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## Current Comment

The by-law approving Sunday cars passed by a popular vote of almost two to one. The cars will be running in this city next Sunday. The line between St. Boniface and Winnipeg will not, however, be operated on Sundays till some further formalities have been observed.

The passage of this by-law shows that the Ministerial Association is no longer paramount in Winnipeg. It also shows that the combined opposition of the "Telegram" and the "Tribune" is not precisely formidable.

Of late years railway accidents have become rare in England, thanks to great improvements in railway service and in the efficiency of railway men; but the Salisbury wreck of the Plymouth express is positively appalling in the percentage of victims, 23 out of 47 passengers having been killed. And what brings the catastrophe home to our very doors is the fact that most of the victims were Americans who had just landed from New York, and that three at least were Canadians and one a very popular young Anglican clergyman, a graduate of St. John's College, Winnipeg.

One comfort is the feeling that the cause of this terrible accident will be thoroughly investigated. Our English friends will not be content with the perfunctory inquiries which generally follow such accidents on this continent. They will, we feel sure, place the blame on the shoulders that deserve it, and will obviate, as far as possible, the recurrence of such a disaster. Even now, although the coroner's inquest has been adjourned for a fortnight, it is easy to see that the sharp curve outside of Salisbury station is one that ought never to be taken, as the fatal train took it, at a speed of sixty miles an hour.

A cablegram from Rome, under date of June 28, says that Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, emphatically denies all recent disquieting reports with regard to the Holy Father's health. The physician declares that Pius X.'s condition is eminently satisfactory for a man of his years, and does not see any reason why he may not live as long as his predecessor, that is to say, twenty years more. God grant this forecast may be true. The present Pope has done so many and such great things in three years that one naturally longs to see his opportunities for good increased tenfold.

The Sovereign Pontiff's recent approval of a decree recommending daily communion is already beginning to bear fruit. The pastors of the two English-speaking congregations in this city, St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception, have already had two special sermons preached on this subject.

Last Sunday Rev. Father Cherrier told his people that he hoped to see the three-times-a-year communicants become monthly communicants, the monthly become weekly and the weekly become daily communicants. On the previous Sunday, Rev. Father Drummond, preaching in the Immaculate Conception Church, related how the Jesuit Fathers of St. Boniface College had, immediately upon the reception of the decree in April last, exhorted their students to comply with its recommendations, and now the students had so eagerly responded to the appeal that every morning in the last two months of the academic year some forty boys received Holy Communion. The result was a marked improvement in the tone and spirit of the college.

We clip the following from the New York "Catholic News" of June 30.

"In our judgment the denominational schools of the land as compared with the purely state schools are, on moral grounds, incomparably the safest. Our State institutions, as a general thing, are the hotbeds of infidelity, not less than of vice. We

have said and we thoroughly believe that our Church should spend \$10,000,000 in the next ten years in denominational schools. Why? Because we believe that this system is the American one and the only safe one."

That sounds like Catholic talk. But it wasn't a Catholic that uttered these words. They appeared in the editorial columns of a Protestant publication—the Methodist. For saying something similar Catholics have been branded as enemies of the republic. Evidently enlightened Methodists are getting ready to be numbered among the foes of our country.

Mr. Walter Wellman's project of sailing from Spitzbergen to the North Pole in an airship is being seriously explained and elucidated by several of our newspaper editors. Although Mr. Wellman is reported as leaving Tromsø for Spitzbergen with his wonderful airship packed away in the steamer that is bearing him to his proposed starting point for the aerial trip, we very much doubt if he will be so foolish as to court the fate of the unfortunate Andree. Wellman is a great advertiser, but he is no fool. He is no doubt perfectly aware that it is the sheerest folly to attempt a twelve-hundred mile balloon journey in a desolate, unexplored, uninhabited region celebrated for its furious storms. When airships will have safely travelled twelve or fifteen hundred miles over civilized countries it will be time to dream of going to the North Pole in a motor-balloon. Meanwhile we are curious to see how Wellman is going to back out of that mad venture at the last moment. His recent complaints as to the unsatisfactory way in which some of the parts of his great machine were prepared, may be a means of opening the way for a future refusal to risk his life in a badly constructed airship.

The amiable gentleman who writes as "The Bookman" in the Free Press "Readers' Notes," after deploring the social conditions of American non-Catholic society as described in Mr. Wister's "Lady Baltimore," concludes with this amazing piece of youthful naivete: "Since President Roosevelt is so great and searching a moral force in America, why does he not root out divorce entirely?" A remark like this betrays a lamentable ignorance of human nature as revealed in the history of the world. To "root out divorce entirely" is far beyond the power of any mere man. The elemental passions of the race are too fierce to be curbed by any power that is not divine. The God-man alone could do this supernatural work and he is doing it every day in souls that follow His guidance. True Christianity has rooted out divorce entirely. Spurious and fragmentary presentations of Christianity began by tolerating divorce, and the more spurious they become the more they wink at this terrible evil. When the new divorce bill was up for discussion in the British House of Commons, the main effort seemed to be directed towards uniformity in the three Kingdoms, whereupon Mr. Redmond rose and said that the most civilized—because it was mostly Catholic—country in the world, which he had the honor to represent, had no divorce and desired none. It is the vividness of Ireland's Catholic faith that saves it from divorce, and nothing but a turn to that faith and to its sources of personal purity, the sacraments, can root out divorce.

