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Foolish.

There are Catholics who think they have done all required when they condescend to attend Mass on Sunday and approach the Sacraments once a year. They never allow themselves to discuss Religion or religious topics during the week. Religious pictures are tabooed as unfashionable, likewise the picture of mother or father unless they happen to be oil paintings or portraits by noted artists. A crucifix or holy water font, even in the bed room may be found in the maid's attic apartment but never in one of the family.

Of course a Catholic newspaper or magazine is out of the question but, it goes without saying that the latest trashy novels, best sellers and tawdry periodicals are in profusion.

Is it human pride that initiates all this? If so, these milk and water Catholics should wake to the fact that their non-Catholic fellows, whose applause they covet, think far less of them because they appear ashamed of their faith. Red blooded men and women always despise cowards and trimmers.

Cause and Effect?

To the quick initiative of the Pittsburg "Observer" may be ascribed the speedy elimination of at least one pro-Hun propagandist, albeit it may have been done unintentionally who is masquerading in Paris. To her family in Beaver Falls, a "Miss Regina Downie, M. D., who describes herself as "working under the American Red Cross, with headquarters at No. 4 Place de la Concorde, Paris," since February, 1918, and as "conducting a clinic for the assistance of refugee Belgian and French women and children, makes this astounding assertion:—

"Did you know that the present Pope is the natural son of the late Franz Joseph of Austria? This may throw a little light on his pro-German peace proposals and explain why Europe pays no attention to them."

The Observer at once took the matter up with Chairman H. P. Davison of the American Red Cross and he at once repudiated Miss Downie's accusation and also any responsibility on her behalf by the Red Cross. He concluded by saying "We are, with your permission, sending this letter to France for thorough investigation. In the meantime, we ask you to accept our assurance that the matter will be dealt with aggressively?"

According to Staff Correspondent Robert S. Dronan, of the International News Service, the American Army is pestered to death with short-haired women and long-haired men who strut around in semi-military uniforms

and announce that they have come over to remedy this or that imaginary grievance from which they have heard the soldiers are suffering. One woman gravely announced that she had been sent over by "her organization" to see that the half-starved aviators were properly fed.

It does seem that there should be more care and caution taken in issuing passports to men and women desiring to go abroad upon more or less fictitious missions, and that all the years since American-American officer told Mr. Dronan:

"Keep these publicity seekers away from us. The doughboy is proud to be at the front. That privilege, for which he is willing to sacrifice his life, shouldn't be cheapened by allowing every Tom, Dick and Katie to come over for a few weeks, then go back to boast for the rest of their natural lives about the terrible things they saw in the war zone. The fighting zone is for fighting men."

Even the announced dancing masters invasion of the fighting lines to teach us "trench trots" will not be welcomed."

Six Sons Serve.

While so many "non-essential slackers" are loudly proclaiming their pronounced patriotism and denouncing all others as traitors, Mrs. Marguerite Deneen, of 352 West Twenty-eighth street, New York City, has been unostentatiously proving her patriotism, with the appointment of Rev. Joseph P. Dineen, as secretary to Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Catholic Bishop Ordinary of the United States Chaplain service. Mrs. Dineen now has six sons, active in the service of their country, two as chaplains, while she herself has offered her services to the American Red Cross as a nurse for overseas work.

Besides the newly appointed Secretary, the members of the Dineen family in the service are:—

Lieut. Chaplain Aloysius C. Dineen, of the Forty-ninth Infantry, A. E. F.; Dr. Paul Aloysius Dineen, lieutenant adjutant of the United States Base Hospital 9, A. E. F.; Lieut. Francis X. Dineen, attached to the machine gun center at Camp Hancock, Ga.; Capt. Sylvester A. Dineen, of the Sixty-ninth Infantry, N. Y. G., and Benedict D. Dineen, former assistant district attorney, who is a quartermaster in the navy, now attached to the United States School of Navigation, where he is preparing for a commission as ensign.

"My six sons are doing all that they can for our beloved country," Mrs. Dineen said. "I would gladly give another son, and my chief concern is that I have not a daughter to take my place in the ranks of the Red Cross nurses."

Why Chicago?

