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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our priests and people, and I fervently hope 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 "anything that you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally", I feel that for this diocese I can and should say, "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally".

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Editorials

THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT

We frequently hear it said that the marriage contract does not differ from any other contract. The making or breaking of it depends solely upon the will of the parties involved.

This idea is being spread abroad by the advertising agents of the professional alimony and divorce associations. If they can put the idea across, it means gold in their pockets. And gold is their god.

The marriage contract is not a simple contract. It is a matter of public concern. The stability of the State itself is involved. There is no getting away from the fact that marriage is the basis of the family. That the family is the corner stone of society. And that civilized society either progresses or deteriorates from the moral point of view according as the importance of the family is emphasized in the minds of the people.

The child has a natural right to live a normal family life under the care and tutelage of its own parents. The disruption of family life is the initial source of social evils. And anything that tends to increase the probable disruption of family life has an injurious effect on society itself.

The rights of society and the rights of children must be safeguarded even at the cost, if needs be, of the pleasure or satisfaction of the individual. Hence, the parties of marriage are free to enter it, but once having done so they create a status which goes beyond themselves.

Assemblyman Todd's proposed bill allowing wilful desertion and abandonment for three years as an additional ground for divorce in this state is now before the legislature. It has passed the committee and is now waiting a vote.

The vast majority of the people of the state have no desire for this legislation. This is shown by the fact that not more than 80 persons were present at the public hearing of the bill held on March 4th. And of these at least 25 were individuals who hoped to gain personally from the statute.

Before the passage of such legislation as this, which definitely changes a fundamental policy of the state, there should be a very decided expression in favor of such a change from a large majority of the people. As Catholics, and true citizens of the state, it is our duty to see that this bill is defeated. We cannot stand by and watch a bill that is a potential source of grave social evils written into the law books of the state.

EUROPEAN WASH!

In the final analysis the question resolves itself to this: Has a nation the right to defend its own frontiers? The answer, of course, is an emphatic affirmative.

Surrounded by hostile empires, a nation that does not safeguard its own territory stands before the world as a weakling. All treaties to the contrary.

Like fashion styles, treaties between European nations will have their short day, and fade into oblivion. The very make-up of the European continent stamps this as factual. Race hatred, distorted national pride, mutual suspicion never have and never will constitute a solid foundation for a treaty.

When one considers the patent injustice of the Versailles treaty one wonders that it [illegible] to cling to life as long as it [illegible] European diplomat knew that [illegible] when Hitler's Nazi [illegible] into Cologne. They [illegible] that when the event did occur it [illegible] give rise to a certain amount [illegible] perhaps even of apprehension. [illegible] to say that the grave fear felt [illegible] is not so much a result of [illegible] the conditions under [illegible] about.

[illegible] a bit suspicious of a person who conceals his actions behind a thick veil of secrecy. A variety of motives are attributed to the hidden actions. When the veil is suddenly lifted and the actions strut boldly down the street, more importance is attributed to them that they justly deserve. Hence, if the reoccupation of the Rhineland had been brought about more diplomatically, it undoubtedly would not have caused one-tenth the amount of fear and consternation that has followed in its wake.

Partly to blame is the League of Nations. For seventeen long years it has smiled benignly on the injustice of the Versailles treaty. And it has closed its eyes to the constant French violations of the treaty. Now its feet are mired in its own bungling incompetence. Hitler's move and the French impatience have brought matters to a head.

One thing is certain. America's place is on this side of the Atlantic. The personal squabbles of European nations must be settled, one way or another, by those nations. Our clothesline is already too crowded to allot any space to European wash. One lesson was sufficient. The lives of American youth must never again be handed over to European political privateers.

ONE MORE BATTLE!

Rapidly and forcibly the Legion of Decency met and dealt with the shock troops of moviedom's picture industry.

Much more effective than any legislation could possibly have been was the aroused public opinion that the Legion enkindled. If the Legion had resorted to legislative measures, there can be no doubt that laws would have long since appeared in the books. But the law is one thing; enforcement of it quite another.

If the moral standards of the screen had been put in the safekeeping of politicians, the usual political run-around would have ensued. The Legion has brought home the fact that the mightiest weapon of reform and the strongest defence against screen indecency is an aroused public opinion.

The drive against indecent movies, however, is not yet over. A solution is still wanting to the problem of block-booking. It is a strongly fortified trench, and the producers are safely ensconced in it.

