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### Beat It!

While we cannot conceive that a New York State Legislature, in the face of the united opposition of the Bar Associations and Medical Societies, ever would pass the bill championed by the Margaret Sangers and her ilk to legalize race suicide under the guise of imparting knowledge of birth control methods.

Nevertheless, there is a determined and persistent drive in progress to force a favorable report on this infamous proposition from the legislative committee. If a favorable report be voted then the various organizations of the wealthy women who shrink from maternity and also want to limit or eliminate the families of their poorer associates. It should be defeated.

No matter what the ostensible reason, the mother in India who drowns her girl babies is not one whit more civilized than the educated American who proposes child murder under the guise of birth control.

But they do not advocate continuance nor do they propose to practice it!

Probably, the best solution of the school tax controversy is postponement of consideration at least until after next fall's election and see who controls the new City Council.

### Catholic Press.

Gratifying it is to note the interest taken by the American hierarchy in the Catholic press. For years the Catholic press in company with nearly all weekly papers that were not subsidized as the agent of corporation propaganda, struggled along with little hope of ultimate financial success. Many Catholic papers were started only to die in a few years. To-day with the hierarchy and the resources of the National Catholic Welfare Council drawn upon to furnish us at a price within our means a Catholic news press service worthy of the name the Catholic press is in a fair way to become what it should be.

February is now set aside as "Catholic press month" and Bishop McDevitt, chairman of the Press and Literature Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council has issued a letter to the Bishops and Priests, in which he says:—

If a reason were sought for the support of the Catholic Press, a most convincing one will be found by a glance at the Presidential campaign of 1928, when a numerous body of voters made religion a political issue. In utter defiance of the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the Nation, they counted as a disability the creed of a Catholic who was nominated by one of the major political parties to the highest office in our Government.

With the splendid service rendered by the Catholic Press to religion and truth still fresh in memory, surely those who direct Catholic papers and magazines have a just warrant to ask for the generous and loyal support of the clergy and laity of the United States. The response to this appeal should be prompt and hearty, not only because of the high mission to which the Catholic Press is dedicated, but also because of the intrinsic merit of our Catholic publications, which in excellence suffer nothing from comparison with the secular press and stand far above the vast majority of the sectarian periodicals.

In the name of the Press Service of the National Catholic Welfare Council, I urge our Catholic people during the month of February to give our Holy Father his dedicated Catholic Press Month. Let us unite in the welfare and progress of our Catholic press.

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### At It Again!

Not yet satisfied and seeking to keep the torch of intolerance still burning the Hefflin and allied bigots have resumed business at the old stand.

In the United States Senate—Just as a forcible reminder of Oscar Underwood's passing—Hefflin seized upon the naval cruiser bill as a vehicle for several vituperative harangues against the Catholic Church.

In Ohio, Michigan and Nebraska, the bigots have introduced in the state legislatures bills to compel Bible reading in all schools, not only public but in parochial schools as well. And in Nebraska it is proposed to force the King James version of the Bible into Catholic schools—which are not supported by the taxpayers at all—by giving the district school superintendent power to designate the version to be used.

To be sure the present United States Supreme Court could be depended upon to declare such laws, if enacted, unconstitutional, but the personnel of the Supreme Court might change!

Eternal vigilance is needed, if liberty is to continue.

The Prince of Wales, was deeply impressed with the squalor he saw among the idle miners. But just what can he do to alleviate it?

### Immigration.

Bigots and birth control propagandists are united in their desire to restrict immigration as much as possible, and to try to shut out all immigration from Catholic countries. A recent editorial in the Democrat & Chronicle goes far to substantiate this opinion. This editorial goes on to say:—

"Albert Johnson, chairman of the House Committee on Immigration knows more about immigration than any one in Congress, if not in the country, and it seems to be the rule that the more one knows about the subject, the stronger he stands for sharp restriction.

"It is not surprising to learn that Mr. Johnson and his committee favor cutting the quotas from the present two per cent. to one per cent. of the nationals of any country here in 1890. Moreover, the plan would prohibit the entry of more than 20,000 from any country. That would affect Mexico and Canada, as well as Germany, which has a present quota of 61,227. During the past year 59,000 came from Mexico and 73,154 from Canada. The illegal entries, however, are estimated by the tens of thousands.

