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Columbus

After years, yes centuries, of waiting, a stately monument to the discoverer of the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus, was unveiled last week in the National capital of the United States. The President of the United States, foreign diplomats, members of the cabinet and the United States Supreme Court, and last, but not least, members of the Knights of Columbus, whose patron saint is Columbus, were prominent in the elaborate ceremonies. As was fitting, the Knights were in charge of many of the festivities and were represented in the committees in charge of the entire celebration.

As might be expected, the affair was marred slightly by the snarls of the small-minded bigots who cannot see Columbus honored without seeing a specter of Papal control of this country. One may well doubt if these chaps really see the menace to American institutions they profess to see in the advance of Catholicity in the United States and to wonder if, indeed, all their noise is not for pure advertising effect. If that be the fact, then too severe blame cannot be meted out to them. If, however, they are sincere, one can only deplore such astonishing mental strabismus and pray that it may soon be relieved.

Let us not forget that this country was discovered and made possible for us by Catholic explorers, assisted by Catholic enterprise and Catholic money. Let us never permit the bigots and maligners to forget it either. So much is not only permissible, were inexcusable if we permitted any other condition to exist.

Let Us Have Peace!

While we hear many comparisons to Lincoln of men just now in the public eye and mind, there is one attribute of the martyred President that is not so much in evidence these days. That is, his love for peace. Discontent seems to be the order of the day. Men who should be urging sanity and prudence in speech and action, are pursuing just the opposite course. Instead, they are fanning the flames of agitation and unrest.

Why not pursue a saner course? Why not try to pour oil on the troubled waters? Why not work for contentment? Why not talk and act in milder vein? Why not counsel prudence?

Surely, we are entitled to peace after nearly a decade of agitation and denunciation. We have had enough of destruction. Why not begin constructive work?

The non-Catholic "Journal" of Decorah, Iowa, predicts the early suspension of the "Menace" because "A man has failed to get the spirit of American liberty who draws a religious line in politics or business; he is 300 years behind times."

The Arizona House of Representatives favors making Columbus Day a legal holiday.

One-Sided

One peculiarity in the discussion of the Home Rule proposition for Ireland strikes the non-partisan observer. It is that the Orangemen profess to hold a monopoly of loyalty to the English Crown and deny any at all to their Catholic fellows. It would appear, from their talk, that while Orangemen are loyalty personified that Catholics who favor limited Home Rule for Ireland are naught but traitors to the Mother Country. However, there is a counterpart to this right here in the United States. A naturalized and, sometimes, an unnaturalized Canadian or Englishman will presume to lecture native Americans who happen to be Catholics on their "lack of patriotism." To such persons, Catholics cannot be law-abiding, cannot be patriots.

It is gratifying to note that not all the Protestants in Ireland or England are so narrow as these rabid Orangemen. At a recent meeting of the Protestant Primate of Ireland, Heaven save the mark, prayed that Ireland might be saved the horrors of Home Rule, when the Catholic majority might attain a few of its rights and Protestant usurpers might be destroyed of a few of their usurped perquisites. Mr. Pierce O'Mahony, a Protestant landlord, in an open letter, reproved the Primate. Mr. O'Mahony pointed out that the Primate presiding at a meeting in which it was voted to never submit to Home Rule, was Himself a putative traitor as he indirectly served notice that he and his followers would refuse to obey the Home Rule law even if it were incorporated in Irish status law.

If we were to venture an opinion, it would be that all the Orangemen will fight against Home Rule will be with their mouths.

Wasted.

Succinctly and concisely, the Freeman's Journal points out to these busybodies, who try to seduce foreign Catholic immigrants away from their faith, that they are not only benefitting their own sects, but they are inflicting serious injury upon the immigrants and, indirectly, doing damage to this country. The Freeman says:—

From a social standpoint what advantage accrues from upsetting the religious faith of an Italian, a Pole, a Ruthenian or any other Catholic immigrant? The sanctions of right living that are swept away by this unsettling process are not supplemented by others more effective. The expenditure of vast sums of money by the Protestant sects in their anti-Catholic propaganda among non-English speaking Catholics is wasted. It does not help contribute to the real strength of Protestantism.

