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Should Be Checked

Publication of the fact that the special agents who obtained evidence upon which proprietors of a number of places in New York alleged to have dispensed beverages not of the power permitted in the Volstead Law spent over \$60,000 in purchase of alleged champagnes, wines, liquors and so on. It is even alleged that government funds set aside for these places up in business and that the government backers then betrayed the men they backed to the Federal policeman.

It is a disgusting piece of business all around—breaking half a dozen statutes and moral laws—to secure evidence of violation of another. It is done only in the case of the Volstead Law. Government spies do not commit murder or burglary to produce a murderer or a burglar. They do have bicycle cops who locate autoists to race that they may swell arrests for speeding. Even that practice is waning; the Times-Union tells this of California.

Chief of Police Charles C. Blair of Beverly Hills, California, admits the error of one of the most common practices of modern police organizations. It is hiding motorcycle officers in dark alleys awaiting the opportunity to dart out suddenly after a driver.

Blair agrees this system never was an effective in keeping down traffic casualties and arrests, as has been his practice in the past two years of keeping his men in plain sight of motorists.

It is like looking the barn door after the horse is stolen. It defeats the purpose for which it was originally intended, for instead of preventing accidents it includes itself among those foolish police tactics that actually await accidents before doing anything effective.

The duty of "modern" police in traffic is not so much to arrest, as it is to prevent causes for arrest. Their job is to maintain a steady flow of traffic in safety and speed.

Slight of a policeman is enough to keep the loose-minded drivers in line. The policeman in hiding can do as much, for man will take a chance while the coast is clear, and after the chance has been taken and the accident has happened, presence of the lurking traffic cop does little good to the injured.

Stay Out!

Not all the Protestant ministers in the South are ranged on the side of bigotry and bigotry or in fact themselves into politics, as will be seen by the following press dispatch.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9.—In an open letter to the Baptist preachers of Georgia, published by the Christian leader, Dr. John D. Melf, president of the Georgia Baptist convention, urges all ministers of that denomination to keep out of politics. "There are three great issues in the race for President of the United States," the letter said, "prohibition, the racial question and the religious question; any one of which has enough dynamite in it to destroy the peace and harmony of any nation in the world. They all combined have enough dynamite in them to work irreparable injury to our nation's cause and to make wounds too deep, that none of us will live long enough to see them healed."

Dr. Melf has been president of the Georgia Baptist convention since 1912 and is the active pastor of the Baptist churches near Athens, Ga. The letter warned the ministers that "you can not separate your person from your office in the minds of the people. Whatever you do in that matter will be charged for or against you in their minds as if whether and not as an individual. When you throw aside the wisdom of God and the power of God from your pulpits and hold up to your people instead the platform of a political party or the name of a candidate for office and expect to stay to save men from the sin of crime? Its friends say it has. Then why the need of \$16,000,000 worth of new falls in the United States the past year?

Unfair News.

Just like many another of the unfair chronicles of Mexican events and past history Paul L. Collins rushed into print in the Washington "Star" to interpret the assassination of General Obregon in correlation with these unfair statements. But his statements were challenged promptly by William Montavon, director of the Legal Department of the National Welfare Conference.

Declaring that the writer seized upon the assassination of President Obregon as a pretext for giving to the public his interpretation of the history of Mexico, Mr. Montavon said in part: "Some months ago the eminent editor of one of the most esteemed daily papers of Mexico City deplored the fact that sources from which the facts concerning the history of Mexico are to be derived are not available, and protested that 'too often the history of Mexico has been written by men who were the agents of this or that dictator.' We might, therefore, pardon a member of the editorial staff of your esteemed paper for a lack of knowledge concerning the history of Mexico."

Stressing one particular item in Mr. Collins' article Mr. Montavon added: "When Mr. Collins, referring to the history of our own country, explains the downfall of the Maximilian empire in the following language: 'He (Maximilian) resigned until after our Appomattox when the Union army appeared upon the frontier to enforce our Monroe Doctrine,' he is guilty of misstating facts with which every primary school boy in the United States ought to be familiar. 'Therefore it would be useless to discuss in detail the strange statements which Mr. Collins makes with regard to the history of Mexico, until he has enlightened us as to the source from which he drew this strange information concerning the history of our own country.'"

Not Asylum Inmate.

Just to show some doubting Northern Catholics that the stories of Southern bigotry, intolerance and ignorance are not exaggerated we reprint this editorial from the Dothan, Alabama, "Eagle":

Here is a classic from the Luvemo County, where the citizenship is more tolerant of masked rogues than inquiring Attorney Generals:

"There are many things to be considered in the selection of a President of the United States. For instance, if Al Smith was elected every member of his Cabinet would be a Roman Catholic, with perhaps one exception, Oscar W. Underwood. Every postmaster would be a Roman Catholic and all appointive Federal offices would be of the same stripe. Public schools would be abolished and schools officered by priests and nuns substituted. It is strange to us how an American can advocate the election of a Roman Catholic for President who would be controlled by the Pope of Rome. There is no doubt about the effort of the Romans to get control of the American Government. For what purpose?"

