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Iron Hand Needed

It is plainly evident that the authorities must deal more sternly with the agitators who have evidently determined to make New York city the headquarters of the anarchists and breakers down of law and established custom, here to defy lawfully constituted authority.

It is unfortunate that some hazy thinkers with ill-ordered minds and unbalanced intellect who encourage these agitators on the ill-advised plea that "free speech" must be tolerated in a Republic. These persons confound "freedom" and "license" but they should be blamed too severely because they are but the finished products of a false system of education.

Representatives of this class must be held largely responsible for the demand of the agitators that the churches be turned over to those who would only enter to abuse religion and slander its ministers. If the demand were made that each church should care for the unemployed, who are communicants of those particular churches, but why it should even be suggested that churches be opened to those who not only are not members of those churches but sneer at their doctrines and go so far as to spit upon all religion is beyond reason.

When agitators go so far as to organize parades to set class against class, to override the plain ordinary civilities of life, to ignore common courtesy and to trample under foot the national flag, it is high time that they are taught to respect law and order by stern and iron-hardened methods. If at all possible, those who are aliens should be deported, whence they came. Right here, it may be remarked that illiteracy tests proposed under the new immigration law, would not exclude the Goldman's, the Berkman's or the Taunebaums.

But authorities should stiffen their backbones and not emulate the action of English officials in dealing with the militant suffragettes. Decisive action now may prevent serious consequences if the agitators are permitted to proceed unchecked in their course.

One Lie Nailed

A Methodist parsonage out in Dearborn, Mich., was burned not so long ago. Out came the "Menace" with a lurid story to the effect that the hated Catholics were the incendiaries. The Catholic lie did not rest easy under the dire accusation. They resented it vigorously and shrewdly detected work unearthed the truth, that the minister himself was the incendiary and hoped to collect the insurance, also that he was the author of the Menace's anti-Catholic tirade.

In fact the sheet in question sent a special representative to Dearborn who investigated, heard

the minister's confession and then made open apology to the Catholic's of Dearborn. For so much, let us give thanks. But there have been dozens of worse charges made against Catholics and equally groundless and no apologies or retractions have been made even when the falsity of the accusations were clearly exposed.

The postal authorities of Canada have barred the "Menace" from the mails. Now, why cannot the United States post office department do likewise?

Diocesan Charity

Apparently, the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester are coming to realize what the annual collection for diocesan charities stands for and what is accomplished by its use, because the report for the collection of 1913 shows that nearly \$12,000 was realized, including the "jubilee alms."

While this is a goodly sum, it is not as large as it should be. As interpreted by Bishop Hickey "diocesan charities" includes and in some instances, support of the churches and schools attended by the foreigners who have come to America from countries where voluntary support of religion and education is unknown and where the public purse subsidizes all such. Until the younger generation is educated to American laws, customs and traditions, churches and schools must be provided for these foreign-born Catholic's else they will lose all faith and all religion because no matter what any person may say or argue, the fact remains that if these outsiders do not retain their Catholic faith they do not embrace any other permanently but become castaways or derelicts.

Let the collection for diocesan charities of 1914 be a generous one!

Not Very Bad

Possibly, there are defects in the law which created the state department of efficiency and economy and, perhaps, it overlaps other existing state bureaus. But after a perusal of the "state budget" issued a few days since by the efficiency department we are impelled to the conclusion that instead of voting to abolish the department the Legislature would be better occupied in discussion of plans to perfect the bureau and to increase its powers and scope.

The "state budget" referred to in the first document of its kind issued in New York state—that is a completed budget analyzing requests for appropriations made by state officers and institutions, giving concise reasons why this item should be allowed and that request disallowed. This document alone justifies the establishment of the department and the money it has cost up to date.

If there are defects in the law amend these. If there are changes needed in the personnel of the department let these be made. But to abolish the department now would be the height of absurdity.

