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Caught a Tartar!

Probably Rev. Dr. Weiskotten, a New York Lutheran minister wishes he had thought harder before he ventured the rash statement that Archbishop Hughes had intrigued against the Union during the Civil War and that as a result 71 per cent. of the Irish Catholics in the Union Army deserted.

Rev. P. A. Sharkey, of Brooklyn, at once wrote to the "Eagle," a sizzling letter in the course of which he said:

"When tory plotting and jealous scheming tried in vain to tear asunder the Union, it was the sons of Ireland that rallied most loyally to its defense - Corcoran's and Meagher's brigades were known and loved by every true-born son of liberty, and the Irish Catholic regiment of New York, the gallant Sixty-ninth was one of the first regiments in the United States to march to the seat of war. Out of the 337,000 men furnished by New York state 51,206 were natives of Ireland, while 80,000 men of Irish descent figured among the 203,000 native born soldiers. Out of the 2,261 engagements of the Civil War not a single battle was fought that did not number Irishmen among the defenders of the Union, and in every one of the 519 engagements that made Virginia a huge bivouac of the dead, the Irish figured largely. Of those mustered out in 1865 not less than 150,000 were natives of Ireland, while those of Irish parentage and descent numbered hundreds of thousands.

Edward Feeney, of Rankin Post, Grand Army of the Republic wrote:-

"President Lincoln selected the grand American, Archbishop Hughes of New York, who was a Catholic citizen of this republic, to go and plead with Catholic France not to recognize the Southern Confederacy. As a loyal American, Archbishop Hughes responded promptly and nobly to the request of the President, and France did not recognize the Southern Confederacy. The Pope had no connection with the Archbishop's visit to France. The Pope did not recognize the Southern Confederacy. The conflict was none of his affair.

"If this man will come to my Grand Army post, I will introduce him to some Irish Catholic veterans of the Civil War, who will not hesitate to tell him what they think of him."

And the records of O'Rourke post, right here in Rochester afford proof of the falsity of the Lutheran gentleman's malicious slander.

Did Not Produce!

It is peculiar that otherwise accurate gentlemen should be unwilling to accept and circulate information about the Catholic

Church upon which they have not satisfied themselves as to its correctness. It is still more peculiar that when these gentlemen are furnished proof of inaccuracy they usually take refuge in evasion or silence instead of making manly and gentlemanly apology. A case in point: - Robert Speer is well known in Protestant circles and especially in the Y. M. C. A., as a somewhat harsh critic of things Catholic, but usually in South America, Africa or some other point equally difficult of access and verification. Recently, Mr. Speer made the assertion in connection with "South American Problems" that Cardinal Liguori says the most virtuous priests are constrained to fall once a month.

Rev. Richard J. Tierney, the learned Jesuit who edits "America", immediately addressed a courteous letter to Mr. Speer as Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York city, asking "Who Cardinal Liguori is and where I can find his original assertion" in which a priest he was more than ordinarily interested.

This was the reply received by Father Tierney:-

"Your inquiry with reference to the statement on page 156 of (South American Problems) is received. The title (Cardinal) is an error. The reference is to St. Alfonso de Liguori. The authority for the statement was (The Roman Catholic Church in Italy) by Alexander Robertson, published by Morgan and Scott, London, sixth edition, 1910, page 160.

Not yet satisfied Father Tierney again wrote to Mr. Speer thanking him for the correction, but repeating the request for exact information as to where the original statement attributed to "St. Alphonsus Liguori" could be found and verified as Mr. Robertson merely "made the assertion" but adduced no proof as to date, volume, document or where ever he obtained his information.

Up to date Father Tierney has received no reply from Mr. Speer to this second request!

Spare the Parks!

While the movement to cultivate the vacant land in Rochester is a most commendable one and needs to be encouraged to the utmost, in our judgment, there is no immediate necessity, at least, for plowing up our city's magnificent park system which has cost us so much to develop and which affords so much pleasure to those who are unable otherwise to see green grass or breathe the Heavenly air pure and unadulterated.

