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Time For Caution.

Lloyd-George's open admission that the English workingman has not taken enough interest in the progress of the war that he is willing to work full time in order that the Army and Navy may be supplied with munitions of war; and that the Allies are sadly lacking in ammunition in comparison with German equipment, means one of two things:—either the English despatches telling how their men swept everything before them must have been exaggerated, or the English people are not as enthusiastic for the war as we in America have been given to believe.

Just as the English leaders seem to have been misled as to the real feelings of the English working classes, is it not possible that President Wilson and his close advisers may have been misled as to the real feelings of the rank and file of the American people? Undoubtedly, they are back of the President in his insistence that Americans shall be protected wherever they may be anywhere in the wide world, but should it be decided to declare war upon a European country, are there not very many Americans who, will make manifest that they have a preference as to which European nation they will fight and which they would fight far?

To put it in another way:—no matter which European country were to invade the United States, the entire citizenship would rise en masse and fight to the last ditch in protection of home and country. But when it came to volunteering to fight for or against some European country, is it not patent that many of us do not see why we should enlist to help a country which, as soon as the war is over, will do its level best to capture our trade and do everything else to best us? Will Americans who draw aside their skirts to avoid contact with the Italian immigrant, be eager to march side by side with the Italian regiments in the European battle-field?

There are many, many Americans who are not quoted in the newspapers who have pronounced ideas on the European war. These are not deluded by any idea that the present war is in defense of any moral issue or principle. They are quite sure that it arose because of the selfishness and greed of nations each jealous of the increase of trade and influence on the part of another. Those of us who hold this notion, are very pronounced in our position that the United States should keep out of the war at all hazards and permit the European warriors to settle their own differences. We even go so far as to believe that Americans should stay in their own country and avoid Europe except at their own peril.

To summarize:—While we may appreciate German methods, we

are equally hostile to the boasted methods employed by the British to "civilize," subjugated peoples. Some of us go so far as to deprecate methods employed by Americans in the Philippines and elsewhere. We would prefer a new and American method, hence do not care to affiliate with any of the European warring nations. Perhaps, the President's advisers are not aware of this independent attitude of many Americans—real Americans at that, not hyphenated by prefix of German, British, Canadian, Italian or French.

Where Danger Is

Father O'Neil's pertinent exposition of the part played in development of society at large by the churches, hospitals, charitable institutions and educational institutions which are, by present law, exempted from a portion or all their taxes, is to the point as far as legislative action in the session of 1915 is concerned.

But the legislature of 1915 has adjourned since and it killed the bills proposed there to repeal these exemptions. To be sure, the proposition may be urged again in the next legislature but it can again be defeated.

However, there is a far greater present danger. Delegate Nixon, of Buffalo, has introduced in the constitutional convention now in session, a proposition to write into the fundamental law of the land an absolute prohibition of the legislature to pass any tax exemption law and also to repeal all existing exemptions. If this should be written into the constitution of the state, it might remain the law for many a year and then the legislature could not, if it would, exempt from taxation any institution, no matter how meritorious its mission or aims or performance might be.

It is the constitutional convention that must be reckoned with at present and the time for action is now! If those who think there is merit in and defense of the proposition to continue present tax exemptions want to beat the Nixon amendment they should move quickly and decisively. Unless vigorous opposition is made manifest, it may be taken for granted that no exemption is desired and thus make it more difficult for the opponents of the proposition in the convention to kill it either in committee or on the floor.

The Nixon proposition is not the only move along the same line. William Barnes has a proposition which would forbid the legislature to pass any law giving any person or group of persons any privilege or advantage which is not open to any other person or group of citizens. If this be written into the constitution some future socialistic court may hold that it abolishes exemptions of every sort, also forbids the legislature to pass any more exemption laws.

We repeat:—Now is the time to act on propositions before the constitutional convention!

Why is it that newspapers, supposedly well-informed, kept on speaking of Bishop Hanna as "having been appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco." If he had been appointed coadjutor bishop, he would not have been named by Pope Benedict. He would have assumed the title and powers as archbishop immediately upon Archbishop Riordan's death. Dr. Hanna was named as auxiliary bishop, just as Dr. Farley was named as auxiliary to Archbishop Corrigan. The diocesan consultors and irremovable rectors and the bishops of the New York province, however, chose Bishop Farley as their candidate for promotion to the archbishopric and his appointment followed. That was the procedure in the later case of Dr. Hanna.

