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Neutrality

We, as Catholics, have a splendid reason to practise and to insist upon real neutrality on the part of the United States as far as the European war is concerned. We have no reason to preach neutrality and secretly harbor sympathy with the Allies.

Of the allies, Great Britain ranks as a Christian Government while France, although a great part of her people are Catholic, is governed by an atheistic regime. Nevertheless, in point of spiritual consolation for the Catholic soldiers in the field, Christian England is no more to be commended than infidel France. According to "America," there are but eleven Catholic Chaplains in actual war service and the Protestant chaplain in charge has assigned these to hospital duty so there are no Catholic Chaplains on field duty where their services are as necessary as in the hospitals. When attention was called in Parliament to this condition, the representatives of the British Government made reply that no increase could be made and that the "French priests will do all that is necessary for the Irish Catholic soldiers at the front." This attitude was maintained when it was pointed out that French priests might not be able to hear confessions made in English!

Evidently, the spectacle will not be repeated in the English ranks of whole regiments receiving absolution before battle as has happened repeatedly in the French ranks under the aforesaid infidel regime!

"First Guardian"

The New Orleans Morning Star is to be commended upon supplying indisputable proof from the original records and almost forgotten archives that Benedict Arnold, that infamous traitor to American ideals in the War of the Revolution, was the original "Guardian of Liberty" in America.

By Bancroft, by Martin I. J. Griffin's Researches, by Goldwin Smith, by Parkman and other historians, non-Catholic as well as Catholic, the star shows that Arnold was possessed of an unspeakable hatred of Catholicity and things Catholic, and advanced of a pretext for his treason, the number of Catholics holding high place in the Continental Army and under George Washington. This sentence is cited verbatim from the original draft among the "Force Papers" in the Congressional Library in Washington:—

"To the officers and soldiers of the Continental Army, who have at heart the real interests of the country and who are determined to be no longer the tools and dupes of Congress or France:

"What is America but a land of Widows, Beggars, and Orphans? And should the parent nation cease her exertion to deliver you, what security remains to you for the enjoyment of ye consolation for that religion for

which your fathers braved the ocean, ye heathen, and ye wilderness? Do you know that the eye which guides this pen, lately saw your mean and profligate Congress at Mass for the soul of a Roman Catholic in Purgatory, and participating in the rights of a church, against whose anti-Christian corruption your pious ancestors would have witnessed with their blood."

This extract from the proclamation of Brigadier-General Arnold to the officers and soldiers of the Continental Army will also be found in the "Life of Benedict Arnold," by Isaac Arnold, author of the "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

The "Guardians" are welcome to this gratifying information first-hand and gratis.

The Real Point.

Probably, the present outburst of bigotry is like a small pox epidemic will pass over leaving scars, to be sure, but we shall be free for another period of years. Those active in it are inspired by ignorance, in most cases.

However the Boston "Liberian" strikes at one phase of the agitation which should be considered seriously and dealt with sternly by all decent citizens, non-Catholic as well as Catholic, when it says:—

"We may pity these men for their stupid bigotry and want of common sense. But we must be sterner with the political trucklers who know better, but who for the sake of political preference, bend before these mistaken and foolish bigots and take up with their pet measures. Such men are not true Americans. They are enemies of the common weal. They are fomenters of discord. They should be relegated as speedily as possible to private life to think it over.

Certain politicians, since the recent election, have let it be known they despised the "Guardians" and "Knights of Luther," but that they thought it "good politics" to trick them into supporting and helping to elect the candidates favored by the aforesaid politicians. Perhaps, these politicians would not rate their clever trick so highly were the Guardians and K. L.'s to nominate and elect a straightout ticket of their own selection. They think they are quite some politicians themselves these days.

Quite likely it may be necessary to teach some short-sighted politicians a salutary and wholesome lesson in the not distant future.

