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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pauning of my ring, pectoral cross and vestments, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

HOME—MOTHER'S PLACE

Since the rise of Industrialism, more correct, since the rise of the modern Machine Age, the position of woman as the home maker has been close to the danger of being destroyed.

With the advent of the large machine-equipped factories and a new philosophy concerning the dignity of woman, she has been gradually drawn from the home and put to work in the factory.

Industry has drawn woman into its meshes for very definite reasons: she can adapt herself more easily to certain types of work; there have been times, not too far in the past, to be remembered, when there was a real shortage of male labor and woman labor was used as a valuable substitute; but more important, to the profit of industry, woman's work could be bought for a price far less than a man's—even though her work was often more productive.

It seems to us that woman's right to work cannot be questioned. Yet, because of her very nature, neither can the contention be disputed that the major and more important field of woman's labor lies within the home. Especially so, if the woman is married.

To one who looks on the home in the light of Catholic principle, it is easy to understand why the absence of the mother from the home constitutes a real evil to society. Such a condition forms a menace to the basic cell of society, namely the family. It takes from the child its natural rights, both regarding maternal physical care and mental and spiritual education and development.

It is generally conceded that economic stress is the greatest cause that takes married women out of their homes. There are other causes, more selfish, less excusable, that today are filling jobs with female labor when a man should be holding the position.

We would very much like to see the married woman leave the field of industry and return to the home. There is her place of labor most suited to her by nature and there too is the place where she can do the great work for which Almighty God fashioned her, to mould men after the great ideals of Christian manhood.

With the "New Deal" lessening the ranks of the unemployed, we hope to see the earning power of families put back into the hands of the men. When this happy condition arrives, there will no longer be an economic reason for mothers to leave their homes to help earn their families' daily bread. May God speed this day.

CATHOLIC CENTER PARTY

The new Concordat drawn up between the Catholic Church and the German government to replace the three concordats that formerly existed with Prussia, Bavaria and Baden, means the end of the Catholic Center Party in Germany. This is exactly in line with policy of the Holy Father to discourage, whenever possible, the formation of separate Catholic parties. It is likewise in line with the policy of Hitler to permit only one party, namely his own—to exist in Germany.

In exchange for this agreement from the Vatican, Hitler promises that the Catholic Church and its non-political organizations will not be molested and Catholic education is guaranteed in its integrity. Catholic priests and Catholic organizations are to become completely dissociated from politics. On these terms these organizations are to be allowed to continue, and henceforth will be entrusted with the task of keeping alive and advancing the social ideals of Catholicism.

Friends of Democracy the world over will regret the passing of the Center Party. Ever since the days of Bismarck it has held a significant and constructive place in German political life. Indeed it was owing, chiefly, to the policies of Bismarck that it came into existence. In those days—shortly after the middle of the last century—Protestantism was closely allied with the state, so that it was well looked after, both politically and economically, whereas the interests of Catholicism enjoyed no such protection. When Bismarck undertook the task of uniting the various states into a national entity, the need for such protection became acute, especially as Bismarck showed a distinctly anti-Catholic bias. Bismarck had found that Catholicism could not be molded into an instrument for promoting his own brand of "kultur." As a result the Catholics of this Fatherland were placed in a rather precarious position. In order to protect their interests they formed the Catholic Center Party which, for the past seventy-five years, has proved itself to be one of the most stable factors in German politics.

Indeed the influence of the Center Party never came to greater advantage than in recent years, since the founding of the German Democracy it has upheld the new order of things courageously. It was a bulwark against reaction either of

the right or the left, and at the same time it has furnished Germany with some of her most able political leaders—Wilhelm Marx, who was four times Chancellor; Joseph Wirth, who was Chancellor, Finance Minister and Minister of the Interior; and most distinguished of all, Dr. Heinrich Brüning, recently Chancellor and probably, next to the late Hugo Stresemann, the most outstanding of Germany's republican leaders.

Most of Germany's political parties have represented certain definite classes of the German people; for example, the Communists represented the working classes; the Nationalists, the land-owning gentry; and so on. The Center Party, however, has embraced a cross-section of the German nation with industrialists, laborers, peasants, aristocrats of the old regime, and the clergy. Being of the "center," having sold out to neither the right nor the left, it has held, for these fifteen years of the German republic, the balance of political power.

Republicanism and Democracy, in Germany, will be considerably more difficult to revive—should a revival come—now that the Center Party has ceased to exist, the Nazi Government will not be likely to forget that one third of the entire population of Germany is Catholic.

