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Friday, June 25, 1926.
 Very Interesting

There is a touching story of
 tragedy, pathos, and dramatic
 interwoven in the following ap-
 parently unpretentious narrative
 which appeared recently in a
 Catholic exchange:—

For the first time since the con-
 gressional medal of honor was
 created the medal has been left
 in a will to some one other than
 next-of-kin of the hero to whom
 it was awarded. Chaplain John
 B. DeValles of New Bedford,
 Mass., who served overseas with
 the 104th infantry as a Knight of
 Columbus chaplain and who died
 within half an hour after hearing
 of the award of the congressional
 medal, has willed the medal and
 his other war decorations to Elm
 Hill Council K. of C. at Dorches-
 ter, Mass., of which he was a
 member. The K-G council at Dor-
 chester has voted to build a mon-
 ument to Father DeValles, who
 was the first chaplain to receive
 the congressional medal.

It is stated that President Wil-
 son had intervened shortly before
 the K-C chaplain's death to have
 the award of the medal made
 known to Father DeValles—
 former Yankee division men and
 K-C secretaries who served with
 the hero priest having urged the
 war department to act upon
 Major-General Edwards' recom-
 mendation in favor of the priest.
 Apparent failure of official action
 caused the K-C chaplain's friends
 to wire President Wilson per-
 sonally, with the result that the
 award was made just in time for
 the priest to know it.

What To Do

In an unknown exchange there
 appeared recently this to-the-
 point advice directed toward
 those foreigners who find the
 United States a splendid place in
 which to reside and make money
 but who do not see fit to obey our
 laws:—

Thousands of foreigners who
 have come to our shores because
 this is a better place in which to
 live than the place they came
 from have refused to become citi-
 zens. They have accepted our
 better standard of living, our
 higher wages; they have sent
 their children to our free schools;
 they have received all we had to
 give—and we gave to them glad-
 ly. And yet many of them have
 accepted our hospitality only for
 the purpose of opportunity to
 destroy our institutions and our
 form of free government. Our
 answer has been prompt and em-
 phatic. Our forefathers establish-
 ed our government on the battle-
 fields of the Revolutionary War;
 our heroes of 1860-1864 main-
 tained it; our boys took our ideals
 and the spirit of our institutions
 and love of liberty to the fields
 of France, and our courts have
 said to these foreigners who
 would destroy the things we have
 fought for: "Hands off! Get out
 and back from whence you
 came!"

True Americanism

A correspondent of the Omaha
 "True Voice" thus defines true
 Americanism:—
 "There is but one true Amer-
 icanism, and that is the one that
 hews to the line of the American
 Declaration of Independence, and
 observes faithfully the laws of
 God. The man that is false to his
 God will be false to his country.
 The man that ignores the pre-
 cepts of the decalogue will trans-
 gress the laws of the state, if he
 can do so with impunity. It was a
 motto in old feudal days—Love
 God and honor the king. It was a
 wise saying. Love God truly and
 you will love your country. Love
 God and your fellow citizens will
 be the neighbors you are to love
 as yourself for God's sake. Love
 God and fulfil His commandments
 to the best of your ability, and
 you will exemplify the best
 Americanism that the most exact-
 ing can expect from an American
 citizen.

Prohibition Stands

Well informed and thinking
 men never expected that the
 United States Supreme Court
 would declare unconstitutional
 the Federal Prohibition Amend-
 ment. How could it declare in-
 valid an amendment to the Uni-
 ted States Constitution unless it
 found that the amendment was
 illegally adopted?

The Court finds that the
 Eighteenth Amendment was
 legally adopted. That settles the
 fate of whiskey and hard liquors.
 They can no longer be legally
 manufactured, sold for beverage
 purposes.

The Court also replied the Vol-
 stead Law which defines as in-
 toxicating any beverage contain-
 ing more than one-half per cent
 of alcoholic content. This means
 that so long as the Volstead Act
 is not repealed by Congress, beer,
 ale and wine of more than one-
 half of one per cent of alcoholic
 content cannot be sold or manu-
 factured.

If the people want beer and
 light wines, Congress will repeal
 the Volstead Act and modify the
 one-half per cent restriction. If
 not, then beer and wine go.

"Dark Horse"

Discussing a much employed
 phrase, especially in political
 conventions, the New York
 "Tribune" says that "dark
 horse" was in common use in
 American politics at an early
 day and goes on:—

"Polk was what in the political
 slang of the day was known as a
 dark horse."

If the phrase really originated
 in America it was quickly adopted
 in England, for Thackeray used
 it in his "Adventures of Philip,"
 Philip remarking in regard to talk
 about candidates for Parliament:
 "Why, bless my soul, he can't
 mean me. Who is the dark horse
 he has in his stable?"

It appears also in Disraeli's
 "Young Duke," a novel of great
 popularity in its day. A race is
 one of the incidents of the book,
 and the finish is thus described:

"The first favorite was never
 heard of, the second favorite was
 never seen after the distance
 post, all the ten-to-ones were in
 the rear, and a dark horse that
 had never been thought rushed
 past the grandstand in a sweep-
 ing triumph."

Bryce, in his "American Com-
 monwealth," without attempting
 to trace the origin of the phrase,
 thus explains its significance:

"A dark horse is a person not
 very widely known in the com-
 munity at large, but known rather
 for good than for evil. . . . Speak-
 ing generally, the note of the
 dark horse is respectability verg-
 ing on colorlessness, a good sort
 of person to fall back upon when
 able but dangerous favorites
 have proved impossible."

"Hitchcock, Convention Strat-
 egist," said the newspaper head-
 lines. Who for?

Think It Over

Just ponder over the following
 heard between a farmer and a
 city man at the main street mar-
 ket the other morning:—

"All this stuff about keeping
 the boys on the farm is pure bunk
 —hot air I believe you call it in
 the city. I've got six boys. Only
 the youngest, he's 19, is at home.
 The others have all been attract-
 ed citywards. Let me tell you
 something. The acres directly op-
 posite where I live have been
 bought by a city golf club. The
 members have built an elaborate
 clubhouse and they come out
 there for exercise. This consists
 of knocking a small ball over the
 field. My boys, when they were
 all at home, used to say to me
 'Say, dad, how does it happen
 those fellows can come out here
 and play so early in the after-
 noon? Don't they have any work?'
 I tried to explain, but the explana-
 tion was unsatisfactory. Farm
 work, particularly in the busy
 season, means 15 or 16 hours a
 day. The eldest boy left home
 and got a job in the city and he
 has been followed by four others.
 With the threatening shortage in
 farm products it would be a good
 idea for the golfers to turn their
 links into productive fields. If
 they will proceed to till them
 they will get a sufficiency of ex-
 ercise, if that is what they seek."

"Ivory Soap" did not float the
 Wood boom.

It may be admitted that the big
 woolen company did profiteer in
 the base of "wearing apparel"
 but because the company and Mr.
 Wood did not actually make the
 wearing apparel the clever
 Charles E. Hughes persuades a
 judge that the indictments se-
 cured must be dismissed. And
 this sort of legal quibble makes
 unrest more widely diffused.

An unknown exchange preach-
 es this short sermon on "Mis-
 takes"—He who never made a
 mistake never made a discovery,
 but a mistake should be an ac-
 cident, not a habit. The fewer
 mistakes one makes the greater
 his value, all other things being
 equal, but an error may creep in
 at times and the willingness on
 the part of the one committing it
 to admit it, catch it and rectify it
 goes far toward retaining the
 good will of the one higher up.
 Only doctors, undertakers and
 politicians can make mistakes
 and get away with them. Our
 best plan is a frank acknowledg-
 ment. The best preventive against
 mistakes is carefulness and
 thoughtfulness.

Mr. William H. Anderson has
 not much satisfaction in Hard-
 ing's nomination.

The Post Express editorializes
 on what would happen if Capital
 went on strike. Why lots of capi-
 talists would take a few days off
 and feel good at first. Then they'd
 find their bank account shrink as
 do those of the employee strikers.
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