

The Catholic Courier And Journal

Official Paper of the Diocese of Rochester Published at 127 Andrews St., every Friday by THE CATHOLIC COURIER AND JOURNAL, Inc.

Courier Established 1929 Journal Established 1889 Subscribed to the N. C. W. C. News Service

SUBSCRIPTION RATES Payable in Advance One Year \$2.50 Foreign, one year 3.00

Editorial Staff: Priests of the Diocese, Maurice F. Sammons, Managing Editor

All communications for publication must be signed with the name and address of the writer, and must be in the Courier office by Tuesday preceding the date of publication.

Friday, January 17, 1930.

NO SUNDAY IN RUSSIA

Hereafter there will be no Sunday in Russia. The Soviet government, determined to kill all religion, has banished the day.

Having communized the time, the Soviet Government is proceeding with the communization of the land. On the lower Volga, where there are many frugal Germans, 500,000 acres of land have been seized by the Government, to be communized.

The Germans, loving their homes and loving their children, are preparing to move out of the country. Not all of them, unfortunately, will be able to do this.

Thank God, therefore, that we are living in a land like America. Even with its petty troubles—and they are petty, compared to Russia— we have golden skies and glad hearts, and happy, companionable lives.

THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS

In Siao-Pang, Hankow, China, where the blood of many martyrs has sanctified the soil and enriched the Church, Bishop Trudo Jans and two of his priests were murdered by bandits last September.

The highest public officials, civil and military, and the entire population of Ichang attended the funeral. For Bishop Jans was rarely well beloved. Protestants and Buddhists eulogized him, and wept at his casket, and at the cemetery a Chinese Colonel threw himself upon the ground, embraced the casket, kissed it and wept bitterly.

At the battle of Borodino, an enemy cannon had a perfect range on a line of Napoleon's soldiers. One shot killed 28 men who were in the line.

Gov. Smith has been appointed Governor Roosevelt as a Trustee of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

Advice to Youth

First, Let the Fear of Him who form'd thy Frame, Whose Hand sustain'd thee e'er thou hadst a Name, Who brought thee into Birth, with Pow'r of Thought

Walk'd by the Call of Man, an early Kneer, Ere the World thrust between thy God and thee, Let thy pure Orisons, ascending, gain His Ear, and Succour of His Grace obtain.

To Him intrust thy Slumbers, and prepare The fragrant Incense of thy Evening Prayer. But first tread back the Day, with Search severe, And Conscience, chiding or applauding, hear.

Life is a shelvy Sea, the Passage fear, And not without a skilful Pilot steer. Distrust thy Youth, experienced Age implore.

DISCUSSING QUEER SUBJECTS

By a strange and happy coincidence, the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "Christian Education of the Young" reached the daily papers of America about the same time that the Association of University professors started kicking up a lot of dust because the University of Missouri dismissed two male members of its faculty for distributing a "sex questionnaire" among the students, boys and girls alike.

Apparently the President of the University of Missouri, Stratton D. Brooks, and his Board of Curators, are terribly old-fashioned—too much so for the Association Professors who think they can discuss sex and sex before mixed classes of students, just as they discuss alligators, logarithms, astronomy and poetry.

On top of that, the committee of protesting professors solemnly testified that "he had been frequently consulted by students about the very issues that are raised in the questionnaire concerning the sex code and the moral ideals that are involved in engagement and marriage.

No mention is made about the morals or ethics of taking young ladies out and knocking them over the heads with a hammer, as a college professor—a married man, at that—who believed in sex discussion, did with a girl student not long ago.

"Greatly dangerous is that naturalism which invades the field of education, and widely diffused is the error of those who, with dangerous pretention and ugly words, promote so-called sexual education, falsely pretending to be able to fortify the young against the dangers of the senses; and, worse still, with exposing them for a time to the trials in order to harden the soul against such perils.

This is plain language, worded as though it were meant to hit the very heads of the Association of professors who verbally trounced the President of the University of Missouri for dismissing two sex educators from the faculty of the school.

Gov. Smith has been appointed Governor Roosevelt as a Trustee of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

The Verdict of Time and Catholics

For 1900 years the Catholic Church has been teaching exactly the same identical truths. Those truths have successfully stood the test of time. They have been accepted by the greatest intellects the world has produced, and they have consequently the quality of stability and permanency that are an antecedent proof of their credibility, because errors and falsehood cannot endure.

HAUY, THE FATHER OF SCIENTIFIC CRYSTALLOGRAPHY WAS A CATHOLIC PRIEST

Professors are boastfully upholding—the free mingling of the sexes, the "frank and frequent discussions of sex matters in fraternity and sorority houses by the girls with their boy friends," and two smirking gentlemen distributing a questionnaire to boys and girls alike, sitting side by side in study halls and class rooms, to have them write down what they thought about it all.

INCONSISTENT PEDDLERS OF PROOFS

The very people who make a profession of accepting only what can be proved, do not live by any such rule. Perhaps one who tried to live consistently by such a rule would land in an insane asylum.

Does not the very fact of living imply some faith? Surely it means a belief in some things one has not proved and one cannot prove. Such a faith may be merely natural, but it is a genuine faith just the same, inasmuch as it is a belief in what cannot be demonstrated.

For example, such people would be indignant and insulted, if one were to question their royal lineage, their parentage. But from the very nature of the case they cannot know who were their parents. It must be taken on the statement of others; their own personal investigation will not verify it.

be a world panic. Men, women and children at one another's throat. In fact, a panic is merely a loss of commercial faith.

