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Easter.

The Lenten season is over and the joyous feast of Easter is upon us.

If we have followed the Lenten penitential season aright, we approach Easter with bodies refreshed, minds rejuvenated, moral fibres strengthened, spiritual natures cleansed.

We as Catholics have reason to rejoice that we are as we are. We can truly enter into the Easter celebration in the proper spirit.

Easter is no mythical feast. We shall greet our risen Lord with hearts full of love and gratitude that he has permitted us to welcome the Resurrection morn.

Therefore let us celebrate Easter with joyous hearts only waiting for that perpetual Easter on high when the last earthly Easter has passed for us.

Needed But Not Wanted.

In a thoughtful and well developed article for "America," the Jesuit weekly, Edward F. Mohler, points out that the trend of the times indicates that censorship of the drama and moving picture stage is not wanted but needed sorely.

Mr. Mohler comments acidly on the tendency of the press to ridicule, belittle, caricature and deride those who advocate censorship as imbeciles, silly-billies, molly-coddles and other absurd persons and asks pointedly whether the newspaper counting rooms, with an eye on "fat theatrical advertisements" are not trying to control the actual sentiments of the editorial and news pages.

Concrete examples are given of the sort of insidious sensual suggestiveness that is fed to theatergoers under the guise of play and comedy and then Mr. Mohler concludes as follows: "We need censorship to snip off the evil outcroppings in our amusement world, and the need is growing year by year, just as surely as the want of numbers of those desiring it is decreasing."

Right To The Point.

President Roosevelt, in a recent article in the current Metropolitan on the rightful position of woman, indignantly refutes the charge that "the woman whose primary life work is taking care of her home and children is somehow a 'parasite woman.' Men who hold such opinions are held to scorn by Mr. Roosevelt as "selfish, brutal or thoughtless." To him the wives and mothers seem to be those "who do the one great and all-essential work, with out which no other activity by either sex amounts to anything." He continues: "Exceptional women—like Julia Ward Howe or Harriet Beecher Stowe or Mme. Homer—are ad-

Critical

Germany has put squarely upon President Wilson that she dis-

owns responsibility for or participation in destruction of the Sussex reparation for which has been demanded by the President. Either the President must back down or go farther.

While we all should and do pray earnestly that this country may be kept out of difficulty nevertheless if the President and Congress decide that vigorous measures must be taken we must stand loyally by our chosen leaders, regardless of racial distinction or creed or national sympathy. National honor must be upheld, no matter what the sacrifice.

Above all, Japan must never be permitted to possess a naval base on the American Continent. Great as might be the consequences were serious difficulties with Germany or Mexico to develop the presence of a Japanese navy or army on American soil—and Mexico is a part of North America, would constitute a far greater peril to the United States. No matter what any one may say, Japan is the real menace to the United States, not Germany or any other European power.

Since the above was put in type President Wilson has sent a note to Germany, demanding that the submarines cease blowing up all vessels other than warships.

Will it be Roosevelt, Root or Hughes who will be chosen to oppose President Wilson next November? If either of these three be selected, the country will be assured of a patriotic, well-equipped American citizen. The danger is that a convention contest might result in the selection of a mediocre man whose possible election might spell ruin for the Republic in this momentous crisis.

Moving picture censorship, either local or state, seems to be assured.

Well, the Monroe County democrats had their usual mid-season draw battle. Too bad, that such a splendid chap as William J. Quinlan should have been the catspaw or shuttlecock in the game.

They say that either John Palmer or Charles S. Rauber is to be collector of the Port of Rochester. Well, either could fill the position with credit and efficiency.

President Wilson's friend, Carranza, cannot be said to have welcomed American soldiers with open arms to Mexico.

State Legislatures may come and legislatures may go, but the women suffragists and the New York school teachers lobby stays on the job right along, we rise to observe.

Looks like there will be both state and municipal censorship of moving picture films.

Labor and industry appear to have occupied the attention of the Legislature of 1916 to a considerable degree.

There will be no loud protestations, as usual, because the Legislature of 1916 has adjourned what they'd do if men wore sine die.

If presidential terms were extended to six years and gubernatorial terms to four years, perhaps the country at large could settle down to business. But what would the publicity experts do between times?

And now they hail Theodore Roosevelt as a conservative! How times and opinions change!

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