"The present immigration law has been a powerful factor in maintaining a high standard of living in the country, but further restrictions and a much improved system of enforcement of the law would add greatly to the benefits. A long line of problems arising from excess immigrations would be diminished gradually.

"There is no need to increase the population of the country from the outside, much less to add to the Mexican population in the Southwest. It is false economy to employ cheap Mexican labor now and build up a serious future racial problem."

The Rockefeller-Stewart controversy reminds one of Edward Lauterbach's remark to Joseph H. Choate when the latter had increased Mr. Lauterbach's fee in a railroad case from \$500 to \$2,500:—"Mr. Choate, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

### Stands Like A Rock.

What we Catholics discovered and passed through in the last year or so is no new experience. It happens every so often, once in every twenty years, on the average. Father Gillis, of the Catholic World, even Commercial Litterateur Will Rogers, scented it. But many of us felt so confident that the storm clouds of bigotry and intolerance had been dispelled that we could not be convinced otherwise.

We had not reckoned sufficiently on the ingrained prejudice against Catholics that has existed in South and West, and Middle Atlantic rural communities. Neither did we give sufficient weight to the twin of religious intolerance social snobbery.

Between the two, plus the Southern antipathy toward the Northern— which still exists in certain localities and is cherished even by Southern Catholics—our faith in the innate love for fair play supposedly enshrined deeply in every American heart was jolted a bit.

But, as Father Keenan pointed out at St. Mary's Holy Name Society banquet, the Catholic Church has not been pushed off her pedestal and she is the bulwark of the American Republic. Daily Catholic life and conduct will wear down prejudice, however deeply seated.

Just as an object lesson—Macon County, Missouri, fifty-two years ago voted to issue \$350,000 in bonds to aid in the building of a railroad. The road was not built according to agreement and the bonds were repudiated. Litigation has been in progress ever since and Macon County has been mulcted of \$750,000 to pay off the bonds!

### What Price Education?

An unbiased observer cannot help wondering, after reading the following letter left behind by Harry Dreitzer, one of the three youths executed for murdering Patrolman Kelly, of Brooklyn, whether our much vaunted education is worth the price paid.

Rev. Dr. Katz—It is now 10:20 P. M. and in just a scant forty minutes I will have stepped beyond the ken of human knowledge. I happen to be one of the minority of unfortunates who can guess the exact minute of my departure from this land of the living. And what are my thoughts? A short time ago I bade by parents and sisters goodbye. Therefore my thoughts are with them. Practically the only kind act a very unkind God bestowed upon me was by granting the best father and the most wonderful sisters in the world. I had a fine education, but few advantages, and now at the age of 22 I go to oblivion. Why, what, when? Ah, well, such is the mystery of life. For myself I don't care, I am reconciled to my fate and I laugh at all man-made contraptions which are alleged to deal you swift and painless death. Surcease from all earthly travail—for me, and I'm glad. Life was never a path of roses for me and I cannot even boast one day of complete happiness. Goodbye and God bless you. Respectfully, HARRY DREITZER.

### Keeping Up Grades.

What Patrick F. Scanlan, managing editor of the Brooklyn "Tablet" has to say in the following paragraphs, we suspect, is applicable to about nine-tenths of the indorsements given to this or that product, liquid, narcotic, opiate or what not that graces so many advertising columns:—

Like those rude professionals who endorse anything from a nutmeg grater to a pair of pants, if the consideration is proper, Christian Cagle the great Army back, is capitalizing on his football skill. Chris recently endorsed a portable typewriter. In one of his rotogravures he says, or is made to say: "I wouldn't be without my portable. It is the greatest aid I ever knew in keeping up my grades—and you know Army grades."

Now at West Point they publish a little gray book called Official Register of Officers and Cadets, which contains the grades. On page 49 appears Cadet Cagle's standing in a class of 266 for last year. Thus we find he was two hundred thirty-second in mathematics, two hundred seventh in English, two hundred thirty-seventh in French, two hundred thirty-ninth in history, two hundred eleventh in drawing, two hundred twelfth in tactics and one hundred twenty-second in conduct. This brought Cadet Cagle out in two hundred thirty-seventh position in his class of 266, with a point total of 549.59 out of a possible 745; the lowest in the class being 532.46. But without the aid of his portable, who knows where Cadet Cagle would have finished?

