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Unjustifiable.

Not a few of our papers are saying now that the Thaw trial would not have been tried as it was here in an English court.

Possibly that may be true but if an English jury had failed to agree would English papers be permitted to berate the jury and to abuse the court as the American press has done?

Take the New York "Times." Last Saturday it went on to say: "Twelve reasonable men guided by intelligence and conscience, it seems to us could not have failed to agree upon a verdict that should have put this prisoner where he would never more be a menace to private morals or human life." And again: "A conscientious juror has a right to his opinion, but it is a right to be exercised with reason and with regard to the public interest."

In other words the "Times" had prejudged the case and now finds fault with the jurors who failed to take its view of the case, when famous alienists differ as to Thaw's sanity or insanity, has any man or preacher or newspaper a right to demand that twelve men, sitting in the jury box, shall subordinate their interpretation of the evidence to what the aforesaid men, preachers and newspapers demand?

A human life was at stake. The lawyer and medical experts wrangled over the question of insanity. The judge permitted the prisoners wife to tell her story, then instructed the jury to disregard it, in great part. Why should it have been permitted in evidence at all? But having been introduced, can it be wondered that the jury failed to forget it.

After all that is not the point. What we started out to say was that the press has no business to berate a jury unless it can be shown that corrupt influence was attempted or actually exercised.

Jurors take an oath to consider the evidence and return a true verdict according to their understanding of the evidence adduced. When no corrupt influence is alleged, then the jurors are presumed to have acted in accordance with their oath. Newspaper editors and sensational preachers are not under oath, there is no weight resting on their consciences. They should restrain their inclination to abuse jurors if the latter fail to see things through the newspaper telescope.

Trial by newspaper is not yet recognized in American jurisprudence.

Writing in the New York Times "Saturday Book Review" Rev. Henry A. Brann, D.D., LL.D., has this to say of the new Catholic Encyclopedia, the first volume of which is just issued: "The new Catholic Encyclopedia may be considered as the most striking manifestation of the English speaking world, and a proof that American Catholics are becoming, by their wealth, and by their education, the friendly rivals, if not the leaders, of their European brethren in the defense and in the propagation of their faith." He then goes on to say that the encyclopedia is chiefly directed to the old Catholic lands. The man or woman who studies the history of Catholicism in the past finds the faith of our days stealing in upon him from the old lands.

Why Is It Allowed?

Indictment of the Rev. N. L. A. Eastman chief of the sect calling themselves "Holy Rollers" does not appear to deter the circulation of literature bearing his name, containing the foulest libels on the Catholic church, its prelates and priests and lay members.

Does Mayor Cutler and the Rochester Police Department know that such stuff is being thrown around the city—stuff that poisons the minds of citizens against a large body of their fellows?

If they do and permit it then we must hold them equally guilty with the libellers.

There should be some way to stop the circulation of such foul libels. In fact, in our opinion, they are worse than libels and constitute "obscene literature" within the legal meaning of the phrase.

If Rochester Catholics were up and stirring they would put it beyond the power of this libeler to put such vile stuff in the hands of women and children.

The Eastman publication advertises works by one who has rebelled against the authority of Holy Mother Church. This man recently went to Cork and attempted to flaunt his vile writings and uttered libels. The sturdy Irishman of that city rose in their might and hooted the libeler out of town. They were arrested but the libeler fled the town and did not appear to prosecute. The magistrate, with great display of approval discharged the prisoners.

Just a word now to non-Catholics who may feel inclined to sympathize with Eastman: Do you not realize that by approving his slanders upon priests and nuns you are advancing the doctrine that your unmarried sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and other relatives, male and female, who choose the celibate life are impure and immoral?

Perhaps you may not see your conduct in that light but that is just what it amounts to!

Editor Remarks.

While the following, from a Western Exchange may be exaggerated, still it illustrates the many unreasonable, often thankless, requests made upon the editors, especially those of weekly papers:

"There is so much pleasure in publishing a newspaper that some editors are refusing money as a reward for their services. It takes wind to run a newspaper. It takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a pointillating, acrobatic imagination and a half dozen white shirts and railroad passes to run a newspaper. But money—heavens to Betsy and six hands around, who ever needed money to run a newspaper?"

"Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets." Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as the doorman for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow, and stand up for you when you run for office and lie about your pigeon-footed daughter's wedding and blow about your big-footed boys when they get a four dollar per week job and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your wife's second marriage. He'll get along."

Says the "Western Watchman": "Some one has said that Christ will ultimately come into Protestant churches, but it will not be through the door but by the windows. Protestants are to-day studying religious art, which means Catholic doctrine on canvas. Stained windows let in the light of the Middle Ages; and the official publications of the sects now teem with copies of mediæval Catholic art. You cannot argue with a picture; you cannot force a syllogism upon a painting. This change has been brought about by the tendency of Protestants in England and this country to travel; and

Out in Cleveland the Catholic Federation led the way in the suppression of "Sunday dances" and vile concert halls?

