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We Are First

Unless it is that he wishes his son or daughter to ape the useless and brainless sons and daughters of the rich and spend papa's money in frivolity and useless ways, there is absolutely no reason why a Catholic parent should send his children to a non-Catholic institution of higher learning.

Here in the East St. Elizabeth's and D'Youville Colleges have as high and extensive a curriculum as Wellesley, Bryn Mawr or Vassar and a diploma from either carries the added distinction that the young lady has had a course in breeding that always distinguishes the convent-bred girl from the ordinary rank and file.

Georgetown and Fordham graduates rank as high in the legal profession as those of Harvard and Columbia law schools. The Catholic Colleges have really more comprehensive courses in medicine than have their non-Catholic contemporaries.

It is a matter of record that Notre Dame College in Indiana turns out the best-equipped civil engineers in the country and the engineering graduates of Notre Dame are assured of splendid positions before they receive their diplomas.

The latest instance of Catholic educational superiority is revealed in the April number of the "Journal" of the American Medical Association.

The Journal lists the results of the examinations before the various state medical boards in 1918, the medical schools throughout the country being divided into different classes according to the number of graduates who took the examinations.

The first class, which includes all schools presenting more than fifty candidates, is naturally made up of the large and well known universities. All the first 16 schools in this list, with one sole exception, show a certain percentage of failures among their examinees.

The proud distinction of having a perfect record goes to a Catholic school, the St. Louis university. Catholics may look with justifiable pride on this fine achievement of one of their leading universities.

It may also undecieve some of the imagined necessity of going to outside institutions in order to obtain the most thorough and completed instruction.

What Kind?

Bird S. Coler, former comptroller of New York and now head of the Greater City's Department of Charities, has always been a sage and that I remember my persistent and logical opponent of visit to Berlin with the greatest pleasure, precisely with the same as a religious creed.

Although a pleasure that I remember a similar visit, which I paid at the same time to the king and queen of the Belgians.

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for a real Socialist to also be a real Christian, Mr. Coler utters these unanswerable facts:

"The Socialist who tries to reconcile his economic creed and his religion will be found to have so modified his religious beliefs in the process of assimilation as to make such a reconciliation possible only at the expense of his religion. It is never his Socialism that is strained; it is always his belief in a personal Creator and Ruler of the universe."

"Among the most paraded of so-called Christian Socialists is the Rev. George D. Lunn, mayor of the city of Schenectady. Dr. Lunn has vigorously asserted many times that they are unfair who assert that Socialism underlines religion. He made such a declaration in a debate at Hartford, Conn., when I was his opponent; but with questions and quotations I was able to force from him the admission that it is compelled to choose between religion and Socialism, he would choose Socialism."

"What kind is the Christianity of a Christian minister who admits his willingness to relinquish what must be infinite and eternal truth in order that he may retain what he himself describes as a mere economic program? If Christian be an adjective of any meaning at all, then Dr. Lunn is not a Christian Socialist, for no man, knowing what Christianity is, and what Socialism is, can be both."

"It does not answer the argument to say that there are many kinds of Christians. There is no kind of Christian who is an atheist. There can be no kind of Christian who believes in the 'materialistic conception of history.' Catholic and Protestant may differ as to the meaning of some things Christ said, but between them there can be no difference of opinion as to what He meant. He said He was the Son of God."

"Catholic and Protestant believe what Christ said—that is what makes both of them Christians—but no man who does not believe what Christ said has any right to be called a Christian. Having ceased to believe, he has become a mere Socialist believer."

Teddy's Retort.

Typical Roosevelt stories are going the rounds these days. Following is one showing the quickness and the incisiveness of his reply to one of the Kaiser's emissaries:

Not until after Col. Roosevelt's death has it been brought to light that early in the war the kaiser deliberately tried to persuade Roosevelt that etiquette demanded that Roosevelt cease his opposition to Germany.