Not Surprising

To those well informed as to current happenings, the episode of a few evenings since when about one-third of the audience at the "People's Sunday Evening" left the hall when Rev. Washington Gladden ventured to protest against intolerance and proscription of Catholics. Inasmuch as Catholics are not interested in the P. S. E. we cannot be charged with the insult to Doctor Gladden. No, those who were guilty were the narrow-minded bigots, thus proving conclusively that bigotry in Rochester was not merely a political play for effect in the campaign of 1914.

Perhaps, it is just as well that the P. S. E. episode occurred. It will open the eyes of the non-Catholics, at least, to the fact that there are bigots in Rochester who would deprive Catholics of all rights and privileges, except the concession to pay taxes and rent and purchase, all needed supplies from non-Catholics.

We should not object so much if "Guardians of Liberty" and kindred organizations would only pass as ironclad regulation to the effect that no Catholic money would be received over their counters and that Catholic customers are not wanted. Is not that a logical conclusion to an appeal "not to employ Catholics in

any capacity and not to trade with Catholic individuals, firms or corporations?"

Such a course would be open, and mainly if a trifle narrow and everybody would know just what to do.

When will the political publicity man learn that facts are better than reams of fiction and lurid imagination?

The Providence Visitor puts it well when it says:—

Villa, Carranza, Villareal et al. are waging an unequal war against the Church in Mexico. Long after their crimes shall have passed from the memory of man the Church will still be in existence and flourishing vigorously in the very places where it was persecuted most savagely. Victory never yet came to those who fought against God and the gates of hell will never prevail against the Church of Christ. In passing it may be asked, "What has become of Nathan?" Sooner or later every man meets with his deserts.

In a recent address Lord Kitchner made these significant admissions; "The British Empire is now fighting for its existence. I want every citizen to understand this cardinal fact; for only from a clear conception of the vast importance of the issue at stake can come the great national impulse without which the Government War Ministers, or even their navies, can do but little.

There are 3,873,761 persons in the Archdiocese of Cologne. This archdiocese has more Catholics than there are in all Ireland. It is the largest archdiocese, in point of population, in the world. The second largest is Breslan, with 3,675,300 Catholics. The Archdiocese of Paris has a Catholic population of 3,349,000; Milan, 2,960,000; Mechlin, Belgium, 2,450,000; Vienna, 2,257,000; Bahia, Brazil, 2,350,000; Prague, Bohemia, 2,230,000; La Plata 2,016,000; Maricopa, Brazil, 2,000,000; Cambrai, France, 1,900,000; San Paola, Brazil, 1,800,000; New York, 1,219,920; Chicago, 1,150,000; Boston, 900,000.

New C. M. B. A. Branch.

A new branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, which has been recently organized in St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Portland Avenue, was officially organized and officers elected and installed at a meeting held in Concordia Hall in Clifford Avenue at 7.30 o'clock Thursday evening.

A membership of thirty is on the new branch's charter so far, giving it the distinction of having a larger number of members than any of the other branches at its inception.

Learn Gregg Shorthand

The R. B. I. teaches that system. It is a very pleasant system to learn to write. Large classes now studying Gregg at the R. B. I. New class begins Monday, January 4, Y. M. C. A., Bldg. Adv.

A Most Acceptable Gift

Is an ornament for the hair. What is quite so pleasing as the gift of a beautiful hair ornament? Sets, etc., in real shell or amber jet, solid gold and silver inlaid, crystal set with rhinestones in the latest styles are among the extensive assortment in our gift department. We have obtained the most unique and charming designs for your selection. In fact, it will be difficult for you to glance over our display and not find just the article you want. In hair goods, as well as hair ornaments, Levenson excels in quality and in reasonable prices. Levenson's Hair Store, 37 North Clinton, opposite Sibley's side entrance. — Adv.

Great Run on

Humburch Brothers' Jewelry Store. We cannot serve our customers properly afternoons; try and do your trading mornings; it will help us out. Humburch Brothers', 182 Main street east. — Adv.

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A Wonderful Assortment of Men's Neckwear.

Count the stars if you would know the number, the variety, the almost endless patterns to be found in this mammoth collection of men's neckwear.

