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GREAT MAN DEAD.

The Pope is dead and the whole Catholic world mourns its loss. He was a man of outstanding ability and, as head of a great church, his attitude on the great questions of world-wide interest were given careful consideration. Both before and during the war he made incressing efforts to bring about peace. His note, in favor of the conclusion of peace, forwarded to all the powers, was one of the first steps towards the present Washington Conference on limitation of armaments.

Cardinal Giacomo Del La Chiesa, was elected Pope by the Sacred College on the 3rd September, 1914, in succession to Pius X., who had died on August 20. He had been created a cardinal a few months previously, and was at the time of the election, Archbishop of Bologna, in Italy.

The late Pontiff was born at Pegli, in the diocese of Genoa, November 21, 1854, and was ordained a priest December 21, 1878. He served as secretary of the nunciature in Spain from 1883 to 1887, in which year he was appointed secretary to the late Cardinal Rampolla.

He was appointed substitute secretary of state in 1901, and in 1907 he was elected to the post of adviser to the Holy Office.

In 1907 he was elected Papal nuncico of Madrid in succession to Mgr. Rinaldina, but his appointment was cancelled three days later. This incident had occurred just before he was made Archbishop of Bologna. When Mgr. Del La Chiesa was given this post, it was declared in Rome that it was mainly with the object of combatting modern religious ideas. Bologna being the headquarters of the National Democratic League, whose members advocated what is known as "Modernism" in religion.

On his accession to the throne of St. Peter, the new Pope assumed the name of Benedict XV. It had been 174 years since the last Pope Benedicte. On his election to the Papacy, in 1740 Cardinal Prospero Lambertini assumed that title. It is an interesting fact that the late Pope was Archbishop of Bologna, while Pope Benedicte XVI. was born in Bologna.

THE FALL OF DUBLIN CASTLE.

A few days ago in one of the rooms of a motley and unimposing appearing structure in Dublin, there took place a ceremony was the evacuation of the the mile posts of human history. The building was Dublin castle, and the ceremony was the evacuation of the place by the British authorities to make way for the new rulers of Ireland,—the representatives of her own people.

"The fall of Dublin castle," the Irish called it, in recollection perhaps of the fall of the French Bastile a century and a quarter before. So it is a fall, for for more than seven hundred years this ancient pile of stone has stood as the physical evidence of British domination of Erin.

But quite different scenes were enacted when the authority of Britain passed without the walls of this castle from those witnessed when the French prison was razed by the frenzied revolutionists of another century. "Three rather ancient looking taxicabs" we are told by one of the eyewitnesses of the event "whirled in and on through the lower yard, passing under the arch into the upper yard." In these three cabs were the ministers of the new provisional government of Ireland headed by the youthful Michael Collins.

"A few moments later," the account continues, "the Tommies were standing at salute and a magnificent limousine with gilded crest emblazoned on its shiny black coamel turned in through the gate and went humming up the driveway."

This more stately carriage brought the lord lieutenant, Lord FitzAlan, just arrived from the vice-regal lodge at Phenix park, of tragic memory.

The two groups passed within the council chamber, and there, unseen of the public, the ceremony took place which made Ireland a self governing nation.

There were smiling faces, handshakes and other evidences of cordiality, and the consummation of this great historical event was later announced by the British authorities in this simple language:

"Members of the Irish Provisional Government received the surrender of Dublin Castle at 1.45 today and the Government is now in the hands of the Irish Nation."

Contrast these scenes with those enacted when the French guillotined prisons were destroyed!

Paris was in an uproar. Anarchy prevailed. A maddened throng of simple minded people, athirst for blood and bursting forth from bonds which for ages had held them in subjection, tore down the way and, storming the stone walls of the hated evidence of their oppression with the crudest of instruments, they rent it apart brick by brick and stone by stone.

The smile, if a smile was there, was the smile of unreasoning frenzy; the hand that was reached forth was extended to slay and destroy.

The tragedies that preceded the fall of Dublin castle were equally as fearsome and bloody as those which are associated with the fall of the Bastile, and they are told off by the ages instead of in the comparatively brief period of the French revolution. But the culmination of the one and the other were in as great a contrast as it is possible for the mind to conceive.