In September, 1914, the kaiser sent a special envoy to Oyster Bay to wait upon Col. Roosevelt. The colonel received him formally in the trophy room. The envoy clicked his heels and bowed and said:

"Mr. Roosevelt, his majesty the German emperor, sends you his cordial greeting and asks me to tell you that he remembers your visit to Berlin with the greatest pleasure and trusts that the cordial reception which you received there will always remain fresh in your memory as it does in his."

Roosevelt did not click his heels together, but he did click his teeth in a way that he had when he was about to utter something which was intended to end discussion.

"Tell his majesty from me that I thank him for his cordial message and that I remember my visit to Berlin with the greatest pleasure, precisely with the same as a religious creed. Although a pleasure that I remember a similar visit, which I paid at the same time to the king and queen of the Belgians."

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Severe But Just.

While the peace terms handed Germany last week by the Allies and the United States are severe, there will be few who will deny that they were deserved and just. As a whole, they are considerably a milder in scope than the penalties the Germans announced during the war would be imposed on Great Britain, France, Belgium and the United States in the event Germany won the war.

It is difficult indeed, to see how Germany can meet the peace terms laid down and ever rise to military prominence again. Her surplus funds will be needed to pay the indemnity scheduled and there will be none left over to rebuild a navy and resurrect an army, even were there such a disposition on the part of the German people. Moreover, she is hemmed in all sides either by newly made free nations, recognized and aided by the Allies or by Allied armies of occupation.

Scarcely could the Germans underhandedly reorganize their lost military and naval forces without discovery by the Allies who could bring the Germans to terms by applying an economic blockade and refusing either to trade with Germany or to sell to Germany. Having lost her merchant marine, Germany must abide by the peace terms or be hemmed in and literally starved to death.

While it may be urged that the peace terms are harsh by the tender-hearted and weak-kneed pacifists, who would have had us lay down arms and permit the Huns to have their way, who can deny that the Germans have brought their fate upon themselves by their arrogant assumption of omniscience, and omnipotence and infallibility? Had they been far seeing and not so conceited in their own might they would have been able to see that the United States never would have accepted the German viewpoint and would have seen that the United States' people were not all moneygrabbers, all the time. Lack of ability to think logically and lack of true perspective has brought the proudest nation and most arrogant ruler of modern days to the depths of degradation and shame.

The ruler is disgraced and exiled while the nation's pride is humbled in the dust. It is a pity this is so, it is indeed a tragedy but it could not be otherwise if justice and right were to prevail and endure.

It is a matter of congratulation that the fire which started in St. Mary's Church last week gained so little headway else this old landmark of Rochester might have been destroyed.

It was with genuine pleasure and pride that Rochesterians, regardless of creed or race welcomed Archbishop Hanna to his old home last week.

The labor programme of the Catholic bishops is attracting much attention and has brought forth much of favorable comment.

After looking over the new European war map, it is possible to reach a mature conclusion that Roosevelt was rather modest in his seizure of Panama.

Premier Clemenceau is drawing a big dividend in the peace conference for Lafayette's successor of the new Republic in 1775 and thereafter.

With imposing ceremonies the pallium has been conferred upon Archbishop Hayes of New York and Dougherty of Philadelphia.

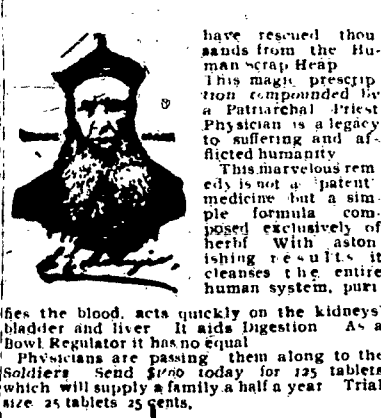
The Catholic population of Alsace-Lorraine is about 1,450,000 as against only 416,000 non-Catholic population.

Catholics should pay special attention to the so-called "reconstruction" measure forthcoming in Congress lest "jokers" that will affect our interests may creep in.

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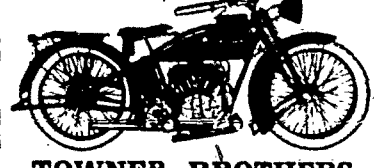
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