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Going to Far

May it not be that we have gone too far afield without proof and with possibly, no more justification than a desire for personal notoriety on the part of the inquirer with our investigation of public officers, contractors and quasi-public men.
When a so-called investigator tells a contractor that even if he lived up to his specifications and made what the prober thought a little more profit than suited him, cries out "you must be a grafter or you could not have made so much money. If the specifications did not call for a certain superior sort of stone you should have used it any way." Such talk, savors of loose mental apparatus not entirely adapted to a judicial mind which is what an investigator bent upon ascertaining the truth and only the truth must have.

The terrible end of State Treasurer John J. Kennedy is another and more unfortunate phase of this self-advertisement propaganda now conducted at public expense by a certain New Yorker. Mr. Kennedy had been before him and before the grand jury where he was quizzed and cross-quizzed in an effort to make him admit that he or his associates knew something of an alleged scandalous transaction alleged by a former Chief executive of the state. He was to have been again a witness this week and this violator of the secrets of grand jury rooms—supposedly forbidden by law told the New York reporters that possibly it was as interesting to find out how much a public official did not know. Fear lest he be held up to public ridicule drove this sensitive man temporarily insane and while in that condition he took his own life. Shall not some measure of responsibility therefore attach to the self-advertising propagandist?

Sound Advice

Not only non-Catholics but Catholics as well will read with more than passing interest the following stirring words from "America" the great Jesuit weekly:—
Catholics have reason to be fretting and intensely exasperated by the shocking things that are being repeatedly cabled over the whole world with regard to Pius X, but it would be difficult to imagine anything more outrageous than the recent description of the august Head of the Church of God sitting in judgment on an obscene dance which was performed in his presence and then by word and gesture suggesting another form of dance in its place. Those who conceived this particular insult and those who propagated it in the press and elsewhere deserve to be vehemently denounced by every decent man and woman. If the transcendent sanctity of his life and the august dignity of his sacred office could not shield him from the blasphemous indecency of this assault, at least the

white hair of the most venerable man in the Church today should have made it impossible and unthinkable. Its authors are the successors consciously and unconsciously of the rabble of the apostate city that jeered at the Christ as He carried His heavy cross to Calvary. The world, at least the Catholic part of it, would like to know who is back of these cable outrages.

Quite True

Very pertinently remarks the Omaha "True Voice" Notoriety-seeking "lecturers" are out for what money they can get. They are only too anxious to get into controversy with respectable people. It gives them a standing that they would not otherwise have in the communities which they visit. We need not be alarmed over the antics of these disturbers. The give us an opportunity to know our friends and also to know those who would harm us in the dark. That is worth something. Quiet observation is in order at the present time, rather than voluble expostulation against the nondescript bigots who are working themselves into a frenzy in their efforts to attract attention.

We recall that the late Bishop McQuaid adopted this plan upon the visit of two noted bigots, one of whom claimed to be an "ex-nun," which claim was exposed as faked and bogus. The bishop had a trusted friend at every lecture who noted the attendance. If any person of prominence were noted there an effort was made to sound him out as to whether he credited what he or she heard, also whether he acted as if tinged with bigotry. Some valuable information was received which was utilized to advantage. Moreover, the papers took so little interest that the "ex-nun" managed to keep the reporters to task severely. "Even if you abuse us, we wish you would notice us. Abuse brings us crowded houses, silence gives us empty benches. Further comment is superfluous.

The Dominican Fathers are to conduct a mission for Catholics in St. Mary's church the first two weeks in March. Let those who wonder if Catholic's really go to Church get up at 5 o'clock and wend their way to St. Mary's. They will be convinced and that right speedily.

Well winter was a little slow in starting but he reached here all right.

They say that advertising will produce results in all directions. Well, let us see if it will fill the Protestant churches once each Sunday for fifty-two Sundays.

The Menace admits that it had absolutely no knowledge as to whether its bogus Knights of Columbus oath is authentic or not. This it tells a couple of men arrested for circulating the Menace libel in Philadelphia.