Perhaps—but we have our doubts

the following prediction from a Catholic contemporary may come true: "Those who can hark back to the days of know-nothingism, if any such there be, will remember Rev. Dr. Nicholas Murray, who was one of the staunch upholders of that demoralizing vagary. Now Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university and a grandson of the before-mentioned Dr. Murray, has married an estimable Catholic woman, Miss Kate La Montagne, and the knot was securely tied by a Jesuit priest, Rev. Neil McKinnon of New York. Sooner or later President Butler will become a Catholic. The prayers of a good wife always bring certain results."

It is reported that the Katipunan, the anti-Catholic secret society in the Philippines, has been detected in a plot to turn the Islands over to Japan. Very likely the report is true. When Catholics are assailed many of our people say, "We know we make mistakes so what is the use of fighting about it." Granting the truth of this, the non-Catholics consistently and persistently fight to uphold their contentions. Why should we not do likewise?

Not all those who come to this country from Ireland speak slightly of Irish Catholics here when they go home. Fathers Harty and Finnocane, who spent some time in the United States and Canada in the interests of the O'Connell Memorial Church at Cahirciveen, have arrived home, and were given a most cordial welcome. On the arrival at Cahirciveen of the two priests, they were met at the station by practically all the residents of the town, headed by the local bank. The crowd escorted them to the rectory, where both travelers made addresses, and were showered with greetings and congratulations. Father Harty spoke of the generosity of the Irish in America, and also lauded their piety.

Let us hope that the following advice from the New York "Times" is the retirement of Lord Cromer from the English viceroyalty in Egypt will not be heeded by the American government: "England is by so much the greatest and most successful of nations in dealing with inferior races since Rome that we cannot do better, as entire novices in that business, than to take her for our model. And when one of her greatest and most successful colonial administrators so strongly deprecates the indiscriminate application of the consent of the governed, we may be fairly sure that there is something in what he says."

Says the Rochester "Union and Advertiser": "Of course it is among the possibilities that the convention will, in spite of his protest, nominate Roosevelt and that he will consent to run, but we do not think it probable that he will put himself in such a questionable position."

On St. Patrick's day between 50,000 and 60,000 Catholics marched through the streets of Dublin, singing hymns as they marched, from the Custom House to Phoenix Park, where a monster out-door mass meeting was held to protest against the religious persecution in France. The procession was chiefly composed of men's confraternities and societies and was one of the most imposing outpourings ever seen in the Irish capital.

Query: Was the following note in the "Catholic Universe" penned by the male editor-in-chief or the gentle assistant editor: "Is smoking any good? For some it is very bad. Acrobats and jugglers never indulge in it. Smoking is not conducive to steady nerves."

All we hear from Albany nowadays is of destruction. When is the work of construction to begin?

So we are to have another Thaw trial with all its nastiness, its lies, its horrible exposures, and its legal battles! Too bad!

Five Minute Sermon

Joy After Sorrow

St. Jerome says: "It is impossible for man to be happy both on earth and in heaven; it is impossible to pass from the joys of the present life to the joys of life eternal." He who mourns on earth will rejoice in heaven, and he who laughs and is merry in the world will weep in hell.

We must know that if we are faithful followers and true friends of Christ, we may expect sorrow, tribulations, and sufferings here on earth, but that all this will be for our greater glory and joy in heaven.

Forty Hours Devotion

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:
April 21—Corpus Christi, Rochester.
Caledonia: Hornell; Weedsport; St. Francis, Geneva.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday April 21—Gospel, St. John xv, 16-22—Patronage of St. Joseph.
Monday 22—SS. Peter and Paul, pope and martyrs.
Tuesday 23—St. George, martyr.
Wednesday 24—St. Fidelis, martyr.
Thursday 25—St. Mark, Evangelist.
Friday 26—SS. Cletus & Marcellinus, pope and martyrs.
Saturday 27—St. Turibius, bishop and confessor.

In Memoriam.

On the passing of an old and faithful member of the Immaculate Conception parish.

How often, in our daily life,
As on our way we go,
We look in vain for those we loved,
Through years of joy and woe,
They are growing rarer,
And we miss them day by day
Also the good old faces
That are passing fast away.
For home and church they labored hard
Those faithful men and true,
And for a needy neighbor oft
They did their duty too:
The church, the hall, the Christian school
They built, are here to stay,
And to recall true faces
That are dead and passed away.

A few years hence, the time is short,
Grim death will claim us all,
God's good and faithful soldiers,
Fearing not that bugle call,
Shall march His loving followers,
Where He has led the way,
With faces that the grave shall veil,
Till Resurrection Day.

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