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**Cast Word.**

Just at this point the following, from the "Catholic Press" is so apropos that we cannot refrain from reproducing it:-

"Words are the counters that men play with," wrote the Bard of Avon, and we find from time to time from the days of Elizabeth's time, in Queen Elizabeth's time, words and phrases used as traps, to capture the hurrying crowd. How often have "democracy" and "liberalism" played the traitor's part? One of the early phrases of the day is "psychology," which literally means "science of the soul." Teachers rightly give attention to psychology in their professional duties, but we find the term employed frequently in matters which have no soul, either metaphorically or in fact. The Sydney University Extension in his paper, the Lyons "Republican" advertises a series of lectures on "Industrial Psychology." The time has come when the national administration having charge of conducting the war in neither a soul to be saved nor a body to be kicked; we shall expect our precious graduates on these days to enlighten the far-the psychology of the C. S. R. Co. or the soul of the "Meat Trust." And if we could only anathematize the soul of the Gas Company and the Ferry Company, we would hurt nobody, but our miserable lives would be just a shade happier.

**Gentle Rebuke.**

A priest was once annoyed by persons talking and giggling in church. He paused and looked at the disturbers and then said:- "I am always afraid to expose those who misbehave, for this reason: Some years ago, as I was preaching, a young man who sat before me was laughing, talking and making uncouth grimaces, and I administered a severe rebuke. After the services a gentleman said to me: 'Father, you have made a great mistake. That young man whom you reproved is an idiot.' Since then I have always been afraid to reprove those who misbehave in church lest I should repeat the mistake and reprove another idiot." During the rest of the service, at least, there was good order.

**New York Election.**

So far as we are concerned, there is no particular difference in the substitution of John F. Hyland for John Purroy Mitchel as Mayor of Greater New York. Both are professed Catholics and, so far as one may judge, one is equally as patriotic an American citizen as the other.

Undoubtedly, however, Mayor Mitchel's connection with the "wire tappers" by whom the privacy of American gentlemen is invaded by over-officious bureaucrats, some of whom were

self confessed bigots, worked much harm to Mayor Mitchel's political chances. Then, too, there seemed to be an impression that the Mayor was not "seasoned enough" to manage the affairs of such a mammoth municipal organization as New York has become.

But it has become almost an established custom for New York not to reelect its municipal officers. The denizens of the metropolis seem to want a change every go often and they appear to know how to vote to achieve such a result. This led to the substitution of a Tammany regime for the present non-partisan administration.

We have no misgivings like those entertained by Mayor Mitchel that John F. Hyland is not as patriotic as those who are now in office. His friends, in whom we have confidence, say he is a fine-minded American gentleman who will comport himself with dignity and who will be mayor himself and not act as a rubber stamp for any man.

So here's to you Mayor Hyland! May you be a successful administrator of the highest municipal office in the United States!

**One Solution.**

Many well-informed persons incline to the opinion that food, even more than men and ammunition, will win this war. Then it follows that increase in food production is absolutely necessary in the United States. The farmers must produce this increase. How are they to do it without experienced farm help? You may make a munition worker out of any one of the day is "psychology," which literally means "science of the soul." Teachers rightly give attention to psychology in their professional duties, but we find the term employed frequently in matters which have no soul, either metaphorically or in fact. The Sydney University Extension in his paper, the Lyons "Republican" advertises a series of lectures on "Industrial Psychology." The time has come when the national administration having charge of conducting the war in neither a soul to be saved nor a body to be kicked; we shall expect our precious graduates on these days to enlighten the far-the psychology of the C. S. R. Co. or the soul of the "Meat Trust." And if we could only anathematize the soul of the Gas Company and the Ferry Company, we would hurt nobody, but our miserable lives would be just a shade happier.

Editor Charles H. Betts, who is also secretary of the State Food Commission, has this to say in his paper, the Lyons "Republican": "The time has come when the national administration having charge of conducting the war in neither a soul to be saved nor a body to be kicked; we shall expect our precious graduates on these days to enlighten the far-the psychology of the C. S. R. Co. or the soul of the "Meat Trust." And if we could only anathematize the soul of the Gas Company and the Ferry Company, we would hurt nobody, but our miserable lives would be just a shade happier.

Farmers this year increased their acreage in response to the patriotic appeals of the President and governors of the different states and when harvesting time came their boys and hired men had been taken from the farms and all over the land crops are unharvested and going to waste. There is no use of increasing the food supply unless you harvest and conserve the supply after it is raised.

The Rochester Post Express a few days ago contained an interview with the farmer which gives a true picture of the situation. Among other things it said:

"There are thousands of farmer boys now in army camps training, who should be back on the farms helping to save the food that is wasting. Their places should be taken in the national army by those less valuable in the nation's industries. So acute has this help situation now become that I have heard it freely predicted that a good many big farms will be virtually abandoned in 1918 for lack of help. Probably stock will be kept and the farms pastured over in big part, but farmers can't raise grain and other crops without farm labor.

"The government, state and nation is making heroic effort to send men out of the cities to fill in on the farms. At best they are poor help. The majority are inexperienced. We have the spectacle new of a house-to-house food

economy canvass under the direction of the federal government. I do not deny its value. Also, on the other hand we have the spectacle of thousands of acres of produce wasting, a hundred times more than can possibly be saved by any economy campaign."

John Mitchell evidently finds that holding three big state jobs is no easy task.

If New York state republicans present a presidential candidate in 1920 his name is likely to be Charles S. Whitman, not James W. Wadsworth. Governor and Mrs. Whitman were for woman suffrage while Mr and Mrs. Wadsworth were perniciously active in opposition.

In this month of November do not forget to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory.

Is it a coal shortage or decreased coal production? If the latter there is no excuse.

Hoarders of food who are squeezing for high prices are as bad as spies and should receive a similar fate.

It is easy for enemy aliens to have citizen privileges. Let them be loyal to the country whence they are deriving their living.

Bishop Hickey is to be congratulated, as well as the Catholic Charities Aid Association on the magnificent response of \$75,000 to the recent "drive."

If we are to win the war we must speed up in munitions, in ships and in men; we must increase food production and conserve what we have. Having done all this let us keep on praying for peace.

Now is as good a time as any to subscribe to a Catholic paper.

The Rochester Times suggests that some public-spirited citizen purchase Ontario Beach and make it into a city park.

**Chrysanthemums for Thanksgiving**

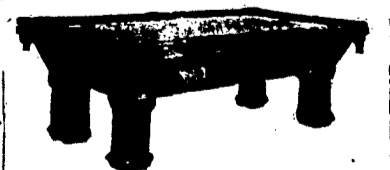
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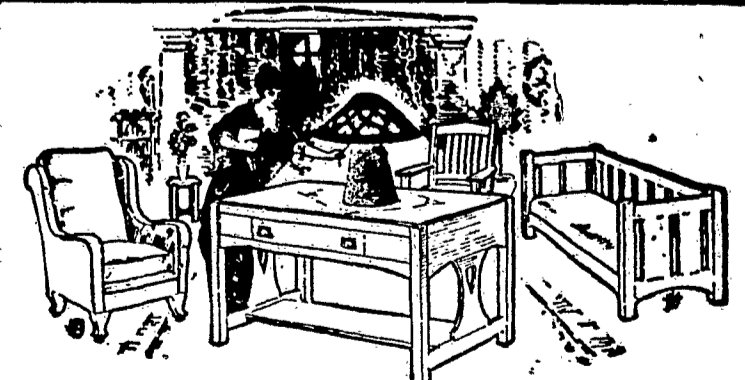
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