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Splendid!

While the whole country was over-subscribing the Fourth Liberty Loan, Rochester was right at the head of the procession...

Rochester has long been known the country over as a wonderful community. Its breadth of civic spirit, its splendid community esprit du corps...

This is intensely gratifying not only to us here at home but also to the many of our soldier boys over there and at the cantonments. This will assure them intensive support both in ammunition and supplies...

Quite True

Alfred E. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, has served in the assembly as speaker and as a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1911...

1. Mr. Smith explains the impossibility of having or retaining a corps of "legislative experts" in the Legislature because the term and salary attached at present to the office of senator or assemblyman is not sufficiently attractive to retain men in legislative life long enough for them to become specialists or experts...

Mr. Smith thinks too many governors are more consumed by desire to go to the White House than to giving the people the very best service possible as governor. Inferentially, Mr. Smith would favor a longer term for the governors of New York state and

ineligibility for re-election. Undoubtedly, Mr. Smith is absolutely right when he says that there should be a longer time limit in which requests for appropriations are considered by the Legislature...

If we could have stenographic reports of debates in the Legislature which are not now kept, strange as it may seem we could follow the record of our legislators far better and more intelligently than under present conditions.

"Al" Smith seems to have common sense.

Another Instance.

Just another little instance of "breaking down the barriers" is furnished by the following tale conveyed through a Jewish contemporary.

The Knights of Columbus at Camp Upton have offered the use of their big auditorium to the Jewish Welfare League for dances and entertainments. The auditorium was placed at their disposal for this purpose any afternoon except Saturday, when the regular K. of C. dances are scheduled.

The Jewish Welfare League workers at Camp Upton had noted how successful the K. of C.'s weekly dances were and how the men appeared to enjoy them, and decided to direct their efforts through a similar channel. It was then the problem of an auditorium presented itself. It remained a problem only until they communicated with A. P. Hogan, the K. of C. general secretary at Camp Upton, who instantly tendered the use of the building.

The Jewish Welfare League has conferred upon Mr. Hogan the title "K. of C." interpreted in this instance as "Knight of Co-operation."

Makes A Difference

It makes a difference whether we do something or the other fellow does it. Let us illustrate by the following excerpt from a Liberty bond dialogue between "Potash and Perlmutter."

"With Liberty Bonds selling for a dollar down a dollar a week, Abe, there's no excuse for the great majority of people not owning anyhow one fifty-dollar bond, because practically everybody has got bad habits which they could cash for that much money. Take smoking for instance, and there's a habit which is practically worth a fifty-dollar Liberty Bond a month to some business men. In other words, Abe, if a feller has the tobacco habit to the extent of buying fifty dollars' worth of cigars a month, let him exchange it for the Liberty Bond habit and buy fifty dollars' worth of Liberty Bonds a month. Also, if a feller has the liquor habit to the extent of buying fifty dollars' worth of schnapps a month, let him exchange that habit for the Liberty Bond habit, because from becoming addicted to Liberty Bonds, Abe, nobody never got a tobacco heart or cirrhosis of the liver, Abe, am I right or wrong?"

"And if a lot of business men would only exchange the pinochle habit for the Liberty Bond habit, Mawruss," Abe remarked, "that would help too." "Well, I don't think we should ought to go to extremes," Morris said. "You see, Abe, we don't want to raise over fifty billion dollars."

Influenza deprived the up state voters of a chance to meet "Al" Smith at close range. Perhaps they would not have voted differently but nevertheless they would have enjoyed "Al's" personality.

Tweedle-Dee.

It may be popular for the papers of the country to roar out loud because a German brewer loaned Arthur Brisbane money with which he purchased controlling interest in the Washington "Times" but let us ask what part is there of influence in the country that is not owned by a corporation or whose editorial utterances are not in accord with the views of the majority of the stockholders - and quite often the "majority" is a single individual. Wherein is the moral turpitude of Mr. Brisbane denouncing the prohibition fanatic's greater than the editor of another great paper abusing the brewers at the orders of his majority stockholder - who is a patent medicine king whose advertised proprietary medicine is 50 per cent alcohol and the rest the extract of harmless herbs?

Just where does the New York Tribune's much advertised yellowness excel that of the Hearst American and Journal?

It is just such hypocrisy, such inconsistency which has deprived the American press of much of its editorial influence. Nowadays the candidate who can command unanimous denunciation from the editors, may be successful. In 1906 every paper in Rochester denounced Hearst, but Hearst carried Rochester.

Secular newspapers seem to confound the Archbishop of New York and the Cardinal. Whoever is appointed Archbishop of New York is not also automatically appointed a Cardinal. In fact, it is very likely the next Archbishop of New York will not be a Cardinal for some time. Archbishop Corrigan who succeeded Cardinal McCloskey as head of the New York archdiocese never attained to the purple and Monsignor Farley was several years Archbishop before he was raised to the Cardinalate. Cardinal Newman never ruled over an English see. Cardinal Gibbons' successor as Archbishop of Baltimore, in all probability, will not be a Cardinal right away. But while no more Cardinals may be created until after the war, a new Archbishop of New York will be named in the near future because Rome never will leave so important a See unfilled very long.

Many a man and woman has had time to know themselves in these periods of enforced inactivity due to gasless Sundays and influenza quarantine.

Did Dr. Garfield figure it would pour rain the first Sunday he lifted the ban on gasoline.

If newspapers really do have to conserve on paper why not cut out the useless features and the page upon page of rut such as Beatrice Fairfax fake advice to lovesick maids, rather than the casualty lists from over there? Scarcely any newspaper reader but has relatives and friends in the service outside Rochester. The casualty lists are far more important news, oftentimes, than the columns of meaningless and useless speculations of alleged military critics who reel off thousands of words upon their trusty typewriters far and securely placed from the battle front.

Governor Whitman did great service for the Liberty Loan in Albany but the champion bond auctioneer was Frank Tierney, the Celtic ex-Secretary to Governor Martin H. Glynn.

"Jack" McInerney divided honors with Chairman Keyes in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

Who and what is this "Personal Liberty League"? Is it for or against suffrage. President Wilson, Governor Whitman and the prohibition amendment?

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