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To Be Remembered!

In the course of his masterly address before the National Catholic Educational Association, self. Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, made two declarations that should be framed and kept before not only every Catholic but every God-fearing American citizen. They are:-

"What the Constitution prohibits, namely the establishment, or support of the State church or religion, is the very last thing that Catholics, at least, desire. Never once in the course of our history has there been a movement on the part of our people, priests or bishops to seek to amend this article of the constitution--never once have we asked for financial support from the government for our Church or our religion; and we never will. We are not only satisfied with a free Church in a free State; but we would oppose anything making against the freedom of either. "He is not a patriot who would declare that every school that teaches faith in Christ must be faithful to the supremacy and completeness of America, or that the one who denies purely secular training is an enemy of his country, or who holds that the State shall be omnipotent, while the individual, however numerous he may be, or just his cause, may, and of a right ought to be ignored. This latter is not and never was democracy. It is the doctrine of the steam-roller, which ever stands for tyranny, whether the hands that direct it claim service under a democracy or a czar."

Sane Thought

It is not surprising that the upheaval in Europe is followed by a period of radical talk and radical action. It is not a matter of wonder that the world seems sort of upside down. But it is a time for sane-minded men to keep a tight grip on themselves lest they be swept off their feet so to speak. In the effort to curb anarchy we must not permit partisan politicians to curb legitimate free speech, to strangle pertinent criticism of their own misdeeds. We must not, on the other hand, in our effort to be judicially-minded, be so cowardly as to permit liberty to become license and free speech a vehicle to spread anarchy.

Alexander Rorke, a New York lawyer who has done much to curb anarchy, points out how the revolutionary, God-lacking, "red" cunningly unflames his less-informed fellows:

The radical cunningly cries that capital refuses to surrender to the poor the wealth it has stolen; that the State Legislatures refuse to compel the rich to disgorge their stolen fortunes; that judges allow ways decide cases in favor of the rich; that the churches, as the paid champions of private ownership, are the enemies of mankind;

that the army and navy are the paid instruments of capital; that capital is, therefore, entrenched and protected by churchmen, statesmen, soldiers and sailors, and by the obsequious rich-aping middle class, all of whom have hitherto misled the mighty toiling forces of the proletariat; that the worm should turn, and that the social revolution must right all the toilers' wrongs. "Away, therefore," cries he, "with private ownership, with God, church, es, nations, the rich, and the sniveling middle class. By gun and sword and bomb blast them all into exterior darkness. Then up with the single world State with its Socialization of poverty, womankind, children, ideas, ideals and atheism, with its everybody rich and nobody poor, everyone just and no one envious, when all mankind will be happy and when

"The night shall be filled with music, And the cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents like the Arabs, And as silently steal away." These are days when the Catholic must renew his supplications to Almighty God to turn the hearts of the world toward Himself. Without faith in God, with out practice of religion, all the leagues of nations, all the brother-hoods of man, all the protestations of national loyalty, will be as unstable as the shifting sands of the sea and as futile to promote world peace and international amity.

Will It Pay?

Readers of the Catholic Journal will recall that many times we have commented upon the great outlay with little return made by the ill-advised persons who have sought to proselytize in the United States among the foreigners who come to these shores from Catholic countries in Europe and Asia.

Judging from the following in the August issue of the "Columbian", Father Duffy, the chaplain of the New York Sixty-ninth, entertains much the same idea as to the success of the latest "drive" to Protestantize France: "If they wish to wrestle for French souls, let them." Thus it was that Father Francis P. Duffy, Chaplain of the New York Sixty-ninth, spoke of the intentions of certain Protestant enthusiasts, who plan to spend millions in devastated France "rebuilding" churches. Churches, he pointed out, have to proselytize to propagate their religion. But the insidious phase of such Protestant intention is contained in the very millions they seek to spend--in Catholic France.

What is the lesson to the American Catholic? Whatever the Protestant movement means, it remains for the Catholic to overcome any proselytizing intention, not only by words, but by deeds, by giving generously to the fund to be erected by the Society to Help Devastated Churches in France, giving so generously that the Catholics in France, whose churches, whose schools, whose rectories, were demolished by war, shall find in their own villages, their own towns and cities, a place to worship according to the true Faith, a place for their children to learn the Word, a place for their priests to rest their heads, to carry on in the future the work of religion that has been carried on in the past.

If we could stop the waste in food products and bring that which is spoiled every year to the consumers; or those who could consume it if they had it, the high cost of living could be reduced greatly, no doubt.

Raymond Fosdick's criticism of the Knights of Columbus for not employing women secretaries in overseas war work does not appear to be unanimously inspired even by "Y" workers.

S. E. P. Apologizes.

The following from our esteemed contemporary, the "Union & Times", will be of interest to not a few readers of the Catholic Journal:-

On Jan. 19, 1918, the Saturday Evening Post printed an article under the heading "The Honor of the Force," written by Miss Katherine E. Mayo. In the article Miss Mayo related the story of a fight between state police and a band of men entrenched in a house in Florence, Pa." According to the Post, "the version of the incident given to Miss Mayo by someone present at the time was that during the fight a priest who had appeared on the scene refused to counsel the entrenched men in the house to surrender and so prevent the further shedding of blood."

The house was subsequently dynamited and the owners thereof brought suit against the state to recover damages for its destruction. The Post is advised by the attorneys who conducted this suit that the evidence taken at the trial in this particular did not bear out the version of the affair as related to and by Miss Mayo; that, on the contrary, there was but one occupant of the building during the course of the struggle, and that the priest did not refuse to advise him to surrender, but instead counseled him to yield to the officers.

In the issue of Aug. 26th the Post takes "the opportunity of correcting any mistaken impression that may have been created by the regrettable reference to the incident in question."

Without doubt, Miss Mayo in the future will not rely so implicitly upon hearsay, particularly when the priesthood is concerned. And, perhaps, the lesson thus learned may teach the S. E. P. to go slow where things Catholic are concerned. Frank Munsey used to follow this rule. Pity he stopped.

Patrick Crowe, K. of C. secretary from Binghamton, was awarded the Croix de Guerre by Marshal Pitain, of France, for bravery under fire.

If a few of the "thinkers" who are stirring up trouble would quit thinking and push a little, present conditions would be better. Too abundant a supply of generals, and a paucity of privates is America's greatest curse just now.

It is consoling, no doubt, to those who hoped that Rochester's milk commission might help to reduce the cost of that product, to be told by Dr. North that the Rochester statistics will be the first available in the country and that everybody will know just why milk costs so much in Rochester.

Problem: Increased production, is desired. Is it possible if hours of productive labor are decreased from eight to six as President James P. Holland, of the New York State Federation of Labor suggests.

The physician who for gain encourages the drug habit is the worst sort of a scoundrel and should be deprived of his license to practise medicine, for the protection of the honest doctors, as well as the public.

It does seem as though resurfacing improved streets, originally paid for by abutting property owners, should be done at general expense.

Speaking of the things that were and are not, where is the parlor?

If women's bathing suits at the summer resorts should be censored and remodeled, why not those of the men?

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