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Inspiring.

What a splendid demonstration of numerical strength, loyalty to church and country, was there in New York city last week when the American Federation of Catholic Societies, the Catholic Press Association, the Catholic Charities Conference and other Catholic organizations assembled in the Metropolis of the Western Hemisphere to deliberate upon matters pertaining to their own province.

Three American Cardinals, the Apostolic Delegate, many of the Archbishops of the United States and Canada, hundreds of Bishops and Monsignori and representative Catholic laymen of this Continent, were included in the list of those present and participating. Even the secular press caught the significance of the occasion and accorded it much space in the New York dailies and the press despatches.

Not even the most supersensitive bigot could have found opportunity to criticise the spirit of loyalty to country which permeated every session of every organization represented in "New York's Catholic Week." And yet it was not the spirit of "my country can do no wrong." On the contrary while love of country was emphasized the wish was expressed that our country's attitude on some moral questions like divorce, permitting filthy publications to go through the mails, the moving picture nastiness, might be changed.

It was made plain that the Catholics gathered in New York did not propose to sit idly by any longer while Congress expressed sympathy with the downtrodden Russian Jews and the oppressed of every land, while our Catholic brothers and sisters are maltreated just across the Mexican border. We propose to that hereafter fish shall not be made of one and flesh of another but that all shall receive like treatment.

All in all Catholic week in New York was a memorable occasion.

Compulsory.

It is not at all surprising that the public at large grows tired of these apparently endless disputes between Labor and Capital. It is the public at large who pays the bills; it is inconvenienced, in one way and another, more than anybody else; yet its interests do not enter into the merits of the dispute, more often than not the public is not even considered by those who force an industrial dispute.

In view of the threatened nation-wide strike of railroad workers, we note renewed agitation in favor of a plan by which strikes and lockouts would be impossible while matters of controversy were heard and determined by a court of Arbitration. It has been proposed that employees in public service crpoorations should give say thirty days notice of their intention to stop work while the corporations should give similar notice to employees before discharging them. Infraction of these regulations would work forfeiture of the franchises of a corporation while the offending employee would be denied employment in future by a public service corporation.

While such a plan might smack of infringement upon ones personal rights, nevertheless the public service corporations and their employees under present conditions manifest precious little concern for the personal rights of the public. And if the public's rights are not better conserved it is our deliberate judgment that the public will lose patience and take matters into its own hands.

Not Inconsistent

That was a splendid defense of the Catholics position as an American citizen which was made by Francis E. Slattery, of Boston, in addressing the Catholic Federation:

"Designing men persist in the charge that loyalty to the Pope is inconsistent with allegiance to country," said Francis E. Slattery, of Boston, in addressing the federation today. "Their motive is obvious. The flag is dear to us all. It flies over a united people. Civic issues and governmental policies may divide us into partisan groups, but in our devotion to country, we are as one.

"What more cunning move, then, to crush a religion than to charge its followers with disloyalty and attempt to turn against them the passions of a patriotic people. 'Hence, we find the great Catholic citizenship, the last line of defense before the plunging forces of irreligion, bitterly assailed as an enemy to the state. Catholics invite the closest scrutiny of principles and practices of faith."

In closing, Mr. Slattery declared that every Catholic is proud to say:

"I am a Catholic and an American—I am for God and country."

Go Slow!

There is no great use in trying to organize a purely Catholic political party. There is no reason for such action. It would only arouse and solidify our opponents. Better far that we be divided among existing political parties so that we may mix with our fellow-Americans.

There is no use in declaring that this presidential candidate in 1916 will be for us or that that candidate will be against us. There is no choice between them. Each will do for us just what we force from him.

That is plain language but it is the rock-bottom fact.

Neither by natural training, by instinct nor by tradition is especially enamored of Catholics, as such, or of the Catholic Church. But both are fair-minded men and we need not fear for recognition provided we put forward men of high character, ability and efficiency.

In saying what we have, let us not be misunderstood: In opposing a purely Catholic political party we do not advise withholding support from any candidate or public official who we are convinced is a bigot. We simply imply that there is no choice this year.

Catholic Press

Cardinal Farley, of New York, does not believe the Catholic daily is a chimera, by any means.

In the course of a spirited address before the Catholic Press Association in New York, the Cardinal reviewed the history of Catholic journalism. "Fifty years ago," he said, "the first great gun was fired against the calumniators of the Church when The Catholic World was started in New York. At that time the newspapers had the habit of attacking Catholics, from the Pope down, with a virulence and bitterness that they would not employ towards even the most insignificant sect. Things have changed since that time, owing to the activity and avidity of the editors of Catholic publications, weekly, monthly and quarterly. During that time those opposed to us have become more respectful in their opposition. We have not as yet a Catholic daily newspaper in the United States in English, but I believe and hope for such a publication. It has got to come. I hope to live to see its day myself."

That many speak of the impracticability of the project is not taken by his Eminence as an argument against the establishment of the Catholic daily. He cited the fears of those who were approached to consider the possibility of publishing the Catholic Encyclopedia. Their misgivings having been overcome, said his Eminence, they went to work and produced the splendid work on which over $1,000,000 has already been expended

Governor Whitman, doubtless, did not please the ultra-reformers when he told the Catholic Federation that those who claim that human nature is fundamentally and unalterably mean or cruel or bad utterly ignore twenty centuries of progress.