If one were to hear an inmate of an asylum express such views he would not be surprised; likewise he would expect similar pearls of wisdom to fall from the lips of an illiterate backwoodsman or an uneducated ward heeler; but when a man who assumes he has qualities that fit him to edit a newspaper displays such opinions one is at once sorry not only for the editor but also for the people the poor fellow is trying to serve.

So we will not attempt to reason with him, but instead we gladly remain to pray, at the same time extending our deep and sincere sympathy.

Right Stand.

"Letters from Readers" attacking the Catholic Church will not be admitted to the columns of the "Arkansas Democrat," a leading secular paper of Little Rock, leading to an announcement appearing in an editorial in a recent issue of the journal.

The purpose of its "Readers' Review" column, the paper explains, is the same as in other publications—to allow readers of the newspaper to express their opinion on questions of public interest. "But it is not a forum for debate over theology; it is not a medium through which men and women may appeal to religious prejudice; it is not a safety valve for hatred."

"The Arkansas Democrat" believes that the Bill of Rights in our Constitution is the greatest instrument of justice ever fashioned by the hand of man," declares the editorial announcement, "but the Arkansas Democrat will not willingly insult its thousands of readers among the Catholics any more than it would insult its thousands of readers among other denominations. Religion is not, and never will be, an issue in a political campaign so long as freedom of worship is written in our Constitution."

If Alfred E. Smith were an atheist would the Southern ministers oppose him? We think not.

Has the Volstead law reduced crime? Its friends say it has. Then why the need of \$16,000,000 worth of new falls in the United States the past year?

Folly.

It is a matter of surprise that many men stray from the path they have traveled safely and rarely into unfamiliar roads and lose their way—and their souls as well.

The minute Burbank, Sir Oliver Lodge, Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison step outside of science and invention and into the spiritual realm their utter ignorance and lack of logic is apparent.

The latest example is Mr. Charles F. Brush, of Cleveland, prominent in studies of electrical science in which he has accumulated much fame. He has set up one of these mis-named "foundations" to research the human race as the agricultural scientists do the animal race. Mr. Brush has reached the conclusion—in his own puny mind—that race suicide along with birth control is the panacea to cure all human ills. The Union and Times makes this comment:—Since one of the objects of the foundation is "to educate the people to the importance of betterment of stock and to the economic and social evils resulting from too great increase in population," the practice of contraception is to be advocated as a means within everybody's reach by which these evils may be eradicated.

Without doubt the unequal distribution of this world's goods, starvation wages, teeming millions herded by economic necessity into the slums of our cities, are largely responsible for those rank and foul conditions upon which the doctrines of Malthus have fed and thrived. Had Mr. Brush or the young minister of religion, who is to be one of the administrators of this fund, the slightest inkling of Christian teaching, they would know that such evils are not to be eradicated by superadding to them the "sins of the flesh." Were they sincere and thoughtful men they would know well that to bring "sweetness and the will of God prevail," into the lives of the people, they have but to devote their efforts to lifting from them the staggering burdens of modern economic life.

In contrast to the vague and negative purpose to which this half million dollars of Mr. Brush is to be applied, may be cited the constructive action of August Hecksher of New York and a number of other rich philanthropists. They agreed about a year ago a plan by which a large family may establish himself in a home costing from \$8,000 to \$12,000, without initial payment, on terms easier than purchase of an automobile, and under a life insurance scheme by which this foundation pays the premiums in event of the owner's death. That is a forward looking and courageous meeting of the problem, while birth controllers clamor for sexual liberty, and biologists pore over drosophila.

Church In Politics.

In a recent issue of "the Churchman," national weekly of the Protestant Episcopal Church appeared this editorial comment:—

It is the conviction of the Churchman that no religious journal should take party stands in political issues. It holds precisely the same conviction in respect to churches. The position taken by the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, as revealed in its "Clip-Sheet" of last week, is in violation of the best American tradition. The board has come out in the most flat-footed fashion against the candidacy of Gov. Smith. They said in their "Clip-Sheet":

"The best service that a Democrat can render the Democratic Party in the present situation is to register an effective protest at the ballot box."

And they said much more to the same effect. If this is not putting the Methodist Church into politics we don't understand plain English. Is our memory playing us a trick when we seem to recall heated oratory, in the best Methodist style, against the reputed activities of the Roman Catholic Church in politics? We believe that the Methodist Church deserves the condemnation of all Americans for this kind of political activity—and we would believe precisely the same thing of any church which might undertake to support Gov. Smith and oppose Mr. Hoover thereon.—This comment we commend as deserving the attention of all churchmen, and especially of those members of the Methodist Church whose "Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals" is now attempting so industriously to drag the Methodist Church into the very center of the country's politics.