Perhaps the storming of Dublin castle by Michael Collins and his friends in their rickety taxicabs will mark an era in history other than the fact of the liberation of the Irish nation. It may be significant of a manner of settling controversies between nations elsewise than by human slaughter. At least the world may be permitted to hope that this will be so, if not always, at least more often than has been in the past.

SUNDAY EATING.

The old-fashioned Sunday dinner has been the subject of a column of warning in the London Times. Perhaps the Sunday dinner is more firmly entrenched in England than in Canada. Yet it is sufficiently persistent in this country to deserve a little serious attention.

It is strange that so many persons believe that Sunday is intended for over-indulgence in hearty food. With less physical work to be done and wherefore, less need for energy supplying food, hundreds of families prepare and eat, on the day of rest, bigger and richer dinners than on any other day of the week. An effort might well be started to make Sunday a day of rest for the stomach as well as for body and spirit.

Says the medical writer of the London paper, "The Sunday dinner is doing its part to cause suffering and to shorten its span of human life. Also it might be convicted of playing a part in the dullness and distress upon getting down to work again on Monday. When the only form of exercise taken is the mastication of food, the less rich and stimulating that food is, the better for the eater Sunday dinner reform is now in order.

NEWSPAPER INDEPENDENCE.

Henry Ford's news on newspaper independence appears to be considerably sounder than his opinion of history. Concerning the former, he says that the modern newspaper is a property depending not, as the earlier Press did, on its readers, but on its advertisers. Being a property these sometimes enters the question of jeopardising that property by taking attitudes or expressing views which might alienate the supporters of that property. It is not a question of cowardice, it is a question of prudence. The problem forms itself thus in the editor's or owner's mind: "Is it worth while, for the sake of expressing an opinion or a warning or a fact, that may just as well wait until tomorrow, or that may just as well be passed over to the pulpit or some other agency—is it worth while, for the self-satisfaction it might give us to express this opinion today, to endanger the existence of this paper?"

Whenever an editor formulates this problem he abdicates his position, or his claim, as an invincible moulder of public opinion. He admits it was a false claim, at least as far as himself and his paper are concerned. His virtually says, "this paper is the product not of its editors but of its advertisers; it is not our principles and opinions that keep us afloat and make us useful, but it is the projecting power of our advertisers. The newspaper is really an advertising board which, to make it a more attractive advertising board, sets aside a small fraction of space for printed news."

It is true, of course, that readers are most valued by newspapers because the advertising rate is based on the number of readers—it is a rate per thousand of readers.

But this also is true—editors are still in a position to be free, if they would only realize it. Freedom is, after all, a temper of the mind, it is in ratio to the courage of the individual. The advertiser has succeeded in fastening the fear of him on some editors simply because those editors were men who could be frightened. It is the industry and banking—banking has succeeded in saying the time of death upon industry, though industry is big enough to shake banking off like a wisp of straw, if it would. The editor is still the big man, if he but knew it. The printing press is still mightier than the bank account, if it is handled with half the skill which marks the manipulation of the bank account.

When editors evade their task as leaders of public opinion and are content to be business managers of advertising sheets first, and followers of public opinion second, it is a sorry thing for the country. Everything worthless then captures the apparent approval of the Press, which is not Press approval at all, but only the pre-emption of space on the printed page. The Press in its nobler sense has been supine, has been used, has been degraded by evil association. It ought to come back. It ought to get on the job. It ought to resume its task as the exterior conscience of the unformed multitude. It ought to speak out. It ought to get a religion which convinces it that nothing wrong can in jure it while it holds fast to right. It ought to get its breath back, so that it can speak, and its heart back so that it can fight, and it ought to shake off the parasites that have clung to it and so nearly sapped its power.

Examining one of the United States Government's reply postal cards the other day we noticed that the portrait of Martha Washington decorated the answer card. Courteously permitting the women to have the last word, as it would appear.

The second battleship Maine, of the United States Atlantic fleet, cost $2,000,000, and will bring $48,500 for junk. But the first Maine was more expensive than that for the United States had to fight a war on account of her.

Now that the farm bloc in the United States Senate has provided a way for the appointment of a farmer to the Federal Reserve Board perhaps it will find a way to admit a farmer to the bloc.

"I've found a home in fair New England, north of Boston, up in Maine," sings a bard in the Boston Transcript. Geographically, the poem seems to be all right. The map discloses that Maine is north of Boston.

