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It Won't Do.

One phase of the war which continues to excite discussion is the expose by Foreign Minister Trotsky, of Russia, of the secret treaty entered into by Great Britain, Italy, France and Russia, in 1915 that in no event would the Pope be permitted to exercise any part in the consummation of peace or in any peace conference or negotiations.

The "Osservatore Romano", discussing the clause in an authoritative article, accepts the explanations offered by Barron Sonnino and Lord Robert Cecil, limiting its effect; but states that it finds it strange that the only belligerent nations who failed to reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals last year were those who are signatories to the secret treaty containing that clause. And it asks why do not those nations now publish the authentic text of the clause, so as to clear up all misunderstanding. Sonnino's claim that the rights, liberty, and independence of the Holy See have been respected is, it declares, without foundation, since the clause does not exclude all the neutral powers, but specifically restricts the exclusion to the Pope.

According to Foreign Minister Trotsky, of the Russian Bolshevik government, the secret treaty referred to, after offering, as an inducement to Italy to join the allies in the war, territories in Austria, Asia and Africa, and England agreeing to assist her to the amount of fifty million pounds sterling (\$250,000,000) the following articles were agreed to:

Article XV. France, England and Russia obligate themselves to support Italy in her desire for non-admittance of the Holy See to any kind of diplomatic steps for the purpose of the conclusion of peace or the regulation of questions arising from the present war.

Article XVI. This treaty must be kept secret. The undersigned have set their hands and seals at London in four copies the 26th day of April, 1915. Signed, Sir Edward Grey, Cambon, Marquis Imperiali, Count Benckendorf.

We have an idea that this treaty, if entered into, and in the absence of any repudiation thereof, Trotsky's version stands, will be abrogated before the war ends because Catholics are too prominent a factor in the war, in every nation represented to permit the exclusion of the Holy Father, if it appears necessary that his participation be a deciding factor in compelling world peace.

Will the farmers subscribe more liberally to the third Liberty loan? We think they should with wheat at \$2.20 a bushel.

War Widens.

As Germany advances into Russia, the war circle, which already has widened until well-nigh all the world is involved widens still farther.

Germany's incursion into Russian territory, as might be expected, has alarmed the Japanese to a point where she is announcing her willingness to send her Army and Navy into Siberia. She will do this not only to aid the Russians against the common foe on the Asiatic coast, but also to protect her own territory from the German menace.

France and England, it is understood, are perfectly willing that Japan shall do this while the United States has withheld decision unless and until Japan is willing to make solemn declaration that she is not engaging in a war of conquest and will not attempt to annex any portion of Russian territory. In other words, Japan is only to act in self-defense and self-protection, evacuating Russian territory when the war is over.

If this is a correct statement of the position taken by President Wilson we think it a wise one. It may be that Japanese intervention might sway all Russians toward a closer alliance with Germany rather than the nation that defeated Russian arms not so many years since. It is said that one of the chief drawbacks to unity and more vigorous prosecution of the war has been the underlying dislike by the French peasantry of the English, the nation that vanquished the French idol, Napoleon. Similar viewpoint may lead the Russians to frown upon intervention in their behalf by Japan.

It is possible that many feel like distrusting the Greeks bearing gifts. In such a position, were the United States to enter Siberia along with Japan the friendliness in certain parts of Russia for the Stars and Stripes might be dissipated.

Coal For 1918-1919.

While there are some apparent contradictions in the proposed coal regulations for 1918-1919, as promulgated from Washington, it appears that stringent regulations are to be laid down to prevent hoarding of coal and that the price for the summer months of 1918 are to be curbed somewhat over present prices, that householders will be permitted, yes encouraged, to put in a supply of coal equal to the amount burned from April 1, 1917, to April 1, 1918. But it is provided that no dealer shall deliver to a given customer more than two-thirds of his order until all other customers have been supplied with their two-thirds. We suppose this provision it intended to make certain an equitable distribution and prevent wealthy customers with large pocketbooks gobbling up all the supply first-hand at the reduced prices fixed from April 1, to September 1, 1918.

So long as everybody is treated alike, there's no kick.

Judges and Divorces.

A curious subscriber asked the Sydney "Catholic Press" a question that, we doubt not, has puzzled many another person. It was: "Can a Catholic judge grant a divorce?"

The "Press" gave this concise and understandable answer: "Neither a Catholic judge nor a Protestant nor any other kind of judge can grant a divorce. But we must distinguish between a real 'divorce' and a decision under the civil law. A Catholic judge in his official capacity is compelled to sit in divorce cases.

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He is allowed to state the law and its application to the particular case placed before him. His judgment is that under certain circumstances set before him the bond of marriage is declared dissolved by a civil authority. He merely pronounces and grants legal immunity to the parties if they attempt to contract a marriage during the lifetime of the nouncing her willingness to do so. He does not, because he cannot, grant them the right to contract another valid marriage. The law which makes the bond of marriage indissoluble is a law of God, and He alone can dispense or abrogate it.

At It Again.

Our old arch-enemy of malodorous memory, the ally of "Plain Bill" and other gentry who stir up religious prejudice at a price is up to his old tricks in Buffalo. We refer to the more or less Hon. Jay W. Forrest.

This time Jay of the sombrero and raucous voice, is organizing "the American Patriots" who are to parade 50,000 strong with Bible in one hand and American flag in the other. Ah, what a plenty of grim schemes are wrapped in the Stars and Stripes and peddled at high price to unsuspecting dupes—later on these same dupes are "delivered" to the politician purchasers at a fat price to the herder.

These patriots are to swear allegiance to no foreign potentate. Of course, that means they promise not to worship in any Catholic Church because while we take our politics from our country, we do acknowledge as our spiritual leader, the Pope of Rome—as have an inalienable right so to do guaranteed by the American Constitution, a document to which the Hon. Forrest and his tribe pay scant attention.

It's the same old bigot scream, mellowed and obscured by the waving of the Stars and Stripes. One is privileged to follow the Hon. Forrest on parade and carry the flag and Bible—and spit upon the Cross—at 50 cents per person which sum goes to the Hon. Forrest. Even at that half dollar a throw, if the Hon. Jay can inveigle 50,000 Patriots, he would clean up \$25,000 to say nothing of what the political bosses would pay for their support next November.

However, we do not believe Buffalonians will fall for Hon. Jay a second time.

The Union and Advertiser will not seem like the old paper of Curtis and Purcell, with these names and that of Flannery off the mast-head. The news circles will miss the calls of Kelly, Fitzgerald and Miss Purcell while "Bill" Gragen's absence from the composing room will make that part of the office seem strange indeed.

William Randolph Hearst for Governor vs. Charles Seymour Whitman. The followers of Jay Forrest would turn either way the election went. By the way Forrest has opened another anti-Catholic campaign in Buffalo. In whose interests is he working?

If another campaign of bigotry is launched in Rochester, let us make it our business to find out how many Liberty bonds, how many smileage books, how many thrift stamps, each bigot has purchased. Also how many of their families are serving Uncle Sam. Also how many of them are unnaturalized aliens and how long they have derived their livelihood from Uncle Sam's protection.

It is a "meatless day" every day in India where cows are regarded as sacred animals and rigidly protected. However, there are no "riceless days" in India.

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