Our friend, the scientist, among whom we number the inconsistent peddlers of proofs, could not get started on an experiment if he did not have faith in some things. Except by faith, how can he be sure that someone has not tampered with his scales, or adulterated his reagents? Some people are of this suspicious disposition, but we all know of what it is a symptom and where it leads if unchecked.

May we then risk the logical deduction? The scientist who attempts to face the universe and life without faith, human faith, is unscientific. The construction engineer who builds a bridge according to a particular formula for calculating stresses, granting good material and workmanship, and the bridge crashes down, knows that the formula was wrong.

As a proof of God's "almighty and eternal" power unto peace, we read in the Gospel of the first great public miracle of His Divine Son: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him."

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

There was a terrible accident in New York City the other day. Seventeen people were arrested for violating the Prohibition law.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is limping. He hurt his ankle in a bad fall. No, he wasn't. He slipped on the ice.

Beware of superstition! A colored gentleman, strapped to an operating table in the surgery of a hospital at Mt. Holly, N. J., heard a door open, and looked up and beheld moving quietly towards him a physician wearing a robe of white from head to foot. Emitting a wild shriek, the colored gentleman broke the straps that bound him to the table, leaped through a window and ran for his life, clad only in a hazy surgical nightgown.

Wing Fu, Ching Su, and their countrymen are setting us good examples, patronizingly as some of us may feel towards the Oriental. The Catholics of China offered up many thousands of Holy Communion for Pope Pius XI on the occasion of the 50th Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, and they subscribed \$10,000 in gold as a gift to him.

The same wonderful spirit was manifested throughout the mission world. Catholics of India offered up thousands of Holy Communion and oversubscribed a fund of \$35,000 for the purchase of a permanent residence for the Apostolic Delegate as a gift to the Pope.

Fanatics do not like cold truths, any more than connoisseurs like cold soup. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, said in a recent talk:

"The cure for false democracy is true democracy. It is not, and cannot be, the return to despotism under any form, however attractive that may appear to be. Privileged individuals and privileged classes sooner or later become preying individuals, and preying classes.

He said plenty of other things along the same line, too, giving special attention to fanatics on laws. Wherefore, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., political barter for the Methodist Board of Public Morals, and his associates, heave a healthy brick at Dr. Butler in a recent document announcing how America shall be governed in the future.

Our neighboring city of Auburn, with a population of 35,677 in 1925, arrested 1,082 law violators last year. Exactly one-half of that number was for public intoxication, indicating that Auburn has the reverse gears on the Volstead Law. But Auburn isn't alone in this matter. Many other cities in the country show a similar condition, indicating that the "noble experiment" operates from both ends. Auburn, and kindred cities, will be interested in a violent proclamation just issued by the Board of Temperance and Social Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through the political Bishop Cannon, attacking the foreign-born population of America for being boozers; attacking some of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church for their ever-increasing assaults upon the sacred Prohibition Law, demanding that all users of liquor be made criminals by law, and that the President call out the U. S. Army, if necessary to enforce this sacred bit of buncombe that has brought more crime to America than any or all other causes in the past 10 years.

Sunday's Liturgy

By Dom Roger Schoenbecker, O.S.B.

Jan. 19 Second Sunday After Epiphany

(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News Service by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn.)

Collect of the Mass: "Almighty and eternal God, who governest all things both in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace in our time. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen."

The Mass for the second Sunday after Epiphany is usually considered in the light and doctrine of the Gospel reading for the day, which narrates the marriage feast of Cana.

brated in honor of the Prince of peace, who came to bring "peace to men of good will."

The world is uttering constant cries for peace. The Church too perceives this intense desire for peace and harmony among men and nations. The liturgy for today is a fitting expression of that desire.

In asking God for peace Mother Church proceeds in a sort of reasoning way, much like Moses of old. She appeals to God "who governs all things both in heaven and on earth" (Collect). She recognizes the supreme sovereignty of God over the universe before she dares to ask Him to "mercifully hear the prayers of His people."

It is God who not only maintains order in the world but also created it. He is the author and guide of the physical and of the moral order. If disruptions in the moral set in, these are due only to the permissive will of God and the perverse wills of men, who refuse to accede to the wishes of the Creator. For this reason there is an intimate relation between the acknowledgement of God's rights over the affairs of men and

the establishment of peace and order in the world. Hence the Church invites all today: "Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee" (Introit) and reminds us that God is the ruling and governing power over all things (Collect). This is the great principle, only too often forgotten, that alone can establish future peace among men and nations.

As a proof of God's "almighty and eternal" power unto peace, we read in the Gospel of the first great public miracle of His Divine Son: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him."

Reading the Epistle in connection with the theme just suggested, we find therein a royal road and divine plan for true Christian peace, the maintaining of which is: "Loving one another, with the charity of brotherhood, with honor preventing one another . . . being of one mind one towards another." Only in this way can we rightfully expect that God will "grant us His peace in our time" and for all time to come.

Cave Used As Church In Persecution Days Is Found In Norway

Louvain, Jan. 17.—In the Telemarken forests of Norway, two wood-choppers have discovered a large cave which, according to tradition, served at the time of the introduction of Protestantism in the Scandinavian lands, as a church where the tracked adherents of the old Faith worshipped. The knowledge of the existence of the cave persisted through the centuries, but its whereabouts remained unknown, despite repeated search for it, until the woodsmen found it.