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Friday, March 17, 1916.

Plan for Peace.

This good advice was sent to a Worcester inquirer of Chairman Callahan of the Knights of Columbus special committee on how best to combat religious prejudice, or how to deal with an "anti-Catholic lecturer" advertised to speak in the Massachusetts town.

Your telegram, asking for information about Thomas E. Lev den, a defamer of the Church, who is now lecturing in your city, just received, and we wired you as follows:

Commission recommends anti-consistent policy in dealing with lectures be allowed to proceed in public hall by Catholics as Citizens or had we declined to withdraw free to public. Get your Protectors to help you in at assured of a stable government tendance and arrangements in Mexico which would guarantee.

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ter in such a manner as to appeal to either of the contending factions, we would not, in all probability of those in your Community ability be in the position we now whose respect and good will you find ourselves.

Peculiar Slant.

While one may have good reason to disagree with the wisdom of Senator O'Gorman's vote against President Wilson's proclaimed foreign policy it is not at all seemly to berate him for "enmity toward Great Britain". We may and should preserve neutrality but if to be neutral implies friendliness toward England then there many of us who are not neutral even if we are not supporters of Germany.

It would appear from the following editorial paragraphs in recent issue that the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" would brand as traitors every American who does not openly express sympathy with Great Britain in the present conflict.

"William F. Sheehan is of Irish descent, too, but he couldn't have been any more bitter against Great Britain than Senator O'Gorman, and he might have displayed more common sense.

"One difference between the O'Gormans who emigrated to the United States is that the first named branch is intensely loyal to Great Britain. What gave the mind of Senator O'Gorman such a peculiar twist becomes, therefore, more of a mystery than ever.

"A meeting of sympathizers with Great Britain, held in New York, was denounced in the strongest terms by members of German-American Alliance. Their position seems to be that in the United States it is illegal to express sympathy for any of the belligerents except the Central Powers.

"Representative Charles B. Smith, of Buffalo, feels called upon to do an enormous amount of explaining. He is the only member of Congress in this part of the state who is in favor of cringing to Germany in the matter of the right to travel. He is out of place in loyal and patriotic Western New York."

Mexico.

In the raid of Villa, the murder by this bandit of defenceless American citizens and the despatch of American troops into Mexico, all these deplorable incidents, which may yet plunge this country into war may be traced back to our peculiar in-

terference in Mexico. Had we refrained from interference in Mexico from the first and non-Catholics as Citizens or had we declined to withdraw our troops from Vera Cruz until tant friends to help you in at assured of a stable government tendance and arrangements in Mexico which would guarantee.

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Primary Waning?

It must be that the direct primary sentiment is waning in the home of its friends. Witness the following editorial from the Boston "Herald" erstwhile champion of this and other much advertised "reforms":

There seems to be no question that dissatisfaction with the primary is becoming stronger and more widespread. Its friends are not so sanguine as they used to be; its opponents are speaking out more boldly. Mr. Taft would hardly have launched into it so bitterly the other day had he not realized that his words would fall upon many responsive ears in all parts of the land. Even more significant is President Wilson's died silence on the subject. Four years ago he could forego no opportunity to trumpet the praises of the Presidential primary. It was the chief pillar of the new freedom. But in his recent swing through the Middle West the President had not a word to say

on this matter. Nor has any suggestion gone to those Southern States, which retain the convention system, that they must change their methods of nominating delegates to the next National Democratic Convention.

Everybody's Cross.

Says an unidentified exchange: Everybody in this world has a cross of some kind to bear. It may be one lying unseen in the silence of the heart's profoundest depths; or it may be one that is painfully visible to all. To some God gives but one great cross to bear; on others He showers what seems like a multitude of smaller ones. But, great or small, or one or many, the cross is there, and must be carried.

Some bearers wreathe their crosses with the sharp thorns of repining and discontent; others with the soft blossoms of patience and hope. It is largely a matter of choice, resting with the bearer; but it is the revelation of our experience that he finds his cross lightest who has learned bitter though the lesson be—to smile with others at his own miseries.

Whether he be a good politician or no; is a matter of opinion but there is no denying that former Governor Martin H. Glynn makes a mighty good speech.

The weather man consoingly remarks that 1915-1916 did not break the record for total snow fall. Perhaps that may be so, but the average man agrees that plenty of snow fell during February and March to satisfy even the most ardent desirer of an old-fashioned winter.

Rochester's Irish-Americans still cherish a warm spot for the "ould sod."

Well the Irish convention in New York made a deal of noise, even if it is not like y-to free Ireland just now.

"Preparedness" does not spell militarism" by any manner of means.

Let's see:—Just how many different organizations are soliciting funds to aid the war sufferers?

It were better if certain Rochesterians were less outspoken in their expression of sympathy with England. Such talk creates a suspicion of their perfect loyalty to the United States and of their neutrality. Outbreaks of sympathy with Great Britain arouse counter-blasts from the German sympathizers.

It is as much a violation of neutrality for an American to openly support Great Britain as to sympathize with Germany.

Commenting upon the Court of Appeals decision that theater managers have the right to exclude from their houses, even as having patrons, dramatic critics who criticize plays in a manner displeasing to the theater owners the Rochester Times says: "The people are entitled to a fair and unbiased treatment of plays and the way they are acted, at the hands of the critics, while the theater people must be given fair play, and never should be attacked because of prejudice or personal feeling on the part of the writers." That paper does not intend to alienate any theatrical advertising if it can help it.

It is a pretty pass to which we can come when outlaw-loafers from Mexico dare to cross into the United States and murder American citizens!

The new Polish Catholic Church erected in Shenandoah, Pa., at a cost of \$100,000, was seriously endangered when the street on which it is built began to settle. The street runs over a coal mine.

Francis Joseph, the Catholic Emperor of Austria, whose age is about 85 years, is now said to be in excellent health. He works hard for 15 hours every day, rising at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. He takes his meals at his working desk.

The French-Canadian priest of Ottawa decline to ask their parishioners to contribute to the English war fund for the reason that England is endeavoring to transform their schools into centres of English education, which they strenuously oppose.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, rector of the Irish College, delivered the panegyric of the Apostle of Ireland on March 17th, in the Church of St. Patrick, Rome.

The Belgian historian, Godfrid Kurth, died in January. Cardinal Mercier attended him in last moments.

R. B. I. Parliamentary Law Class. A class in Parliamentary Law will begin at the Rochester Business Institute, Evening School, 172 Clinton Avenue South, next Monday evening, March 20. The class will convene each Monday evening for 10 consecutive weeks from 8 o'clock to 9:30. Call at the R. B. I. for particulars. — Adv.

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