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Less Hysteria.

There is too much hysteria, too little conservatism in the discussion of the war and war problems. Great industries, great business corporations are not built up by men who know nothing about the problem but by experts, by specialists who have knowledge of the problems to be met and conquered.

Down in Washington now there are hundreds of volunteers who are trying to tell the Government how to run the war, how to build ships, how to purchase supplies, how to save our food supply and so on Ad Infinitum. A few of these know what they are talking about but most of them never had an ounce of practical business experience; not an ounce of executive experience; not an ounce of anything of a practical nature. They are very long on theory and mighty short on experience.

Then there are the fanatics who see in this war crisis a fine opportunity to club congress into putting their pet legislation upon the statute books as war necessity. We are sorry to admit that there are a few of these fanatics among our representatives in Congress. They would prefer to have industry and thrift taxed to death if only they can meddle in other people's business. Calmly they propose to put out of existence industries upon which another committee charged with producing the financial necessities of the nation had relied to produce several hundred millions of dollars in additional revenue. It may easily happen that it were better if this industry be annihilated altogether but this is not the time to propose severe disturbance in industrial circles. All the taxable property in the country should be husbanded and conserved until the war is over in order that the money to meet the war expenses be forthcoming.

Then there are those who would stop the people purchasing clothes and food in order to buy War Bonds. Purchase of bonds is commendable but if everybody were to stop their customary purchases business depression would follow and then where would the money come from to pay off these bonds? And where will the workers have any savings with which to carry out the War Bonds purchases they have promised to make?

There is a time and a place for everything, and if we could only content ourselves with letting the experts work out the problems and those of us who are not experts would only be content to be privates in the ranks and carry out orders cheerfully and with alacrity, much better results could and would be attained.

With Chief Quigley and Marshal Lynn looking after the alien population in Rochester everybody is sure to get a square deal.

A Worthy Cause.

It is a pleasure to read in the non-Catholic "Union and Advertiser" such warm commendation of St. Mary's Hospital but those of us who have been in Rochester for many years recall that the late William Purell was a staunch friend of Mother Hieronymo in the Civil War and of St. Mary's Hospital up to the day of his death and there are those on the staff yet who have the same friendly feeling.

Here is what the "Union" says and we all echo the sentiment:— Because of a ruling of the State Board of Regents, St. Mary's Hospital is obliged to build a nurses' home. The why of this ruling of the Regents is not apparent to the layman. Doubtless the Board has some good and sufficient reason for imposing this burden upon the institution at this particular time. It does not see fit to give such reasons. But the institution is faced with this problem and it is obliged to appeal to the public for the necessary funds. It may be said, however, that the Hospital needs a nurses' home. The nurses are at present accommodated, or rather discommoded, upon the upper floor of the main building of the Hospital, and they should have a home for themselves where they may take their proper rest and have the proper surroundings for both rest and recreation. This will enable the Hospital to give up this floor to patients, for it has, with traditional patriotism, offered itself to the War Department for use during the war.

Intolerance.

No doubt there has been altogether too much of intolerance in the war discussion in the United States. While we may hate the German militarism as typified by the Kaiser we have claimed that we have no feeling against the German people. Nevertheless many persons have talked and acted in a way to stir up hatred toward the German citizens residing in the United States fully as much as against those Germans who have lived here without becoming naturalized citizens. We should remember that many Americans are compelled to reside in foreign lands because their employers have detailed them for foreign service. These persons do not want to forswear their American Allegiance because of this foreign residence which they hope will be temporary. Similar conditions may have prevented some of the German aliens now in the United States from changing their allegiance.

We would not like to have the foreign resident Americans molested now for their failure to change their nationality. Then we should be tolerant of the Germans referred to and so long as they behave themselves they should be treated decently. There should be no repetition of editorials like the following:—

"No doubt there are a great many of our people impatient of the tolerance of the conditions of which this writer complains, but this is only one of many big problems which the Federal authority has in hand for solution, some of which are of more immediate importance than this. Whether this can be corrected in the way that it is evident those whom it offends hope it may be corrected, is a proposition of that character, which forbids any definite expression of opinion. But we may be reasonably certain of one thing, which is that the three or four nationalities which almost equal the Teutonic in numbers will not meet with that friendly co-operation which the Germans did when they came forward with their requests to have their language taught in the public schools of the United States at public expense.

