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Whence?

In the course of a very interesting article in the current "Columbia" entitled "Whence and Where Americanism?"...

Our country was discovered by Catholics and it was explored by Catholics. Catholics were the first to establish real religious and political freedom in the Colony of Maryland.

What then is the correct answer to the question "What is an American?" An American is one who firmly believes in and honestly practices the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy...

The Queens County Klansmen say they named one of their local units "Longhorn" and that the "Longhorn" authorized such action.

Mexico.

In another column we have adverted to the superlative praise of still maintain, at least they never the Calles regime in Mexico by the New York "World".

This attitude of the New York "World" under the caption "Oregon and a Stable Mexico" is a continuation of the same.

Party government is better, where practicable, than a modified dictatorship; a properly contested election Sunday would have been preferable to the mere form through which Mexico passed.

Probably there has been some concessions offered by Calles, either directly or indirectly. The following leading editorial in the "Union and Times"...

Let us continue our prayers that relief may come and speedily to our afflicted co-religionists in our sister country.

Both householders and careful motorists will approve the sentiment underlying the following editorial in the Times-Union of Rochester.

Would that a few American cities could follow suit. The driver who honks his horn unnecessarily feels exactly a menace, but he is one of the greatest nuisances our civilization has developed.

Young Mr. Roosevelt loses in popular and public reputation when he tries to blacken Alfred E. Smith's personal and moral character.

Lacking.

There are some secular papers that have printed anything to the contrary, but there is nothing to blame the secular press in the South and West. Here is a recent editorial from the Omaha, Nebraska "True Voice".

What Mexico pre-eminently needs is a continuity of secure and orderly government; and this is what the election of Gen. Obregon as President promises it.

The "World" apparently does not "View with Alarm" the awful indignities heaped upon the Catholic Church.

Religious liberty is now the subject of frequent and sometimes bitter discussion," he said. "Indeed, colonial history reveals disputes and on the whole inconstant with the persecutions in almost all the teachings of any Christian sect."

The true constitutional theory upon the subject, as I conceive it, therefore is that there should be complete separation of church and state. No man should be preferred or discriminated against in public authority because of his affiliation with a particular church.

"In great national emergencies our people do not waste their energies in fruitless controversies. They do not question the religious set with which the citizen is allied. They call upon him as a patriot to render service. And thanks to the genius of our institutions there has been no distinction or discrimination on account of sect."

The white crosses erected on foreign battlefields to mark the graves of our soldiers who fell in the great World War are emblems of that charity and tolerance taught and exemplified by the Christ who bore the Cross of Calvary and died upon it."

The Cincinnati Enquirer thus describes "the typical patriot": "You say he is a typical American patriot, but what do you mean by that?" "That he hangs out the flag on holidays, he remembers the national anthem after the second line, forgets to register and kicks about the men the others have voted into office."

Hedin did not return the \$250 check sent him by a Brooklyn Holy Name Society President as a joke. He handed it over to Klan publisher to circulate in Greater New York copies of the Hedin anti-Catholic speech.

MENG-SHAFER-HELD BUFFALO Fur Sale advertisement featuring a woman in a fur coat and a dog, with text: 'The Fur Buying Event of the Year', 'Summer Fur Sale Starts Monday July 16th', 'You are invited to inspect the Fur Fashions for 1928-1929'. Address: 182-186 Main Street, East.

Catholic Deaf Hold Highly Successful National Convention

Cincinnati, July 9.—The Knights and Ladies of De l'Epee, the national Catholic organization of the deaf, closed a successful week-long convention here Saturday.

The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, presided at the religious services in St. Peter's Cathedral and welcomed the delegates, and the Supreme Chaplain of the Order, the Rev. M. A. Partell, S. J. of Baltimore, gave the opening Mass Monday in the Cathedral.

The order of De l'Epee is composed wholly of Catholic deaf men and women, whose object is to aid the sick and distressed among the deaf. There are Councils in Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Toledo, Scranton, Altoona, Lowell, Boston, Manchester and elsewhere.

Requiem Mass Sung For John J. Raskob's Son, Accident Victim

Centerville, Md., July 8.—Funeral services for William Frederick Raskob, 2nd, young son of John J. Raskob, a prominent Catholic, who was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, were held in Our Mother of Sorrows Church Saturday, with a Requiem Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dougherty, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Wilmington, Del.

Among mourners at the church services were Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, Democratic nominee for the Presidency and his long friend of the elder Raskob, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre du Pont, W. F. Raskob, an uncle of the youth, and several personal friends of the New York executive.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, July 15.—St. Henry, Emperor, moved by a vision, prepared for death at the end of six years. When that period had elapsed, Henry then Duke of Bavaria, was elected Emperor. He devoted the resources of his empire to the honor of God and the service of the Church. In 1022 Henry lay on his bed of death. He gave back to her parents his wife, St. Cunegunda, a virgin still, as a virgin he had received here from Christ.

Entertainment Code For Churches Issued By 7 French Bishops

Paris, June 25.—The seven bishops of the ecclesiastical Province of Bordeaux, with Cardinal Andrieu presiding, have drawn up an ordinance enacting proscriptions relative to dramatic representations and recreational meetings organized by private schools and Catholic organizations, and for church benefits.

It is positively forbidden to permit boys and girls to appear in the same scenes. This experiment has often provoked serious inconveniences and caused the mingling of the two sexes, says the ordinance. As far as possible it is desirable that the roles of young men not be played by young women, and that young men not attempt to play the parts of young women.

French Priest-Deputy Blesses Fishing Fleet

Paris, July 6.—Canon Degranges, the newly-elected deputy from Morbihan, was called upon to bless the fishing fleet of the Isle of Groix, off the Breton coast, before it set out on its latest cruise.

The fleet comprised 250 sailing vessels, newly painted and with brightly colored sails. A large crowd from the mainland and surrounding islands attended the ceremony.

A secular paper bewails the passing of Red Grange as a hero. Red should worry if he has banked his professional receipts.

Catholic parents should see to it that their children attend Mass even if school is closed for the holidays.

If it did nothing else the Houston convention put an end to the bugaboo believed in by some persons, that there is a bar in the United States Constitution forbidding adherents to one particular religious belief cannot be nominated to the Presidency.

Discreditable to New York State: The passing of the Ku Klux Klan leadership from Georgia to Long Island City.