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Peace.

While the representatives of the world's nations are looting at the Hague, discussing, ponderously but hypocritically, propositions for peace upon terms agreeable to the proposer but not to the rest of the envoys or the country from which they are accredited, there stands on the very summit of the Andes, amid snow-tipped peaks, the greatest monument in the world and it is dedicated to peace in the name of the Saviour of the world.

This monument is "the Christ of the Andes" and it cost \$100,000 which was raised, in the main, by popular subscription. In His left hand Christ holds a Cross, the other is raised in blessing. Below are two tablets. One gives the history of the monument and the other says:—"Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than shall the people of Argentina and Chili break the peace to which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

This monument represents real peace of applied Christianity. The two countries were at each other's throats, armies and navies had exhausted credit and resources. Christian men and women called a halt and started the movement to erect the statue to Christ, urging that it be erected as a joint rebuke from the peaceful citizens of the warring nations. This led to the settlement, by arbitration, of the disputes between the two countries.

Let the "American Farmer" tell the rest:

"Mark the consummation of this blessed movement for peace. The new battleships were sold and the proceeds turned to peaceful uses. Regiments were mustered out and the men returned to their farms, to the shops and other productive vocations. The arsenal of Chili has been converted into a school. The roads and harbors of both nations have been improved with the money saved from war. The great Trans-Andean railway is tunneling through the mountains, bringing the nations nearer together in time and commercial interests. Taxes are reduced. The people prosper. Best of all, the spirit of Christ has shown the world a better way than war. The Hague Peace Conference, now in session, should urge the erection of a similar monument on the border line of every Christian nation. In the face of such a figure we could hardly go on with increase of armies and navies while hypocritically pretending to be followers of Him who proclaimed love of our neighbor as ourself all of the law and the prophets. Our own nation should erect a similar statue on the top of Mount Shasta. Let it look toward Japan with a smile of welcome and rebuke those who would force us into a war with a friendly nation. Let it frown on all battleships that enter the Pacific as anachronisms amid nations professing Christianity. Let it call for disarmament and dismantlement and for giving to agriculture and education the hundreds of millions wasted in vain military display. Let it rebuke the men who can find no way to glory except by wholesale murder and marching over the corpses of thousands of dead. In a word, let it stand for peace and demand peace, not temporary but perpetual, establishing the principle that none but savages go to war to settle disputes. In fine, let the sweet smile of the Man of Sorrows take the place of the hideous countenance of the old Pagan war-god Janus and force that saturnine relic of barbarism to turn his two faces to the wall forever."

The San Francisco "Monitor" appears certain that Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna is to be the coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco in succession to the late Most Rev. ...

An Instance.
 The Catholic Church for obvious reasons frowns upon mixed marriages.

The Catholic Journal, from motives somewhat separated from those of the Church, believes that mixed marriages are not productive of worldly happiness, as a rule.

We would advise non-Catholics who contemplate marriage with Catholics. Don't.

It may be urged that the non-Catholic party to a proposed mixed marriage has no religious convictions that the Catholicity or non-Catholicity of his future life-partner is a matter of supreme indifference. Not so fast. At first this may work finely. But wait until the children are born and the question of baptism arises. The indifferent non-Catholic may raise the question whether if no religion is good for enough for him, why not for the child?

Then there is the question of the confessional. The practical Catholic goes to confession. At first, the non-Catholic may shrug his or her shoulders in good humored indifference. But there comes a day when he or she feels that there is a subtle something intervening between a secret which the other does not share. Thus begins the heart-burning rancor, misunderstanding and envenoming perhaps in estrangement.

How many heartbroken Catholic wives, with non-Catholic husbands will attest to the truth of these statements?

And then, perhaps the saddest thought of all, even in death the parties to mixed marriages are parted. The two may not sleep in graves beside each other unless one of the other relinquishes childhood faith and convictions.

But, it may be urged, is not there the possibility of the conversion of the non-Catholic? There is but one possibility for the one mixed marriage with such an outcome, there are dozens where the heart-separation continues to the grave.

Frankly and with full appreciation of the strength of the state-ment, we repeat, better that the heart-cords be strained to the snapping-point than that a mixed marriage be contracted. For one happy one, hundreds bear witness to the contrary.

Libellous.
 Organized labor has long had a grievance against "McClure's Magazine." The Catholics have had occasion to complain of it more than once. But the latest outbreak of McClure's is the worst of all. In the latest of a series of articles on San Francisco by George Kennan appears this passage:

"The Roman Catholics favored Schmitz (the indicted mayor) because he appointed many of their people to office and gave to their fairs and charities money that he had obtained by sharing the earnings of prostitutes."

While Mr. Kennan must bear the brunt of blame for this statement, still the proprietors of the magazine cannot escape their share as they should have demanded substantial proof from Mr. Kennan before they admitted it to their columns. The writer knows of personal knowledge that Frank Munsey will not permit any of his editors even to print a piece of fiction which may offend the adherents of any particular creed.

When asked by a representative of the "Monitor" to produce his authority for the monstrous statements contained in this paragraph, Mr. Kennan acknowledged that his information on the subject was gathered from men around town.

"When asked if any one officially connected with the prosecution had furnished the information on which to base such slanderous assertions, Mr. Kennan emphatically denied that any one having to do with the prosecution was in the least responsible for anything contained in his article. A great deal of his data, he said, was obtained from a gentleman beside whom he sat out an evening at a banquet, and with whom he had discussed the events which led to the rise and fall of the Schmitz administration. Was ever such a fabric of falsehood built on so flimsy a foundation?"

