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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.

This is one newspaper editor who is seeking first crime prevention, and the means adequate to this end.

There is no reason to be afraid of mentioning religion. The Fathers were not afraid.

Youth is not sleepy. It is alive, adventurous, with bounding health and energy.

JOHN E. MASSETTI

FURY—AND HAUPTMANN

Are you, dear reader, ready for jury duty? Might you ask you to waive the answer for a while?

In your newspaper reading mostly confined to what is flashy, frothy? The periodicals that predominate in your reading, are they cheap in quality as well as in price?

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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 commended both procedure and verdict.

"The important question is whether a trial so conducted was in accord with a public sense of justice and propriety.

"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."

Concerning the social implications of the greatest and most alarming character," Mr. Knight affirms that "in a society in which anybody is to be safe, criminal conviction may not be based upon hunches or personal opinions—not even on yours or mine."

OPINIONS

It has a bit of size. Maybe you can figure it out without doubt.

In his graduated article of January 7, David Lawrence says that "the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the Alexander Hamilton conception of the use of the spending power of Congress for the 'general welfare.'"

Does this mean to you that Congress can give the money, but thenceforth must forget about it? That Congress has no power to see to it that the purpose for which it was given is fulfilled?

"Surely it could not have been derived from the doctrine of States' rights, for only two weeks ago, in Colgate 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 unimaginable limitations upon State power."

Nothing of earth is equal in value to one step of greater piety towards Christ, Bishop Hedley.

One principal business should be to conquer ourselves and to be more more merciful every day in this practice, St. Francis de Sales.

The daily practice of the Works of Mercy is the kind of piety which people do not have to apologize for, Peter Murray.

"True confidence does not consist in the sentiment, but in the will. Do you wish to trust in God? Then have confidence."

Current Comment

SECOND HAND SCIENTISTS Just around every corner there comes a second hand scientist. They are as commonplace, and as useful as pathogenic microbes.

What is so on hand about "it"? He is one who knows just enough to know a little better than the average layman with a bona fide scientific interest.

The head of our local Catholic Sunday School is not only a layman but also a scientist.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustrated section with text: 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 Cadix in 1596. Includes images of a Madonna statue and a portrait of a man.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

ALERT TO A GRAVE DANGER... WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FAST DAYS... THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

QUESTION BOX... Genuinity is it that so many intelligent non-Catholics fail to see the truth of the claims of the Catholic Church?

Diocesan Recordings

Mr. Hickman... Mr. Hickman was the one of the first to... Mr. Hickman was the one of the first to... Mr. Hickman was the one of the first to...

It is not hard to rear a large family in the city and age when... It is not hard to rear a large family in the city and age when... It is not hard to rear a large family in the city and age when...

The who with the reasons... The who with the reasons... The who with the reasons... The who with the reasons...

Overlooked by the small family... Overlooked by the small family... Overlooked by the small family... Overlooked by the small family...

New! In this issue... New! In this issue... New! In this issue... New! In this issue...

We wish to draw your attention... We wish to draw your attention... We wish to draw your attention... We wish to draw your attention...

The press has come to be today... The press has come to be today... The press has come to be today... The press has come to be today...

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