

Court Upholds City's Ban on Burlesque

NEW YORK.—Action of the city authorities in refusing to renew a license to the operators of a burlesque theater here was upheld by Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy Saturday.

Operators of the theater asked the court for a reversal of the license application rejection by Paul Moss, City License Commissioner. The Commissioner's refusal was based on the ruling that performances at the theater had been offensive to public morals and decency. The theater operators had charged that Commissioner Moss' action was an "undemocratic process and censorship," a contention Justice Levy appeared was not sustained.

Radio announcers or commentators who promote litters are hindering instead of helping national defense.

First Priest In Iceland

ST. LOUIS — A number of Catholic papers of the country, relying on information printed in St. Ansgar's Bulletin, official organ of the St. Ansgar's Scandinavian Catholic League, of New York, have stated the Most Rev. John Gunnarsson, of the Montfortian Congregation, newly appointed Vicar Apostolic of Iceland, is the first Icelandic priest of modern times. This is incorrect.

The account says Mgr. Gunnarsson had studied in Holland "and returned as a young priest to minister to his fellow countrymen in 1924." At a much earlier date, in 1890, Jon Stephan Svensson, S. J., was ordained to the priesthood. Born in 1867 at Mosdruvellir on Iceland, he was sent to Denmark as a boy and ultimately returned to the Church and entered the Society of Jesus.

He became a popular writer and those of his books having "Nou" for their title have gone through numerous editions. In fact, the first of the volumes published un-

der that title in 1913 had reached a total of 71,000 copies by 1932. Fr. Svensson also wrote some books of travel — all of which make healthy reading — the product of a noble mind and a pure soul CV Service.

PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARD COMMISSIONED IN ARMY

WASHINGTON. — Thomas J. Qualters, personal bodyguard to President Roosevelt, has been commissioned a captain in the Intelligence Section of the Army Air Corps and will report to Bolling Field, here, for duty on May 1.

Mr. Qualters, who comes from Somerville, Mass., is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and has been assistant supervising agent of the White House secret service detail since 1936.

Life is the frailest of all things.

Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire CHESTERTON AGAIN

Strange and to me surprising I have received more letters about Chesterton's canonization than I have about any other subject touched on in this column. Some of the writers are under the impression that I am conducting a "press propaganda" to have the great man promoted to the Calendar.

That is due to a misunderstanding; and the misunderstanding is due, I think, to one little misprint. In referring to a letter from a Rural Delivery address in Pennsylvania, in which the writer said he had been praying for that attention, I said that showed the idea "was catching on among the common people independent of any press propaganda." The printer made me say, "independent of any press propaganda." That, of course, shocked my sense of humility which is small and frail and sensitive. To be considered as a

kind of clearing house for the canonization of G. K. C. is too great an honor and without desert.

But with some of the communications received I am well pleased. They show that readers are interested in Chesterton's Autobiography; and I believe it is a wonderful book. Of course the book is of more special interest to those who are old enough to remember the many controversies, literary, political, social, and religious, described so vividly in its pages, and of which the author could have said *magna pars fui*; but it touches also many questions of perennial interest, and one of such questions I found when I dipped into it tonight.

VISITS HOLY LAND

Many years before Chesterton became a Catholic, he made a journey to Palestine, commissioned by the paper on which he was working in Fleet Street, to write up his impressions of what he should see in the Holy Land. In Jerusalem he met an old friend of whom he always speaks with respect and even affection, and whom he describes as "Father Waggett . . . a very able man of the Anglo-Catholic group."

Writes Chesterton (page 178): "Father Waggett once said to me as we stood on the Mount of Olives in view of Gethsemane, 'Well, anyhow it must be obvious to anybody that the doctrine of the Fall is the only cheerful view of human life' (bold type is Chesterton's). And to this statement of the Anglo-Catholic clergyman, Chesterton adds the comment "It is indeed obvious to me, but the thought passed over me at the moment, that a very large proportion of that old world of sceptical sects and cliques, to which I had once belonged, would find it a much more puzzling paradox than the paradoxes of Oscar Wilde and Bernard Shaw . . . I will not develop the argument here which I have so often developed elsewhere."

But, my dear reader, does it not seem a paradox also to you? That the Fall is "the only cheerful view of human life?" The Fall which was the first human revolt against Almighty God, the Fall that caused the expulsion of our first parents from the earthly Paradise, the Fall that brought death into the world "and all its woes," condemned our first parents to earn their bread in the sweat of their face, and was the *fons et origo* of all the miseries to which their descendants have been heirs and will be heirs till the Angel blows his trumpet and summons all to the final judgment — how can the doctrine of this Fall be "the only cheerful view of human life?" Do you agree with Father Waggett and G. K. C. I do; but I will defer my reasons to next week.

In the meantime: The broadcasts of Information Please and the Quiz Kids have evidently become very popular. The press has seen this and taken advantage of it. Every paper you pick up today has a column of Quiz Questions. So I will propose a few Quiz Questions which you can meditate on in your spare moments during the week. If you find the answers, you will see that the statement of Father Waggett is not a paradox but a great Christian truth. These questions are offered to all readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER, but especially to high school pupils and the young ladies of the new Nazareth College. (Of course the professors know the answers already.)

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What is the central doctrine (and fact) of the Christian religion?
2. How would you relate this doctrine (and fact) to the Fall so that in the relation the doctrine of the Fall will appear as the only cheerful view of human life?
3. You have, no doubt, heard chanted on Holy Saturday that magnificently joyous, "cheerful," paschale praeseonium, popularly known from its first word as "the Exultet." If we identify happiness with cheerfulness, can you give one joyful exclamation in the Exultet which indicates that the Church also considers the Fall to be "the most cheerful view of human life?"
4. In Newman's Apologia there are two paragraphs that throw light on this problem and will help to solve it. One of them consists of a sentence of about 200 yards. It deals with the consequences of the Fall; and is perhaps the most majestic single sentence in the whole field of English literature. The second paragraph establishes that relation between the Fall and the central doctrine (and fact) of our holy religion. Can you put your finger on those two passages in the Apologia?



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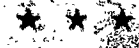
As ROCHESTER TRUST rounds out its fifty-fourth consecutive year of banking, trust and safe deposit service to the Rochester section, I should like to extend the institution's thanks to the patrons and other friends whose good will has been the foundation of its continuing and, indeed, its steadily broadening success throughout another twelve months.

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WAR SERVICE

Since December, the furtherance of National Victory has been a prior consideration in shaping the policies and services of this bank. Eight members of our organization are now on duty with the armed forces of the United States. Directors, officers and employees are participating in Rochester's Civil Defense activities. The sale of United States Defense Bonds, Defense Savings Stamps and Tax Savings Notes now occupies the full time of several members of the staff, as well as the assistance of others. ROCHESTER TRUST makes no charge and receives no compensation for this wartime service.

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