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Athletics.

In the issue of May 29th, of "America," Dr. James J. Walsh, the eminent physician and student, discusses at some length the very pertinent subject, "Whether college athletics make for health and physical development or for greater publicity for the college." Dr. Walsh cites the Journal of the American Medical Association, a very conservative publication, as saying that it is the coach and manager who directs the athletic team, not a medical man and that, oftentimes, victory is the goal sought regardless whether the competitors fall in a heap the minute the ball game is won or the winning goal is kicked. The Journal declares that heart, kidneys and arteries often are overworked in the athlete and this shows in afterlife to a marked degree in impaired health and shortened life.

According to Dr. Walsh, the surgeon-general of the United States navy has been conducting a series of tests and researches and finds that those officers who demand the most medical care and treatment, after graduation, are the ones who were the noted athletes in Annapolis Naval Academy. He also finds that on the average the athletes die younger. Dr. Walsh's own conclusions are that competitive athletics are hard on the heart while two physicians who studied along similar lines for the University of Wisconsin aver that "there is reason to believe that for normal human activities an athletic heart is distinctly disadvantageous."

Dr. Walsh is convinced that there is no moral or ethical gain in college athletics, no matter how much it may be argued there is. He thinks the popularity of college athletics among educators is because more publicity can be attained at less expense and exertion than that in any other way. This subject is so important that it is a pleasure to learn that Dr. Walsh is to pursue it farther. If athletics in colleges is not a moral advantage, or an ethical, or a health advantage, then, indeed, it were well if it were not made the paramount item in the curriculum of certain colleges.

Apologized.

One by one, either because they have seen a light of their own free will, or were forced to see things differently those who defame the Church, are realizing that it were better if they went slowly.

Out in Santa Cruz, California, a socialist editor named Henry Turner, published in his sheet the bogus oath of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights immediately got busy, an indictment for criminal libel followed, the case was tried before a jury and Mr. Socialist Editor Turner was fined \$200 with a jail term as an alternative.

Out in Gilmore City, Iowa, the ticket agent of a railroad company so far forgot himself in his bigoted zeal that he distributed hand bills derogatory to the Catholic Church and her clergy, and religious to the patrons of the road, regardless whether they asked for them or wished to receive them. In this instance, too, the Catholics of the city bestirred themselves with the result that the agent published this subject apology in the local paper:—

I, the undersigned depot agent at Gilmore City, Ia., hereby publicly apologize to the Catholic and respectable non-Catholic people of this city and vicinity for the part I have taken in displaying in my office hand bills of a bigoted and prejudiced nature. I sincerely regret that I have been led into a movement which I now see is intended to arouse suspicion and hatred in a community where the members of all denominations have heretofore lived in perfect harmony and friendship.

I desire that this apology be printed in the Gilmore City Globe.

A. J. Richards,
Station Agent, Gilmore City, Ia.
It is sometimes better to "turn the other cheek", but it happens that silence is construed as a confession of guilt and it also is necessary, in the interest of truth and justice, to run the bigots to cover as was done in the two instances quoted.

If college athletics does not make for greater health and moral fibre, would it not be better to pay a little more attention to real education?

There are three American cardinals—Cardinal John M. Farley, of New York; Cardinal James Gibbons, Baltimore and Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston.

By accession to the archbishopric, it is understood, Most Rev. E. J. Hanna becomes one of the trustees of the Catholic University of Washington, to which position he brings exceptional qualifications.

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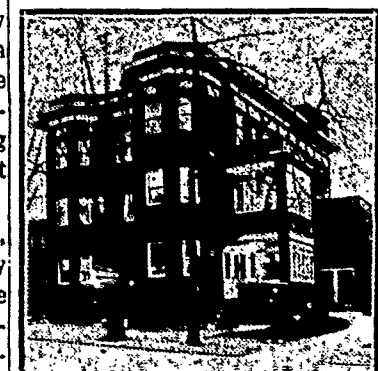
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