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A FRATERNITY WITH A HEART

The Knights of Columbus organization is a fraternity with a heart. The Supreme officers of this great organization, in session in New Haven, Conn., the other day, received a request for assistance from the American Consul General at San Domingo. They promptly voted to donate a fund of \$25,000 for this work, and for relief of the drought sufferers in the Middle West.

Many times in the past the Knights of Columbus have taken similar action. The Galveston flood and other great tragedies found the Knights at the front when relief work was started. No strings are tied to their charity work. They never go into a stricken community looking for brother Knights, or for stricken Catholics. They go into one and all places to do charity work of the broadest kind—good Samaritans, humbly glad they are privileged to do God's work for the poor, the injured, the sick and the needy. They are to be commended in this splendid demonstration of the true Catholicity of their order.

HOW CRIME HAS GROWN

The Travelers' Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., recently completed a survey on crime conditions in eighty-five cities having a combined population of more than twenty-five millions of people. The survey shows that total arrests last year amounted to 2,358,428 in these eighty-five cities. Of this number, 439,357 were because of intoxication and liquor law violations. Arrests for such offenses as robbery and burglary numbered 76,360, while those on account of traffic law violations totaled 1,091,963.

As forty-six of the eighty-eight cities reported arrests for 1920 as well as for last year, the following survey is based on the comparative figures of these forty-six municipalities. Total arrests ten years ago numbered 738,896 as against 1,841,-942 last year, an increase of 149.28 per cent. Arrests for intoxication and liquor law violations increased from 120,800 to 315,748, a gain of 161.38 per cent. Robbery, burglary and theft crimes led to the arrest of 16,905 ten years ago as against 52,751 last year, an increase of 212.04 per cent. Traffic law violations accounted for 200,267 arrests a decade ago, while last year they were 869,218, an increase of 334.03 per cent.

Arrests for robbery, burglary and thefts gained in percentage more than ten times as much as the population. The intoxication arrests increased more than seven times as much, while arrests for traffic law violations increased more than sixteen times as much. An analysis of the traffic law violations shows that approximately nine thousand traffic law violators were also accused of intoxication while driving.

This survey carries no comfort to law-abiding citizens. There isn't a bright spot in the whole thing. Crime of all kinds has increased frightfully, and the survey further shows that our record of arrests and convictions is a bad one. For instance, in one city where more than one thousand burglaries were committed, only thirty arrests were made. In another city where 1,475 thefts were reported, the airests numbered only 168.

Champions of the Prohibition law-who read of the number of arrests for intoxication cannot help having a feeling of horror, if they are sincere. A gain of 16138 per cent in such arrests in ten years isn't getting us to the millenium of sobriety. While many of the other crimes may rightly be laid to the Prohibition law. there are many others which cannot be credited to that festering spot of crime. The conclusion cannot be escaped that America is badly in need of strenuous reform and corrective measures. We believe the growing disrespect for religion has much to do with the growing percentage of crime, and that thoughtful people of all churches should take action towards checking this appalling national procesn towards perdition.

Country Churches

Symbols of faith, they lift their reaching spires

Above green groves down many a country way;

And on the wide plains there are altar

That light the forms of those who kneel to pray.

Oh, I have seen them stand knee-deep in wheat;

White country churches rising from

White country churches rising from
the sod,
Where men in gratitude for bread to eat,
Have paused and reared their altars
to their God,

Symbols they stand, of mankind's daily need;
The urgent need to pray, the need to

Without their altars men grow blind

indeed,
And grope bewildered down unlightened ways.
The look of God is over every land
Where men have tolled—and where

The look of God is over every land
Where men have tolled—and where
their-churches-stand.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

IN OLD SANTO DOMINGO

than five thousand injured, more than thirty millions of property damage done, more than half the city of Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic on the island of Haiti, destroyed—thus is the world reminded of the feebleness of man. A tropical hurricane of unusually violent proportions caused this great disaster a few days—ago. Describing the ruin wrought, the reliable Associated Press tells us:

"The famous cathedral, which has stood against the hand of man and the hand of time for 400 years and is a jewel of architecture, was among the buildings that escaped destruction."

Working and walking among the dead and the dying, the rescuers are workingand walking on ground of tremendous historic interest to the New World, Here Columbus lived for several years, and from this island he made, in chains, his last voyage to Spain. He discovered the island in 1492, and penetrated it as far as a high and commanding hill, which he named Santo Cerro-Holy Hill-where he erected a wooden cross in thanksgiving to God. Here his body was interred, the bodies of several of his relatives, and to-day his tomb, undamaged by Time, or wars, or hurricanes, stands guard over the awful desolation now faced by the inhabitants.

