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AWAKES FROM TRANCE.

The editor of the Louisville Herald has seen a great light. He says: "We began to realize a great truth a German friend has been repeating to unwilling ears—'America knows just so much of the war, the actual happenings, as the English are willing to have her know—and no more. Much we fear that it is true.'"

PROPER SPIRIT.

To be poor is hard enough, but to have one's poverty paraded before unsympathetic officialdom is the last straw in the breaking of the spirit. Philanthropy, especially when it is professional, though it bears up the body, bears down the heart, and many a man has preferred to starve rather than ask help of those who would fling him a coin tainted with contempt. Every one has a right to the necessities of life, and consciousness of the claim bestowed by the natural law makes every man worthy of the name loth to accept as a niggardly pittance the sustenance that he can demand in justice. But how different is the motive that inspired the gift sent to the New York Sun recently by a gentleman of Rockland. "For bread," was the message accompanying his present, "from one who has never been hungry, and is thankful for blessings received." This is the proper spirit if faith were stronger, says America, and there were more gratitude for the good things given by the bounty of the Father of all, there would be more sympathy and generosity and a greater willingness on the part of those with many possessions to share their abundance with those who have few, and there would be fewer dying of hunger. Christ's gentle kindness in caring for the poor took all sting from his munificence, and his example still awakes the hearts of many generous givers.

WIRES CROSSED.

A Baptist missionary of Chile, South America, writing to a local Baptist paper, in speaking of the Catholic church in that country says: "She has left the people of that country ignorant, immoral and debauched, and wherever she has gone she has held the people in sins of the deepest dye and proved her failure." Our reverend traveler must have got his wires crossed, as in another part of his communication he says, speaking of Chile, where he is located: "The pulse of Chile throbs with national life, the people being a sturdy, progressive race, and proud of their standing. There are 492 papers published, including seventy-three dailies and 186 weeklies."

The writer was evidently too intent on impressing his readers with his crying need, more American dollars, to keep his data straight. Incidentally nine-tenths of this class of communications are always burdened with the same plea, "more money to convert the Romanists."

BRITISH CANARDS.

For weeks we have been told by the pro-English press that Germany's power of offensive had departed and that now she was hard set to maintain her lines against the continuous pressure of the allies' forces. Now the news comes that the Germans have broken through the French-British lines. It is not very easy for the average reader to square one day's news with that of another. Some must be false, and some of the news-gatherers must be lying. It is, however, worthy of note that most of the canards are served with British sauce. The purpose is not quite so apparent. Probably the intention is to work on our well known propensity to applaud success, and if that be true and it can be shown that England is really the mainstay of the allies, we shall be ready to feel more kindly disposed toward her and to overlook her shortcomings, particularly when she happens to tread on our national corras. It has been the object of the lying scribes we confess it has proven eminently successful. No nation with a proper sense of its own dignity would permit its commerce to be dislocated, its mail opened, its ships searched on the high seas and those who had put themselves under the protection of its flag taken off and deprived of their liberty! All this we have permitted England to do, and the end is not yet. How long shall the good people of the United States

stand this sort of thing? Is it not about time England were called to account for her misdeeds?

DOOMED TO FAILURE.

Cardinal Gibbons has come out squarely against the prohibition craze. His Eminence shows it failed everywhere and is doomed to failure. The Cardinal is a strong temperance advocate, but he is against the fanatics and properly so.

Congressman Caleb Powers says President Wilson is bent on declaring war with Germany. He also declares that it is all the members of Congress can do to hold him down, and that it is doubtful whether or not it can be averted. But Caleb is a Kentucky Republican and opposed to the Wilson administration. His party will hail with delight any mistake the President may make.

The Catholic Telegraph Almanac has been received and reflects credit upon the publishers. Containing much valuable information which will interest Catholics and non-Catholics, this almanac will find appreciation everywhere. Those who receive copies should consider themselves fortunate.

England is still calling for more recruits, and the people are asking why those she already has are not on the job. It looks as if she were preparing to move in full force when the war is over and the spoils are to be divided.

One good thing about America is that anyone who is ashamed of this country or disgusted with American patriotism can pick up and leave any time. The door is always open.

Lent begins next Wednesday. Spend the season well, and remember you may never have another.

CHURCH NOT AFRAID.

