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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pouring of my blood, for the sake of the Catholic Church."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

ADVENT

On Sunday next we shall enter upon the holy season of Advent, the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

The shops are more and more crowded, and everyone seems to be getting ready, in some way or other, for that Day of days, Christmas.

How appropriate, then, is this short and solemn period of Advent as a preparation for the celebration of His coming, for Whom men of faith waited and prayed during forty centuries.

We are reminded that the best preparation for the coming of the Lord into our souls is a spirit of penance and of humble prayer.

CATHOLICS IN CIVIC LIFE

We are quite interested in a statement recently made by a non-Catholic clergyman concerning the failure of Catholics in civic life to uphold and maintain decent government.

His statement was made relative to the government of one of our largest American cities. He was disturbed over the fact that, although Catholics were in the small minority in the city, most of the important city positions were held by Catholics who, as he claims, have proved inefficient and unworthy of their trust.

As for the contentions of this minister we have nothing to say. Nor do we care to enumerate the names of Catholic politicians who stand high in the regard of their fellow-citizens of all creeds for the work they have done in contributing to the progress of honorable civic, state and national government.

It is to Catholics now holding civic positions, thereto elected by a people who have placed their faith and confidence in them, that we look for a fulfillment of their trust. There is no one who should realize more the responsibility of public office and public trust with its many demands for unselfish ambition and untiring effort than a Catholic.

In a fuller sense, this should be true of a Catholic in public life.

We urge every Catholic office holder to live in his personal life the splendid principles of his religion. Let him then bring his salutary influence into his public life to enable him to work courageously for the welfare of his fellow-citizens.

PROHIBITION IS DEAD

After thirteen years of ignoble experimenting with the limitation of personal liberty, America has repudiated its Prohibition law.

To our minds America has paid all too dearly for the experiment. We believe that no degree of success was accompanied in prohibiting liquor that can adequately take the sting out of the price paid for the attempt.

Despite the claims of the die-hard Prohibitionist, who is not convinced of the fact that Prohibition failed to prohibit both the sale and the consumption of alcoholic beverages?

But America has paid even a dearer price for Prohibition. One that we believe will be far more difficult to balance than an expenditure of money.

The while they laughed they did not hesitate to take good American dollars and satisfy the thirst of American tourists. Nor did they hesitate to supply the goods that begot bootlegging and the rum racket in America itself.

The Prohibitionist can place no laurel on his brow for the abolition of the despised saloon. For when he locked the swinging doors of the saloons with his law, he unlatched the back doors of a multitude of speakeasies that proved to be more vile and vicious than the open saloon ever was.

But Prohibition is dead. America has returned to sanity. We now look for a satisfactory governmental control of the liquor traffic that will respect the liberty of the individual and at the same time add to our national treasury by a reasonable and legitimate tax on alcoholic beverages.

But we can still beware of the antics of the Prohibitionist. He failed to prohibit liquor, now he seeks unreasonably to control its traffic. Since we have already paid too high a price for his law, we cannot afford to submit to any of his unsound plans for future control.

Current Comment

A TIMELY REFLECTION

One way for a Catholic of wealth to make his name immortal would be for him to bequeath a substantial sum to a Catholic newspaper. One hundred thousand dollars, for instance, the price of a moderate-sized school building or church, would insure the perpetuity of a publication like the Bulletin and send it into every Catholic home in this entire Southeastern section, defending the Church, instructing Catholics, quickening their faith and encouraging them to multiply the number of churches and schools now dotting the territory.

A DANGEROUS AGITATION

The vast saving to the taxpayer that Catholic institutions represent should be brought to the attention of the public.

Taxation at a certain height is destruction. That point has been reached in the case of many Catholic institutions. To tax them would be to destroy them and to rob the public of their prodigious saving to the over-burdened tax payer; it would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

Taxation of Catholic schools and churches and charitable establishments is a stupidity, an injustice, an outrage that the American sense of fairness, decency and justice once awake will not tolerate. It ought to be awakened.—The Witness.

Happy is the youth because he has time before him to do good.

The cynic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.—Oscar Wilde.

