Confirmed At Home By Bishop Schrembs

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Wellsville, Ohio, May 5.—Betty Johnson, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson of this little southeastern Ohio city, will have occasion to recall with special consolation the day of her Confirmation, which was administered to her at home after illness had prevented her from receiving the Sacrament in church with other children.

It was the kindness of Bishop Joseph Schrembs that made the impression upon the child's memory. When he was told of the little girl's plight he volunteered to go to her home and confirm her there. He was accompanied by his secretary, the Rev. George N. Habig, and the Rev. E. J. Gracey, pastor at Wellsville, and after administering the Sacrament, Bishop Schrembs spoke to the child, expressing his interest in her and referring to the unusual circumstances of her case, and blessed her.

Paris Foreign Mission Society Makes Its Report

(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, April 30.—The Society of Foreign Missions of Paris, which devotes most of its efforts to work in eastern Asia, has just published a report of its work during 1927.

In their mission fields, out of a population of 246,000,000 inhabitants, only 1,800,000 are Catholics. In such a vast field, the missions of Paris are represented by 46 bishops and 1,086 missionaries, serving 8,496 churches and chapels. They are aided by 1,414 native priests, 3,500 catechists, 572 religious divided into 43 communities, and 5,973 nuns occupying 217 convents. Fifty-seven seminaries shelter 2,766 seminarians. The schools of the various orders are 2,663 in number and are attended by 141,438 children, besides 18,733 orphans and foundlings who are cared for in 219 orphanages. The missions also conduct 517 dispensaries, hospitals and leprosariums, and 90 workshope.

Miss Mary Proctor, Astronomer, Visits Nuns In California

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, April 26.—Miss Mary A. Proctor, F. R. A. S., of England, world-wide fame as an astronomer, and daughter of Sir Richard Proctor, paid a visit last week to the Sisters of Notre Dame at their college in Belmont, California.

While there Miss Proctor delivered a lecture to the students of the college on the heavenly bodies and renewed friendships with the nuns. This was Miss Proctor's second visit to the College of Notre Dame. Several years ago she spoke to the sisters and their pupils at the college in San Jose. During her girlhood, Miss Proctor was a resident student at the school of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Clapham, London.