Some of the rubbish printed in the daily press under the guise of news makes one wonder if the day of the careful editor has not passed. The editor who verified facts before printing. The other day a Rochester paper told its readers that the chief judge of the Court of Appeals is "appointed", when any school-boy knows that he is "elected by the people."

Even in politics, it will be found better in the long run to be frank, honest and truthful. The politician whose word is good will go farther than the one who gives his word easily and breaks it ruthlessly.

It is better to go slowly, to be sure than sorry.

Hower H. Seeley, a non-Catholic president of the Iowa State Teachers' Association in a recent address before the Iowa Congress of Mothers' and Parents' Associations denounced the latter-day of "sex teaching" as "both sensational and harmful."

The Catholic Citizen, of Milwaukee, recalls that while Mathew Carey, the early American publisher, was a Catholic, his descendants are not.

Well, those "rare June days" have not been intolerably hot as yet.

Knights of Columbus certainly made some showing in Washington this past week.

Distinguished Priest
Guest At St. Bernard's

Rt. (Rev. Monsignor Lorenzo Lauri, D.D., former professor of theology in the College of the Propaganda, where many American students from all parts of the United States have studied, among whom were several of this Diocese, was in the city this week, a guest of St. Bernard's Seminary.

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Trying a Joke.
Some years ago in a North Carolina court, Judge Shipp, presiding, the trial of a cause had been protracted till near midnight. The jury were tired and sleepy and showed flagging attention. Willie Murchison, who was addressing the jury, thought to arouse them, so he said, "Gentlemen, I will tell you an anecdote." Instantly the judge, the jury and the few spectators pricked up their ears and were all attention. Murchison was admirable in that line, had a fund of anecdotes and no one could tell them better. But he soon proceeded to tell one of the dullest, proiest and most pointless jokes possible. Everybody looked disappointed. The judge, leaning over said in an unmistakable tone of disappointment, "Mr. Murchison, I don't see the point of that joke." "Nor I either," replied the witty counsel. "But your honor told it to me on our way down here, and as I thought the lack of appreciation must be due to my obtuseness I concluded to give the joke a trial by jury."

Remarkable Feats of Strength.
Louis de Boulifiers who lived in the sixteenth century could break a bar of iron with his hands. The strongest man could not take from him a ball which he held between his thumb and first finger. While standing up, with no support whatever, four strong soldiers could not move him. He remained as firm as a rock. Sometimes he amused himself by taking on his shoulders his own horse fully harnessed, and with that heavy load he promaded the public square, to the great delight of the inhabitants. At about the same time there lived a Spaniard named Pledro who could break the strongest handcuffs that could be put around his wrists. He folded his arms on his chest, and ten men pulling in different directions with ropes could not unfold them. Augustus II, elector of Saxony, was a man of great strength. He could carry a man in his open hand.

The Puppy's Fault.
An enthusiastic feminist is entertaining friends by reading the lines which Sheridan indited to the puppy with a canister tied to its tail. Lord Erskine. It appears had looked waxes to that same canister and Lady Erskine being justly annoyed by the remark "superior" dashed off the following imprudence:
Lord Erskine at woman's pleading to call a wife a tin canister tied to one's tail.
And fair Lady Anne in the subject he carries on.
Seems hurt at his lordship's degrading comparison.
But wherefore degrading considered "right"?
A canister's polished and useful and bright.
And should dirt its original purity hide.
That's the fault of the puppy to whom it is tied.

Flying Powers of Birds.
The rate at which some birds can migrate under favorable conditions is extraordinary, and as one listens to their plaintive cries coming from the darkness overhead it is difficult to realize that in a few hours these same birds may be within the arctic circle and a little later may be even crossing the pole. . . . Less is known of the actual dates of the departure of the migratory birds in autumn than of those of their arrival earlier in the year and this for obvious reasons. The way in which our most charming songsters silently skulk out of the country in the autumn is very different from that in which they make their triumphant entry in the spring when every wood and copse resounds with their melodies—Windsor Magazine.

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