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The Facts: A Warning

As might be expected the New York "Times" finds much to criticize in President Roosevelt. It could not be the representative of what it stands for and do otherwise.

With much of the "Times" criticism the Journal is not concerned, but when the "Times" condemns the president for "the diversion of Indian trust funds to the support of sectarian schools" it touches a tender spot because it is guilty of a deliberate misrepresentation of facts.

It is true that led by oily-tongued and Machiavellian bigots, Congress did vote to discontinue governmental aid to the only schools which ever did a particle of real, lasting good to the Indians—the Catholic schools began and fostered by the Society of Jesus, the greatest missionary force that has yet reached the great northwest. But the president has not "diverted" any of the governments funds to support the Catholic Indian schools.

Under the arrangement made by the President and approved by the attorney-general, the Indians could have selected Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist or Baptist schools. That they have not done so proves either that the other denominations have no schools in the Northwest or that they do not meet the likes of the Indians. In either event the hypocrisy of the bigots is exposed.

The "Times" undertakes to read a lecture to Catholics because they vote for Mr. Roosevelt, it thinks. If they did they but swelled the grand procession. But the "Times" does not strengthen its case when it says that the Catholics turned their backs upon "Democracy, there sole hope and support in days of know nothingism."

Roosevelt.

One of the most remarkable of living men, indeed one of the most remarkable Americans of any generation, was inaugurated as president last Saturday. It is true that Theodore Roosevelt has been at the head of the government for the last three years but he has been serving another's term. Now he has entered upon a four years term commissioned by the people after a hard fought campaign waged in great part upon his own personality supplementing a party platform largely of his own drafting.

Mr. Roosevelt has been the eyesore and the envy of all the practical politicians of his day and age. He has been an eyesore because apparently he has violated with impunity all the traditions of the scientific art of practical and applied politics. He has been their envy because he has succeeded, he has escaped all the traps spread for his downfall never so cleverly by other master politicians. These politicians are just waking to the fact that Theodore Roosevelt is a practical politician of far greater acumen than any other living one and that he can gauge far better than the popular demand, popular sentiment and popular trend.

Brilliantly aggressive, if lacking in judgment, Theodore Roosevelt was a striking figure in the assembly in the early 80's. He won the love and respect of the cowboys of the west, when he ranched it with them, by his sturdy American manhood. He won the respect of Puritans and sporting men when he was Police Commissioner of New York by his resolute enforcement of existing laws even when he believed them unnecessarily stringent. Although beaten in his canvass for mayor of New York, he developed qualities of a sturdy fighter. As assistant secretary of the Navy he developed mastery of details and great grasp of executive methods. As colonel of the Rough Riders, he was the American D'Artagnan, dashing, reckless, loyal to his men and ever at the front.

While partisan in his administration of the governorship of New York state, Mr. Roosevelt demanded high ideals in government and in personnel of the state officials. The politicians disagreed with him many times but he had his way by sheer persistence and dominant force. The politicians thought to "kick him upstairs" when they made him vice-president; instead they made him president.

In the highest office in the world, Mr. Roosevelt has tried to give "a square deal to every man, no more no less." It is true he has deviated from beaten lines; it is true he has violated traditions, seemingly; it is true he has defied the politicians. But in so doing he has won the confidence of the people, because they have voted to continue him in office by the largest popular majority ever given a candidate.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt will be able to carry out his cherished plans remains to be seen. Apparently, however, the people are with him.

Queer, Isn't It?

Were it not so serious, were it not that it threatens to wreck our governmental traditions, the manifest desire demand rather of our "aristocracy of wealth" that they be permitted to do just as they please, would be laughable in the highest degree.

In the course of a hearing before a legislative committee at Albany a few days ago the representative of the automobilists protested against a pending bill one of whose provisions gave to the magistrate discretion to send to jail an automobilist who exceeded the speed limit in thickly settled communities. "We permitted" asserted this all important individual "you to pass a speed limit law although it did interfere with our pleasure and decreased the piquancy of motoring because of fear of arrest. But a fine is sufficient penalty for violation of the law."

Indeed! And, pray, what is a fine to the purse-proud youngster who drives his "Red Devil" at breakneck speed along the principal thoroughfare of a city or village, endangering the lives of all who are not agile enough to keep off the highway? A few days in jail would teach him the respect for law and order which he does not possess, apparently, even if the lesson may be unwholesome. And why should the rich motorist be immune from prison when the poor longshoreman who becomes intoxicated and has no auto to convey him out of the law's clutches is sent to the police station?

President Smith of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, testifying before the interstate commerce commission, made the flat-footed assertion that there should be no authority anywhere to inquire whether the rates charged on his road was reasonable or not. When asked what

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