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Critical

Not in the history of New York state has a governor been impeached. We seem to be facing such a situation now. Governor Sulzer has parted company with the political leaders of his party and now they have turned on him and have been delving into his private life and some of his public life with the result that they declare they have uncovered things which warrant his impeachment and removal from office.

The governor's friend's allege that factional politics is behind all this and that if Mr. Sulzer would yield to the politicians everything would be dropped. It is also contended that whatever is charged against the governor of doubtful moral or legal quality, was done before he became governor and so is not a matter to be probed by the legislature. This is a weak position, morally, at least. If the charges made before the Frawley committee are not well founded, then the governor should meet them man-fashion and not dodge behind a legal technicality.

From the testimony given before the Frawley committee, it appears to us that the most damaging charge the governor has to meet, from the purely legal standpoint, arguing from the governor's own viewpoint that what he is charged with happened before he became governor, is the documentary testimony that while William Sulzer was drafting bills to crucify the Stock Exchange and put Wall street out of business, he was actively speculating in stocks in this same Wall street and his brokers were calling upon him to put up more margins to protect his own speculation. This happened since he became governor.

We withhold judgment for the present. But it does seem to us that Governor Sulzer should face the situation manfully and make full and frank explanation of some damaging assertions made against his moral character, instead of issuing daily and hourly fulminations against Charles F. Murphy. Because Mr. Murphy has done wrong does not mitigate William Sulzer's wrongdoing, if such is the case. And the governor will learn to his sorrow that his silence in such a critical time, when he is talkative enough upon matters of less moment, has prejudiced his case in the public mind.

Our Blessed Lady

To-day is celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation and our Holy Father, Pope Pius X. has graciously granted a dispensation that because the feast falls on Friday Catholics may eat meat.

Non-Catholics may not understand why we pay so much veneration to the Blessed Mother, but it is the most natural thing in the world that our Savior should appreciate and honor her who

was made His earthly mother and this being so it is but natural that we, her foster children, should pay her attention and ask her supplications in our behalf with her Divine Son. And as a proof of our faith, it may be cited that never has our Blessed Lady been known to forsake those who invoked her intercession. Centuries have passed since she was taken up into Heaven and each tells its own tales of petitions sent up and answers returned. We do not need to rely upon our own faith, we have the undisturbed evidence of those who have gone before.

Hence, let us never fail to honor our Blessed Lady. In doing so, we please our Divine Lord and bring peace and comfort and material assistance to ourselves.

Troublous Times

In truth, the national administration is confronted by a delicate situation in more ways than one. The revision of the tariff and the proposed currency remodel, are all fraught with danger from political and financial standpoint. And now comes the Mexican tangle. This is a difficult matter to deal with and, moreover, it is decidedly hard to know just what to do. There is a mass of conflicting testimony, put forward by evidently interested parties. Advice is pouring in from all sides. Partisans in Congress are seeking political advantage. Then there are the Americans now in Mexico who must be protected. Our own ambassador, fresh from the scene, gives advice in opposition to the ideas formed by President Wilson.

Patience, coolness, diplomacy are necessary on the part of the administration, faith in government is needed by the people at large.

Home Rule Coming

It is quite possible that the British House of Lords, unintentionally, had advanced the cause of Home Rule for Ireland, instead of retarding it by its foolish tactics. The House of Commons has passed the home rule bill only to have it vetoed by the Lords. Now the Lords say they will not take up home rule again until a general election is held. It should be understood that in England, Parliament is dissolved and a new election ordered at the will of the government, while in this country legislators are chosen for fixed terms and elections are held at stated times.

Without doubt, the Asquith regime will bring forward home rule again without a general election and the pigheadedness of the Lords will force home rule forward as a government measure and, in the end, the Lords will be forced to yield or the people will rise up and demand that the hereditary branch of government be shorn of its powers or transformed as to be an elective body by the people, as is the case with our United States senate. In either event, the Lords would have to cut off their noses to spite their face.

It begins to look as if Home Rule might be an assured fact ere long.

Certain news items in the papers impels the reflection that another election is soon to come.

It is the best policy, no matter what the apparent cost at the time, to tell the truth.

Rev. Father Gannon, the noted Jesuit, is in charge of the retreat of the Rochester priests which opens in St. Bernard's Seminary on Monday evening. We ask all our readers to pray for God's fullest blessings upon our good priests while on retreat.

When you start out to criticize other men, it is a good rule to be sure your own hands are unsoiled.



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