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### Still Bigoted.

The Hon. James L. Slayden, of San Antonio, member of Congress from Texas, is a queer sort of person, to say the least. As chairman of the library committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Slayden has prevented, to date, the favorable report on the resolution of Senator Broussard, of Louisiana, to permit the erection of a memorial to "The Nuns of the Battlefield" tendered by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A few days ago Representative James A. Gallivan, of Massachusetts, made a ringing speech on the floor of Congress in support of the resolution and the applause with which it was received indicated that the House, as a whole, would pass it if reported from committee but it appears that Chairman Slayden will not call meetings of committee when friends of the measure are in Washington. We quote these extracts from Representative Gallivan's eloquent speech:

"Mr. Chairman, because there seems to be some doubt as to the power of superintendents of national cemeteries, the senate has passed a resolution, joint resolution 143, granting permission for the erection of a monument in the Arlington National Cemetery, to the memory and in honor of the members of the various orders of Sisters who gave their services as nurses on battlefields, in hospitals, and on floating hospitals during the Civil War.

"That resolution passed the senate unanimously, and I regret that the great European war may exceedingly to say to the house that it lies buried in the committee on the floor of this house.

"The Nuns of the Battlefield! Where else should these ministering angels have a monument, if not out there in the cool ranks of the patriotic dead, out there rising from the grassy sod of our national pantheon? The maimed and broken soldier of the lost cause, as he marched back to his desolate home and desolate fields, must have carried in his breast the seed of kindness and reconciliation planted there by the women of mercy working in the camps and hospitals of those days; and for one am ready to believe that that seed, in the providence of God, has blossomed and fructified into one of the instrumentalities that have made this once more a united nation, an American people. (Applause.)

"The nuns of the battlefield were neither of the north or the south in their ministrations; they served humanity; and their love and labor were lavished as freely and generously upon the wounded soldier in gray as upon him who wore the blue. They recognized and served all without distinction.

"In Arlington, of all places, should rise a memorial to those noble women, whose hands and hearts, devoted only to mercy,

helped to heal the wounds of war and close the rift that separated brother from brother. They have earned the title of this little bit of space out there among those whose hours of pain they lightened, whose dying hours they made happier and sweeter; and if there be gratitude among men, and honor among soldiers, the boon they ask will be theirs."

### Scarce Believable

One could scarcely believe that in New Jersey, the home of Princeton University and adjoining New York could be so bigoted as to refuse to employ a country school teacher simply and solely because she was a Catholic! Yet such appears to be the fact. Miss Helen Connolly, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was notified by wire that she had been appointed to the school at Blackwood, New Jersey and to report at once. "Must be Protestant", was inserted in the telegram.

Miss Connolly wired back that she was a Catholic. Right away came this response: "Board will not elect a member of your denomination!"

It is stated that this is not the first rebuff Miss Connolly has received since she secured her state teachers' certificate, to obtain which her parents made sacrifices of time and money!

We suppose that an atheist, an infidel, a Mormon, would have passed the Blackwood school board's narrow, sectarian test, so long as the candidate were a non-Catholic?

Things have come to a pretty pass when in a Northern state a Catholic school teacher with a teacher's certificate cannot secure a position!

### Moving Quickly.

If anybody had said six months ago that the Romanoff Czar of Russia would abdicate and that the Russians would proclaim a virtual Republic, all this virtually without bloodshed, he would have been laughed out of court.

Yet all this happened inside of a week. He who was out of reach of a newspaper for a five days found staring at him on the sixth in flaming letters on the pages of the news of the passing of Czar Nicholas and the succession of his brother as Regent, but that only temporarily. The people of Russia are to decide by popular vote whether they prefer a constitutional monarchy, like that in England, or the establishment of a Republic as in France or Switzerland or China.

Verily, it may easily happen that the great European war may pre-empt the extermination and extinction of Kings and monarchies and the leveling of all class castes. Nobility and aristocracy of the hereditary type may be a thing of the past within a generation.

Let us hope the Russian revolution will not duplicate the scenes of the French revolution.

### The Wrong Argument

English papers which employ such arguments as the following taken from the Toronto Daily News of March 16th will not win over to the Allies the support of many staunch Americans who have hitherto not seen much to admire in the British point of view:

"The unfortunate individual who cannot discriminate between the Teuton hyphenate and the American people. (Applause.)

The almost a moral imbecile. The United States got its language, its legal code, its ideals of democratic freedom, and much of the good blood in its veins from the British Isles. It got its first President from Great Britain and the Washington family's coat of arms became the basis of the American flag. Is it any wonder that the two nations should rise a memorial to those noble women, whose hands and hearts, devoted only to mercy,

liberties should be drawn together in the greatest of all wars against the most unscrupulous of military autocracies?"

While it is true that George Washington was originally an Englishman it was sorely against King George's wishes that he became President of the United States, and the United States owes as much of its present supremacy among the nations of Europe as to the English. And let us not forget that France and Britain would have recognized the Southern Confederacy.

### Take Warning.

The English politicians who would bunco the Irish people out of their promised Home Rule should take warning by recent events in Russia.

Evidently, it would not take such great provocation to upset Mr. Lloyd George and his ministry. They have not been the world beaters they were heralded to be. Mayhap, Mr. George is not so eager to test his strength by an appeal to the English electorate as he professes to be. Perhaps, his subterfuge that the English electors would place the blame upon the Irish Nationalist members and sweep the Irish party off the face of the earth might not be received as he professes to think it would be. It might happen that the Georgerites would not be successful at the polls.

While the English people reverence the Crown and might not go so far as did the revolutionary Russians, nevertheless they might not have the same reverence for Mr. George as Premier.

Certainly we, in the United States should not condemn Mr. Redmond until we are better informed as to the facts.

Father FitzSimons means that St. Mary's people shall not lack for the spiritual graces bestowed by a mission. For that matter few parishes in Rochester but have missions frequently. Rochester Catholic cannot complain of lack of opportunities to count up their spiritual accounts. They are not like the Catholics in the outlying territories who some times do not have Mass oftener than once a month. We should be thankful that we live in Rochester and not fail to take advantage of our opportunities.

The Catholic press of the United States could be a far mightier power than it is if it had the hearty support of all the Catholics.

Do you really think the Rochester street car service has improved?

Assemblyman Harry B. Crowley's friends regret his serious illness but hope for a quick recovery.

The Rochester Knights of Columbus are surely working hard for that new club house.

Rochester's munitions boom seems to be on the wave. Perhaps, that 50 cent an hour for laborers scarce may not materialize.

### Money-Making Advice.

In another part of our paper this week is an announcement which explains an unusual opportunity to make money. It is called the G. S. Announcement. Every Catholic who wants to increase the earning power of his or her money should by all means read every word of the G. S. Announcement. In story fashion it goes on to detail the early history of a prominent business in this section, which is controlled by members of our faith, its development and growth, its present day success, and best of all, its possibilities for big earnings in this year and years to come.

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