Bausch & Lomb's gift of a finely equipped athletic field to their employees is a princely donation that is fully appreciated by the recipients.

If it is true that the paper manufacturers are taking advantage of the war situation to squeeze the users of paper into paying exorbitant prices, then the public ought to rise in its might and, in the vernacular: "swat 'em good and hard."

"Greater Rochester in 1916" was well reflected in the Catholic Journal's special edition of sixteen pages issued last week.

No wonder the democratic campaign managers were thunderstruck when Champ Clark refused to accept his expenses when speaking in Maine. But it develops that the Missouri primary law will not permit Mr. Clark to spend more than $600 in his own Congressional campaign so he wishes to "donate his services to his party. "There are professional patriots in other States who would not spend $600 in their own campaigns but who would nevertheless, not only accept but ask for expense money from State and National campaign committees.

The political candidates are beginning to be plagued by "the deadly parallel."

John R. Mott may be trusted not to give the Catholics any more than their just due in his his findings as a Mexican Commissioner.

That was a clever stroke on the part of the Catholic Federation in adopting preambles and resolutions setting forth what the Catholics of the United States "have not done" in connection with the Mexican problem.

Weekly Church Calendar

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

Gospel, St. Luke x., 23—37.

S. 3. Bl. John Mary Vianney, C.
M. 4. St. Rose of Viterbo, V.
T. 5. St. Laurence Justinian, B. C.
W. 6. St. Rosalie, V.
Th. 7. St. Cloud, C.
F. 8. The Nativity of Our Lady.
S. 9. St. Gorgonius, M.

A Tribute to Judge Murphy.

The following tribute to the late lamented Judge J. M. Murphy was adopted at a meeting of the Friends of Irish Freedom:

Rarely, if ever has the death of a citizen of Rochester produced such a keen feeling of civic and personal loss, or evoked such profound and universal regret, as the lamented death of the late respected and beloved Judge Murphy. It occurred at his home in this city the 30th of July. Though not wholly unexpected, being the outcome of a prolonged and severe and complicated illness of over a year's duration, yet its announcement came as a great shock to the community to which his private life was a shining example and his public career an inspiring record of generous and noble service. The Irish Societies of which he was so long and so consistently an active and enthusiastic member especially feel his loss. The inspiration of his words, the benefit of his wise and prudent counsel, the boon of his companionship, the helpfulness that eminated from his hand and heart will long be missed. When indeed shall they see his life again?

Grief for a life cut off in the vigor and prime of manhood and in the maturity of its powers and usefulness is tempered with consolation by the fact that the end found him fully prepared. Religion was always the practical guiding principle of his actions. a faith beautifully strong and simple kept him from worldly selfishness. He seemed to maintain throughout life the high spiritual plane of thought and conduct that he adopted when an aspirant to the priesthood in early life.

Judge Murphy was a fine type of Irishman. Intensely loyal and devoted to the land of his birth, he cherished with an affection hardly less intense the land of his forefathers. He was always a consistent advocate of Irish Freedom, and when occasion demanden spoke in behalf of Ireland's cause without resort to figures of speech or compromise. He brought to the discussion of Irish questions, a memory well stored with historical data, a comprehensive grasp of contemporary conditions, above all sincerity springing from conviction and producing it in the minds of others. In this as in all things else it may be said that the keynote of his character was sincerity. That is the quality which gave his words a tone of natural eloquence when he spoke on the century wrongs and ever reviving hopes of the land of his fathers, and denounced the tyranny that would make of Irishmen a nation of slaves. He visited Ireland and saw the process in the making. And hence it was that he so readily and generously extended to those of his race who through no fault of their own or of their forbears were deprived of privileges which he himself enjoyed, the encouraging word and helping hand on every occasion. He loved to demonstrate that under the artificially and forcibly induced, and therefore inculpable, degradation of the impoverished and illiterate Irish emigrant there resided ability, initiative, aptitude and talent that needed only the means and the opportunity to manifest themselves. And these means and opportunities he ever strove to supply. In dealing with men his motto was that of the plowman poet: "The rank is but the guinea stamp. The man's the gold for all that."

BUSINESS SCHOOLS UNITE.

R. B. I. Acquires the L. L. Williams School.

The Rochester Business Institute recently purchased the L. L. Williams' Rochester Commercial School, formerly located at 27 Church street. The entire equipment, good will and student body of the Church street school were transferred to the R. B. I. and the two schools were consolidated into one. Former patrons of the Rochester Commercial School will receive the best attention and service the R. B. I. School officers can give them any time they wish to confer about courses of study and business training. The R. B. I. Fall term will open next Tuesday, September 5th. Registrations in advance of term opening are going on rapidly every day. The R. B. I. office is open all this week from 8:30 to 5 o'clock for conferences with callers. R. B. I. Building, 172 Clinton avenue south. S. C. Williams, Dr. J. F. Forbes, principals.—Adv.

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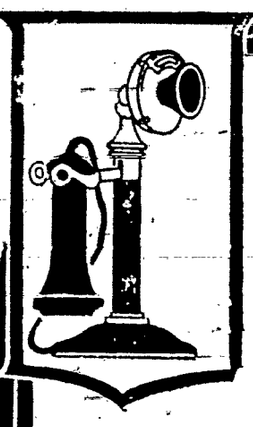

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