THE COLOSSAL FAILURE

It was only a short time ago that the eyes of the world were centered on London. The World's Conference held the attention of everyone. But when it was all over, the world knew that, like every other conference of the nations since the war, it was a colossal failure.

Looking back on the Conference and analyzing the policies of the representatives of the countries it is quite easy to understand why the Conference failed.

What harmony can be found, or what good results can come from an international economic meeting where the doctrine and guiding principle of action is that of economic nationalism? Such was the principle of every nation represented in London. Why the spirit of selfishness instead of a spirit of Christian Charity had to crop out and spoil the chance for the solution of world difficulty can only be explained by the fact that Charity has been shelved and Nationalism is stalking in every land.

At the outset, Europe had no intention of omitting the question of war debts from the agenda. A cancellation by the United States, as far as Europe was concerned, was the only remedy to the evil.

On the other hand, the United States had diagnosed the trouble as arising from the still existing high tariff walls. With no common ground on which to stand, the representatives at the conference got off to a very poor start.

The factor that completely wrecked the Conference was the withdrawal of the United States from the gold standard. This act threw terror into the hearts of the delegates of the nations that were determined to cling to the gold standard. The action of the United States likewise aroused their anger and resentment against us.

When Secretary Hull tried to put numerous other problems before the Conference for its consideration, the only reaction that was forthcoming was a cry that all was futile so long as the United States and England could appreciate their medium of exchange.

The Conference was brought to a close with the United States assuming a very independent attitude and the European nations still refusing to see each other's points of view. As the result, each nation must now work out its own difficulty on its own resources.

We wonder how successful they will be. Our country, under the direction of President Roosevelt, has adopted very progressive measures, that are bringing results. How European nations, with less resources and overburdened with debt, will fare, can hardly be foreseen at the present.

Current Comment

THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS

The Most Rev. John B. Peterson, D. D., Bishop of Manchester and vice-president general of the National Catholic Educational Association, is far from disheartened by the effect of the economic situation in our Catholic schools. In an address at the convention of the Association at St. Paul he recorded a number of positive reasons for encouragement.

Catholic schools, Bishop Peterson said, educate for eternity and must not be dismayed by the inevitable vicissitudes of time.

They have 65,601 Sisters and Brothers teaching 2,464,457 children, with a devotion that cannot be valued in billions of dollars.

Catholic elementary and secondary parish schools represent not only an investment of one and a third billion dollars "but a spirit of sincere devotion to the cause of religion which depression cannot dismay. If our fathers could spare from their pitance or earnings these millions for buildings, their sons and daughters will pay from came greater difficulties than ours" and "their fuller purses for their unending upkeep and use."

The courageous parish school pioneers "over-spirit is ever there to sustain us and spur us on. We shall not fail them.

"And finally, in following our own ideals we know we have been right, and true friends of education are beginning to believe it."

The philosophy of pessimism has no place in any Catholic movement, and least of all in the glorious work of Catholic education, as Bishop Peterson so emphatically proves.—The Bulletin, Augusta, Ga.

Government charts show employment has gained about 10 per cent, during the past two months and wage increases reach about the same figure, while production has increased 60 per cent. There is the danger to the new industrial program. Production must not outstrip employment or wage increases.—The Brooklyn Tablet.

The man who says he "can't" afford to take a Catholic paper in these "troubled times" ought to list his expenses for a year and see whether he can't economize on the larger items. The little he saves by cutting off the Catholic paper will never make him rich; on the contrary, it will impoverish the religious knowledge and sentiment of his household.—The Catholic Register.

Diocesan Recordings

School news is beginning to "break" now, but we cannot imagine children of school age reading and enjoying it with only a couple of weeks of vacation left.

We little thought when we attended St. Patrick's Cathedral School over 25 years ago, that we would live to see the day when it would be 100 years old. Not that we seriously hoped it would burn down in those days.

Talking with Father J. Emil Gefell, the other day, it was brought out that he likes to read Charles Dickens' works. Therefore, we were interested to learn that when a county court judge in London recently commented critically upon the size of a litigant's family of seven, he was rebuked by the mother of an equally large family who quoted from "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens to resent the judge's slur. The passage chosen is spoken by the Ghost, who takes up the words of Scrooge about letting Tiny Tim die and thus "decrease the surplus population." "Man," said the Ghost, "if man you be in heart not adamant, forbear that wicked cant until you have discovered what the surplus is and where it is. Will you decide what men shall live, what men shall die? It may be that in the sight of heaven, you are more worthless and less fit to live than millions like this poor man's child. Oh, God! To hear the Insect on the leaf pronouncing on the too much life among his hungry brothers in the dust!"