Overflowing its own regular section in Aisle B it has run over into Aisle A. There is also a counter in Center Cross Aisle between Aisles A and B, and again a Special Counter in Aisle F is well stocked with men's neckwear.

We are thoroughly prepared for the holiday season, prepared to serve you in every way and to give you best assortments and greater opportunity for selection than ever before in our history.

There are four-in-hands here for 25c in an immense assortment of shades and designs.

At 50c—and here is where our line shows to wonderful advantage—there is probably the greatest assemblage of ties of the better quality to be found anywhere in Rochester. There is practically no limit to the variety of designs, and the quality of the neckwear is very superior.

At \$1 and \$1.50 there are neat, small flower effects, Persian patterns, bias stripes and many other popular fancies shown in heavy silks and lustrous satins.

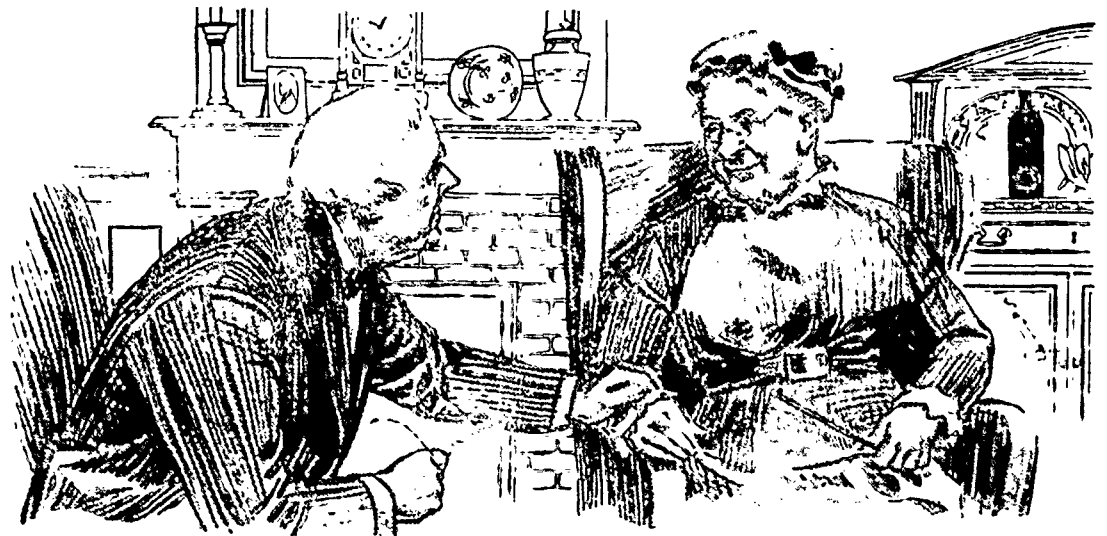
At \$2, variegated overshot patterns on basket weave grounds, in the richest colorings, are particularly effective. Persian designs and two tone stripe effects on black grounds are also strongly featured.

At \$2.50 there are beautiful Dresden effects, bias stripes on heavy satin and a variety of most attractive and clever conceits.

At \$4.50, neckwear such as we have never before shown, scarfs woven especially for us in Vienna, the richest of colorings, the heaviest of silks, big generous four-in-hands that it is a pleasure just to touch. These are in elaborate brocades, figures and stripes, exclusive designs that we recommend for your early consideration.

Main Floor—Aisles A and B

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The punishment does sometimes fit the crime. A New York burglar, who for some months past specialized in thefts of clocks, was last week given time.

"Call no man wise till you have read his letters," said Talleyrand. Every dl voice case helps the student to appreciate the French statesman's depth of worldly knowledge.

The decree of the National Dancing Masters' convention at Cleveland in favor of a tamer tango may help to convince some people that they have been wickered than they knew.

Court etiquette requires that a person presented to the king of England shall face the king and walk backward. The militant spirit may make it necessary to go further and compel a visitor to hold up both hands.