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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the aid and generous support of our friends and neighbors. I feel that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press. If Pope Pius XI could say for the whole Church: "nothing that you do for the Good Press, will consider as having been done for me personally. I feel that for this cause I can and should say 'Amen' that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally." Archbishop-Mooney of Rochester.

Editorials

AT THE WAILING WALL In an address at Albany last Saturday night, Governor Lehman indulged in much wailing over crime. "Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean," says Tennyson. But if one may judge the Governor's mind by his address, the cause of his idle tears is clear. His emphases are wrong. The Governor is glad that newspaper editors feel the need of strengthening our machinery of criminal justice.

There is no reason to be afraid of mentioning religion. The Fathers were not afraid. And why be afraid of mentioning religious schools? Were not the first schools in this country church schools?

Friends need one another. Yet they do not need to live in the same house to be helpful, to supplement one another. Why, then, Mr. Governor, let the bugaboo of union of Church and State run you to cover? We are informed that the most serious crimes are committed by young men under twenty-five years of age.

YOUTH IS NOT ALEEP. It is alive, adventurous, with bounding health and energy. Give it healthy outlets. And over all let the spirit of religion brood, that kind of religion that youth can respect—sensible, forceful; that kind of religion that can show teeth, if it needs be.

FURY—AND HAUPTMANN Are you, dear reader, ready for jury duty? Might we ask you to waive the answer for a while? Try to figure out if you know how to think, to reason. That is, coldly, dispassionately, objectively, correctly. Seeing things only as they are, and drawing logical conclusions.

You have been educated. You have documents to prove it. But that may mean nothing. Despite the vast sums spent upon you towards ends of education, despite the vast number of facts pumped into you in the name of education, you still remain uneducated if you cannot think, reason coldly, dispassionately, objectively, correctly. (In this a clinic, or something?) Have you a real relish for thinking things out carefully and correctly? If not, the indictment against what you call your education is strengthened.

Myself... heard great argument about it and about; but evermore came out by the same door where in I went." J. E. M.

of thought of persons before giving them much to think about. Reason, unlike life, begins, we hear, at seven. All this has a bearing on one's fitness for jury duty.

At the time of the Hauptmann trial and conviction, we emphatically proclaimed both procedure and verdict. In our February 21 issue we tried to clear up confusion. We tried to focus attention on the fact that Hauptmann was charged with murder, and with nothing else.

Last Sunday in Chicago the president of the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, William T. Hanson, declared: "The important question is whether a trial so conducted was in accord with a public sense of justice and propriety. The public has a duty to see to it that its standards of propriety and ideals of justice are not again flouted. The trial of an accused by newspaper and radio does not constitute an impartial atmosphere."

In his "Trial By Fury," appearing in the FORUM for January, Richard A. Knight, a lawyer, who has "no more admiration for Hauptmann than you have," sets forth as the purpose of his article the advancement of the proposition that "the decision presents, as did the conviction before it, a non-sensical miscarriage of justice bearing social implications of the gravest and most alarming character."

"Last Spring," writes Mr. Knight, "in the midst of a mob of peanut eaters in an atmosphere suggestive of a cockfight rather than a court, Hauptmann was tried and found guilty, allegedly on circumstantial evidence, not of kidnapping nor of extortion but of murder. Now kidnapping is one thing, and extortion is another, and murder, quite distinctly, is yet a third. And in the record compiled at that trial there is no more evidence that the man is guilty of murder than there is that you are or I am."

Concerning the social implications of the gravest and most alarming character," Mr. Knight affirms that "in a society in which anybody is to be safe, criminal convictions may not be based upon hunches or personal opinions—not even on yours or mine. They must be based on legal evidence, not legal evidence alone. Otherwise, everybody becomes at once a potential victim of the incalculable intuitions of the mob, and there is no law or safety anywhere.

Who next will be caught in the clutch of such adverse circumstance? It could be you, or you, or you."

But from "trial by fury" may all good power, deliver us all. J. E. M.

OPINIONS

It has its bit of truth. Maybe you can figure it out without doubt, you have been reading and studying the minority and majority opinions of the Supreme Court on the AAA.

