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Pope's Position.

The following editorial from the "Columbian" so well illustrates a point...

"Doubtless scores of good Catholics have been disturbed at the startling headlines and sensational 'stories' appearing in the press regarding the position occupied by the Pope as between the two groups of warring nations."

Ever since certain enterprising journalists abroad found themselves cut off, by strict military censorship, from exhilarating details of battle and politics, they have loaded the cables and burdened the mails with "developments at the Vatican."

A New York paper printed an "interview" which some facetious gentleman, who evidently copied his court manners from the Arabian Nights, claimed to have obtained. Then came another "interview" with Cardinal Gasparri. And more recently a British recruiting officer and a London newspaper made charges against the papal neutrality, which charges they would not and could not sustain.

"As Catholics, our fealty to His Holiness is spiritual, not political, and as Americans we know that no unbiased mind can doubt the Pope's impartiality in this war. We are told, on good authority, that European combatants who, before the war, did their utmost to diminish the Vatican's influence, have since sedulously sought to intrigue it. Failure often inspires chagrin, and chagrin is the father of calumny. A Vatican full of industrial and political gains could not wreak one-tenth of the disasters accomplished by European diplomats and jingoes."

"Beware of unauthorized 'news' from Rome. Sensational journalism cares little enough for the reliability of its informants."

Breaks Down Bigotry.

One splendid result of the drives for the Catholic war camp fund is the inevitable breaking down of the wall of bigotry that has existed in some localities and in broadening still wider the viewpoint in localities where fairly noticeable spirit of liberality prevailed.

People see that Catholic boys and their parents are as patriotic—sometimes more so because more enlist in each family and often more cheerfully—as their non-Catholic fellows. This refutes one stock slur of the bigot—that Catholics follow the Pope hence are not good citizens. This helps to discredit the bigot when he makes his next effort to slander the Catholics and the Catholic Church.

When men stand shoulder to shoulder in such campaigns as have been waged in Rochester for K. of C., Red Cross, Y. M. C.

A Jewish war fund, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and the rest, they come to understand each other better and to realize that "A man's a man for a, that 'and also that 'we are all human beings."

Thank God for such a spirit and such a result.

Coincidence

Newspaper dispatches last week stated that Frank A. Vanderlip, the most noted of Uncle Sam's "dollar a year employees" had broken down from overwork and had gone to San Diego to recuperate.

The day afterward Manager Baldwin, of the Hog Island Shipyard testified before a United States Senate committee that if it were true that there would be \$6,000,000 profit in the installation of the shipyard plant, the stockholders of the International Corporation must have their dividends.

Asked to name principal stockholders Mr. Baldwin mentioned Frank A. Vanderlip and J. O. den Armour (the packing trust magnate now under Francis J. Honey's probe.)

A coincidence, these two dispatches? Perhaps.

Good News

It is good news that Fuel Administrator Garfield has rescinded his decree that Mondays be fuelless, heatless, workless. It is to be hoped that the necessity for the wholesome stoppage of industry may not arise again. And it need not if the lesson learned in the past be remembered and applied in the future.

Now that we are to work again, and the people have made their sacrifice cheerfully, it is permissible to state that, in all human probability, the last four workless Mondays, could have been avoided had ordinary business prudence and foresight been exercised. Had not Messrs. Garfield and Baker not set aside the coal agreement made by Secretary Lane we would have had plenty of coal this winter. Had the railroads maintained average efficiency the freight congestion would not have ensued and industry would have proceeded as usual.

However maybe the lesson was needed in order to curb our overweening vanity and egoism.

After War?

While it may appear to some that it is too early to make plans for "after the war," nevertheless, if we are to take a leaf out of the book of our enemy we shall do very thing and that in the near future.

Already the German business men are discussing how to regain lost business as soon as the war ends. Evidently, they do not expect that there will be any commercial or "moral boycott" of things German by the nations at present opposed but that everybody will buy where they can purchase cheapest. Perhaps, in this the Germans may be fooled but it will be as well if our own American business men figured that the German viewpoint is the correct one.

One thing is certain; that unless governmental control and operation prove more efficient than private control and operation, we shall never maintain our supremacy if, whatever government control is forced by war exigencies, is not returned to private control directly the war ends.

If a general manager cannot manage one public utility corporation with at least a minimum of efficiency, what must be rated the mental caliber of a board of directors that will make the self-same manager the general manager of half a dozen more corporations?

Subscribe for the Journal.