The old Cathedral, standing like a sad mother above her dead children, is mother not only to Santo Domingo, but to all the Americas. For as Santo Domingo is the white man's most ancient city on the new continent, the Cathedral is his most ancient church, and the see of Santo Domingo the mother see of the New World. The see was established by Pope Leo X. in 1513. One year later the first Bishop of the Americas, Alessandro Giraldini, commenced the erection of the historic cathedral, now so happily preserved from destruction. Twenty-six years later, in 1540, the structure was completed. All these years it has faced tropical storms, bloody wars, feuds between white men and black men, the cannon of British and French invaders, fire and desolation, and still stands, proud proclaimer of the Faith of Columbus and of the proud champion of the religion of the early settlers and explorers of this Continent. Within its walls are many priceless historic treasures, among them part of the very Cross erected by Christopher Columbus on Santo Gerro, the Holy Hill:

In 1547 Pope Paul III made Santo Domingo the metropolitan see of the New World. Other churches were erected in Santo Domingo, and among the historic ruins of the city are several ancient convents and a Franciscan Church, conquered by Time, but still fervent champions of Faith.

In 1586 Sir Francis Drake, English navigator, turned his guns upon the city, and burned section after section to the ground, until the terrified inhabitants paid him a ransom of thirty thousand crowns. Happily, the old Cathedral escaped his wrath. More than two centuries later, in 1795, the entire island was ceded to France, pawn for a bloody war, but it came back to Spain in 1814, after Napoleon's true had set at Waterland

sun had set at Waterloo. Toussaint L'Overture, black man of historic fame, champion of liberty and leader of his people, fought here, and died, victim of accursed treachery by the white man. His fame, like a torch, still lights the island. In 1844 Santo Domingo, emerging from a bloody revolution, became a Republic, and in 1916 the United States extended a protecting arm over the land, with five thousand Marines upholding the arm. Six years later Archbishop Nouel of Santo Domingo told the world the occupation of the island by the United States was in no way based on any prin-

ciples of right or justice. Nearly all of the million inhabitants of the island are Catholic. Blood of Spain, blood of pirate and buccaneer, blood of black man, of Indian and of white man, all are intermixed in the veins of the inhabitants. But in all the tragedies and vicissitudes, in all the trials and disasters of the four hundred and thirty-eight years of historic life of the island, the people have never torn from their land or their hearts the Cross erected by Christopher Columbus. That still is there, the pride and the consolation of a stricken people. And we may be sure that black man and white man, Spaniard, Indian and African, and all the intermixtures the centuries have

Catholics Believe Christ

instituted seven Sacraments—Baptism, Confirmation, Penance (Confession), Holy Eucharist (Mass and Holy Communion), Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony. These Sacraments are seven channels whereby God's grace is communicated to our souls. (The Sacraments are treated clearly and fully in Cardinal Gibbons' book, "Faith of Our Fathers," published by John Murphy Co., Baltimore, Md.)

THE MAINLAND OF NORTH AMERICA WAS DISCOVERED BY JOHN-CABOT, A CATHOLIC, JUNE 24, 1497

brought, will look with reverent and grateful eyes upon the Cathedral walls and Cross and, out of the misery of their own desolation, will thank Almighty God for the preservation of their beloved church.

Meanwhile, all the world is reaching Christian hands of help and hope towards this historic city and its people, and the Red Cross is taking charge of rescue work with commendable speed. It is happy to note that the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada immediately placed all its resources at the disposal of the Red Cross for the relief of the people of Santo Domingo. For even thus has the Cross erected by Columbus reached its arms over all the Continent—an emblem of Faith, emblem of hope, love and charity.

TREE SITTING

Aloysius O'Reilly, twelve years old, sat in a tree for forty-two days. When he came down he knew all about rough bark, stiff knees, sore joints, variable winds, indigestion and mental agony.

"Isn't he the wonderful boy?" said some of the neighbors.

Patrick Rafferty, twelve years old, sat in a parochial school for forty-two days. He came home afternoons, of course, and went to bed at night as regular as clockwork. When the forty-two days were up he knew a great deal about the Commandments of God, the Precepts of the Church, the seven Sacraments, prayer, sacrifice, the meaning of the Mass, and geography, history, arithmetic, poetry, writing and other things.

"Ish't he the wonderful boy?" said all of the neighbors.

Aloysius O'Reilly walked, for days and days, as if a bull-dog were running between his legs.

Patricki Rafferty walked, all of the time, with body erect, head high, a smile on his face, joy in his heart and a feeling of kinship with the gladness and beauty of the world.