A recent number of the San Francisco "Leader" says that earthquakes accompanied by unreasonable weathers such as has astonished Californians since the fateful 18th of last April are chronicled as early as 1769, the year in which the Franciscan Friars first entered upper California. In 1812 the great Mission of San Juan de Capistrano was destroyed by earthquake while the people were at service. More than forty lives were

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## COYLE-FARRELL.

### Marriage of Popular Couple of St. Mary's Parish, Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sullivan, of Staten Island, N.Y., announce the marriage of Mrs. Sullivan's sister, Miss Jeanette Farrell, to Mr. Daniel F. Coyle, of Winnipeg, on Tuesday, June 19th, at Tompkinsville, Staten Island. The couple are popular among a large circle of friends in this city. The bride was a social favorite among St. Mary's young people while Mr. Sullivan held the position of chief engineer of construction for C.P.R. western lines till the family removed to Staten Island last autumn, when Mr. Sullivan went to Colon as assistant chief engineer of the Panama canal. Mr. Coyle is one of the best known railroad men in western Canada, having been engaged at C.P.R. headquarters here before accepting the office of Secretary of Mackenzie, Mann & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle will be at home after September 1st, on the completion of their residence now in building at St. James Place, corner of Preston and Canora streets.

"The Staten Islander" contains an interesting account of the wedding. The ceremony was performed in the forenoon, at 10.30 o'clock, at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Tompkinsville, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. Father Keagan, O.M.I., officiated, and the attending couple were Miss Elizabeth Farrell, of New York, sister of the bride, and Mr. Thomas J. Coyle, of Winnipeg, brother of the groom. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. John J. Herrick, and was particularly charming in a beautiful gown of white crepe de chene over white silk, with lace and chiffon trimmings. She wore a handsome brooch, a coronet of pearls, the gift of the groom, and was carrying a white prayerbook. The bridesmaid was costumed in a dainty creation of white batiste, trimmed with lace, and a large picture hat; her bouquet was of sweet peas, the bride's favorite flower. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a richly embellished gold bracelet, set with pearls, and to the best man a very pretty stick-pin cross of pearls. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party assisted at a nuptial mass celebrated by Father Keagan.

The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. J. Herrick, of Tompkinsville, and the guests included several well known in Winnipeg. Among those at the breakfast table were Rev. Father Keagan, O.M.I.; Rev. Bro. Lewis, of Brooklyn, formerly principal of St. Mary's school, Winnipeg; Mrs. Thomas Farrell, of Lodi, N.Y., mother of the bride; Mrs. Thomas Coyle, of Winnipeg, mother of the groom; Mrs. J. G. Sullivan; Mrs. Margaret Woods and daughter, Miss Anna Woods, of Ovid, N.Y.; Miss Kate Sullivan, Fishers, N.Y.; Dr. and Mrs. Barker, Woodside L.I.; Mrs. H. G. Galvin, New York city; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Herbert, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Jamaica, L.I.; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Herrick, Staatsburg, L.I.

The collection of wedding gifts was very beautiful and too large for individual reference. A notable gift among the many received was a magnificent cabinet of silver flatware, presented by the officers and staff of Mackenzie, Mann & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle left in the afternoon, after the reception, for New York, the bride wearing a smart travelling suit of grey Panama cloth, with black hat. The wedding tour includes visits at Baltimore, Washington, Niagara Falls, Toronto, and a cruise over the Great Lakes from Owen Sound to Port Arthur.

To show us the worth of time, God most liberal of all other things, is exceedingly frugal in the dispensing of that, for He never gives us two moments together nor grants us a second until He has withdrawn the first, still keeping the third in His own hands, so that we are in perfect uncertainty whether we shall have it or not.

## Persons and Facts

The old proverb, "It is an ill wind that blows no one good," has been realized on the east coast of Canada, where the French Eudist Fathers recently exiled from their native land, are on the mission in Canadian Labrador, remarkable at present for its rapidly increasing industries and commercial undertakings. The French Fathers have now houses in five dioceses, besides those here in our own country, and their superior, Father Blanche, has been the first in their congregation to be consecrated a Bishop.—The New World.

The first two weeks of next October will see a national Catholic congress the (third held in the country) gathered at Guadalajara, Mexico. A number of important topics will be considered, among them the feasibility of initiating a movement of Christian popular action such as lately approved by the Holy Father for Italy. How best to foster Christian education will occupy a large part of the discussion.

The Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., M.A., B.Sc., of Loyola College, Montreal, and late of Stonyhurst Observatory, England, will deliver two illustrated lectures on solar phenomena at the Catholic Summer School, Cliff Haven, on July 30-31.

