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Shifted?

We wondered if the New York "World" could survive the slaughter of Governor Smith last November and continue to support Governor Smith personally and the democratic principle they represented collectively. It would appear that such effort would be too much.

The "World" has supported Calles and his Mexican policy—Catholic suppression included. But it realized that it would be suicidal to attempt support of Alfred Emmanuel Smith and take the Calles side in Mexico. So Mexican affairs were relegated to the sticks. But when the election was over, straightway the "World" retracted its Mexican role and keeps it up.

The "World", apparently, wants Smith on the political shelf. It is not entirely sure whether Governor Smith is another undefined reason, the World outlines his policies. For this or another undefined reason, the World is trying hard to break apart politically the former and the present Governors of New York State. In our judgment, the World will not succeed in this.

Governor Smith may be perfectly sincere in wishing to retire to private life but, as he is a red-blooded man he declines to be forced to the rear by force or to see such treatment meted out to his friends. The Democratic National Committee is \$150,000 in debt. Before the anti-Smith men are to start out to regain control of the party machinery they will have to clear away this deficit.

If Al. Smith prefers to stay in the political storm, who is there to kick him out of the party—in debt. We expect to see Al. very much to the very first front rank when 1932 rolls round.

John Welder is one who will not be convinced that the old order passeth. "His harness business is greater now than before the advent of the automobile."

Even the autocratic Salvation Army is not immune from internal strife.

Works One Way Only.

In a recent statement the College of Cardinals of the Methodist Church, and the Anti-Saloon League that is the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, has this to say:—

We have no apology to make to any one because we used all the energy at our command in bringing about the election of Herbert Hoover as President and Charles Curtis as Vice President. The church has at no time spoken on moral questions as any corporation, big or little, has to speak on questions of industry, commerce or finance. The ministers of the church do not cease to be citizens when they take their ordination vows. Why had the dean of a Methodist university or a professor at Princeton or for that matter, a Presidential candidate or a Vice Presidential candidate or political manager a right to discuss the moral issues of the recent campaign which any Methodist preacher stands in his pulpit did not possess. A ministerial professor at a great university denounced the Assistant Attorney General of the United States as a freemason and made a tirade against his ministerial brethren for doing exactly what he was doing: taking the stand for the things in which they believed. The only difference was that they were standing for prohibition law and political order while their critic was following the leadership of Tammany Hall.

Of course, consistency is not one of the virtues of the Methodist Board of Christian Work or that of the Anti-Saloon League but we cannot refrain from pointing out that Mr. Charles Curtis is a freemason and the reserve to the position of Vice President upon which the Methodist Board of Christian Work is so insistent.

It is not the Methodist Board of Christian Work that is so insistent upon the moral of the French Revolution. It is the Catholic Church that is so insistent upon the moral of the French Revolution.

Continued.

To his already imposing string of newspapers, Mr. Frank E. Gannett, of Rochester, has added the Brooklyn "Eagle" that high-class, high-minded and independent newspaper made famous by St. Clair McKelway, as Chester Lord did for the New York Sun.

Naturally, Brooklynites are curious to know whether the "Eagle" under its new ownership will be continued along independent and high class lines. They have been reassured by the following letter from Mr. Gannett to Patrick F. Scanlan, managing editor of the Brooklyn "Tablet":—

January 10, 1929. My dear Sir: Let me assure you of my keen appreciation of your cordial letter of welcome. I am deeply touched by the way we have been received in this community, and I want to assure you of my keen appreciation.

The Eagle is a great institution, and I feel my responsibility in conducting it so that it will continue the wonderful work of the past. We will strive to increase its influence for the good of the community. In this work I know we shall have your co-operation and support.

In return let me assure you of my intense desire to help you in every way possible in the splendid work that you have been doing.

I hope my coming to Brooklyn will make it possible to become well acquainted and that I may have the opportunity in the near future to thank you personally for your friendly greeting.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) FRANK E. GANNETT, Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

With Cardinal Hayes and Archbishop Hanna as two of the consecrators, the elevation of Monsignor O'Hern to the episcopate will be an imposing ceremony.

The United States Supreme Court finds that the State of Illinois has a right to divert water of the Great Lakes in the interest of "deep waterways" but that Chicago has taken fifty per cent too much to operate its drainage canal in an effort to construct an adequate sewage disposal plant.

Change.

Traditions are good company and sometimes, the history of the past may be an earnest of the future. But it often happens, in the Church, that present requirement and custom must be patterned and proportioned to the present and not blue-printed as of the past. Change of custom is not a new thing. The Columbian of Columbus, Ohio has this to say along this line:—

The habits of all religious Orders are, of course, dependent on tradition. But tradition should not be used as a kind of torture, and in many cases the nuns' habits create almost that state of mind. Let someone sit with them in a stifling classroom in the torrid days of July and watch the expression on their faces, if this is not believed.

