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FAST STARTS TODAY; SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Increases Sacrifices Made During Penitential Season This Year

Noonday Lenten Services

Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist, Thirteenth street above Chestnut—Instruction and benediction, the Rev. Stephen Dever, of the Church of the Nativity, 12:05-12:30 p. m. St. Joseph's Church, Roman Catholic, Third street and Willing's alley—Instruction and benediction, the Rev. Charles J. Hennessy, S. J., 12:05-12:30 p. m. Garrick Theatre, Chestnut and Juniper streets—Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander, 12:30-12:55 p. m. Christ Church, Second street above Market—The Rev. Louis C. Washburn, S. T. D., 12:30-12:55 p. m. St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine streets—The Rev. R. Bakewell Green, 12:30-12:55 p. m.

Today is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. In addition to the sacrifices already made in accordance with practical patriotism many persons will observe the holy season of the next forty days by additional self-denial. Following the regulations of many of the Christian churches, their members will observe self-denial by fasting and forgoing all kinds of pleasures. In view of the present world struggle there is a strong indication that these regulations should be adhered to during the coming season more than ever before. Impressive ceremonies in the Catholic, Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran and other Christian churches marked the observance of Ash Wednesday. Services at most of the churches were largely attended, indicating that the awakening of the Christian spirit will be more emphatic during the present holy season than it has been for many years.

The day takes its name from the ceremony in the Catholic Church, at which ashes are marked on the forehead of the worshiper in the sign of the cross. These ashes were obtained by burning the palms used in the churches on Palm Sunday of last year. They are a symbol of humiliation and repentance for sin. The Lenten season leaves its impress on the soul of the devout churchgoer, and also on the communities generally. Social activities will cease during the holy season among members of the Christian churches.

In addition to the morning, noon and evening services in the Catholic churches there will be daily noonday services in most of the Protestant Episcopal churches in the center of the city. There will be no services in Old St. John's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Race streets; St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Tenth street below Market, and Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Third street below Walnut. These churches have been compelled to abandon the noonday services this year because of the lack of coal.

A series of meetings at 5 o'clock each Sunday afternoon will be held in the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele. Various subjects will be discussed by laymen and of prominence. A three-day Lenten retreat for teachers, nurses, social workers, newspapermen and other professional women will begin in the Dominican convent, 314 Green street, next Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The Rev. M. A. Kelly will conduct the services.

Attack Mackey at Meeting Harry A. Mackey, Vire leader in the Forty-sixth Ward, was the target of some hot shot at the meeting of the Republican Alliance of the Forty-sixth Ward, held at Meenan's Cafe, Sixth and Walnut streets, last night.

FAILURE THROUGH SUCCESS' MARKS, FIRST ROW OVER SCHOOL REFORMS

Apparent Attempt of "Independents" to Break Through "Old Guard" in Board of Education Is Discounted

Those close in touch with public school matters today discounted what apparently was the first attempt of so-called "independents" of the Board of Education to break through the conservatism of the "old guard." This fight occurred at the February meeting, yesterday, when Dr. Edward Martin offered a resolution empowering the president to appoint a committee of five to make recommendations to the board as to the reforming of the school system. The fight was led by Doctor Martin, vice president of the board, and David H. Lane, who were supported by the "independents." Simon Gratz, Joseph W. Catharine, the most recently appointed member of the board, was the only one fighting and voting with Doctor Martin and Mr. Wolf. John Wannamaker and ex-Judge Dimmer Reber, who are considered to be the only other supporters of the independent movement, were absent. It was considered significant that Walter George Smith, who is said to have refused his support to the "independents," left the meeting before the skirmish began.

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Mr. Catharine put in a plea for the motion, which Mr. Gratz attempted to kill by making an amendment that these questions be referred to the various committees. Doctor Martin refused to accept this amendment on the ground that a wider view of the subject than the "committee view" was essential. Mr. Catharine pointed out the enormous growth in the cost per pupil since 1904, when the board was under control of Councils.

Finally Catharine offered an amendment, acceptable to Dr. Martin and Simon Gratz, that the committee be composed of the five chairmen of the



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Moore Amendment Is Added to General Transportation Measure

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Conditions of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Being Investigated at Order of Director

By a Staff Correspondent
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H. L. THOMAS LATEST VICTIM OF VARE AX

Board of Registration Recorder, Friend of Acker, Asked to Resign

One of the biggest surprises in the war of diemassals of city employes now being waged energetically by both the Vare and Penrose factions in City Hall was the request for the resignation of Hampton L. Thomas, recorder of the Board of Registration Commissioners.

While Thomas is known to be a close friend of A. Lincoln Acker, a Penrose ally in the Thirty-eighth Ward, he was looked upon as neutral in the factional fight here, if not a Vare sympathizer. That the request for his resignation was a Vare move is apparent. The Board of Registration Commissioners is Vare-controlled. Thomas was looked upon as the expert of the board. J. Denny O'Neil, State Highway Commissioner, who is running for the Republican nomination for Governor, was in Philadelphia a short time last night

RUSSIA RETURNS PRISONERS

Thousand Germans Arrive in Warsaw En Route to Berlin

BERNE, Feb. 13.—Exchange of Russian and German prisoners has begun, according to Berlin dispatches received here today. One thousand German prisoners have arrived in Warsaw en route to Berlin. Except in the case of men wholly incapacitated it is regarded as probable that German prisoners will immediately be remustered into the army. In the military way Germany will get all the best of this exchange, as her men will again become soldiers, while Russia's withdrawal from the war means the Russian prisoners will follow civil pursuits.

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