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The Real Reason

There must be a reason for this tirade of abuse of Catholicity and all it stands for. While we know full well that there are many non-Catholics who, through ignorance, believe that the Catholic Church is on the wrong road...

As we see it, these anti-Catholic attacks are really directed against everything of a supernatural character in belief. Whenever you find a man who believes in a God of Justice, in a hereafter in Heaven and Hell...

The Catholic Church sets her face firmly against these latter-day "isms" that would break down faith in God and revealed religion. We have maintained this position consistently. We have not assailed any other's position...

This does not suit the propagandists of the new "isms." They must break down this spirit of toleration, this trend toward dwelling together in brotherly love and unity. Hence, they are sowing forth their filth to inflame our non-Catholic friends...

Good!

At least one Jewish paper refuses to follow the lead of the vile Missouri sheet which is pouring fourth its filthy and scurrilous attacks upon the Catholic Church, her Bishops and priests...

"The Menace," a publication in Aurora, Missouri, devoted to the interests of anti-Catholicism, has forwarded us an article containing an attack on Catholic institutions...

We have no desire to earn money that way and do not intend to lend ourselves to such dirty business. Catholicism in America has done much for philanthropy and education and its eleemosynary institutions are admirably conducted.

The A. P. A. movement reminded us Jews too much of our own persecutions to give it much comfort. "The Menace" rather than

Catholicism, is a menace to freedom of conscience and the principle of religion.

This has the right ring. If more non-Catholic publications would take such a broad, common sense view of the Missouri sheet and its bias, it would not be long ere it would die of inanition.

Not So Here.

There are some things in which New York state leads the Western states even if the latter do boast of their superiority in many ways. We have just read of a case in Colorado of a careless sort of Catholic who boarded his motherless child with a non-Catholic woman. He paid her regularly so that the woman had no legal claim such as that of adoption.

The woman, however refused to give the child up. She said she had become attached to it and asserted that she was a better guardian than the father's people. The courts were appealed to and what was the judge's decision? Not what would be expected, that the child belonged to her own people rather than to a stranger? Not at all. He decided in favor of the strange woman.

When the question of religious training was approached, he brushed it aside as of no consequence. Possibly, the judge was a bigot. However, bigot or no, he could not have rendered such a decision were he a New York judge. Why? Because there is a law on the New York state books providing specifically that where a child is to be placed in an institution or in a home, that it shall be placed in one of the same religious persuasion as the parents. This is absolutely fair to both Protestant and Catholic and is in line with the religious freedom guaranteed both by the New York state constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

There are many points in which New York state laws and policies excel Colorado and the other Western states and this is one of them.

Began Well

Joseph H. Gainer, the new mayor of Providence, is a Catholic and, unlike some officials we have heard about, he is not ashamed that the world should know he is a Christian.

When Mayor Gainer assumed office a few days, his inaugural guests included Revs. J. J. Leahy, and John Fleming, of Holy Cross College, the mayor's alma mater and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Doran, V. G. L. D., offered prayer before the mayor took the oath of office.

What an inspiring spectacle and might it not be followed with profit by other public officials and thus shame the men who would have it that this is a godless nation and that Christianity is a despicable superstition?

We venture the prediction that Mayor Gainer's administration will not be marred by unseemly scandals.

Well, the Ice Trust will not have to raise the price of its commodity next summer.

Governor Sulzer manages to occupy the first pages of the newspapers these days.

Sometimes, it is well to look over the state constitution before rushing in to change things. But the Constitution is a sealed book to some would-be reformers.

Governor Hughes' high-salaried public service commission will soon be taken over by the politicians.

They must have a funny high school principal in Haverhill, Mass. He says he sees no harm in the grizzly bear, the turkey trot or any of the risqué dances, if properly supervised. Haverhill would be a good place for one K. P. Shedd.

Should the Catholic Church ever have a majority of the American people within its membership our non-Catholic friends need not fear. Does any non-Catholic in Rochester know of a Catholic bigot, unless he be bigoted in the sense that he abhors injustice, immorality and the like?

The Boston Pilot hits the nail right on the head in this paragraph regularly so that the woman had no legal claim such as that of adoption.

A wonderful word of wisdom comes from a Boston teacher of dancing who in defence of his immoral dances now in vogue says that if a person thinks right he will dance right. Perhaps, but how noble must be the thoughts of those who imitate grizzly bears and occupants of the barnyard!

A judge of the Wellington (New Zealand) court proposes to petition the legislature to make the custom of "shouting" (Australian for treating) in public houses an offense.

In 1907 the average outfit for food per each American family was \$48.75 while ten years before it was a trifle less than \$300. At the present time this figure has reached \$410.

Children in the public schools of Stavanger, Norway, are treated with the aid of American dental apparatus by a dentist who received his postgraduate dental education in the United States.

A steamship company is being formed for traffic on the rivers Dnieper and Euphrates. The first contract covering the transportation of building material for the Baghdad railway from Bessarabia since bread is the staff of life, and bread to the Americans means wheat almost exclusively. It is perhaps not surprising that we consumed approximately 507,000,000 bushels of wheat last year.