The "Monitor" considers the points of the charge in detail and proves them false on every count, showing, among other things, that the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic conventions of 1905, defeating Schmitz, were both Catholics, and that nearly all the men who are now bearing the brunt of the "fight for reform" in San Francisco—District Attorney Langdon, William J. Burns, J. J. Dwyer, John O'Gara, Judges W. P. Lawlor, F. H. Dunne, Thomas H. Graham and James V. Coffey—are Catholics.

"It is not known," says "The Monitor," "that in the history of

America a vile slander against any persons or people was ever published than the infamous McClure libel."

Catholics have one potent weapon in their hands. They need not buy "McClure's."

Dr. Hanna.
 Just as the Catholic Journal surmised, the reports regarding Dr. Hanna's appointment as coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco were premature. The "Catholic Standard and Times," of Philadelphia, probably gives the true status of the matter in the following paragraphs:

"At a meeting of the consultants and irremovable rectors of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, held at St. Mary's Cathedral recently, the names of three priests worthy of the place made vacant by the death of the late Coadjutor Archbishop Montgomery were selected. As a result of the meeting the following names were presented to the Bishops of the province at their meeting Wednesday, August 21: Rev. Dr. E. J. Hanna, professor of dogmatic theology, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Richard Neagle, irremovable rector of the Immaculate Conception Church, Malden, Mass.; Rev. J. J. Lawler, pastor of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul, Minn."

Editorial Notes.
 It is the opinion of the "Catholic Fortnightly Review," that "The American Federation of Catholic Societies has prudently dropped the demand for a division of the public school fund. The educational plank" of its Indianapolis platform contains a passage which is taken to indicate a complete change of front, viz.: "We disapprove, in principle, of affiliation with or submission to state control of Catholic schools." That is a sound principle and if the Federation sticks to it, the division of the school fund will be a dead issue."

Rev. William McMahon, pastor of St. Bridget's Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and editor of the "Catholic Universe," has called attention to places of public amusement in that city which are a menace to the morals of those who attend them. Father McMahon, as chairman of the governing committee of Cleveland's Catholic Federation, caused to be issued to the public an address on the subject of one public resort where questionable attractions are the features, which will undoubtedly have the ultimate effect of suppressing such resorts and thereby accomplishing a great public good.

The "Catholic Citizen," of Milwaukee, crowds a deal of sound sense in the following paragraph: "There is, in the world about us, a great deal of goodness which we never see. It cloisters itself in the domestic circle. It is found in the thousand daily kind deeds of average men and women. But the press blazes the evil deeds and features the crimes. And the critics devote themselves to the flaws; until they, thinking imagine that everything is out joint. It is not so. It is otherwise. God's world is, in its major part, good."

The "Catholic Universe" tells this story which deserves to be framed: "One of the strangest and yet, when you come to think it over, one of the soundest pieces of advice," says State Register of Deeds, John McNeill, "was that which was given a class of which I was a member in a school at St. Paul (Osage Mission), by a Catholic priest. 'After giving us a kindly talk full of admonition, the old priest said: 'Boys, there's just one thing I want to advise you to do, when you get out in the world. Drink like a brute. Of course, that sounded strange, at first, but the old priest continued: 'A brute never drinks anything stronger than water, and he never drinks more than he needs of that.'"

Brooklyn has a "Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise." It is in a quandary as to the status of the Church bell and this provokes the "Popourri" man of the Catholic "Union and Times" to remark: "Some claim that the church bells are a relic of the 'dark ages,' that there is no need of them in these luminous days when everyone has a timepiece; others say that they are an unmitigated nuisance, in this class undoubtedly being the boozers and gamblers who get to bed about the time the bells begin to ring, as well as the non-church going people who do not wish to be disturbed on Sunday morning, but who care not how much noise their devil-cars may make on Sunday afternoons and nights. The church bells will continue to ring the requiems of the just and the unjust."

A New York despatch says: Stock-watering and over-capitalization by utilities corporations in this city will practically be an impossibility hereafter as the result of a new rule adopted by the public service commission. The rule serves notice on such concerns that, hereafter, to make any increase in the capitalization, they will have to throw open their books, and that the most minute details will be required to be given before new bonds or share issues will be even considered. Possibly the corporations are satisfied now and do not care to have any more competing companies with millions more in watered stock. We shall see.

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, has passed an ordinance that portraits of habitual drunkards shall be posted in all saloons of the city. Georgia has passed a state prohibition law. Kentucky is two-thirds "dry." Who says the cause of temperance is not gaining in strength?

Politics will warm up pretty soon we imagine. Photographers say public men are coming in "to have their pictures took."

Five Minute Sermon
The First and Greatest Commandment.

The first and greatest commandment was to love God above all things, with our whole heart, with our whole soul, and with all our strength.

Charity is the greatest of the virtues, the root, the support and the crown of all the others. Without charity, all the acts of devotion are nothing; without charity, patience, generosity, meekness, chastity, and all the other good qualities avail nothing; without charity, we are objects of hatred in the sight of God.

We should therefore learn that our first and greatest duty is to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. We are to learn further not to question or cavil with God on the maxims of religion. Lastly, we are to learn how great our confusion will be if, like the Pharisees, we dare to impugn anything that redounds to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Weekly Church Calendar
 Sunday September 15—Gospel, St. Matt. xxii, 35-46—The Holy Name of Mary.
 Monday 16—SS. Cornelius, pope and martyr, Cyprian, bishop and martyr.
 Tuesday 17—The Stigmata of St. Francis confessor.
 Wednesday 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, confessor.
 Thursday 19—SS. Januarius & Comp. martyrs.
 Friday 20—St. Eustachius and Comp. martyrs.
 Saturday 21—St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist.

Forty Hours Devotion
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