Gene Tunney, champion boxer, retires with a million dollars! Outside of Clifton Howard, Rochester ministers seem to have eschewed politics. Soon the school year will open. All Catholic boys and girls should be found in a Catholic school. Ministers who find time to talk politics from their pulpits either are afraid to denounce the divorce evil or they believe in it.

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to Bausch & Lomb Company on completing 75 years of business of business life.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, August 12.—St. Clare, Abbess, inspired by St. Francis, founded an order in a miserable house outside of Assisi. She was joined by her sister and later by her mother and other noble ladies. When the Saracen army of Frederick II was ravaging the valley of Spoleto her convent was miraculously preserved from harm when she caused the Blessed Sacrament to be placed in a monstrance above the gate facing the enemy. She died in 1253. Monday, August 13.—St. Radegundes, daughter of the King of Thuringia, against her will was compelled to become the wife of Clotaire, King of Soissons. She continued the practice of great virtue at Court and finally obtained permission to retire to a monastery. She died in 587. Tuesday, August 14.—St. Eusebius, was a holy priest who opposed the Arians at Rome and finally suffered martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian. Wednesday, August 15.—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, a holy day of obligation in the United States, commemorates the happy departure of the Blessed Virgin Mary from this life and her translation into the kingdom of her Divine Son. Thursday, August 16.—St. Hyacinth, of Poland and Russia, received the habit of the Friar Preachers from the hands of St. Dominic himself. He is credited with having worked numerous miracles including that of restoring life to a dead youth at Cracow. He died in 1257. Friday, August 17.—St. Liberatus and six monks, martyrs, gave up their lives for the faith during the reign of Huneric, the Arian Vandal King. They were condemned to be put in an old boat and burned at sea but when it was found that all endeavors to kindle the fire were in vain, their brains were beaten out with oars and their bodies cast into the sea. Saturday, August 18.—St. Helena, Empress, the mother of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor. She was a British princess. Through her efforts the True Cross upon which the Redeemer died was found. She died in Rome in the year 328.

Anglicans Purchase Part Of Old Abbey, Rest Is Catholic. London, July 30.—Whalley Abbey, the historic Cistercian foundation in Lancashire, has been bought by the Anglican authorities, the purchase price being reduced to \$70,000. The diocesan board could not raise the original figure, which was \$90,000. The portion which was already in the hands of Catholics is not affected by the sale. Father J. Bannon, pastor of the Catholic church which stands in part of the abbey grounds, says it is now generally admitted that the Anglicans did not worry about the property until Catholics bought part of it from its private owner, and he says the Anglicans are now prompted by a desire to keep Catholics out, though Catholics had made no attempt to buy the rest of the property. The abbey is to be used as a diocesan country house for meetings of Anglican organizations and "refresher" courses for ministers, lay readers and Sunday school teachers.

Statue Of Cardinal O'Donnell Proposed For Rock Of Doon. Dublin, July 30.—Mrs. Helena Conannon, the distinguished Irish novelist, suggests that the most suitable memorial to the late Cardinal O'Donnell of Armagh should be a great statue of Christ the King, which should be erected at the Rock of Doon. It was at the Rock of Doon that the chief of the O'Donnell clan from which the Cardinal descended, performed the inauguration ceremony of their office. A part of the memorial as suggested by Mrs. Conannon should be a stone altar close by the holy well of Doon which is near the famous Rock and to which numbers of pilgrims travel to the present day to obtain healing through the prayers of St. Columkille.

WHITE FATHER CHOSEN VICAR. Rome, July 30.—Msgr. Paul Molla of the White Fathers, has been appointed vicar apostolic of Bamako, French Soudan. The new prelate is a native of France having been born in the parish of St. Martin-en-Haut of the Diocese of Lyons. He received the tonsure of the White Fathers in 1904 and was ordained a priest at Carthage June 29, 1911. Since that time he has labored steadily in the African mission fields, especially on the west coast and in the Soudan. Transatlantic flights westward do not appear as easy as toward the east. City Manager Story demonstrates that he is no slouch of a practical politician when he appoints his own men as Civil Service Commissioner.

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Celebrate Mass In Ruins Of Old Waverly Abbey

London, July 30.—Exactly 399 years after the disposal of the community, at the order of King Henry VIII, a Cistercian abbot celebrated Mass last week in the ruins of Waverly Abbey, two miles outside Fernham, Surrey, the first Cistercian house established in this country. The Mass commemorated the foundation of the abbey 800 years ago by a small band of Norman monks. Cardinal Bourne presided at the ceremony. The celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Smets, Abbot of Westmalle, Belgium, and Vicar General of the Cistercian Order. Seven other mitred abbots attended, together with some 200 priests, secular and regular, and more than 2,000 lay people.

