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Let None Escape.

It may well be imagined that Andrew Hamilton's sudden and dramatic appearance before the Armstrong committee in Albany last week was not at all to the liking of many persons who stood and still stand far higher in the social and financial scale than he. They had been led to believe that their secret service agent was not to return from his European exile and that they could, with impunity, put upon him all the blame for the astonishing revelations made by the late John A. McCall and others before the investigating committee.

Lo, and behold, their exile returned just at the proper moment to wreak havoc with their plans. "I may be a yellow dog," he cries, "but the yellow dog has courage, while the owl run to cover."

Hamilton does not excuse his own conduct. On the contrary, he asserts what is the fact, probably, that whatever he did was approved by the men who are now trying to shift responsibility from themselves. It was in line with the business policy and standard which has been condoned, if not actually encouraged, the apostles of high finance, and which we devoutly hope is going out of fashion.

We hold no brief for Hamilton or McCall, but we do think that they were neither better nor worse than their superiors, their employers, who furnished the funds, at least shared in the profits of the life insurance financing. Crooks are to be condemned, but a self-confessed crook is an angel compared with the sneak and the hypocrite who grabs his share of the swag and then yells "Police" when his partner comes along.

What a frightful mess this insurance investigation has stirred up! What a terrible indictment of modern business and methods of modern standards of honesty and decency! If ever an awakening of the national conscience were needed it is now. In our mad chase after wealth and material prosperity, we have forgotten our souls, we have forgotten that one day God will exact an account of our religion and education.

But while we look to the future, the present must not be forgotten. If Hamilton tells the truth prison cells should open to many in high places.

It's up to you, Mr. Jerome!

With coal and ice booked to go up, the average wage-earner will begin to look around to see when wages are to go up.

If Andrew Hamilton did nothing else he has probably insured the passage of the special committee's bill.

Bishop Colton has set at rest the reports of a plenary council in the near future, but we venture the prediction that this will not deter the yellow journals from reiterating the story whenever there is a dearth of more sensational news.

Mayor Adam, of Buffalo, appears to be a hard-headed man who believes that laws should be enforced. Mayor Roosevelt pursued a similar course and he reached the presi-

Champion Snorter

This is not the first time we have had occasion to speak of the petty spite the New York "Times" displays when it feels called upon to discuss matters pertaining to Catholics, and, probably, it will not be the last. We propose to call attention to every break this paper makes along this line.

The latest fling of the "Times" was last Friday and it follows:—

"Despite our high regard for Christopher Columbus and our firm belief that in discovering America he established a record for large achievement that is not likely to be broken for as many hundred years to come as have passed since he did it, we do not find ourselves fired with enthusiasm by Assemblyman Solomon's bill to make Oct. 12 a State holiday. Whether it is because Americans lack the hero-worshipping quality or for some other reason, it is a fact that they obstinately refuse to link any day at all closely with any man's name and personality, and they simply will not observe such holidays except by doing the things that please them on any Saturday, or half Saturday, they may happen to 'take off.' Neither for Lincoln nor for Washington have they consented to change their habits, and as a result the days allotted by statute to those worthies might be considered by an unknowing foreigner as proving that we care little or nothing about those great men. It would be the same—only more so—with a Columbus Day. It is doubtful if even the recently arrived Italians would pay much attention to it, and certainly nobody else would, for Columbus has been a long time dead, and the sense of personal obligation to him is not strong in anybody now alive. Holidays are really popular only in countries where to a large majority of the population any excuse for a general suspension of work is good enough. We have not reached that point as yet, and it would be just as well to let the calendar alone."

It is not our purpose to dispute the correctness of the reasoning of our contemporary on the general proposition that we have created too many holidays. That may be true enough. But we cannot help reminding our neighbor that, so far as our memory serves us, it made no protest when Assemblymen introduced, the legislature passed, and the governor signed, a bill, applicable only to the Borough of Brooklyn, establishing as a legal holiday "Sunday School Day." This has to be observed, whether they wish it or not, by the Catholic school children of Brooklyn.

In the name of common sense, why should "Sunday School Day" be set aside and respect refused to the man whose perseverance in the face of rebuff after rebuff, gave us this glorious continent?

Are we not warranted in the suspicion that the "Times" criticism is just a trifle tinged with bigotry?

Is it so?

If the press despatches reported him correctly, Representative Gregory of the Iowa legislature, is an advocate of murder. Moreover, he asserts that he is seeking to make legal that which is practiced by the greatest physicians, goes further and asserts that "every large hospital is the scene of such murders almost daily."

Can this be so? We have long cherished a suspicion that the medical profession—at least, a rather large portion of it—had let down the bars in relation to race-suicide, but never expected to hear a doctor proclaiming that he and his colleagues have taken upon themselves the awful responsibility of sending from the world adults who they—physicians acting as judge, jury and executioner—thought were afflicted with incurable diseases, who were in intense physical pain, whose injuries were likely to prove fatal, insane persons, imbeciles or deformed persons.

We know full well that many doctors are unbelievers, so far as the law of God is concerned, but we did not expect to have the men who had for compulsory educational laws, for obedience to the sanitary

regulations they have formulated, come out in the open and ask for legislation which would, in effect, give these knights of the scalpel and pill-box the legal right to determine when you and I had remained long enough in this world. Having made the decision, then they would execute it with neatness and despatch. If a patient suffered from a novel disease, why then the doctor need only enter a verdict that he cannot recover, chloroform is brought into play, and the interest of science are enriched with a fine specimen cadaver. If my relatives are in a hurry for my money, all they need do is to find a complaisant doctor—these are abroad as well as shyster lawyers—who will pronounce my sentence and execute it as well!

Let's have an end to engendering of lawlessness of this sort.

Whatever may his physical status Congressman Stephens, of Texas, is piousness in mental stature. He tried to beat the Catholic Indian Schools out of the funds which the Indians themselves asked to be devoted to that purpose—their own tribal funds, too. Speaker Cannon, however, would not permit the House rules to be set aside to help out this bigot's designs. More power to you, Uncle Joe! It's not always we agree with you, but this time we are with you to a finish.

St. Mary's congregation is to be congratulated on its approaching mission under the direction of the Paulist Fathers. They are concluding a three weeks' mission in St. Mary's, Albany, with great success. The last week's services were for non-Catholics and the church was crowded to the doors. Many conversions are reported, as well as many requests for instruction. Judging from the reports in our exchanges a wave of religious conviction is sweeping over the country. It is well. Only religion can bring the country back to a wholesome respect for some of the olden standards.

Republicans seem to be short on gubernatorial timber. Rochester would not like to lose her mayor, but the republican party could go further and fare worse.

Some of the results of "higher education": Propositions that physicians be permitted to kill such persons as, in their opinion, would be better off dead; suggestions that suicide should be legalized; that free-love should be permitted, at least not be interfered with. And this does not complete the crop.



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