Among the many surprising facts brought to light relative to the feminist movement in India the news that 17 per cent of the money leaders of the country are women is particularly interesting.

A Chinese, Fox Yu by name, lived many years in this country and became an enthusiastic aviator. He has gone home to Peking, where he conducts a flourishing school, teaching the natives how to fly.

The total sum raised by the Dickens centenary fund is \$72,500, which, after the deduction of expenses, has been invested for the benefit of the novella's five granddaughters. This will yield to each a present annual income of over \$350.

The present director of the Louvre, in Paris, has given an order to remove the glass from all the paintings because some of them were made almost invisible by its presence. As a protection against vandals it is not held that the glass amounts to much.

An average of 180 earthquakes a year has been recorded at the seismological observatory of Rocca di Papa near Rome, during the last twelve years. Of this number forty-four have originated within a distance of sixty-five miles, largely near the extinct volcanoes of the region, while eighty-five had their source more than 3,000 miles away.

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ROUND THE GLOBE

In 1912 Chicago added 5,000 poor families monthly.

An Atlantic fog is usually about thirty miles in diameter. The lack of a sufficient supply of coal is keenly felt throughout Russia.

Pittsburgh is soon to have a new combined city hall and county court house.

California's 1913 mining output, it is predicted, will exceed \$100,000,000 in value.

During last year in the United States \$19,000,000 was spent fighting tuberculosis.

Five hundred dollars was recently paid for the good will of a tumble coffee stall in London.

In Newark, N. J., a lot of second-hand pianos were auctioned the other day at 47 1/2 cents each.

Liverpool is to have the largest pipe organ in the world in its cathedral. It will have 10,507 pipes.

The leakage, seepage and evaporation of Lake Gatun are estimated at 1,050,000,000 gallons per day.

With the stenotype, a new keyboard machine, dictation has been taken at the rate of 502 words a minute.

The 27 newspapers published in South Africa give employment to 4,000 Europeans and 650 colored people.

For advertising purposes a Pittsburgh automobile delivery wagon is built on the lines of a locomotive.

Powerful searchlights are being installed on the ocean liners as a protection against collision with icebergs.

Pennsylvania produces nearly one third of the sand used in the manufacture of glass in the United States.

Turkish passenger boats in the Bosporus during the last fiscal year carried 13,000,000 passengers for \$7,000,000.

New York will have one of the world's greatest skylights in its new postoffice, as it will contain ninety tons of glass.

Twenty-five foot statues, weighing ninety-five lbs. each, carved out of one piece of marble, are to be placed in front of the Union station in Washington.

A New York hospital is experimenting with illuminating the floors of rooms from beneath with electric lamps set under glass and backed by reflectors.

To blacken aluminum alloys, states the Electrical Review, immerse the article in a boiling hot solution of caustic soda of 30 per cent strength for a few seconds, wash off the excess of caustic, dry in sawdust and polish with a plumbeoed brush.

Americans are eating a great many bananas, and the appetite for them is increasing. More than 6,000,000,000 bananas a year, or more than five dozen for every man, woman and child in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, are consumed now.

On account of the high duties imposed on most things in Brazil the cost of living is extremely high. At Pernambuco a house that in the United States could be rented for \$350 a year, costs at least \$1,000. Milk costs 20 cents a quart, bacon 65 cents a pound and ham \$1.50.

Of the 38,000,000 tons of coal mined in France annually 23,000,000 tons are produced in the Pas de Calais. As this coal is worth \$4 a ton at the pit mouth, besides attracting industries, these coal mines are an enormous source of wealth, the value of the annual output being nearly \$100,000,000.

An ingenious method of disposing of the ashes of a cremated body has been reported from England. After a woman had been cremated the husband took the ashes to a chemist for the purpose of extracting the iron, which he is now wearing set in his ring, as one would wear a diamond.

Recently twenty American engineers and expert construction men sailed from Galveston, Tex. for Barcelona, Spain, to begin contracts for power plants and irrigation projects approximating \$10,000,000. The principal part of the work will be in northeastern Spain, where thousands of acres are still irrigated.

With 73,008 deaths reported in Greater New York for the year ended Dec. 31 last the death rate per 1,000 of population went down to 14.11 per cent as against 15.15 per cent in 1911, 15.94 in 1910 and 16 in 1909. The deaths showed a decrease of 2,415 over 1911 and of 18,557 over the average for ten years.

One of the most remarkable documents ever published by the government is the "check list" first issued in Washington. It records every publication of the government from its foundation down to and including 1909. It contains more than 1,500 pages, and approximately fifteen years were required in its preparation.

London's old general postoffice is being torn down and within six months will be no more. It was built between 1825 and 1829 on the site of the old church and sanctuary of St. Martins le Grand. Possessed of an imposing Ionic portico and supplied with a great clock, the general postoffice was a fine structure, but it was not large enough to accommodate the vast machinery of the central office.

The largest telescope in South America is to be set up at Cordova, Argentina, by the government of that republic. The telescope, which will be constructed in Cambridge, Mass., is expected to extend the researches in the southern heavens, begun many years ago at Cape Town by Sir John F. W. Herschel. The refractor will have an object glass of 610 millimeters, or twenty-four inches.

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