The House Interstate Commerce Committee now has before it a plea by Representative Francis D. Culkin for legislation to prevent block-booking.

As long as exhibitors are compelled to contract for pictures by the batch, the producers have an out for any and every salacious picture they may wish to screen. To cite one instance, the recent "Klondike Annie" film.

Hence the Legion must yet meet and conquer the issue of block-booking. In all justice it cannot "pass the buck" to the individual exhibitor. It is the Legion's battle, and the Legion must fight it.

LEARNING ALWAYS

Most parents do not seem to realize that their children learn during all their waking hours. They seem to think that the child is receptive to knowledge only from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon. For the other twelve or fourteen hours the adolescent mind is presumed to be at rest, receiving no impressions that will develop or deteriorate the child.

Some parents are so impressed with this error that they even object to assignment of home work lest it force the mind of the child to work overtime. This is, of course, a great mistake. The mind of the child is plastic and receptive to impressions from the moment he awakes in the morning to the moment he goes to sleep at night. Indeed, his very adventures in dreamland frequently have an important bearing on his future.

However, the things that are said and done in the home, on the street, in the movie theatre and other places of recreation contribute quite as much as the formal training to the making of the child's character. It is a sad paradox that the parent who is highly insistent upon the best of training and example for the child at school and at church will be indifferent concerning that same child's associates outside of school and concerning the places he frequents during those very receptive moments of recreation.

What can six or seven hours do for the making of a stable character when much more than that time is spent in an environment where the agencies of the devil are hard at work destroying every good impression the child has received, and supplanting these impressions with evil ones. (Catholic Herald Citizen, Milwaukee).

If the Townsend plan should be adopted, we suspect a lot of people would grow old not only gracefully but in a hurry.—Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.—Galt, Canada, Reporter.

Scientists say that humans get most of their nourishment from the air. From the radio crooners?

Death comes quickly enough without going 70 miles per hour to meet it.—Southwest Courier.

Prejudice is the product of ignorance, and ignorance is the greatest of all dangers to democracy," says Newton D. Baker. But what are you going to do? They won't read and they won't listen.—Geneva Daily Times.

Business men who object on principle to government relief work will have a good chance to practice what they preach, as 400,000 WPA workers per month are released and come around asking for private jobs.

Current Comment

Focussing its yellow headlights on the question of abortion Time Weekly in a recent issue again resorted to a blow below the belt.

The distinguished leaders of the general staff of Time are well versed in the art of trick phraseology. In stating a fact of news importance they manage by inserting a choice word to disparage the traditional Christian teaching on the subject under discussion.

Merely because Dr. Frederick Joseph Taussig has found that every tribe, nation, people and race from time immemorial have practiced abortion" does not make abortion moral and legitimate.

The practice of abortion contrary to Time's insinuation, was not a widespread one among "every tribe nation people and race."

Every generation in every nation has produced its quota of thieves, murderers, and gangsters of the written or spoken word. But that does not make stealing, murder, and verbal chicanery moral and legitimate.

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German Catholicism Nazi government official recently declared is dressing itself in the red robes of Communism. They cited many instances of collaboration between Catholics and Communists. Secret police agents they stated had found treasonable literature in the homes of national Catholic leaders. Many prominent Catholics were arrested and charged with treason.

Lifting the veil of Nazi hypocrisy, a surprising set of facts comes to light.

Communist literature from an untraceable source was received in the daily mail by certain Catholic leaders. The very same day their homes would be raided by the Nazi secret police seeking the treasonable literature. To swallow this as a "coincidence" is asking a little bit too much. The police not only knew where to strike but in each individual case when to strike.

It is not known whether the literature was sent directly from police headquarters, but the rest of the case is apparent.

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The United States now has an official daily newspaper, the Federal Register. It is edited, published and circulated by government personnel, sells for $05 a copy. It is a formal journal, devoted exclusively to official texts of the executive branch of the government. Editorial comment is specifically forbidden.

A special appropriation of $120,000 will finance the register until February 1937.

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A novel way of forwarding forbidden propaganda came to light this past week. German Socialist emigres filled thousands of bottles with leaflets and floated them down the Oder river to Germany. The leaflets, printed on cigarette paper, and requiring a magnifying glass to read, called on German workers not to go to the polls or to tear up their ballots.

Special details of Nazi police were ordered out to comb the river with fishing nets and waylay the bottles before they fell into the hands of the workers.