Twenty-five acts of heroism have been rewarded by the Carnegie Board, but the man who undertook to tell his wife how she'd got to vote wasn't included.

Henry Ford says that gold is useless except for decorative purposes. From which we may conclude that Henry is by way of being the champion decorator of the world.

After reading about the salary that Will Hays is going to receive, Judge Landis may conclude that he ought to have gone into the movie business instead of baseball.

What seems to be called for in diplomatic circles now is some kind of a trig to keep the open door in China open.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

A Merchant Bank Probe.
(London Free Press.)

The Dominion Government should make a thorough probe into the Merchants Bank, not so much to find out who was responsible for the business of the institution drifting into the state it did, but to prevent the repetition of such a condition of affairs.

Cuts Both Ways.
(Hamilton Herald.)

New York's organized garment workers have succeeded in their injunction proceedings against the manufacturers, who violated their agreement with the workers. And now Mr. Gompers will perhaps not feel so much inclined to rail against "government by injunction."

Georgia's Gasoline Tax.
(From the Nebraska State Journal.)

After spending $18,000,000 on road construction during the past year the state of Georgia is planning a campaign to issue bonds to the amount of $75,000,000 for a complete network of county and county seat highways. There is nothing unusual in the proposal except the method under which it is proposed to retire these bonds. They are to be paid for in 30 years by a tax on gasoline and automobiles. Less opposition to the gasoline tax will be heard there than in Nebraska, perhaps, because the tax is already in existence. The idea is to continue to let it flow into the general treasury until 1925, when it will begin to be used for the retirement of the new bonds.

The "Impossible" De Valera.
(John Devey in the Gaelic American.)

The writer of this article has known and dealt at close range with every Irish leader for the past half century, but he has never met one so impracticable, self-willed, stubborn and incapable of winning other men to his views, or of conciliating honest differences of opinion, as De Valera. De Valera is absolutely impossible. He has no real strength of character and no convictions except an overweening self-confidence, which is founded neither on achievement nor power of persuasion. His position is: "I want this thing done and you must not ask me why. The Irish people have selected me as their spokesman and that is enough." This attitude on the part of a man with wide experience of public affairs would be bad enough, but in the case of a man with no experience at all and no training it is simply intolerable.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Last nite I had a fearse dreem, dreeming a berguler was in my room and he put everything in a grate big bag and then he stuck a pin in my football jest out of meenness and then he pulled the pillo from underneeth my hed and put that in the bag too, and then he started to wawk up and down on top of me as hard as enything, me thinking, Owtch, wat the heck.

Wich jest then I woak up and jest wen I started to feel glad it was ony a dreem I saw something moving erround in the room looking like a man, me thinking, Holey smoaks, there is one in heer.

And I quick shut my eyes so he would think I was asleep in case he terned his flash lite on me all of a suddin in case he had a flash lite, and I thawt, I wonder if I cawffed or something I wonder if he'd get scared and run.

And I opened one eye about one therd ways open to see if he was still there. Wich he was, and I tried to cawff and dident on account of not trying hard enuff, and then I tried hard as enything to cawff a fearse cawff and cawffed a little one insted, and the man sed, O, youre awake, are you?

Being pop, and I sed, O, G, is that you, pop?

Its me all rite, but wares my bedroom slippers, I cant find them high or low and your mother says you were munkeying with them today, sed pop.

Theyre on the chair neer the door, I was playing 7 league boots with them and I ment to put them back only I forgot, I sed.

Well then forget this, sed pop. And he gave me a fearse crack somewares with one of the slippers and then went down stairs agen.

Proving wen in doubt you awtent to even cawff.

THE LAUGH LINE

In marriage he who hesitates is—bossed.

A face that cannot smile is seldom worth while.

Charity also covers a multitude of skin games

A man who has acquired the art of being insulting can always start something, unless its' a Ford.

You'd Never Know It.

"Who's that blank-looking individual?"

"Sh-h-h! He runs a school of expression."—Buffalo Express.

Much Easier.

All users of the typwriter, and they are legion, will be grateful for the incoming of the new year. It is so much easier to write 22 than 21.—Detroit Free Press.

An Unchanging Law.

