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Probably True

Rev. John Tolbot Smith in a recent article in the "Irish World" elaborates on charges that the British sympathizers in this country are working might and main, night and day, to make the American people partners in an Anglo-American Union. He explains Admiral Sims' animosity toward the Wilson administration because the President declined to permit the American naval officer accept British decorations and titles and then instances these counts to substantiate the charges:

1. The bribing process employed by England has been going on for years, but it has now assumed gigantic proportions. A congressional investigation into its history and its achievements would amaze the American world.

2. The League of Nations meant just one thing—a British trap to corner our money, prestige and power for British imperialism. Its failure means that other schemes must be tried. The Irish smashed the League of Nations; they must again save the republic from the next scheme of British diplomacy.

3. England needs America for the great task of ruling, restoring and looting the world, and hence the United States must be either bribed or coerced to lend and spend for the purpose.

4. Now that the league has died a natural or a violent death, the next general scheme for bribing American citizens is the so-called Anglo-American Union. This nefarious scheme is represented in the universities, in society, in the press and pulpit, as something divine.

5. That old scoundrel, Carnegie, formed his millions or his billions into a foundation for the overthrow of the American republic, which he called the Union of England and America. Our syndicated lecturers, including an ex-president of the United States, are paid out of the Carnegie foundation to advance British interests at the expense of America.

6. Rhodes supplemented the Carnegie scheme by his Oxford scholarships for American students. One might safely wager his last dollar on the Anglo-Saxonism of such students. The few that have already appeared in print are advocates of Carsonism. The Rhodes' scheme may be called a plan to train and develop American traitors.

Waking Up

People all over the country are waking up to the menace of an educational autocracy hidden away in the Smith-Towner bill now before the United States Congress. They are finding out that it will not only shut up the Catholic schools but also all private schools and colleges whose authorities will not permit the

educational autocrat in Washington to dictate the policy of the institution. The fraternal societies that operate trade schools and asylums are wondering if their institutions would not fall under the bar.

The Northwest Review puts it well when it says:—

In its stand in the matter, the Catholic Church is the great bulwark of democracy. It holds safe in its keeping for the future, the ideal of free education. The State may control or appropriate many things affecting the lives of the people, but so long as it cannot bind them by mind and soul mortgages, freedom shall still live in spite of its diverse harness. We do not believe the average toiler understands that when he repudiated the principle of religious education he mortgaged the mind of his children to a soulless state. And yet those furious minded fanatics who decry our Catholic schools talk as if they had delivered their children unto freedom instead of bondage. One is tempted to ask, where are the secularists' eyes? Does he not see that a pursuit of the materialistic conception is today making financial interests paramount? Does he not realize that there is no such thing as a materialistic conception of either liberty or democracy? He howls because socialism theorizes upon an "ideal" state which will be both mother, father and sole guardian in the moulding of every human being born into it, yet he temporizes with the dominant financial interests of today that seek designedly to mould his children into units with a minimum of morality and religion in order to make them good standardized cogs in the industrial wheels of the future. Poor secularist!

Encouraging

It is refreshing to read that at the monthly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Olean, Rev. G. R. Williamson, pastor of the First Methodist Church voluntarily said nice things about St. Bonaventure Seminary, so well known in Rochester. Mr. Williamson is quoted as saying that it behooves every citizen of Olean to take pride in St. Bonaventure's as it stands, and in the growth which it is bound to exhibit and is even now exhibiting. It was a civic duty to encourage it in its ambition to become a university. It would mean the coming to this city or vicinity of from 2,000 to 2,500 students. It is all very well, said Dr. Williamson, to do everything possible to "boost a city's industrial or commercial growth, but in paying attention to material things we should not overlook or neglect the finer elements—the community's cultural side—in creating an atmosphere which is found nowhere except in college cities. The proudest boast of Rochester is her university, and her citizens have given millions to help it grow; the greatest institution in Syracuse is her university, and in that institution the pride of Syracuse is centered. Olean should take great pride in the college in Allegany, which is one day to become a university. All of us should be intensely interested in the drive the college is now making and lend it our every assistance and support. Dr. Williamson said in conclusion that he had not been asked by anyone to speak on the subject, but was merely talking from the fullness of his heart on a matter of vital interest to the community to men who were members of a club which had for one of its chief objectives civic pride and a correct standard of measurement for community betterment.

William Jennings Bryan always appealed to us as a clever politician. But we revise our opinion now before the United States Congress. They are finding out that it will not only shut up the Catholic schools but also all private schools and colleges whose authorities will not permit the

Coercion

Making all due allowance for possible bias, T. P. O'Connor's statement to the Associated Press regarding the new "Crimes Act" passed by the British Parliament and applicable to Ireland must be a veritable instrument of coercion. Says Mr. O'Connor:—

"The law is the worst coercion a man ever proposed in the British parliament, and, indeed, without a precedent in the parliamentary acts of any country in the history of the modern world.

"It gives the executive in Ireland a power as great as any czar ever claimed. It surrounds the exercise of this power with impenetrable secrecy. A man may be tried for his life in secret, convicted in secret, sentenced in secret and hanged in secret.

"It gives to the government the right to make anything an offense. The refusal to work, to carry munitions, to hold a meeting, to sing a song, to refuse to supply the police with food—everything is left to the will of the executive.

"The government refused to accept an amendment presented by Liberals and even by its own supporters. This would have inserted a proviso which would prevent the creation of new offenses. The government replied that it wanted carte blanche, and that anything could be made an offense in Ireland, even though such action would not be an offense in the criminal code of any land in the world. Finally, the government refused every amendment to define the duration of the act—it is forever and ever.

"Mark the contrast. On Thursday night Premier Lloyd George postponed real Irish liberty to an indefinite date; on Friday he gave Ireland coercion for all time."

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, on the other hand, defended the law, declaring its purpose was to do justice in Ireland. He said:

"The sole object of the legislation is to give that disturbed country impartially enforced laws. The courts may be described as courts martial, with legal assessors. Establishment of an independent Irish Republic would be fatal to the security of the empire and I believe fatal to Ireland."

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Of course Thomas Lipton is a good sport and a good loser but his business did not lack advertising through the American Cup races.

We wonder if Mr. Lunn would abuse Mr. Murphy so hard had he approved the Schenectady Mayor for United States senator rather than the lieutenant-governor from Binghamton?

Like the Arabs, Sheiks, Hugo and Hooker folded their tents and stole away. But Sheiks Thompson and Payne still would fain bask in the political sunlight.

This is the season of the picnic, church, fraternal, business, factory and fraternal.

That the autumn days draw near is evidenced by the Horse Show announcements and the State Fair advertisements.

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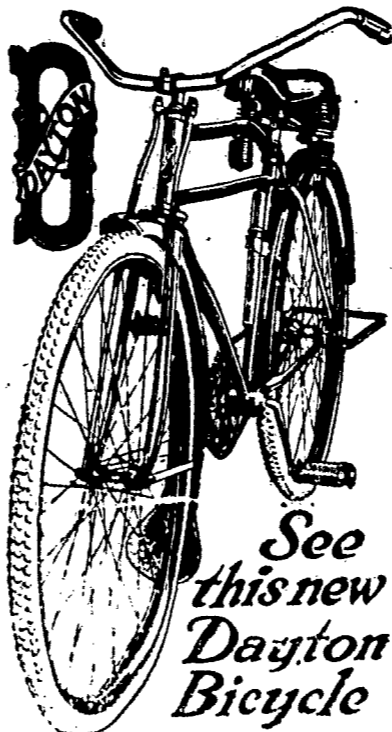
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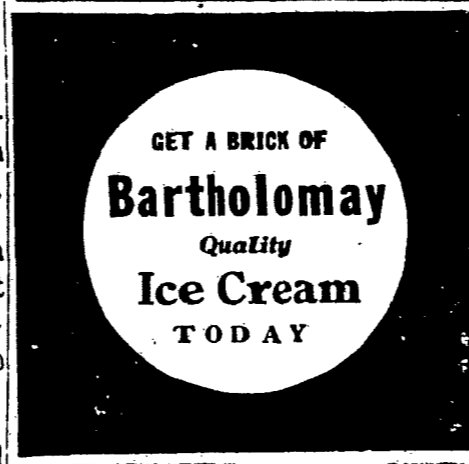
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