Members of the Alhambra from this diocese probably did not realize that when they left for the national convention in Baltimore, this week, they were to receive the benefits of the prayers of a Visitation nun who has been in one convent 65 years, and who celebrated her ninety-first birthday recently. When this good sister saw in the Baltimore Catholic Review that the Alhambrians were to unveil a tablet to the Alhambra for their memorial to His Eminence whom she knew well, she informed the Baltimore Alhambrians that she would pray before the Tabernacle in her convent home for the success of the Alhambra convention and for the happiness of all of its members.

St. Christopher, patron of travelers, recently declared Father W. D'Andrea, S.J. in Manchester, England, has been canonized by non-Catholics who regard him as a mascot. Father D'Andrea was speaking at a conference at which delegates of the Catholic Transport Guild of Great Britain voted for a united federation. We do not believe that all non-Catholics are using the medals of St. Christopher merely as a "mascot" but there is a danger even on the parts of Catholics themselves to forget the spiritual connotation that goes with the use of St. Christopher's medal when used in automobiles.

In San Francisco, we learn, that with a revival of Irish culture and study of Irish history as objectives, the Daughters of Erin, a Catholic organization, has been formed there. The objectives are commendable, but we do not think that another organization is necessary to foster Irish culture and the study of Irish history with the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians in existence.

The new plan inaugurated by the CATHOLIC COURIER for getting the newspaper into the home eliminates the possibility of money being paid out to irresponsible or unscrupulous solicitors. For eight years the Vigilance Committee of the Catholic Press Association of the United States has worked zealously for a clean Catholic Press. Throughout the country the efforts of the committee are bearing fruit. The Committee at the Chicago convention heard a resolution passed appealing to the Ecclesiastical authorities for co-operation and assistance. In this diocese, so far as the CATHOLIC COURIER is concerned, the co-operation needed will be encouragement for boys in the parish, thus, if the plan is successful, eliminating for all time, outside solicitors for this newspaper and assuring all subscribers getting a return for their money that is fair and honest.

It is proper to this Sacrament to transform man into God, and to render him like to Him, just as fire transforms into itself all it comes in contact with.—St. Thomas Aquinas.

Our Divine Redeemer poured out upon mankind, all without exception, the saving torrent of His Precious Blood; but only those who open the flood-gates of their souls will be benefitted.

The first degree of humility is a cheerful and ready obedience.—St. Benedict.

Not everything which is better in itself is better for each man in particular.

A Catholic newspaper is "the mark of distinction" in the Catholic home.

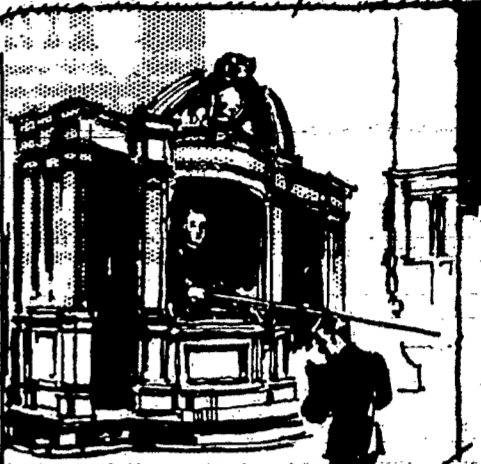
STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

The UNFINISHED CATHEDRAL OF BARCELONA



In striking and unusual style the Cathedral of Barcelona, which has been under construction for thirty years, remains unfinished owing to the recent Revolution in Spain.



A confessor touching a penitent in St. Peter's, Rome with the Revolutonal Rod, to which act a partial indulgence is attached. This practice was introduced in 1625. THE CUSTOM IS ONLY TO BE FOUND IN THE HOLY YEAR BASILICAS OF ROME.



This Presbytery & the Church attached to it at Bromyard, near Worcester, have been built single-handed in ten years by the parish priest FATHER MATHIERI, who was also his own architect.

Back Through the Years

(A Glimpse through the files of the Catholic Courier and Journal)

September 2, 1894 St. Joseph's Hospital Society observed the 30th anniversary of its existence by attendance in a body at an early Mass in St. Boniface Church and reception of Holy Communion. The anniversary banquet was held in St. Boniface School Hall. Toasts were responded to as follows: St. Boniface Union, H. Pappert; St. Boniface Branch 80 President L. Schreiner; St. Herman Benevolent Society, Vice President, George J. Weider; St. Boniface Benevolent Society, H. J. Schwalbach.