Bishop O'Dea, in a recent address to the Knights of Columbus, said this: "The church has nothing to hide from the world. She has from the beginning invited investigation. In all of her works, from the smallest catechism to the highest theology, she is open to investigation by the public. She is most desirous that her doctrines should be known, and that she should have liberty of proclaiming to the world the divine injunction, 'Go and teach all nations.' This is her grand and noble mission, and she has always and on all occasions availed herself of this privilege. She had not lived in this world for the last nineteen hundred odd years without being known, and the grandest library, the Catholic library of the Vatican, is thrown open to the public, and the Popes of Rome were the first to say: 'Let the truth be known; we are not afraid of it.'"

EMBER DAYS.

Ember days are three days at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year which the Catholic church sets apart as days of fasting and prayer. They are the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays following the first Sunday in Lent, Pentecost, September 14, and the third Sunday of Advent. The institution of the Ember days goes back to the earliest times of the church. The immediate occasion for their introduction seems to have been the practice among the Roman pagans of holding special religious ceremonies at the beginning of the seeding, vintage and harvesting times to ask their deities for a plentiful harvest. The church, when converting heathen nations, has always tried to sanctify any practices which could be utilized for a good purpose. The purpose of their introduction by the church is twofold. They are intended in the first place to thank God for the blessing obtained during the season just ended, to dedicate to Him the new season and implore blessings for it, atoning at the same time for the sins committed. The other object is to ask God to send zealous and holy laborers into his vineyard, good priests into his church.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

The Holy Name Society is a confraternity of the Catholic church, whose objects are the cultivation of love and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus Christ, and the suppression of blasphemy, perjury, rash oaths, profanity and impure or improper language. It takes its inception from the Council of Lyons, A. D. 1274, and was instituted to make reparation for the insults offered Our Divine Lord by heretics. Pope Gregory X. at once commissioned the Dominicans to promote the society. It has been richly endowed with indulgences.

ERECT HIGHEST SPIRE.

The highest church spire in the world will rise from the new St. Vincent Ferrer church, now being erected in New York City. It will be eighteen feet in diameter and attain a height above the roof of 185 feet, topping the present highest on the Amlens Cathedral in France by several feet.

SOCIETY.

In New York City last week, buying for J. Bacon & Sons.

Mrs. J. H. Broderick is on a ten days' visit to New York and the East.

Mrs. J. F. Francis has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. P. Sheerin, in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Ruth Mahoney has been entertaining her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Pottinger, of New Haven.

Henry Bosquet and Owen Cochran have been enjoying a week's sojourn at West Baden Springs.

Mrs. Thomas McGuire, of South Louisville, is in Chicago visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Tucker.

Mrs. George Thomas had as her guest last week her sister, Miss Mary Gallagher, of Bloomington, Ind.

Misses Ella O'Brien and Vernie Nolan visited in Jeffersonton last week, the guests of Miss Maggie Hummel.

Mrs. Martin Wise and son, Martin Wise, Jr., of Buffalo, are here for an extended visit to friends and relatives.

Little Marietta and John J. Score had their tonsils removed at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital this week.

Miss Laura McCormack, of Southern Heights, returned Thursday from Memphis, where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Straus spent last week in New York City, registering at the Biltmore and enjoying the theaters and shops.

Sergeant Mike Cross left Thursday for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras festival and renew old friendships in his former home.

Miss Katherine Malone left Wednesday for New York, accompanied by Miss Margaret Wann, who was her guest for six weeks.

Miss Nell Gould entertained last week at her home in South Louisville for Miss Sadie McKenna and Jean McKenna, of the Highlands.

Misses Marie and Josephine Kuehler and Miss Mary Harold, of Rushville, Ind., have returned after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kelley.

After a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Leahy, the past week, Mrs. Walter Leachman has returned to her home at Springfield.

Squire John J. O'Brien, Capt. James Hendricks and Edward H. Wagner were in Frankfort Tuesday, looking at the General Assembly in action.

The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Riley, 1130 South Seventh street, will be sorry to learn that she has been seriously ill for the past week.

A delightful event of the past week was the entertainment given by Mrs. Alton Kolb in honor of Miss Hill, of Evansville, the guest of Miss Olive Winn.

Mrs. John Reilly, one of the pioneer residents of Limerick, has been seriously ill at the home of her son, David L. Reilly, of 1106 South Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jennings, of Wallis, Miss., and uncle of Very Rev. Father T. L. Crowley, Prior of St. Louis Bertrand's church, arrived here Wednesday on a visit, and with the local Father Crowley was joint author of "Songs, Sonnets and Essays." In 1912 they made a trip together in an automobile throughout Ireland, and during their tour met many of the famous rule leaders, the elder Father Crowley having a personal acquaintance with Redmond, Devlin and others. He is at present the Chaplain and Superintendent of the Youths' Directory, a boys' agricultural college at San Francisco, Cal., with which there is connected a large vineyard, the output of which is altar wine, made under the personal supervision of Father Crowley, and has the official approval of high ecclesiastical authorities.