Never take advertisements bearing the endorsement of a prominent athlete or actress seriously. In nine cases out of ten false claims are made and its dollars to doughnuts the quoted one never uses the article.

The English courts have decided that if one golf player is hurt by another he cannot obtain damages or compensation because his injury is held to be one of the natural hazards of a highly hazardous game and a player must take whatever comes his way.

A Catholic woman who was of real service to her sex passed to her last reward the other day. She was Mrs. Belle Guerin, founder of the Catholic Woman's League of Canada which now numbers over 100,000 members.

Mussolini has not lost prestige by reaching an amicable settlement of the long standing dispute between the Vatican and the Quirinal.

### TO THE PUBLIC:

We desire to publicly deny that The Catholic Journal will cease publication. Some unscrupulous and irresponsible person is circulating a false statement to the effect that The Catholic Journal will not be in existence after March 1, 1929. This is a deliberate falsehood, and we intend to prosecute the circulator of this lie to the full extent of the law.

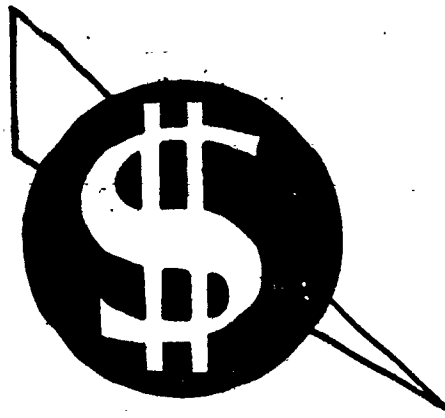
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Sunday, February 1.—St. Flavian, Bishop, martyr, was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 447. From the first he was destined to conflict and persecution and in 448 was faced with the grave problem of condemning the heresy of the monk Eutyches. In the difficulties which arose St. Flavian was abused and carried banishment.

Monday, February 18.—St. Simeon, Bishop, martyr, was the son of Cleophas, otherwise called Alphaeus, brother of St. Joseph, and of Mary, sister to the Blessed Virgin. He was therefore nephew both to St. Joseph and to the Blessed Virgin and a cousin to Our Saviour. When the Jews massacred St. James the Lesser, his brother Simeon reproached them for their atrocious cruelty and was chosen to succeed his brother as Bishop of Jerusalem. He died in the year 107 after having undergone horrible tortures for several days, despite his 120 years of age.

Tuesday, February 19.—St. Barabas, Bishop, was born in the territory of Benevento in Italy, toward the end of the pontificate of St. Gregory the Great, in the beginning of the seventh century. Taking Holy Orders he was immediately employed by his bishop in preaching, for which he had an extraordinary talent, and, after some time, was made curate of St. Basil's in Morcona, a town near Benevento. His parishioners were steeled in irregularities and persecuted and slandered him so that he was forced to withdraw his charitable work among them. He was received at Benevento with joy. He banished superstition which was rampant in the state. He died February 29, 682, at the age of 70.

Wednesday, February 20.—St. Eucherius, Bishop, was born at Orleans, of a very illustrious family. He decided to quit the world and about the year 714 retired to the abbey of Jumiege in Normandy. He was consecrated in 721 and banished by Charles Martel in 737. He devoted himself to prayer and meditation until his death in 743.

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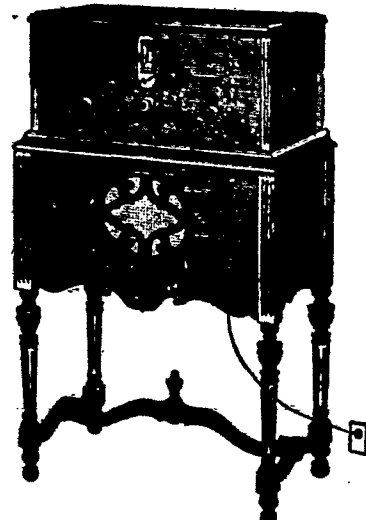
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