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American neutrality is a much discussed subject at the present moment. Hitler's recent move may be the first step in the making of a new European war. The consensus of opinion of foreign correspondents is that another war is in the making. Many of them seem to feel that it will be held off for another two or three years at least until the armament programs are well on the road to completion.

European wars of European making should be fought and settled by European countries. America's place is on the sidelines. There is no conclusive reason why American youth should be sacrificed to European racial hatred and perverted national pride. If American money and influence were the prime movers in the political squabbles across the ocean, as they are in Mexico, it would put a different face on the situation. But as things now stand America would do well to keep its own political kitchen in order.

Rambling Round

A great man is one who can read detective stories and make people think he is doing it to rest his mind.—Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

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"You can say anything in 500 words," says Franklin Roosevelt. That is, if you have anything to say. If not, it takes more.—Corning Evening Leader.

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When the Scotch start calling King Edward "Good Old Teddy" it may be concluded that he's a little bit of all right.—Geneva Daily Times.

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Tammany disregarded Jimmy and put Al on its list of delegates to the Democratic Convention probably figuring that one Walker would be enough.—Boston Herald.

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The campaign isn't really in full stride. All the GOP presidential candidates so far unveiled have been people we have heard of.—Detroit News.

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It seems that the modern statesman can't tell a lie, either. The correct name for it is an "official denial."—Minneapolis Star.

He who clutches at much grasps little; correct one fault at a time.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

Rochesterians are accustomed to think of Toronto as within calling distance. I wonder how many Catholics in our diocese realize that this neighboring city harbors the finest Institute of Catholic philosophy on this continent. It is the Institute of Medieval Studies which is affiliated with the University of Toronto. All scholars of any eminence [illegible] the superiority of this remarkable institution which has been developed mainly through the labours of Dr. Gerald Phelan. So great an authority as Dr. Gilson of the University of Paris has called Dr. Phelan the greatest Catholic philosopher in America.

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I met Dr. Phelan a short time ago and found him not at all formidable with his great array of knowledge and wisdom but rather [illegible] and carrying the weight of his learning very lightly. He told me that two Rochester young men graduates from Aquinas and from St. Michael's College Toronto are now working for their Ph.D. at the Institute of Medieval Studies. I wonder whether Rochester will have a place for such caliber when they are finished. Dr. Phelan assured me with a wry smile that if Rochester had no place he could find them places easily. I could understand that he should not be particularly concerned about Rochester but to a native son like myself it seems hard that our community should not get the full benefit of the splendid endowments and scholarship [illegible] these young men are gaining for themselves.

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The Institute of Medieval Studies [illegible] for postgraduate work. Associated with it for undergraduate studies is St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto [illegible] rather unique institution on this continent, is being a Catholic college in a secular university [illegible]. It is unfortunate that Rochester has no Catholic college for boys but with St. Michael's at Toronto as close as it is the lack of a home institution is not so regrettable as it might otherwise be. [illegible] by comparative statistics that it costs Rochester parents no more to send their boys to St. Michael's in Toronto (transportation, board, tuition etc. all included) than to send them to the University of Rochester and maintain them at home. Which raises the point that it must be a very serious [illegible] indeed which keeps Catholic parents in our diocese or neighborhood from sending their boys to any but a Catholic college.

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THE ASCENT OF CALVARY. By *Rev. Louis Perroy*. Poignant meditations on the Passion which the Divine Victim passed through in His death [illegible]

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Views of Others

RETURN TO INDIVIDUALISM

From now until November voices will be heard in support of good "old rugged individualism." Significantly enough the din will come from those who have been most active in crushing the individual producer. Loudest will be the voices of those who waxed fat on profits derived from monopoly or the enjoyment of special privileges obtained legally or illegally.

Those now most vociferous in demanding the return of the individual to productive property have been the ones who have driven the individual, the small enterprise, out of production. When they speak of individuals they mean only a few individuals. And it is these few whom they have in mind. By rugged individualism they mean ruthless, unregulated competition by which the spoils will go to the strongest. An individual is one person, a single human being. That kind of individual [illegible] who now clamor for a return to individualism. They are thinking of the individual corporation, the monopoly, the trust or the group of financiers who operate as a unit.—Indiana Catholic & Record, Indianapolis.

Spiritual Thoughts

Human endures three-fourths of life.

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The cross is at once the symbol of love and suffering.