Out in Minnesota they are bringing the defamers of the Church to book by criminal prosecution. In Buffalo they have been repeatedly cabled over the power to them!

State Labor Commissioner James M. Lynch seems to have a mind of his own.

Congratulations to William L. King upon being chosen as chairman of the Board of School Examiners in Buffalo. They know a good thing when they see it in Buffalo.

Evidently, the tango craze is subsiding. Society is beginning to think it common and vulgar.

Verily, it is well-nigh impossible to have the last word when a Socialist is the other party to the debate.

Don't do any worrying today that you can put off till tomorrow.

He is a clever man when nobody else but his wife knows he is a fool

If life on this earth has only 10,000,000 years more to exist, what's the use?

It's all right to believe only half you hear, but the trouble is to know which half.

Cold storage is a necessity and so is chloroform. Yet each lends itself readily to abuse.

Spectacles are now required for a lap dog. He should be cautioned against reading too fine print.

If The Hague prove inadequate, why not submit Senor Huerta's case to the national baseball commission?

That which is known as idle curiosity is for the most part active, wide-awake, sleepless and energetic.

Some women are glad to get the vote, forewearing that they may yet be able to enact a cheap fur measure.

Kaiser Wilhelm is having as much trouble in disposing of a castle as American diplomats have in finding one.

Perhaps the American girl who was arrested as a spy in Italy was merely getting ready for a magazine campaign.

The Kaiser is reported to be at out again with his harem. The recently photographed royal kiss must have failed to take.

A celebrated music teacher says every man has eight notes in his voice. It is to be hoped they don't all fall due at the same time.

As an Oklahoma cow swallowed a "wad" containing \$280 it follows that a roll that would choke a cow must contain more than that.

All the world is to get its time from the Eiffel tower in Paris. That is all right. Paris has never been accused of being behind the times.

As a matter of fact, Mona Lisa has the peculiar smite of the wife who has lately rifled her husband's pockets in the still watches of the night.

Menelik of Abyssinia is again reported dead, and his suit of Morocco is again reported captured. They insist on keeping at their old tricks.

"Keep only well bred hens" advises a farm journal; but, then, most of 'em have already joined what the Socialists call the non-producing class.

Oysters grow on trees in West Africa, says a report from London, but does the money with which to purchase them grow the same way?

Thomas J. Lynch did not vacate his job as president of the National league without registering a kick. An old ball player hates to lose a game anyway.

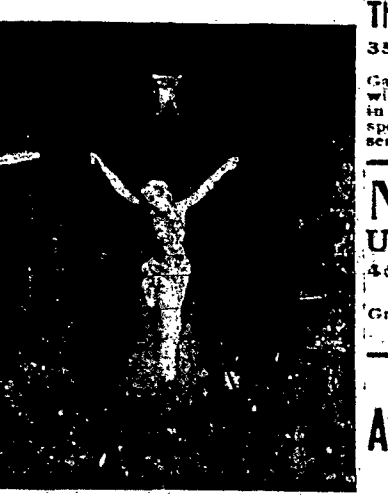
Joy is the peculiar feeling experienced by the man who counts his money and discovers that he has all he thought he had and a few dollars more.

The decennial celebration of the first flight by the Wright brothers is also a reminder that the real conquest of the air is still a long fight from realization.

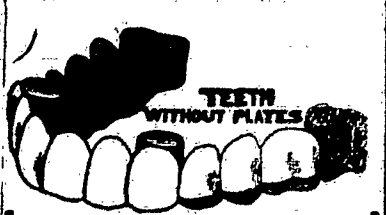
Other managers spend the winter shaking \$25,000 in one another's faces, but Connie Mack remains quietly at home making sofa pillows of surly pennants.

Zapata preserves the amenities by announcing that he will hang Huerta when he catches him. Latin American courtesy is an engaging quality of the Mexican character.

The sex is emancipated and has shaken off all shackles except that of the bargain-counter. No woman has yet willingly delegated to an understudy the joy of shopping.



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