In his graduated article of January 7, David Lawrence says that "the Supreme Court unerringly upheld the Alexander Hamilton conception of the use of the spending power of Congress for the 'general welfare.'... I have, for example, Congress can pay out as a subsidy to shipping or the coal industry or to farmers any amount it wishes, so long as it doesn't condition the gift upon some action by the recipient or some compliance on his part with some action sought in return by Congress.

Does this mean to you that Congress can give the money, but therefore must forget about it? That Congress has no power to see to it that the purpose for which it was given is fulfilled? In a signed statement appearing in THE NEW YORK TIMES of January 12, Hon. Harold Moley says in opposition to the minority opinion of the Court on AAA, that "the omission of legal precedents is especially noteworthy.... It (the opinion) is certainly not derived from the words of the Constitution." There is still a third point, the matter of States' rights. Mr. Moley goes into that, too.

"Surely it could not have been derived from the doctrine of States' rights, for only two weeks ago, in Clegate v. Harvey (the Vermont tax case) the identical majority of six, overturning a uniform course of decisions of sixty years' standing, introduced a construction of the privileges and immunities clause pregnant with heretofore unimagined limitations upon State power.

"As citizens of the United States," said Mr. Justice Sutherland in that case, "we are part of a single great community consisting of all the States united and not of distinct communities consisting of the States severally."

Current Comment

SECONd HAND SCIENTISTS

Just around every corner there is a second hand scientist. They are as commonplace, and as useful, as pathogenic microbes. They are the ones who find out which they will do in a field, which they will do in a laboratory.

What is so on hand here? It is the one who knows just enough not to know anything. He is the one who knows just enough to be dangerous. He is the one who knows just enough to be a second hand scientist. He is the one who knows just enough to be a second hand scientist.

The head of a great Catholic university, Pope Pius XI, said in his famous encyclical, "Miserable Condition of the World," that "the progress of civilization is not due to the discoveries of a few scientists, but to the collective wisdom of the people."

ALERT TO A GRAVE DANGER

It could be called a sign of the times, or a sign of the times, or a sign of the times, or a sign of the times. It could be called a sign of the times, or a sign of the times, or a sign of the times, or a sign of the times.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

The Catholic Evidence Library recommends books by Christopher Dawson, The Shape of Things to Come, and other works by the same author.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

Books recommended include "The Modern State" by Christopher Dawson, "The Shape of Things to Come" by H. G. Wells, and "The Day After Tomorrow" by John H. Wards.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



Although considerably mutilated this STATUE OF THE MADONNA is venerated in the English College, Valladolid, Spain. The statue was damaged by English troops when they sacked Valladolid in 1546. The King of the Belgians is named in the Canon of the Mass and Bishop of the Diocese in Belgium today in accordance with a medieval custom by which the Sovereign was thus included in the Church's solemn prayers.

The story of SAINT FRUMENTIUS who converted Abyssinia to Christianity in the 4th Century bears striking resemblance to SAINT PATRICK'S life and labors. He was a slave in the Abyssinian King's household. He converted the King's sons and obtained his freedom. He immediately left for Alexandria where he was consecrated Bishop and returned to his adopted land and won it to the true faith.

Cared on the front of this medieval baptismal font in Bolton Church, Lincolnshire, England, is a bell-shaped and two bells. This unusual decoration is believed to support the idea that the ringing of bells was a medieval custom for driving away evil spirits before baptizing on the font symbolizing the driving out of the Devil by baptism.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST (Continued) The Catholic Evidence Library also recommends books by John H. Wards, "The Day After Tomorrow," and other works on the future of the world.

Diocesan Recordings (Continued) A record of the activities of the diocese, including church events and news items from various parishes.

Diocesan Recordings

Mr. Hickson will be meeting... The Bishop of Rochester... The diocese will be celebrating... Various news items from the diocese.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, January 15, St. Stephen, Protomartyr. Monday, January 16, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

QUESTION BOX

Q—Why is it that so many intelligent non-Catholics fail to see the truth of the claims of the Catholic Church? A—Every year more and more intelligent non-Catholics are turning to the Catholic Church, and entering the Church. One reason why many intelligent non-Catholics fail to see the truth of the claims of the Church is because they have never read the Bible.