It may be said that a change of dress would be a too radical departure from tradition. But priests have already broken from the custom prevailing in Catholic countries of their using cassocks as street garb. They have freed themselves from the curious and sometimes impertinent stares of gaping yokels. There is all the more reason for the Sisters' being saved the embarrassment on the streets, in the street cars and railroads from being the cynosure of all eyes.

The welfare of their health and the respect in which we expect the world to hold them, suggest the removal of obstacles to the attainment of these things. It is a fact that the discomfort of their habits shortens the lives of nuns. And it is a fact that they are often embarrassed by thoughtless people. We are no exception in having felt that we'd like to slap the face of some stupid vulgarian who continues to stare at a Sister in the street car.

We realize that in religious Orders habits have become almost part of the Order's ideals and that changes approach the impossible. We appreciate also that in discussing the subject we may be requested to mind our own business, though not in such unkind words. It is our thought that discussion coming from the outside is more effective, since the Sisters themselves would be hesitant about broaching the subject.

At any rate, we are certain that moderation in the habits of certain of the Orders would result in more comfort, better health, and more freedom to go about their work unobtrusively.

Justice "Bradley", of Massachusetts is dead. A local copy reader never heard of that name so readers of the Rochester paper were informed very gravely that "Justice Bradley" had died.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, translated into French as "Mrs. Wiggs du Carre du Choux" is delighting French readers and players.

Not Bothered.

"Side Lights on Catholic Events" furnishes us this flattering slant on the relations of newspaper reporters and the Catholic clergy:—

Catholic clergymen and prelates sailing from or landing at the port of New York are bothered little by ship reporters who camp at the docks, ever on the alert for a "good story." It is not that the priests and bishops could not furnish good "copy" for them occasionally, but the reporters through years of experience have learned to respect the reserve of our "men of the cloth." They learn early in their careers that priests do not crave the headlines, so they turn their attention to other travelers who are not averse to seeing their names in the paper.

Another annoyance Catholic prelates usually escape is the autograph hunter, a pest who infests docks, hotels, banquet halls, any place he can corner a celebrity by his signature. He is seldom brazen enough to corner a bishop, and a cardinal, with his retinue, leaves the autograph hunter frozen in his tracks.

Motorists.

Isn't it terrible to be a motorist? Just read this secular paper editorial description of a new plague to torment the automobilists:—

Attention of automobile drivers may reasonably be called to that recent decision by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts that an automobile can be "operated" even though it is not in motion. If a person starts his motor and goes through the motions of preparing to drive away, he is legally "operating" his car. And if, at the moment he happens to be intoxicated, he may be arrested for "operating a car while intoxicated," whether the car has moved an inch or not.

The decision covers an important point and one on which a ruling was needed. The case arose from the arrest of a man who was charged with operating his car while intoxicated, and who set up the defense that he had not been operating his car, that he had done nothing more than turn on the lights. The officer who arrested him, however, testified that he had started his motor and was obviously preparing to drive away. Before the man could escape, the officer had placed him under arrest.

The case went to a jury and the presiding justice charged that if the defendant got into his automobile and "manipulated the machinery of the motor for the purpose of putting the automobile into motion," he was legally operating his car, whether it moved or not. A superior court sustained the view, which settles it so far as Massachusetts is concerned.

Arrests of intoxicated drivers should be simplified in the light of this construction of the law. In too many cases, the arrest does not result until a crash gives evidence that the driver is intoxicated. If an intoxicated person can be spotted entering an automobile, it would be a gain all around if he could be extracted from it before he had time to do any damage.

March 19, 1929, will be another red letter day in the Rochester Catholic calendar.

Senator Borah and Herbert Hoover are traveling in harness yet, so far as anybody knows.

Otto T. Bannard's death at sea recalls the days when Thomas C. Platt was "the easy Boss" of New York state.

New York apple growers must be prepared to meet changed conditions if they expect to compete with the Western growers.

The Rochester Automobile Club is not keen about a gasoline state tax but is preparing to be resigned to the inevitable.

Rochester music enthusiasts want good music in Rochester even if they do have to go into their own pockets pretty deep.

Roland B. Woodward will be the impelling force in the Chamber of Commerce whether his title be executive vice-president or General Secretary.

SIGRID UNDSET'S SUNDAY TRIPS TO HEAR MASS

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 14.—Sigrid Undset the distinguished Norwegian convert to Catholicism, who lives quietly on her farm near the little town of Lillehammer which has no Catholic church or chapel, travels an hour and a half by train to attend Mass in the neighboring town of Hamar.

The town of Lillehammer is much beholden to the famous authoress, who is a devout Catholic, for her many benefactions. When the townspeople, learning of her recent selection for the Noble prize in literature, sought to honor her with a banquet and a torchlight procession, Sigrid Undset requested that the money that would have been used for the reception be given as a Christmas present to the poor of Lillehammer. She is giving all of the Noble award to charitable institutions.