Plain Clothes for "Cops." With the exception of the traffic squad, Wichita policemen will no longer appear in uniform. Safety Director S. W. Zickelose issued the edict and explained that "he did not want to advertise his officers to those who wanted a look out of the way of the law."

Agriculture in France. The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experimental plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc.

To Reduce Airplane Explosions. Airplanes equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to eliminating this danger, and a young Florida aviator is said to have recently given a demonstration before a new class of aviators, in which he burned through the flame or smoke and did not fire on detonation.

Way to Success. Power is the fuel of every worth ambition and every successful career from history or dependence on other men, says a writer in Success. Power is self-generated, self-generated. Power cannot increase the strength of our muscles by sitting in a gymnasium and letting a machine exercise for us.

Nothing else so destroys the power to stand alone as the habit of leaning upon others. If you lean you never will be strong or original. Stand alone or bury your ambition to be somebody in the world.

The man who tries to give his children a start in the world so that they will not have so hard a time as he had is unknowingly bringing disaster upon them. What he really gives them a start probably will give them a setback in the world. Young people need all the motive power they can get. They are naturally teachers, imitators, copiers, and it is easy for them to develop into echoes or imitations. They will not walk alone while you furnish crutches; they will lean upon you just as long as you will let them.

One of the greatest delusions that a human being could ever have is that he is permanently benefited by continued assistance from others.

Miners Live Long. It is an extraordinary fact that even when deaths from accident are included, the rate of mortality among miners of Great Britain is materially lower than that among any other big class of labor, except agriculturists, and appreciably lower than the average rate of mortality among males. This fact was discovered by Doctor Tatham, while acting as superintendent of statistics in the office of the registrar general. Doctor Tatham points out that while the risk of fatal accidents among the coal miners is much greater than among other males generally, their risk of death by disease is much lower, being 16.6 per cent less than all occupied males, and 23.2 per cent less than that of all males. While coal miners appear to suffer more than the average mortality from bronchitis, they show marked immunity from consumption, their mortality from that disease being less than half the average. From diseases of the nervous system their mortality is 18 per cent lower; heart disease, 10 per cent lower, and from disease of the liver, 10 per cent lower than among all males.

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EXPLAINS LAUGH OF BABIES

We Come into This World of Sorrows With a Mysterious Sense of Humor.

The human love of nonsense is a divine mystery. We have often heard pessimists declare that we come into the world weeping. It is true, I think, to say that we come into it laughing. For laughter in a baby seems to be its first conscious apprehension of something outside its small needs and pains. It may cry merely because a pin is sticking into it, but it laughs because it sees something that makes it laugh, it knows not why, something that catches the eye or ear and seems irresistibly funny to it.

There is nothing more mysterious than a baby's sense of humor. It frequently loses it as it grows up, together with the other trailing clouds of glory, but most babies are born with it. To satisfy its nursery rhymes were invented, and to satisfy the same instinct in grown people "The Hunting of the Snark," that innumerable classic came into being, and Gavril and Gilbert and Lear stood on their heads, so to speak, and performed such verbal antics before high heaven as must have made the very angels laugh.

When the Owl and the Pussy Cat having dined on mice and slices of ham, "laid in bed, on the edge of the sand," "and by the light of the moon," there is something which, as Stevenson has found by long delights, the great best of it is, that of course, there is usually a certain amount of the grotesque and the absurd about the old-fashioned type of what is chiefly thought of as being a nursery rhyme, cry, or poem without any reason to give. Richard Le Gallienne, in Harper's Magazine.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR WIFE

Seek Her in Butcher's Shop, Says This Writer, and Mark Just How She Buys.

A good housewife will look at least two square meals ahead of her nose. The modern system of marketing during the high cost regime is such a fine art that a youth contemplating matrimony should lie to the market place for selecting a bride. My boy, Zim advises in Cartoons Magazine, when you see a maiden pinching, smelling and pricing a soup bone, you may rely on her sense of economy, for she is looking forward not less than two meals. The soup bone, when cooked, is merely food in the rough or primitive state. Its choicest by-products are realized after bouillon stage. Thereafter comes goulash, the croquettes and the luscious hash. By all means avoid the girl who orders choice cuts of porterhouse or English mutton chops. She will not make a good helpmate. But the girl who selects the chuck or neck pieces or the tail end of a ham bone, and renders them into dainty, palatable dishes is the one you want. So take my advice and seek the market place when you feel that you have had your fill of bachelor loneliness and wish a taste of wedlock. Follow such a girl around until you are perfectly satisfied, then nail her.

Greatest Danger Follows Grip

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