Division I. A. O. H., held a fairly well attended meeting on Thursday of last week, President Mark Ryan and all the officers being present. The reports were all encouraging and showed the division to be making progress. Martin Gavin, William Murphy, Thomas Keenan and others discussed the work to be done, plans for which will be soon formulated. President Ryan urged the members to give their united support to the St. Patrick's day celebration at Bertrand Hall and also to be present when the Hibernians make their annual communion at St. Patrick's church. From now until further notice Division I will meet only monthly, on the fourth Thursday night, at Liederkranz Hall.

Dr. Richard O'Mahoney, State Revenue Agent and highly respected throughout the Bluegrass section, died in Lexington on Wednesday, following an operation. Dr. O'Mahoney was seventy-two years old, and was prominent in Lexington and State politics and served as back tax collector for the city and as back tax assessor and as State Revenue Agent for State-at-large for twenty years. He practiced law until his illness incapacitated him. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Bonnyman, of Birmingham, Ala.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Piland, with whom he lived on North Broadway; Sister Mary Margaret (Miss Kate O'Mahoney), of

Duluth, Minn., and two sons, Carroll O'Mahoney, of San Antonio, and Richard O'Mahoney.

Winn assists fund. Col. Matt Winn, of this city, is one of five persons who have given \$1,000 or more toward the erection of the new St. Patrick's Cathedral at El Paso, where Bishop A. J. Schuler, S. J., will preside. These donors will be known as founders and their names inscribed on a marble tablet to be placed in the vestibule of the Cathedral. The foundations are already built and paid for and work on the superstructure, for which there is \$54,000 clear cash on hand, will commence at once. Its dedication will take place either next Christmas or the following Easter.

Passionist retreats. Tuesday evening the annual retreats for the Passionist Fathers opened with solemn services in all their monasteries in the United States, and they will continue until March 7. The retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the Newburg road is being conducted by the Rev. Father Marcellus, C. P., of Normandy, near St. Louis. Rev. Father Cletus Brady, C. P., rector of the Sacred Heart Retreat, left Monday for Chicago, where he will direct the retreat at Norwood Park, and at the same time Father Alphonus Krupp, C. P., left for Cincinnati, to direct the exercises at Holy Cross Monastery.

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Forty hours' prayer. Preparatory for the Lenten season the Forty Hours' Adoration will take place next in Louisville at Holy Name church, Third and O streets, beginning tomorrow morning and continuing until Tuesday. These beautiful and impressive devotions will be directed by Rev. John O'Connor, the pastor, and a number of the local clergy will assist him.

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MARS—"I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS BLOODY BUSINESS."

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere. Council Bluffs will confer the degrees on a class of forty March 12. Sixty-five candidates were initiated at St. Paul on Washington's birthday. Last Sunday fifty candidates were conferred on at Omaha and sixty at Fremont, Neb. The first degree will be exemplified at Cincinnati on March 16 and the second on March 19. The degree of Alhambra will be conferred on a large class at Buffalo on March 13. Little Rock Council will celebrate its twelfth anniversary with a big initiation on April 30. Tomorrow quite a large class, including Father Stern and Father Naughton, will be initiated at Sterling, Col. Congressman M. K. Reilly and Daniel J. Griffin delivered interesting addresses at the annual banquet held by the council at Binghamton. Applications for admission to the scholarship competitive examinations should be in not later than April 1. The examinations will be held May 6. The day before the Supreme Council at Davenport next August the fourth degree will be exemplified. Applications must be in before April 1. Bishop Dowling, of Des Moines, who is noted for his eloquence, will be the preacher at the retreat that will open under the auspices of the Detroit Knights on Sunday, April 2. Seven hundred members and over a thousand friends attended the memorial mass at the Cathedral for the deceased members of Union Council at Syracuse. Bishop Grimes was the celebrant. LEAVES FOR DES MOINES. The Rev. Father Fabian, C. P., who made many warm friends in Louisville while stationed at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the Newburg road, left last week for Des Moines, where he will be assistant to Father Benedict Hanley, who is erecting a new Passionist monastery there.

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