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Funny Fellows.

The Anti-Saloon Leaguers, headed by William H. Anderson, received a severe jolt the other day. Just why no one really knows.

Archbishop Hayes did not attend. Instead, he sent a letter in which he informed the Andersonites that the Catholic Church always stood for the observance of law and order, at all times, and he did not see why the Prohibition amendment was singled out for special attention at this particular time.

The Andersonites cannot be kept down. Instead of accepting the letter as a rebuke, Mr. Anderson announces that they accept it as an announcement that the Catholic Church is with the Anti-Saloon League.

There is another bit of evidence as to the peculiarity of the Andersonites. While not expressing any sympathy with the suspended Socialist assemblymen, Mr. Anderson gives it out that the action taken by Speaker Sweet and the New York State Assembly is likely to defeat the Republicans in the election of 1920 especially will it tend to defeat United States Senator James W. Wadsworth for re-election.

Mr. Herbert Hoover is receiving a lot of advertising even if he never reaches the White House as chief occupant.

At last the wealthy Catholics have been shown something in which they are willing to invest their money—the moving pictures.

Eamon de Valera was heartily received in Albany—and the New York State Legislature recognized him as "President of the Republic of Ireland."

Good books are like true friends, they always entertain, they never quarrel savagely and they stay with you and they are true.

All is Over.

"It's all over but the shouting" as the slang phrase would have it.

Our old friend Jay Forrest, of Guardians of Liberty, Units, Knights and other anti-Catholic organizations, is now out with a proclamation that the next Governor of New York State and the next President of the United States must and will be an Orangeman. Just how it could happen that a man owning allegiance to a foreign influence, if not an alien—because Orangeism is foreign to any other country than England and its oath is repugnant to free institutions in America—can be chosen as President of the United States while it is seriously proposed to oust from the Assembly of New York State duly elected representatives of the people because they are said to be under the dictatorship of an "alien and foreign influence" was beyond our limited comprehension until we read a little further in Forrest's pronouncements.

Then we discovered that Jay is up to his old and familiar tricks. He the "Son of Washington", the one essential if membership is to be "anti-Catholicism". The Washingtonian Sons promise never to marry a Catholic, to employ a Catholic, to vote for a Catholic or to purchase anything from a Catholic.

Membership in the Washingtonian Sons is limited to initial cost of \$2 per member with monthly dues and contributions thereafter to be fixed. As per custom, we suppose the initial \$2 goes to enrich Forrest's exchequer—and they do say he has made his commercialized bigotry pay.

We suppose there will be a flock of gudgeons willing to hand over \$2 to Jay for the privilege of cursing the Pope. P.S. This "ad" for Forrest and the Washingtonian Sons is printed free because we fancy this is the sort of publicity Jay F. does not like.

Good To Remember.

Touring this country with the "Orange preachers" about whom we have written before, is an Irish M. P. named Coote. Should he come to Rochester our readers will be prepared to ask him as to the truth of the following from the pen of Seumas McManus:— In Mr. Coote's parliamentary constituency is a village called Caledon noted for its woolen mills which are owned by good Loyalists, and whose output has been patriotically supported by the terrible Sinn Fein people—whose money always smells good, no matter how odious be their principles, and their characters. The operatives in these mills were paid a miserable wage, until just recently when a strike was organized amongst them—organized, moreover, by a good Protestant from the north of England, supported by a good Orange foreman of their own. The operatives, both Catholic and Protestant, struck to a man, and forced the niggardly proprietors to advance their wages. The one-half of the workers who were Protestant were taken back. The other half, who were Catholic, were refused work, and in their stead Protestant operatives with their families imported from elsewhere. Not only were these imported ones given the jobs of the Catholics, but the latter were notified that the houses in which they lived were required for their Protestant successors; and those Catholics who did not voluntarily resign their houses are now being evicted. No single Catholic has been spared. Every last one of them was turned down, and given the order to go—to get out of the mill and to get out of Caledon. "To Hell or Connaught" became once more the order of the day for the Catholics of Caledon.

When Mr. Coote, M. P., from this pious portion of Scotch-Ire-

land, is weeping salt tears over the imaginary fearful mistreatment of Orange lambs by Papist neighbors in a future free Ireland, he might be asked to come down from imaginings of the future to actualities of the present, and explain away Caledon. And when he has explained away that particular one, there are hundreds of cases of exactly the same kind throughout the Orange constituencies that will keep him usefully busy explaining till morning.

Two Straws.

Two incidents, which may well be read together, as taken separately and collectively they signify a national inclination that is of more than passing significance these days.

First—It is announced that the English revenue collectors have served notice upon the Knights of Columbus secretaries and aides that those who served for a period of six months or more in the British Isles and received in salaries or expense monies over \$650 per year, they owe an income tax, even though not English citizens. This is to be levied in spite of the fact that these volunteers made no distinction between American and English soldiers where their services were needed.

Second—Not content with suppressing the annual exposition of products of Irish industries and spiriting out of Ireland prominent citizens without service of warrant, summons or trial, the English government has suppressed the old and esteemed Irish National organ, "the Freeman's Journal."

And this is only a few of the counts against the European government that is the leader in the generous proposal that the United States enter an international arrangement to pool all the debts arising out of the late war and issue bonds to take care of the whole, the American people subscribing to the major portion of the bond issue. In other words it is proposed that the American people, the largest creditors of Europe, receipt all its bills; then advance still more millions to Europe and then turn around and pay these notes out of the American treasury—at the expense of the American taxpayers—who include thousands of Knights of Columbus and citizens whose forefathers were Irish. In the words of the famous shag' cartoonist "Can you beat it?"

Says the "Catholic Columbian":—"Miss Maggie Mooney says she cannot understand why a man prominent in the councils of Tammany Hall should be dubbed 'a leading Catholic' nor why a woman simply because she is fortunate enough to possess a sealskin coat and a diamond tiara should be styled 'one of our leading Catholic ladies.' Nor do we." Does our contemporary mean to be understood as holding that Hon. Victor J. Dowling, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, leading Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and distinguished Catholic scholar must not be listed as "a leading Catholic" because he happens to be listed, politically, as a member of Tammany Hall?

The Catholic Art Association appears to be meeting success with its clean moving pictures. But it should hold its enterprising press agent down a bit. We should not fall into all the ways of those we are seeking to supplant.

It is an encouraging sign to learn that certain well known hotels in New York are discouraging the habit of cigarettes in their women patrons.

The sympathy of a host of friends goes out to Supreme Court Justice B. B. Cunningham in his illness so soon after he assumed the judicial ermine.

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