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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, January 27.—St. John Chrysostom, was born at Antioch in 344. In 374 he retired to a neighboring mountain where he remained of six years afterward returning to Antioch where he labored as a priest. He was ordained Bishop of Constantinople in 398. Although he was greatly beloved, his denunciations of vice made him numerous enemies and he was banished several times. He died in 407.

Monday, January 28.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, became Patriarch of that city in 412. Imprisoned and threatened with banishment because of his activities against Nestorius, the Saint rejoiced to confess Christ by suffering. In time it was recognized that St. Cyril was right and with him the Church triumphed. Forgetting his wrongs, and careless of controversial punctilio, Cyril then reconciled himself with all who would consent to hold the doctrine of the Incarnation intact. He died in 444.

Tuesday, January 29.—St. Francis of Assisi, was born of noble and pious parents near Assisi, A. D. 1181. After completing his education he was sent by the Duke of Savoy to restore the Church in the Chablais. Although at first rejected with insults and even threatened with death, he finally succeeded and it is asserted that he converted 72,000 Calvinists. He was made Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva and succeeded to the See in 1602. Together with St. Jane Frances of Chantal he founded the order of the Visitation. He died at Avignon in 1622 after having refused all honors including that of the See of Paris.

Wednesday, January 30.—St. Bathildes, Queen, was an English woman who was carried over to France while quite young and sold as a slave to Erkenwald, Mayor of the Palace under King Clovis II. When she grew up, the King took her for his royal consort. The King gave her his sanction for the protection of the Church and on his death she became regent of the Kingdom. In this capacity she did much to promote the cause of Christianity and filled France with hospitals and religious houses. As soon as her old coturno became old enough to govern he retired

to a convent at Chelles. She died January 30, 680.

Thursday, January 31.—St. Marcella, widow, after the death of her husband consecrated the remainder of her days to God and lived in a most abstemious manner. When the Goths under Alaric entered Rome in 410 the Saint was cruelly scourged in an attempt to make her reveal the hiding place of treasures she was believed to possess. Her entreaties, however, prevailed upon the barbarians to spare her spiritual daughter Principia. She died shortly afterwards.

Friday, February 1.—St. Brigid, Abbess and patroness of Ireland, was born in Ulster in 453. She consecrated her life to God and founded the first convent in Ireland. Later on she established many other religious houses and from the settlement that grew up around one of these institutions the town of Kildare, which later became a metropolitan see, was formed. She died February 1, 523.

Saturday, February 2.—The Purification or Candlemas-Day. On this day the Blessed Virgin complied with the law of Moses which provided that a woman should present her self at the temple to be purified a certain number of days after a child was born. Although the Blessed Virgin did not come under this law since the Saviour was conceived by the Holy Ghost and His mother remained always a spotless virgin, nevertheless she complied with great punctuality. The feast is called Candlemas because the Church blesses the candles to be borne in the procession of the day.

Dominican Scholar Dies On West Coast

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Los Angeles, Jan. 19.—The Rev. James A. Hunt, O. P. S., noted scholar of the Dominican Order on the west coast, died here Sunday. A solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated at the Cathedral of Los Angeles Wednesday. Father Hunt was buried at St. Dominic's, Benicia, Thursday. Father Hunt was born in Wyoming, Feb. 12, 1876. A non-Catholic, he was converted by one of the priests at St. Dominic's. His mother, now dead, became a Catholic at the same time. Father Hunt was stationed for some time at Portland, Ore., before becoming prior of St. Dominic's Church, Los Angeles, which post he held at the time of his death.

Mrs. M. J. O'Fallon Re-elected Head of Denver's N. C. C. W.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Denver, Colo., Jan. 22.—Mrs. M. J. O'Fallon was re-elected president of the Denver Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women at its third annual convention just held here. Mrs. O'Fallon is a member of the national board of directors of the N. C. C. W.

The Rt. Rev. J. Henry Thien, Bishop of Denver, who delivered an address at the opening of the meeting, complimented the Council on the remarkable work it has accomplished. "Catholic womanhood," he said to the 200 delegates, "stand for the things God expects of you today. Be not discouraged—stand alone if need be and ask, with your dying breath, for successors."

For the convenience of members, it was decided at the meeting to hold future annual conventions in November instead of January. The convention voiced "emphatic protest against legalizing the dissemination of information on the anti-Christian practices in family control recommended an adequate living wage as a relief of the situation. Other resolutions endorsed the program of the National Council of Catholic Men for the "defense and exposition" of the true Catholic teachings, and urged the advancement of study clubs as a means of developing Catholic leaders.

Rev. William Brooks Dies In Washington

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The Rev. William Brooks, S. J., first assistant pastor of St. Aloysius' Church, died suddenly yesterday at Georgetown University Hospital.

Father Brooks, who had been ill of heart disease, expected to return to his parish within a week. The Rev. Paul McNally, director of the Georgetown University Observatory, was with him at the time of death. Father Brooks is survived by three sisters, and by a brother. He had been at St. Aloysius for more than 18 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow.