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Well Said

Not in a Catholic paper have
we read such a calm but scathing
an indictment of the Missouri
organ of bigotry as in the follow-
ing editorial from the "Jewish
Exponent" of Philadelphia:—

"The hawking of the anti-
Catholic paper, the Menace, in the
streets has brought the direct
attention of the people of Phila-
delphia to his publication. There
is simple warrant in the law for
police interference in such cases,
and in this particular instance
action should be taken without
hesitation. The publication is not
a newspaper. It is absolutely de-
void of literary merit. Its entire
object is to stir up the flames of
religious bigotry and class hatred.
Its know-nothing propaganda is
of the same kind as that which
set the country in a turmoil six-
ty years ago. That was a most
unfortunate and dangerous expe-
rience, and it should not be re-
peated. In carrying out its policy
the Menace is often indecent, li-
belous and unjust. There is no
excuse for the existence of such
a paper. Those who give it aid
and encouragement of any kind
are as censurable as the mis-
guided people who are responsi-
ble for its publication."

We trust the United States pos-
tal authorities have received and
read the above. It does seem a
trifle peculiar that the postal
authorities can find ways and
means to exclude from the mails
publications that appear to us
not one whit more objectionable
than the Missouri rag.

Mr. Bryan Denies

Not so long ago the San Anton-
io Free Mason published the fol-
lowing statement as emanating
from the Secretary of State in
President Wilson's cabinet:—

"Everybody knows the Catho-
lic Church organized the Knights
of Columbus to fight the Masons.
The Masonic fraternity has been
a thorn in the flesh of the politi-
cal Romanists because it stands
solidly for a disunion of Church
(particularly the Catholic) and
the State. Many Catholics, in-
stead of being loyal to the Church
and the State, have been back-
sliding from Catholic control
and idolatry, found member-
ship in Freemason lodges.—W.J.
Bryan."

Promptly upon Mr. Bryan's at-
tention being called to the state-
ment, he at once wrote the fol-
lowing letter:—

My dear sir—The enclosed
clipping which I am informed
appeared in the December num-
ber of the Freeman was sent to
me. I write to ask that you
publish a notice denying the au-
thenticity of the statement. I
have never used such language
nor any language which could
possibly be tortured into resemb-
ling it.

Very truly yours,

William J. Bryan

We never believed for one mo-
ment that Mr. Bryan could be
guilty of such a statement al-
though some persons were dis-
posed to credit it because Mr.
Bryan voted in the national con-

vention of the Young Men's
Christian Association against the
proposition that that organiza-
tion abolish the provision that
none but Protestants could hold
office. Mr. Bryan's explanation
was both logical and creditable.
He wants the Y.M.C.A. to stand
squarely as a Protestant organi-
zation and does not think Catho-
lics should be led into affiliation
under false pretences. In this,
we are sure all practical Catho-
lics agree with Mr. Bryan.

Saddening

Secretary of the Navy Daniels
may have done precisely what
his conscience dictated in forbid-
ding liquors on board United
States warships or inside navy
yards but the reasons he assigns
therefor are saddening in the ex-
treme. He intimates that United
States naval officers are intem-
perate and that older officers have
tempted younger ones until they
became drunkards. For this rea-
son he has deemed it necessary
to forbid wines and liquors al-
together.

Inasmuch as warships are, of
necessity, moored in foreign
ports where they are entertained
by foreign naval men, who are,
in turn, entertained by the Amer-
icans, it will place our officers in
an embarrassing position if they
cannot entertain in kind, which
they cannot do, in many places,
if Secretary Daniel's order stands.
It will not do to pooh-pooh and
say that all the world must needs
be governed by American stan-
dard, as fixed by one member of
the President's cabinet. Because,
when all is said and done the
"grape juice idea" was inaugu-
rated by Secretary of State Wil-
liam Jennings Bryan.

However, if it be true that in-
temperance is the rule among
officers of the United States
Navy, then, perhaps, Secretary
Daniel's order were needed.

Laudable

It is to the credit of the Roch-
ester Ad Club and their adver-
tising patrons that they have en-
tered upon a campaign to pro-
mote and encourage honest ad-
vertisers and advertising and to
discourage dishonest advertisers
and dishonest advertising.

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who are led to buy because of ad-
vertisements in their favorite
paper have a right to expect hon-
est goods and honest treatment
in return for their money expen-
ded.