"We have now a pretty correct notion of what influence we may expect to result from this nurs-

ing of foreign ideals, manners and customs. It is a menace to our status as a nation, and if persisted in will keep the United States still in the process of making at the end of another hundred years."

As we have said more than once, now is a time for sane thinking and tolerant speech.

Inconsistent.

Many of us have thought that the Federal Government might well employ somebody to see to it that Governmental publications and documents are co-ordinated to the end that consistency, if not logic, should be conserved. Evidently these opinions are shared by the Albany Journal for in a recent editorial it has this criticism:—

United States department of agriculture's latest weekly market review begins with this statement:—"Despite the fact that total shipments of new potatoes for the week of May 15th-21st were about twice as heavy as the comparable week a year ago, potato prices are still advancing on a strong market."

Logically, then, the more potatoes come to market, the dearer they will be.

Somebody must have thrown a monkey wrench into the mechanism of the law of supply and demand.

Those who prepared the bulletin must have become aware of the resulting phenomenon of simultaneous swelling of supply and prices.

Somebody connected with the government ought to have worked out at least an explanation of this paradox and given it with the information.

Also, it would be a somewhat lucid idea to work out a remedy.—Albany "Journal."

Non-Partisan.

A fine example of non-partisanship is shown in the hearty co-operation between national chairmen Wilcox and McCormick of the Republican and Democratic national committees in the joint letter sent out to urge the Lieutenants of both to join hands and make successful the registration of men eligible for draft into the federal armies and navies.

Commenting on this unique appeal the New York "Times" said:—

"Between no two men, probably, is friendly co-operation for the attainment of a common end less often seen, or more astonishing, on general principles, when an instance of it is to be observed, than between the Chairmen of the Democratic and the Republican National Committees. Of course the occupants of those high places are not necessarily personal enemies, but in their official capacity it is so distinctly the business of each to antagonize the plans and thwart the hopes of the other that all their relations naturally tend to be at least "strained," and for them to sheath the metaphorical knives with which it is the profession of each constantly to lunge at the other's metaphorical vitals—that is a spectacle to make politicians gasp and ordinary folk wonder if they are awake.

Yet this next-to-impossible conjunction has come to pass! It took nothing less than the great war, however, to bring it about, and, in the midst of that most dreadful storm, one finds a centre of calm whence William R. Wilcox and Vance McCormick, all their grudges forgotten and all their grievances assuaged, have sent out a jointly signed appeal to Democrats and Republicans.

What so rare as a sunny day in May or June?

Police-Commissioner James Couzens, of Detroit, finds that he is not so much of an autocrat in his city job as when he was a foreman in the Ford Factory.

To Be Elevated To The Priesthood.

The final ordination ceremonies of twelve of the young men who have been studying for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary will take place at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning at the Cathedral. The sacrament of holy orders will be received from Rt. Rev. T. F. Hickey, Bishop Hickey will be assisted by Monsignor J. J. Hartley and Rev. J. F. O'Hern, with Monsignor E. B. Meehan as master of ceremonies.

Those to be promoted to priesthood from the Rochester Diocese are William F. Bergan, of Auburn; Henry J. Doerbecker, George M. Kalb, and Francis W. Luddy, of Rochester; James F. Grady, of Corning. From the Syracuse diocese are: Raymond P. Lawrence, Richard J. Lynch, Edward J. Melich, John R. O'Brien and John J. Pochly. Patrick J. Keating will be ordained for the Diocese of San Francisco, and John J. Netter for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

On the same morning in Hartford, Conn., the following young men, who completed their theological studies at St. Bernard's, will be ordained by their bishop: Joseph A. Ganley, Francis J. Hinchey, Peter J. Kaczmarek and Joseph W. Yankowski. In Albany on the same morning John E. Place will be ordained.

For this year's class nine already have been ordained by their bishops: George L. Beemerboer, Henry M. Friel, Richard S. Kelly, Edward D. Loughry and Patrick J. Molloy, in Chicago; Elphege DeGravel and Frank W. Haffey in Springfield, Mass.; William J. Cotter, in Toledo, and J. Alexis Westbury, in Charleston, S. C.

Out of this class of twenty-six only five will be ordained for the Diocese of Rochester. According to Mgr. J. J. Hartley this is the smallest class of Rochesterians in some years. Last year and the year before there were thirteen for this Diocese, and in the class that will be ordained next year will be more than twelve.

The course at St. Bernard's Seminary is six years in length and must be preceded by six years in a preparatory seminary.

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