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The best sign of true contrition is a firm purpose of amendment.

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God does not reward our success but our fidelity in the work we do.

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The course of evil begins so slowly an infant's hand might stop the breach.

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Faith is knowledge of the truth on the authority of God.

Diocesan Recordings

"His bills are for the common good and not political in nature" states a news story in the daily press reporting action of a legislator in Albany. And we had the quaint idea that all bills proposed in the legislature were supposed to be for the common good.

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Sixty years in the Holy Priesthood today March 17. That sentence if developed and especially about the good priest who is celebrating those years of sacerdotal service would take many columns. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nelson H. Baker V.G., P.A. or better "Father Baker" of Lackawanna in the Buffalo diocese who is now 95 years of age is marking his sixtieth anniversary today in a characteristically quiet manner. The story of Monsignor Baker's beneficent deeds is too well known to repeat. It is interesting to note however that in recounting his life story in the Catholic Union and Times record is made that he served at one time in Corning. One of his classmates, the late Rev. John Long who died March 23 1916 had been stationed in Elmira having chosen to stay in the newly formed Rochester Diocese in 1897 when separated from the Buffalo diocese. We can all join in felicitating the great charity priest of Lackawanna. Monuments to his deeds erected by himself include Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Trade Schools Home Orphan Boys' Asylum, Infant Home, General and Maternity Hospital farm buildings, gymnasium, home for nurses, Working Boys Home and several smaller buildings.

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At least 7,400 men and women we have heard about will not find attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass a period of obligation on Sunday that is long dragged out and one which they are glad to have over with. This rapidly growing number of the laity in this diocese are engaged in weekly interesting discussion of the Ceremonies of the Mass under the guidance of their priests. The significance of the central act of our Holy Religion becomes vital. The beautiful symbolism of every act of the celebrant on the altar is becoming better understood. Not only will those who know and appreciate the Mass be on time on the days of obligation but they will go often during the week. They will understand why the Mass and will see in it the treasures for eternity that they may have been overlooking in the past. Then too, they will be in a better position to explain their faith to others for after taking it in study club meetings they will have the confidence and necessary knowledge to impart to others the faith that is in them.

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Two pamphlets that will aid greatly in the study club program are "A Catechism of the Liturgy for Young and Old," compiled from approved sources by a Religious of the Sacred Heart and Ordinary of the Mass prepared by a Paulist Father. Both are obtainable at the Diocesan Office Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

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Many laymen who have attended the Laymen's Retreats at St. Bernard's Seminary will feel the loss of the Rev. William I. Lonergan, S.J., associate editor of America and nationally known as a Retreat Master who died last week. Father Lonergan took a personal interest in Catholic laymen. He kept in touch with them throughout the year guiding, counselling and advising. Many prayers will be offered for the repose of his soul.

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We have been told that Tobacco Road, due to show soon in Rochester, has been revised with objectionable features deleted. It was a pretty dirty Road and we hope that the cleaners did their job well.

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The "Almeyome-Law" News of St. Margaret Mary's Church is doing excellent work as a little brother of the Catholic Press. It is "peppy" yet dignified and should foster interest in parish activities.

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You can't get something for nothing from anyone but God.

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Ridicule comes natural to human nature; sympathy requires serious mental application.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Why do not Catholics receive Holy Communion under the form of wine as well as under the form of bread?

A. Holy Scripture informs us that the same reward was promised by our Divine Saviour to those who received Holy Communion under one kind as to those who receive both species.

Receiving Holy Communion under the form of bread is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42): "And they were persevering in the doctrine of the Apostles and in the communion of the breaking of the bread." St. Paul also mentions the reception under the species of bread alone. In his first Epistle to the Corinthians (XI 27) he writes: "Whosoever shall eat this bread OR drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body AND blood of the Lord."

Regarding the distribution of the species of bread and wine at Holy Communion the practice of the Church has varied at different periods according to circumstances. The Fathers of the Church tell us that the anchorites of the desert, travellers going on long journeys, martyrs in the prisons received under the form of bread alone, while infants received under the form of wine only.

Custom long ago did away with the reception of Communion under the form of wine, due to the scarcity of pure wine in many places, the danger of spilling the consecrated species, the repugnance of some to wine and for various other reasons.

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Q.—Will you kindly tell me what the priest says in Latin when we go to Holy Communion?

A.—"Corpus Domini Nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen." May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ keep thy soul unto life everlasting. Amen."