A great charity banquet was given on June 28 at Prince's restaurant, London, to celebrate the jubilee of the hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, the great Catholic hospital in London. The Duke of Norfolk, as the head of the greatest and oldest Catholic family in the country, presided and all the Howards and Talbots foregathered. The Marchioness of Anglesey, the widow of the late eccentric peer, took a table, and as also the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle. There are only a few American Catholics of wealth now in London, but Mrs. John Mackay, who was unable to dine, sent the Duke of Norfolk a splendid donation, and Miss Van Wart headed a large party to the dinner.

A general organization for Catholic action has been formed in Switzerland, and the leaders of the Catholic movement declare that their purposes are: (1) The conservation and development of the Catholic faith, to-day exposed to many attacks; (2) defense of the rights of the Church; (3) development of a juster social economy; (4) culture of Christian charity in works of relief.

Preparations are being made at Notre Dame, Ill., for the reception during the next three months of 1,000 priests and a large number of the hierarchy. The Order of the Holy Cross, the priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne and of the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold their annual retreats in the order named, beginning last Sunday. The priests' Eucharistic League also will hold its convention there this year, and the congregation of the Holy Cross will open its general chapter August 8. This will draw religious from Canada, India and Italy.

The Chaplain of Prince Doria, an octogenarian priest, was stabbed and killed by an anarchist named Dessatys, while he was driving to the Doria villa to say Mass at 10 o'clock on the morning of June 5. Dessatys is probably insane, although he boasts that he is an anarchist. His motive is inconceivable. He hardly knew the Chaplain. His father is employed by Prince Doria.

The Catholic Chinese on the Rand, in what was formerly the Transvaal, South Africa, have presented an address to Father Shang, O. M. I., of Krugersdorf. The church in this place is a central one for the coolies working in the mines. It is supposed that there are at least 200 Catholics among them. With the address they presented to their church a fine banner, worked by themselves. Although Father Shang's name may have a familiar sound to these Oriental

Catholics, the good Father himself comes from Lorraine, and is only now making his first acquaintance with the Chinese language.

A new cathedral, a home for priests, a convent and a parish house were destroyed by fire at Nicolet, province of Quebec, Canada, on June 21 last, involving a loss of \$400,000.

Fifty years ago the colony of St. John, in Dakota county, Neb., was founded by a little band of daring Irishmen, headed by their pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Tracy. It was then a vast wilderness, but it appeared desirable to the pioneers, and so they pitched their tents there, and on the following day, Sunday, June 2nd, laid the foundation of the town of St. John. The fiftieth anniversary of this event will be celebrated by the large and prosperous population of the country on July 17 and 18, the cause of the delay being the absence of the present pastor, Very Rev. W. D. Moriarity.

The French foreign office has been advised that China has signed a treaty according to complete satisfaction to France for the massacre of six French Jesuit missionaries at Nanchang, Kiangsi province, in February last. China pays \$200,000 indemnity to the missions and \$400,000 indemnity to the deceased missionaries' families, builds a memorial hospital and punishes the ring-leaders of the rioting. In addition, posthumous honors, which the people of Nanchang demanded, will not be granted to the Chinese magistrate whose suicide was the signal for the outbreak. The French gunboats in the vicinity of Nanchang will now be withdrawn.

At the provincial chapter of the Augustinian Fathers of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, which includes the United States and Cuba, Very Rev. M. J. Geraghty, for the last four years provincial of the order in this country, was re-elected unanimously to that exalted office. He is not yet 40 years old.

Rev. James M. Reardon, of St. Paul seminary, who will be remembered here for his splendid Knights of Columbus sermon on the occasion of the installation of the Winnipeg Council, was recently presented a gold-headed cane by the members of the Fairbault, Minn. council as an appreciation of his valuable labors for the council during the time he was stationed there last summer.

Professor Charles C. Starbuck, the Protestant contributor to the "Sacred Heart Review," writes:

What has made St. Bartholomew's a word of fear through the ages is that the overwhelming numbers of the Catholics made it an easy thing for them to murder, through France, 14,000 victims, which will report, taking no account of formal Huguenot authority, soon exaggerated to 20,000, or 30,000, 50,000, nay, to 100,000.

"The Huguenots, as I have repeatedly shown, who cannot have been more than one-seventh of the people (not a mere one-fifteenth according to the latest Protestant estimate) had, relatively to their numbers, been more given to massacre than the Catholics, but they were too few to make any such showing of murder at any one time as their enemies. Therefore St. Bartholomew's retains its ghastly pre-eminence, not in justice, to one who knows the real relations of the two religious parties of France, but by the fact that the Huguenots, so much fewer, could not equal it in numbers, though proportionately they more than equalled it."

Thos. E. Waggamann of Washington died June 27 in a farm house at Annapolis, Md. Mr. Waggamann was at one time treasurer of the Catholic University, and his bankruptcy caused serious financial trouble.

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