Honest advertisers and ven-
dors of honest merchandise have
a right to be protected from dis-
honest competition. If they de-
cline to pay their money to pa-
pers and periodicals that persist
in advertising dishonest merchan-
dise they are clearly within their
rights and are performing a pub-
lic service.

If honest advertisers will adopt
this course they will be of great
assistance to publishers who are
striving might and main to keep
their columns free from suspi-
cious or misleading advertise-
ments. If honest advertisers pat-
ronize publishers who carry only
honest advertising and frown
upon those who accept dishonest
advertising, the battle is half-
won.

Easter sun was out all right,
but Easter winds took some of
the pleasure out of Easter finery.

The Lenten season is over but
it is not necessary that riotous
feasting should follow a season
of fasting.

Our honest opinion is that
when the crucial moment arrives
Sir Edward Carson and his boast-
ing Ulster men will not proceed
to the point of actual treason.

Well, the friends of the Con-
stitutional convention were in
the majority it would seem?

Has the indecent dance run its
course?

England at least has no reason to
complain of ennui.

Better a fool who knows nothing
than one who knows too much.

It is difficult for You Lind to imagine
why any one should need a gag.

Albanians have just procured a king,
but it appears that it was food they
needed.

Pistols, especially when unloaded,
are almost as dangerous as bichloride
of mercury.

The reputation of your grandfather
is a good signboard. But it is a poor
raft to float on.

Green wig parties help the cosumer
to get rid of that surplus hair from
queeneless China.

It would certainly be tough if a par-
cel post egg shipment were sent to the
dead letter office.

Happily this country is less eager to
welcome French political fashions than
some other kinds.

When a fellow is busy with some-
thing useless he says it is better to
wear out than to rust out.

A New York infant has coughed up
a jewel that has been missing for a
year. "Search your babies."

Between internal political crises and
earthquakes Japan has not had time
recently to be a part of any color.

The estimate that this country's min-
eral waste is \$1,000,000 a day does not
include the amount lost in smoke.

A record price of \$28,000 has been
paid for a Henry VIII. suit, collar,
which is certainly earning its salt.

Those fair Turks who have revolted
against dress restrictions evidently
want to wear gowns just like the men.

Hard work will cause almost any
man to forget his troubles, but few of
us are willing to be cured in that way.

A man who gave a fifty dollar tip
has been adjudged insane. But it was
not the waiter who brought the com-
plaint.

Hereafter only perfect gentlemen in
the German army will be allowed to
fight duels. But will they have any
occasion?

Switzerland has decided to prevent
betting on English horse racing, it hav-
ing been discovered that the Swiss
usually lost.

According to a feminist orator "It is
a serious disadvantage for a woman to
be small." Do "little women" be-
lieve such talk?

The New York 100 could be more
scientifically revised if the government
would lift the ban of secrecy from in-
come tax returns.

If pitchers' salaries continue to
mount higher baseball will cease to be
one of the professions and become one
of the liberal arts.

Congress has appropriated \$600,000
for the cure of hog cholera. But some
discrimination ought to be exercised
in picking the hogs.

What a garrulous nation we must be
to be sure if it is true that there were
almost 14,000,000 telephone calls in
this country last year?

Admiral Peary thinks the north pole
will be reached by aeroplane within
the next five years, but old Doc Cook
refuses to take the hint.

Scientists who boiled eggs on a cake
of ice by means of violet rays make a
chaffing dish seem comparatively neat
and convenient after all.

It takes a scientist to boil eggs on
ice, but most any ordinary citizen has
seen the time when he could use the
furnace for a refrigerator.

In all the evolutions of fashion Dr
Mary Walker continues to be the cham-
pion of the only style of garb that pro-
vides pockets easy to find.

"Many a man has let a good job get
away from him because he harbored
the delusion that no other man was
smart enough to fill his place.

St. Louis' famous old Southern hotel
is hereafter to be tipless. Guests will
be enthusiastic if they don't have to
carry their trunks to their rooms.

Newspapers must stop talking about
a "footproof" airplane. "There ain't
no such animal" and fools who are
not reckless will still keep their feet
on the ground.

The assertion that the suffragist
movement is causing wives to leave
their husbands may account for a con-
siderable amount of surreptitious male
support in some quarters.

Thomas A. Edison, of some inventive
reputation, is unable to invent a way
to be happy though idle. But he might
invent a way for a good many people
to be happy though working.

The Berlin magistrate who decided
that hardening of the arteries is not
an excuse for delay in a suit for the
collection of a debt might also have
ruled that hardening of the heart is an
excuse for demanding expeditious

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