Not so long ago Rudyard Kipling insulted Chicago in this paragraph:

"I have struck a city—a real city—and they call it Chicago. The other places do not count. San Francisco was a pleasant resort as well as a city, and Salt Lake was a phenomenon. This place is the first American city I have encountered. It holds rather more than 1,000,000 people with sort of soil as Calcutta. Having seen it I urgently desire never to see it again. It is inhabited by savages. Its water is the water of the Hugli, and its air is dirt."

And yet the Chicago "News" permits its columns to be used by a syndicated article by Kipling in which he is allowed to say:—

"And, slowly or swiftly, each out of his own experience, they are recasting their ideas of the English, which, to tell the truth, were first placed in them and their forbears by the Irish. Ask any American of the last generation whence they had their early hatred of England, and nearly all of them will tell you, it was

from Irish nurse, servant, hired man or friend. So with these."

This is supposed to apply to American soldiers after a brief sojourn in England! Aside from the insult to the American soldiers, many of whom are of Irish descent, the decadent Kipling would have his readers believe that the war for independence of the American colonies from British mis-rule was only a flash in the pan of the Irish colonists in the pan of the Irish colonists. And that all the years since American-American officer told Mr. Dronan:

pass under British rule and that that will be the ultimate result of the present war. Mr. Kipling has another guess. We are Allies to beat the Hun. After the war the United States will have no alliance with any European power or nation.

Danger.

While we stand solidly behind the Government at Washington in obeying and supporting it in every move deemed necessary to win the war, this does not bind us to accept the personal dictum of every Cabinet officer, every dollar-a-year man on every whim or vagary of his own coining.

We are not bound to accept placidly and without objection Secretary Daniel's that government ownership and operation of railroads, telegraphs and telephones is to be a permanent institution or that this country's war-time military basis must be permanent. Neither are we bound to accept the say-so of Senator Sheppard that nationwide bone dry prohibition is absolutely necessary to win the war, when we know that this extraneous issue is forced this time by fanatics who put their own interests forward even to the extent of embarrassing the Government in its war preparations. We may sacrifice our Sunday motoring to help the Government conserve gasoline but we are not bound to refrain from entering a protest when the idle rich are permitted to burn up ten times as much gasoline every week day in absolutely unnecessary use of motor cars on the other six days of the week. If the owner of the "livv'er" can walk to church on Sunday or refrain from pleasure riding on Sundays, then the idle rich can go to the horse show or their shopping tours, or pay their society calls via street cars. As a matter of fact if pleasure riding or needless riding were forbidden the increased revenue which would fall into the street car coffers would obviate the necessity for a six-cent fare and this would benefit the entire community because the six-cent fare would be paid by seventy per cent of the community to make dividends or the street car securities held by the other thirty per cent.

There is a deal of bogus patriotism on tap by the piratical profiteers who are taking advantage of the war conditions to export from the public inordinate profits for themselves.

Query: Did the two gasoline-less Sundays add to the attendance at the Protestant churches as the authors of the order fondly hoped would be the result?

Why not have gasoline-less show all throughout the Horse Show in the future? This would be a fine way to show the patriotism of the Horse Show promoters. Even the Governor could get to Exposition Park in a street car.

Now that we have recognized the Czech-Slovaks, why not say a good word for free and independent Ireland?

The new superintendent of schools of Buffalo never will last. He has the temerity to announce that he has no educational plans nor any new and hitherto undiscovered educational theories.

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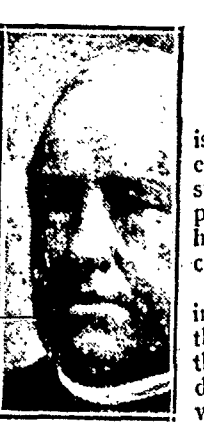

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Perhaps one of the most interesting books is that of the year 1855. On one of the pages of this book, that dated June 9th, 1855, is written the original prescription for Father John's Medicine.
This prescription was compounded for the Reverend Father John O'Brien at the old drug store on that date, and was so successful in treating Father John's ailment, which was a severe cold and throat trouble, that he recommended the medicine to his friends and parishioners. In going to the drug store and calling for the medicine, they always asked for Father John's Medicine, and in this way the medicine got its name and was advertised.
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