It is only when a man gets what he wants that he is able to realise that he wanted something else.—Louisville Herald.

The Test.

"Do you know, Marie, whether my dressmaker's bill came for the master while I was out?"

"Oh, no, madame, he can't have had it yet—I can hear him singing."—Paris Sans-Gene.

The Sled.

I love not a limousine, nor motor-cycle fast,
Nor cutter with its chiming bells, nor ice yacht scooting past,
Nor plane careering to the stars I only want a low
And rakish bobsled on a hill well packed with crusted snow,
No velvet cushion does it need, nor silken tapestry,
A strip of carpet for a seat is good enough for me.
When racing down the steep incline the frozen road unreels,
A ribbon of velocity below, the curving steels.

What joy to hear the runner sing and see the fences fly,
And feel upon a reddened cheek the wind go whipping by,
And if the final burst of speed is finished in a spill
In clouds of glinting diamond dust it adds another thrill.
Then up the icy slope again beneath a moon full grown,
While someone's warmly mittened hand holds tightly to your own.
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New Style School Buildings.
(St. Thomas Times-Journal.)

The attractive one-storey school buildings that the city of Cleveland is constructing are as nearly fireproof and panicproof as any building can be. Of the many interesting things about the new type of school building, the most notable are that there is no basement and that the heating plant is in a separate structure in the rear. Because the new style of building does away with basement, stairways and much of the space usually devoted to corridors, it costs less per pupil than two-storey or three-storey buildings.

SORES SPREAD ALL OVER FACES AND BODIES

Mrs. Howard Houlette, Waskatenau Sask., writes:—"I wish to tell you of the benefit we have received by using your valuable medicine Burdock Blood Bitters.
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AIRMEN WHO DEF... HAVE COM...

One of Britain's Great War ... erable Accidents, Catche... a Window of His Choco...

London, Jan. 22.—Two famous Brit... ish airmen noted as stunt fliers and ... war pilots by the irony of fate met ... death this week through causes far ... removed from their dangerous calling. ... M. G. Smiles, who before the war ... was one of the champion trick aviators ... at Hendon, was killed at Edgeware to... day when he fell from the window of ... his place of business. He once held ... the loop record and was a flying in... structor during the war. Recently he ... had been conducting a chocolate fac... tory.

Group Captain Alan "Jack" Scott, ... who during the war lived an "Odyssey ... of hazard," was buried today. He ... caught cold while on a visit to Scot... land and pneumonia ensued. Capt. ... Scott was one of the greatest British

INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR THE GENOA MEETING

Almost Every Country With ... Exception of Turkey Has ... Been Invited.

London, Jan. 21.—The Genoa con... ference which, owing to the break... down of the Cannes conference, at one ... time looked as if it might be abandon... ed, is to go on, and the great interna... tional gathering has been planned to ... open on March 8. The British Prime ... Minister will attend in person, and so ... far as can be seen at present, he will ... be requested to stay on the scene for ... at least ten days.

The invitations have already been ... sent out by Italy to every nation and ... state in Europe, with the notable ex... ception of Turkey. The United States, ... Japan and the South American states ... are also invited, and much interest is ... centred on the view Washington will ... take in regard to the matter.

As the conference will be of an ... almost wholly economic character, it ... is considered of vital importance that ... America should be represented. There ... is still some doubt whether the British ... dominions will send delegates, but if ... they express a desire to be included ... there seems little doubt that the Ital... ian Government will at once supply a ... formal invitation.

Plan Well Under Way.

Great importance is attached to this ... international meeting at Genoa, for, if ... successful, it will be of first-class con... sequence in initiating the preliminary ... steps toward reconstructing the inter... nal financial conditions of Germany, ... Russia and the Central European ... states.

The primary object of the meeting ... is to find some basis on which an in... ternational financial corporation can ... be formed. A representative body of ... business men has been at work for ... some weeks past drawing up the de... tails of a plan to be submitted to the ... delegates at Genoa.

Little information can be gathered ... as to the progress made, but it is un... derstood that a plan is well under ... way, which it is hoped will prove ac... ceptable to the financial experts ac... companying the official representatives ... of the various nations.

Sir Robert Horne and Sir Basil P. ... Blackett, along with a number of ... Treasury officials, will accompany the ... British Prime Minister in the capacity

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