There is vacant land a plenty in Rochester which can and should be cultivated as much for the slightly appearance of the city as for the food products it may develop. Complaint is made every year about the damage these weed, infested lots do to the gardens and lawns of those who take care of them properly. The city authorities could well insist that these lots - and they foot up hundreds of acres - be put into shape. If the owners will not do this, then let the city do the plowing up and charge to the owners just as the snow cleaning and street sweeping is collected. If the owners consent - or if they do not - let these garden plots be allotted to those who want to plant on an agreement to pay the cost of plowing and a fair rental, either in cash or part of the yield from the land, to the owners.

In this way the city's appearance will be greatly improved, the supply of food products increased, and it will not be necessary to injure or damage our parks of which we are so proud and because of which so many of Rochester's present population settled here. Mayor Edgerton has outlined a plan to cultivate unimproved land in the city's properties at Hemlock Lake, East-

man-Durand park and the city disposal plant. The product will be utilized first for the needs of the Department of Charities and the residue sold at reasonable prices to those who desire it.

This is a feasible and commendable plan and likewise a safe and sane method of increasing and conserving the state's resources.

We Are Patriotic.

Although such evidence were not needed to prove the patriotism of the Catholic's of Rochester who have been represented in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and everywhere else where patriotism was called for, the flag raisings over Catholic schools and churches and the Knights of Columbus club house last Sunday afternoon, and the patriotic addresses - delivered by Bishop Hickey, Father Fitzsimons and the other Catholic priests of the city and diocese of Rochester attest that patriotism may be found in no higher degree than among the Catholic's of Rochester and hereabouts.

And in reading over the recent enlistments and names of those who are leaving for the front we note a goodly proportion of Rochester's young Catholic manhood.

No one can accuse us of lack of patriotism and we trust that no bigot will even insinuate to the contrary because the proof to refute it is at hand and easy of access.

Leader of Men.

In more ways than one, Mr. George Eastman has proven himself a leader. He was not only a pioneer in the camera industry, he is a leader in the industry. Although not originally trained as a financier he has taught trained bankers new methods of handling big financial problems.

Mr. Eastman has accumulated wealth but he has shared it with the world at large as munificent contributions to hospitals, to research work, the Eastman Dental Dispensary of Rochester, the new Chamber of Commerce building all bear silent witness.

And this week Mr. Eastman has displayed his patriotism. The Government is to issue \$7,000,000 of war bonds. Although the net return from those bonds will not yield anything like what other investments of Mr. Eastman will, he has announced that he will subscribe for \$2,500,000 of those Government war bonds! Not many men, we venture to predict no matter what their wealth, will give a greater proof of their confidence in the Administration or of their loyalty to the United States than is evidenced by this announcement from Mr. Eastman.

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This is not the first time Mr. Reed has shown his generosity to the Catholic Church, says the Register. Several years ago he presented a magnificent statue of Pope Pius X to the Bishop, who had it placed in the Cathedral. This bust, one of the finest pieces of sculpture in America, is reputed to have cost \$15,000. The cost was not made public. Another bust of Benedict XV, executed by the Italian master who made that of the late Pius X, has been ordered by Mr. Reed and will be given to Bishop Matz. Mr. Reed gave \$1,000 to the new El Paso Cathedral.

Avon Theater

Starting Monday, April 23rd, at the Avon Theater, the bill will be as follows: The big headliner will be "A Night with the Poets" created and produced by W. B. McCallum, a quartette of College Singers; Hartley & Graham, "It's Hard to be Rich"; James McDonald, Singing Monologist; Mullen & Rogers, Acrobatic Dancing & Songs; Kennedy & Kramer, Songs and Dances; Brosius & Brown, Comedy - Cyclists - and a Paramount Photoplay, "The Kiss".

For the latter part of the week the bill will be: Graig Nelson & Co. in a big Comedy Drama; Ed. Gray, The Tall Tale Teller; Ward & Dow, Comedy, Songs, Dancing; The Hordes, Russian Dancing; Earl & Bartlett, A Comedy Riot and a photo-play, "Rainbow Princess", featuring Ann Pennington. Also Burton-Holmes Travel Picturgraph.

Baby Keeps Well Taking Father John's Medicine



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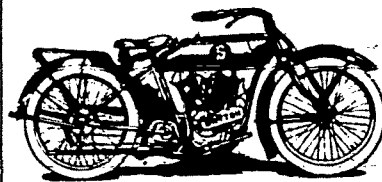
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