A temporary altar, under a rough copy, was set up on the site of the ancient high altar of the abbey church, and the Cardinal's throne was placed under another canvas-covered wooden erection. The priest covered nave, sheltered from a brilliant sun by huge elms and oak growing in places where once there were side altars and choir stalls.

A choir of Southwark diocesan seminary students sang the unaccompanied chant used by the Cistercians more than one thousand years ago. Very little is left even of the ruins of the abbey buildings, and yet it was possible to imagine as present at the Mass an historic, unseen, company. They were the hundreds of monks, beginning with the twelve Norman companies who, braving a perilous winter voyage, crossed the Channel in the year 1128 and founded Waverly; and then their successors of over 400 years who developed the foundation in the face of inundation, draught, famine, pestilence, persecution and poverty.

Then there arose a picture of kings and princes and nobleman, making a brave pageant of power and brilliant color—King John Henry II, and the first three King Edwards, all of whom enjoyed the hospitality of the monks of St. Mary's Abbey. But the true nature of the deeds done of the abbey became apparent when, after the Mass, the Cardinal Archbishop turned toward the broken walls at the east of the abbey church and pronounced the words of Absolution over the hidden graves of a

Rhodes Once More To Be Archdiocese. Rome, July 23.—Msgr. Ambrose Acclari, O. F. M., Prefect Apostolic of the island of Rhodes, has been named first Archbishop of the reestablished Archdiocese of Rhodes.

The first evidence of Christianity on the island dates from the third century and, in the middle of the seventh century Rhodes had eleven suffragan sees. For more than two centuries the island was the headquarters of the Knights of St. John and formed a bulwark between Christendom and Islam until it fell into the hands of the Turks in 1522. For a time Rhodes became a titular bishopric, while Naxos inherited the metropolitan rights. On March 3, 1737, Rhodes became a titular archbishopric but the title was thereafter attached to the See of Malta. By a decree of the Congregation of the Propaganda, August 14, 1887, a Prefecture Apostolic, entrusted to the Franciscans, was established in the island of Rhodes.

Newspaper Writer At 'Secret' Mass In Mexico City

Milwaukee, Aug. 1.—To substantiate an assertion that "most religion has to be bootlegged in Mexico, and that the bootleggers are punished," Lindsay Hoben, of the Milwaukee Journal staff, writing from Mexico City, in his home publication, gives a vivid description of a secret Mass he attended. He says: "Shortly before 8 a. m. last Sunday the investigator took a cab to within a block of the house of a wealthy Mexican where the Mass was to be held. After knocking he was admitted and conducted through the patio into a large room. The shades were drawn. Soon the guests arrived, one by one, until 15 persons were present in a room at one side was a priest, clad in his vestments. From a place of hiding the host brought a white cloth bag in which were the chalice and candles, crucifix and other articles necessary for the celebration of the Mass. The host then acted as acolyte, assisting the priest in the forbidden celebration."

"When time came for Communion the servants were allowed to enter the main room and then shortly retired. Extreme nervousness reigned during the half hour of the Mass. At every strange sound or screech of automobile brakes on the streets the host looked nervously toward the window. "Despite thousands of secret Masses held in Mexico they are fraught with danger. The police may swoop down and arrest all present. Such unfortunates are hauled before high police officials, fined from 100 to 2,000 pesos (a peso is about 50 cents). Fines amounting to \$500 are not infrequent."

Los Angeles Priest Thanked By Native Japanese Bishop. Los Angeles, July 29.—Writing to the diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in appreciation of kindnesses shown him while in Los Angeles, the Rt. Rev. Januarius Hayasaka, Bishop of Nagasaki, among other things says: "If you join yourself to the Eucharistic Congress at Sydney via Japan, you are quite welcome at Nagasaki. Being the sanctuary of Japan, Nagasaki is really worth while to be visited from the Catholic point of view. They say there shall be a group of American Catholics going to the Congress, and the steamer, too, is destined to be a Japanese ship, which certainly will stop at Nagasaki. If I can find some friends of mine, I shall be very glad. "Thanking you again for your Catholic-like charity toward me and wishing you all success in your noble apostolic work, I remain, Reverend and dear Father, yours. "Januarius Hayasaka. " Bishop of Nagasaki."

U. S. Redemptorist Named Consul. Fresno, Calif., July 27.—The Redemptorist community at St. Alphonsus' church here has been advised by cablegram of the appointment of the Very Rev. Christopher D. McInerney, C. S. R., as American Consul to the Rector Major of the Redemptorist order at Rome. Father McInerney was stationed at St. Alphonsus' for three years, in charge of the Italian parishioners, leaving a year ago to be rector of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Detroit.