"My boy," said Mrs. O'Reilly, proudly, "is the champion tree sitter of the State."

"That Rafferty boy," said Sister Mary, principal of the parish school, "is the joy to the heart of everyone who meets him."

Keep your boy's body, and his mind, too, out of the trees.

THE GUTENBERG BIBLE

More than three thousand books, all of them printed before the year 1,500, have been acquired by the Congressional Library in Washington, and will be preserved there and treasured. Rarest of all in the collection is a Gutenberg Bible. There are only two other similar books in existence. This Bible is printed on vellum, and it is fifteen inches wide and eighteen inches long. Dr. Otto F. H. Vollvehr of Berlin, from whose collection of rare books all of these books were obtained, paid \$305,000 for this Bible four years ago.

The Gutenberg Bible was printed between the years 1,450 and 1,456, before Martin Luther was born, and long before any of the so-called "emancipators" of the Bible saw the light of day. Benedictine monks of the Carinthian Abbey in South Austria preserved it and treasured it all these long years, until it was obtained by 19r. Vollvehr.

This Bible will be displayed in a glass case in the Congressional Library in Washington. It will be a treasured exhibit of the art of printing five hundred years ago. But it will be a still more treasured exhibit of the fact that monks of the Catholic Church preserved it for the ages—preserved it and taught its truths; preserved not only the printed words, but its spirit, and its ideals.

No one will accuse the Government of the United States of "chaining" the Bible or of "keeping it from the people," because the Government guards it securely in the Congressional Library. The Government guards it because it is a rare and precious book. This is exactly why the Church guarded it and watched it centuries ago-because it was a rare and precious book; because the art of printing at that time was such a slow and painstaking art that only a few books were printed, and in order to preserve them for the world and for future generations it was necessary to keep them treasured and guarded in monasteries and elsewhere. The world to-day would have no Bible were it not for the Catholic Church. It is well to remember that when we talk or think about the Bible.

CRIME PREVENTION

Gangsters come from gangs. Gangs are recruited from the boyhood of a block, or district. "Chicago Wars on Gangsters," and "New York Out to Fight Gangsters" are common headlines in daily papers. Usually they mean nothing, just political bunk.

But there is a way to fight gangs and gangsters. It is an effective way. Of course, the best way of all, and the surest way, is to watch the boy, train him properly, educate him correctly, teach him to love God and the things of God, and to respect the rights of his fellow-man. If these were done with all boys there would be no gangs or gangsters. But it is not done with all boys, nor even with a very large percentage of all boys.

There is another way, not as effective, but a good way to fight gangs and gang-Commissioner Mulrooney of the New York police force is following that way, and is training his men to follow it. This year the police of New York City conducted seventeen summer excursions, by land and water, from the congested districts of the city, to lakes and mountains. These excursions were free. The trips were free, the food was free, and the pop and candy were free. A total of 12, 595 women, needy mothers, and of 24,682 children were taken on these excursions. The total cost was \$36,052.50. Every penny of this was subscribed by the police officers themselves, and all offers of outside aid were refused.

The purpose of all this is to make friends with the children from the poorer districts, the districts in which gangs and gangsters are usually numerous and aggressive, and to make friends with the mothers. Commissioner Mulrooney sums up the work in this way.

"The members of the departmentfeel that in giving these outings, they have done a far better thing than they have ever done, that it has been a real expression of their gratitude to

a real expression of their gratitude to the people of the city of New York and that they have taken a distinctly forward step in the matter of crime prevention."

We think so, too. It is a splendid way to check crime, right at its source—in the hearts and minds of the boys themselves. Police officers represent Law. They represent right, justice, honesty. They represent Government. Children who become friends of police officers, who receive favors from them, who grow to know them and to like them—well, these lads are not nearly so apt to become gangsters in gangs as are boys who grow up with a hostile feeling towards the police, and all they represent.

Commissioner Mulrooney will have 37,223 propaganda agents for the police busy in New York City—12,595 grateful mothers, and 24,682 happy youngsters, all of them nurturing rich memories of the kindness and goodness of an army of two-fisted guardians of the law. This is a splendid way to prevent crime.

METHODISTS IN MEXICO

News dispatches tell us that the Mexican Government has started action to seize all the churches of the Methodists in that country. There are some fourteen such churches in Mexico City alone, and a number of others, most of them with very small congressions, throughout the country. When the churches of this denomination have been disposed of, the dispatches state, those of all other denominations will be seized likewise. All churches and church lands will become government property.