The Ulsterites are showing the cloven foot. Their opposition to Home Rule is based upon the fear that Catholic's may obtain their just deserts after a century and more of injustice. That's what galls Sir Edward Carson, and the Marquis of Londonderry and the other Orangemen who effect that the hated Catholics have kept the Catholic's of Ireland poor and robbed them of their rights.

Rochester Catholic's who wish to visit Rome can do so this summer with their own Bishop as leader and special protector.

Noon day Lenten services are proving that Catholics in Rochester appreciate the privilege.

Be modest and sincere.

Mexico continues to be the Excited States of America.

Turkey appears to have been licked into a position of importance in the Balkans.

The most pitiable thing in the world is poverty, and the most unpopular is economy.

Is the threatened return of the hoop-skirt merely another blow at the turkey trot?

Women are so persistent. Soon they'll be demanding that their votes be counted.

With winter approaching, Ireland can hardly be blamed for not wanting to part with her Claret.

One lock of Charlotte Bronte's hair is now valued at \$500 but maybe Charlotte did not run strongly to hair.

In the next national campaign some party might make a hit by incorporating a safe and sane weather plank in its platform.

Since William H. Taft has considerably reduced his weight, there is room enough in a moving picture of him for another man.

It is not surprising that some college men cannot write good English. Why, some of them cannot even play good football.

Among the most deplorable signs of the times may be mentioned those that mar the scenic effect along almost any railroad or pike.

The pedestal on which Porfirio Diaz once stood marks an exceedingly slippery footing for men of less weight and equilibrium.

The tragedy of "Humpty Dumpty" is rivaled in the estimate that each year eggs valued at \$75,000,000 are broken in transit to market.

The chances are that Sir Thomas Lipton will do as well with his yacht as his competitors have done in the other championships.

According to reports President Wilson's caddy gets more sport out of President Wilson's golf games than the president himself does.

The American sewing machine has invaded southeastern Arabia. Eastward the march of feminine independence takes its way.

Why do so many returning travelers, after educating themselves to the European tip system, want to short change poor Uncle Sam?

Kansas City has established a night school of gardening. We trust that it is totally unlike the ordinary night school of poultry raising.

These husbands who murder their wives and then commit suicide go about the job the wrong way. They should kill themselves first.

"New York," observes an exchange, "never runs out of grafters." Certainly not. Another illustration of the law governing supply and demand.

"Man wants but little here below," but he has to hustle because Mrs. Man wants a 1914 automobile and the nearest approach to 1914 clothes.

Well, all those baseball clubs that did not land a pennant this year have all of next year ahead of them, and all kinds of championships are won between seasons.

Thomas Mott Osborne, acquiring prison experience as a philanthropist, came in for a reprimand at the table showing that etiquette is complicated no matter where one eats.

Now that a French aviator has flown at the rate of 125 miles an hour, motorists should generally concede the speed limit to him and proceed to develop the "safety first" idea.

It is news that a man has succeeded in growing nerves in bottles, but since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary the usual result has been for nerves to grow out of bottles.

If further evidence were required to prove that the Caucasian race is deteriorating one has only to mention the fact that African cannibals do not think white men are good to eat.

New York has twenty churches burned into theaters and garages. Now a fire is to be burned into a Bible school's tuberculosis with Scriptural "cures." Is the tide turning?

It is said to cost \$20,000 to make a new ball of paper. How times have changed! In the days of Stephen C. Foster, the country singer, the cost of a ball of paper was 10 cents.

The statement that Manuel will soon be returned to the throne of Portugal may be based on what is likely to happen if his new German wife should demand that he be restored. A Deutsch hausfrau can do quite a lot of things.

The free port of Hamburg has now passed London, with 25,000,000 tons of exports and imports in 1912. Nothing now remains ahead of the old Hanse town but Antwerp, with 26,666,490 tons in 1911, and New York, with 27,222,908 tons in the fiscal year 1912.

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