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Friday, June 28, 1918. Not This War.

Busy bigots have been telling all over the universe that Secretary of the Navy Daniels had said that there were more Methodist soldiers in the National Army than of any other denomination.

Mr. Daniels' letter follows: - Washington, April 27, 1918. My dear Sir - I have received your letter of April 27th and in reply I am writing to say that I made no statement whatever on my own authority with regard to the part which the Methodists had taken in the war.

"Nobly sustained as the Government has been by all the churches, I would utter nothing which might in the least appear invidious against any. Yet without this, it may fairly be said that the Methodist Episcopal church, not less devoted than the best, is by its greatest numbers the most important of all.

I am sorry that the newspaper reports made it appear that I had made this statement on my own authority, with reference to the present war, which, of course, I did not do.

Sincerely yours, Josephus Daniels.

Common Sense. Writing to the New York "Sun" regarding the multiplicity and confusing nature of much of the requests sent out from Washington by the Federal Bureaus and advisory committees, Alexander Doyle, of Boston, very pertinently says:

A striking instance is to be found in the frequent urging of nurses to join the Red Cross overseas service because there is a shortage of nurses, and yet Dr. Lambert, just returned from an official inspection of hospitals at the front, is recorded as saying that there is no shortage of nurses, but a shortage of transportation facilities to take over those waiting to go.

We find these same contradictions in matters relating to food and coal conservation. Common sense dictates that when a Government department has an order or request to communicate to the people it should be published in bulletin form, serially numbered, over the signature of one responsible head, so that he who has a set of these bulletins may know just what is wanted of him.

Ponder This. In a series of talks sent out by Mr. Creel's committee on public information located in Washington, D. C., Harvey O'Higgins writes as follows concerning our friends the tom-watson-bigots:

"Various persons and publications that made a living out of sectarian animosities before the war are unconsciously doing the work of the enemy by assisting the spread of anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant slanders. They can only be stopped by an appeal to public reprobation. They are representing the trouble in Ireland as purely a religious trouble, and the opposition to conscription in Quebec as the same sort of thing. Even Rudyard Kipling recently fell into the trap and denounced the Pope and the kaiser and the neutrals in one breath. Such denunciations overlook the fact that Cardinal Mercier, the Catholic prelate of Belgium, has been the most effective popular opponent of the kaiser that Europe has produced. This is a war of nations, not of creeds. Prussia is as Protestant a nation as England is, and Belgium and Poland as Catholic as Austria. Anyone who raises the religious question in America today is acting as a German agent, whether he knows it or not, as truly as if he were blowing up munition plants. All loyal citizens should discourage him."

Mischievous. Stephen Horgan, newspaper essayist and writer, is a bit of a wag. Recently, there was an influx of Christian Scientists and early mosquito's in Orange, N. J., where Stephen passes part of his time. The simultaneous invasion impelled Mr. Horgan to ask a New York paper: "Can a mosquito bite a Christian Scientist?" From a batch of answers these were culled: - Dave Curtis, the famous authority on poker, wrote: "I don't know about the mosquitoes in Orange, but the mosquitoes at Bay Shore, L. I., would bite an archangel."

Another reply was: "My mother-in-law is a Scientist. I don't know about mosquitoes biting her, but I know my dog did." Still another wrote: "Our neighbors are Christian Scientists and we notice all their windows are double-screened against mosquitoes."

Just about the time the Scientist's were preparing for battle, Mr. Horgan notified the New York paper that the correspondents were treating a serious matter too lightly and, besides, New York was the worst place in the world from which to conduct a scientific investigation. Therefore, the controversy was closed.

The Diocese of Trenton to which the Rt. Rev. Chancellor Walsh, of the Diocese of Buffalo, has been appointed as Bishop is midway between New York and Philadelphia and its population is cosmopolitan in character not unlike that of Buffalo.

One should not condemn men of draft age not with the colors as "slackers", off hand. Perhaps, they are physically deficient. Perhaps, they have been held at der or request to communicate to home by their draft boards for the people it should be published in bulletin form, serially numbered, over the signature of one responsible head, so that he who has a set of these bulletins may know just what is wanted of him.

While not wishing to criticize General Crowder, one feels impelled to remark that there are not published as a rule in the bulletin form, serially numbered, over the signature of one responsible head, so that he who has a set of these bulletins may know just what is wanted of him.

Somewhere we read the other day a protest to the effect that the city administration was guilty of patriotism in that policemen and firemen who enlist receive a part - not all as this critic said - of their municipal salary in addition to their soldiers pay. The city administration is not at fault - if fault there be. That is governed by compulsory state law.

There is a bill before Congress appropriating \$10,000 for the erection in Arlington Cemetery of a monument to General William S. Rosecrans, the brother of the first Catholic Bishop of Columbus. It should pass.

Why inject bigotry and fanaticism at a time when all our energies should be devoted to winning the war?

Michael J. Larkin's selection as state deputy of the Knights of Columbus is a fitting tribute to a sterling Catholic gentleman.

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The Hotel men's party has a clever press agent. While everybody past seven knew the hotel men met in Syracuse a few days ago to devise means to block Charles S. Whitman's political aspirations, the real reason hotel men were discussing was whether or not increased price of railroad tickets would decrease travel and hence reduce hotel population!

Congratulations to Father Naughten, of Hornell, upon receipt of the degree of LL.D. from St. Bonaventure College.

Brother Andrew, of St. John's College, Wash., celebrated his golden jubilee as a Christian Brother a few days ago. He was born in Florence County, Missouri, near St. Louis and is 70 years old.

Right now there are 1,091 Catholic elementary schools in England with 388,123 children.

Eighty-seven converts were received last year by the Jesuit Fathers attached to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Boston.

St. Mary's Church. Graduation exercises were held Tuesday evening, June 25th, in the parish hall. Rev. Joseph V. Guilfoile presented the class and diplomas and medals were awarded by the pastor, Rev. Simon Fitzsimons, M.R., to a class of 35.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR JUNE 30 S St. Martialis C. JULY

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Baseball. Rochester will play at home on July 1, 2, 3, with Baltimore. July 5, 6 with Buffalo.

Holy Family.

Last Sunday evening Vespers were held followed by Benediction, prayer for peace and hymn at 7:30 o'clock.

The instructions or Sunday school were held for the last time on last Sunday, June 23rd. They closed for the summer months and will reopen at the beginning of school.

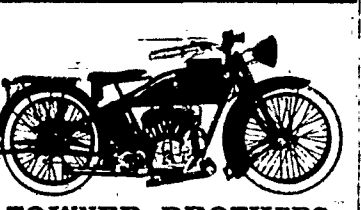
The graduates of this school received their diplomas on Monday evening, June 24th.

Immaculate Conception Parish. Rex Augustine M. O'Neil made the address before the graduating class of this school of 72 members on Tuesday evening.

The first gold medal was won by William Morgan and the second equally merited by Doris Burns and David Shearer. The Nazareth Scholarship which is competed for in a test examination by the girls of the Eighth Grade of the Parochial Schools of the diocese was won by Elizabeth McGahan of the Immaculate Conception School.

Corpus Christi.

A vocal and piano recital will be given by the pupils of Miss Bella Hebing on Saturday evening, June 29th, at Columbia Hall, Cox Building.



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