A bicycle club known as the Standard Wheelman was formed with the following officers: President, Peter Soysen; Vice President, Charles Sintz; Secretary, John Mahar; Treasurer, George Magin; Captain, Joseph Kerber; Lieutenant, Louis Fleckenstein; Bugler, Sigmund Voit; Color Bearer, Charles Ginder.

September 8, 1894 The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. James F. O'Hare, V. G., by the Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester. Bishop McQuaid presided at the services. Members of the parish presented Father O'Hare with a purse to the amount of \$1,520.

September 15, 1894 The Catholic Young People's Association gave a concert and social for the benefit of the Church at Naples, N. Y., attended by Father Miller, assistant at Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester.

The Knights of St. George elected the following officers: President, Dominick Kraft; vice-president, William Keller; recording Secretary, Joseph A. Schneider; financial secretary, M. H. Weismiller; treasurer, Louis Heindl; commander, Henry F. Wegman; physician, Dr. N. F. Kiefer.

September 29, 1894 A reception at his home in Clyde was given for the Rev. John McGrath on the fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

John Keenan of Council 27, Catholic Relief and Benefit Association, obtained 45 new members for the formation of a council in Holy Apostles parish.

The new altar in St. Boniface Church was blessed by Bishop McQuaid. The new altar built by A. Halstrick was of Gothic design of the 14th Century.

Catholic Support For President Asked

Generous support of President

recovery is asked in a letter which the Most Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, recently addressed to his dioceses.

"If there be one lesson more outstanding than another in the history of Christian society," Bishop Gallagher's letter says, "it is that during those periods of tribulation through which all nations pass no organized power on earth has greater and more constant concern for the true material welfare of humankind than has Holy Mother Church. It is her glory that others, not necessarily of her fold, observe the sincerity of her admonition, apply the remedy she proposes, and come safely through those social maelstroms which from time to time shake the world in their intensity.

"All those who are acquainted with what has been taking place at Washington during the last few months and who have a knowledge of the social mind of the Church, are aware that the policy of the administration recognizes unmistakably many of those profound truths taught, in season and out of season, by Holy Mother Church during the last 40 years.

"When, therefore, in the design of Providence, those who conduct our national affairs propose in all honesty and fervor the adoption of these sadly-needed principles of social justice, it is the solemn obligation of every Catholic to do his part to that end, and to do it sincerely, promptly, and in generous measure. If that be done by every Catholic in this diocese, as by all those in the other dioceses, of our country, a decided impetus will be given a movement which will, we are justified in believing, usher in a new and better standard of individual well-being.

"Hence, it is our hope and wish that all the faithful will resolve to aid in every proper manner the President's program for economic recovery now in progress. Not the least of these helps will be the personal offering up to Almighty God, the Giver of all good things, heartfelt thanks for the continued sustenance of this great nation during its day of trial now happily ending."

Officers elected by the Y. M. C. C. of St. Peter and Paul's Church were: Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Sinclair; president, Peter A. Vay; vice-president, Adam J. Smith; recording and financial secretary, Henry J. Renaud, board of directors, Joseph Georger, Frank Merklinger, August Dengler, Edward Moran, George Wolf, Andrew Splies, William Faust and Charles Nattle.

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MUSSOLINI. By Sir Charles Petrie. (Makers of Modern Age Series). Studio Press, 381 4th Ave., N. Y. \$1.50. A very readable and important biographical sketch.

THE CANADIAN DOCTOR. By Clay Perry and John L. E. Pell, Hale Crushman and Flint, Boston. \$2.00. A readable story of hope fulfilled and love that comes into its own. It seems, however, rather too evidently written to impress upon the reader the skill of a doctor, the hero of the story whose name and address are given in the book.

Spiritual Thoughts

Our Lord appears before us in the person of the poor. Charity to them is a great sign of predestination. It is almost impossible, the holy fathers assure us, for anyone who is charitable to the poor for Christ's sake to perish.

From the Holy Ghost flows through all ages the wonderful doctrinal and mystical strength personified in the Conclave by the Blessed Virgin and St. Peter.—St. Irenaeus.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self. All sin is easy after that.—Basil.

A Christian life which has not made a revolution in one's worldly life becomes no Christian life at all, but only an incommensurable anomaly, which gets into our way in this life without helping us into the life to come.—Faber.