All Catholic churches in Mexico were treated in the same manner some time ago. When this action was taken many Methodist preachers rejoiced openly, encouraged the Mexican action, and looked for better days for their own denomination in that country. They gave no heed to the warning, uttered again and again, by Catholic priests and prelates, that all churches would eventually suffer the same fate. Now that the axe has fallen, the Methodists will have opportunity to do penance in sackcloth and ashes.

The domination of any churches by any country is not a healthy condition of affairs. Serious trouble is bound to result, and religion will inevitably be handicapped. While the Catholic Church is at peace at the present time with Mexico, and is making the best of a bad situation, the Church is looking hopefully to a happier future, with full ownership of its churches, a full and free exercise of religious rights at all times, just as the Church enjoys these rights in this wonderful country of America.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Fame: The U. S. Government had published a postage stamp with the pide ture of Baron von Steuben-on it; Napoleokhas a cigar named after him; Babe Ruthas opened a haberdashery shop in New York.

Devious are the ways of life and cs politics. Senator Carter Glass of Virginit refused to bolt the Democratic ticket an come out against Alfred E. Smith in this late Presidential election, though his ow, wife was a leading and aggressive bolter The explosive Bishop Cannon, allegen political leader of Virginia, threatenels him with political extinction. The bigoti of the State joined Cannon in a concerted howl of rage. But Carter Glass remained loyal, kept clean, and lost the State to the bigots. How he is a candidate to succeed himself, and is so strong that no one has been nommated against him. Moral. Dare to do light.

The pathvay of the self-exalted is not smooth. A gentleman in Gary, Ind. Ralph B. Bradord by name, has been indicted on the charge of smuggling narcotics. Ralph is the Ku-Klux leader of his community—one of these wonderful one-hundred per cent Americans. If he is adjudged guilty and sent to jail, he won't be lonesome. A lo of his own kind are there ahead of him; D. C. Stephenson, for instance, Klan leader of the State of Indiana a few years ago, now serving a life sertence for mirder, and a whole bunch of brother Klatsmen from Indianapolis, all of them conveted of grafting or stealing. Ralph won't a lonesome in jail.

THE GOOD SHEPHED SISTERS

The Sisters of the GoocShepherd, who devote their lives to the May Magdalenes of the present day, and to ther girls who need corrective and helpful uluences, are building a home and schoolfor girls on Winton Road. On Wednessy of next week the members of the Catholic Women's Club will conduct a "donation day" at the convent of the Sisters. Staple foods are needed, and gits of medicines, kitchen utensils, laundry supplies, etc. The convent is located & Winton Road North and Hurstbourne had, and may be reached by automobile, o by the Browncroft-Laurelton autobus. lambers of the Catholic Women's Club wi by at the convent from three to eight P. I next Wednesday, and will be glad to sho visitors the little chapel of the Sisten and tell them about the work that is got to be done by these good Sisters. The will be glad, too, to receive, any helpful diations for the Sisters.

Fortunate indeed is the Diocese of Rochester to have a community of ts kind — thouhgtful, helpful, considera Sisters whose lives are inspired by th beautiful lesson our Lord taught the work when he reclaimed Mary Magdalen. Their work will be a blessing to the city and Dio cese, and blessing of incalculable good to all girls or women who come under their care and influence. These good Sisteri have undertaken agreat task in the election of their school and home. They should be encouraged in every possible way by all people of the city, for their work will not be limited to Catholics, bu will embrace all people. It is heartening to see the Catholic Women's Club stand by these Sisters, and t is hoped their "donation day" next Welnesday will be great success, and a great inspiration to the Sisters of the Good Stepherd.

NORWAY'S SAINT

Nine hundred years ago Olaf. King of Norway, suffered marty-rom for his Faith. He was a great king a good man and just, and he accomplished notable deeds for his people and for the Church he loved.

Strange are the mutation of Time. Though King Olaf was put todeath for his religion, the descendants of the very people who killed him joined receitly with the Catholic people of Norway incelebration of his anniversary. The evit was made a national one of great protitions, for the fame and the greatness & King Olaf have grown with the passing centuries, and his character and deeds ave become very dear to the people of tor-

Pope Pius XI sent a special messagto the Catholics of Norway at the time of the celebration. He spoke of "the memory of St. Olaf, most famed King and Matyr," and told how he "preached the Go pel as an Apostle, founded Christia Temples and called from England priest and monks of high repute to initiate mattive clergy into the mysteries of Jesu Christ."

Few men survive the dust of nine certuries. It covers their names any memories, as well as their bones. But Olaf is stronger and greater now that when heretics pierced his heart with their spears. Fo so does truth live, and good ness, and justice and virtue, blossomin perpetually in the hearts of all who lov God and the ideals and teachings of God Long live King Olaf!