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Friday, Nov. 12, 1920.

Defeated!

Michigan is not a bigoted state. Last week the voters, in a state-wide referendum, defeated by two to one vote the dastardly proposition to abolish all parochial and private schools by compelling all children in the state to attend the public schools. Led by Bishops and priests the Catholics of Michigan put up a vigorous fight against this bigoted proposition. They were joined by fair-minded men and women of all religious faiths and the bigots were roasted at the polls by overwhelming vote.

Let us hope this is the last of this amazing un-American proposal!

Governor Smith

Unprecedented in American political annals was the vote accorded Governor Alfred E. Smith on election. While New York state defeated the aspirations of Governor James M. Cox for the Presidency by about 1,100,000 votes, nearly a million more voters cast their ballots in the Governorship contest for Alfred E. Smith than for Cox. Nathan L. Miller, the Republican gubernatorial candidate polled a million votes less than Harding, the presidential candidate. In Greater New York while Harding carried the city by about 500,000 votes, Governor Smith carried the metropolis by 350,000, indicating that the people who knew Smith best, the men and women among whom he was born and raised, believe in him. Although defeated, Alfred E. Smith is a winner. He made good as Governor and had it not been Presidential year, he would have been re-elected.

Not Consistent

These two paragraphs appeared not far apart in the Buffalo "Union and Times": "The most deplorable result of the election is, without doubt, the defeat of Governor Smith. No better governor ever has reigned or ever will reign over this great commonwealth. "The malodorous Tom Watson of Georgia has been elected to the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket. Is it not about time that some of us overcame our prejudices in favor of the party that has for so long a time gone hand in hand with the bigotry of the South?" As we see it bigotry is non-partisan. The same element in American politics that elected Tom Watson in Georgia defeated "Al" Smith in New York state. No political party has a monopoly of bigotry. Louisiana is a democratic state and it elected Edw. M. White, the present Catholic chief justice of the United States Supreme Court as its United States Senator. Here in New York state, the "Guardians of Liberty" sup-

ported as their candidate for Governor George F. Thompson, a Republican. As a matter of fact, the 150,000 votes cast for Dudley Field Malone beat Al. Smith for Governor.

Why Discriminate?

We have no desire to urge that Catholic teachers be excused from their duties in order to assist at mass on holy days because the Catholic teachers perform their religious duties before the beginning of school but we wish to call attention to the discrimination made in New York as evidenced by the following despatch: New York, Nov. 1. - Catholic teachers in the New York public schools are not to be excused, with pay, to attend religious services on All Saints' Day or the feast of the Immaculate Conception, according to a decision of the board of education. