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Grin and Bear It.

No matter if Fuel Administrator Garfield has muddled matters needlessly; no matter if frightful mistakes have been made for several months in handling the entire fuel question...

Shrieks from the profiteers who have robbed the people right and left that they will be deprived of a few paltry dollars should not be listened to...

In another column we referred to the prevalence of bigotry in Canada. We have just run across another instance...

The greedy restaurateur who chuckles "Win the war by saving sugar", when he is the one who is benefitted by diminishing the portions...

It is the duty in fact it is absolutely necessary that each and every one of us make sacrifices if this terrible crisis is to pass safely for home and country...

No Time For Bigotry!

Some of the admiration one has felt for Canadians in the bravery and courage they have displayed in the war as well as their loyalty to the British Empire is dissipated when one reads the Canadian secular press and notes the avidity with which they have seized upon the suit of a half-crazed woman against the superiors of a convent in Kingston to pillory the Catholics and to slander one who never had any connection with the affair...

It is also noted that the impartial prosecuting attorney refused to permit any but Protestants on the jury and the judge permitted the action to be transferred from the regular court room to an assembly room in the City Hall in order to accommodate a large audience who hoped to hear "hor-

rible revelations" of conventional life but who were disappointed. We had hoped that the world crisis had reduced bigotry in Canada but it appears as rampant as ever.

It is a pity that Canadians cannot rid themselves of bigotry but apparently, they cannot or will not—and they carry their "Loyal Orange Lodges" into Rochester and other American cities there to fan anew the flames of bigotry.

He Will Be Neutral.

It is apparent that the European allies are exceedingly anxious that the Holy Father shall abandon his attitude of neutrality—which is the only attitude which the spiritual head of millions of Catholics on both sides of the struggle can or should be expected to assume.

Indications are that should the Pope range himself on the side of the Allies he could be represented in the conferences of these Powers. But if he continues neutral, it is reported and it has not been denied, so far as we have been able to observe, that his counsels will be rejected.

As a matter of fact, it is reported from Russia that three of the Allied Powers have entered into solemn treaty that the Vatican is not to be consulted and is not to be represented in the conference to arrange peace terms when it is called at the end of the war.

Is this intended to kill off any possible proposal that the Pope, as the spiritual head of a worldwide Church be freed from the fetters which the Italian Government has thrown around the Holy Father and the Vatican?

Such a spirit should not prevail for an instant. If the Pope were free and independent, the Catholic Church could be the greater force for world peace that it is possible to imagine.

I, Richard J. Slack, of the Township of King, in the County of York, hereby make the following affidavit of apology:

1. That the statement which I made that I was informed on good authority that a box had been shipped to Father Coleman, Schomburg, and which turned out to be rifles, was untrue and unfounded and I hereby make an apology for such statement and regret very much that the same was made.

2. I hereby authorize the publication of this apology in the Toronto Sentinel and agree to pay for the publication.

Sworn before me at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, this 6th day of December A. D. 1917.

J. H. NAUGHTON, A Commissioner.

It is reported that ten thousand Catholic soldiers made a mission held recently at Camp Upton! Truly a marvellous record and one which made for fine morals in the Camp.

Have you had your fuelless and heatless day? Parochial school pupils in Philadelphia have captured 45 out of the 100 Liberty bonds offered by a local business house for best essays on "How to Conserve Food in the Home."

Get ready with a substantial contribution to the Catholic war relief fund.

Will a "war cabinet" be able to prevent zero-weather and the big snow storms?

Business men, on the whole, or Rochester, are patriotic and willing to endure sacrifices when duty calls.

Oh, for the good tennis and baseball days of summer!

Non-Catholics are forced to admire the unflagging zeal displayed by the Catholic soldiers in the National Army. The others will have to "go some" to equal the record, according to all accounts.

Senator Stone is rather severe on Theodore Roosevelt but, on the level, the Colonel has not boosted any harder than he could help for President Wilson.

Well, the street car company can give fairly decent service when the traveling public is reduced.

Alcohol for Fuel. A committee of Australian scientists is investigating the possibilities of commercial alcohol in place of gasoline as a fuel for internal combustion engines, notes a correspondent.

The dimming of the white lights in New York has brought the jokers to the fore. Recently after the current had been turned off a man walked up the big street with a lighted lantern.

Boche Had Sense of Humor. Rain had fallen steadily for three days and nights and the trenches were in a frightful condition.

He Took It Back! In another column we referred to the prevalence of bigotry in Canada. We have just run across another instance.

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