It is the pride of those who do not know their own position.—Berton Brakley.

Diocesan Recordings

Lynching kidnappers cannot be condoned but it should act as a deterrent to those contemplating "a snatch" in the future.

Did meat market proprietors accept "baloney" dollars for Thanksgiving turkeys?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotions on Wednesdays at St. Joseph's Church continue to draw large attendance.

Among other important matters discussed at the recent general meeting of the United States Hierarchy in Washington was the gathering and disseminating of information on Catholic Action. It was proposed that a Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference be set up as a clearing house through which Bishops could ascertain what is being done in any or all dioceses of the country regarding Catholic Action.

When motion picture producers turn out worthwhile films they get the cooperation of those who have been opposing the undesirable products as is evidenced by announcements made in churches of the city last Sunday recommending attendance at "The Cradle Song," showing at the Century this week, and "Little Women" to be shown at the RKQ Palace Theater starting over the weekend.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration featuring a cross, a map, and text about Turkish bullets, diocesan rural life bureaus, and a cross on a mountain peak. Includes text: 'The first co-ordinated system for the education of deaf-mutes was evolved by a French priest. ABBE CHARLES MICHAEL DE L'EPEE, in the eighteenth century.' 'Twenty-six Diocesan RURAL LIFE BUREAUS were established in the United States during the past year to promote rural Catholic Action.' 'This Cross on the Lenana peak of the Kenya mountains stands 16,250 ft high and was planted there by missionaries.'

Another Forty Years After

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such as Lloyd George, Arthur Henderson, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, neither prudence nor justice are granted a hearing. Above all the voice of the Papacy is disregarded. Yet it has been raised again and again, not merely after 1911, but since June 20, 1894 even, against armaments and for peace.

Another few months, and Pius XI might issue a second "Forty Years After" Encyclical, developing the wise counsels of Leo XIII contained in the Encyclical "On the Reunion of Christendom."

We behold the condition of Europe. For many years past peace has been rather a semblance than a reality. Possessed with mutual suspicions almost all the nations are vying with one another in equipping themselves with military armaments.

In and out of the German people other countries, including Great Britain, were not without responsibility; it was largely due to their delay in fulfilling the disarmament pledges of Versailles.

Comes now Arthur Henderson with a personal letter read to the British House of Commons, threatening to resign as President of the Disarmament Conference, declaring: "Unless there is a change in the present situation, I cannot continue as President of the Conference. No results are likely to be achieved by the attitude adopted by the delegates at a recent meeting, and it is useless for me to remain here for months unless the attitude changes."

Despite the threatening signs in the sky, and the opinion of men dearth of material and those who prepare copy properly and get it into us early naturally get consideration providing the news they send in has a general appeal for all-readers. We are trying to judge the news fairly and to give all news full consideration for what it is worth.

For these reasons, the Catholic Peace Movement has a particularly important mission in constantly propagating the papal declarations on conciliation, disarmament and peace. The more critical conditions become, and the more impossible conversion of heart on the part of the responsible leaders of the nations seems, the more neces-

Spiritual Thoughts

Obedience in domestic life is a great discipline of humility, piety and self-content. A good son will make a good priest, and a good daughter will make a good nun. A disobedient son will hardly make an obedient priest, and an unloving daughter will hardly make a sister of charity. A good home is a great novitiate.

Gratitude is one of the fairest blossoms that spring from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none so fragrant; while its opposite, ingratitude, is a deadly weed.

Let the just feast and rejoice before God; and be delighted with gladness. (Ps. lxxviii, 4).

God refuses neither His holy love nor Himself to anyone who seeks Him with all his strength. Let us serve God: He will most assuredly take care of us, and we shall be in want of nothing.

sary the efforts of this movement. To us the words of the Popes are, and to mankind in general they should be, as the teachings of Moses and the Prophets. Regarding them the Lord once said, in the parable of Dives and Lazarus, if they (Dives' kindfolk) would not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither would they hear an angel come from Heaven. And their fate would be even as that of Dives. Mankind is in the same evil way as was the family of the rich man. The Catholic movement must save it.—C. V. Service.

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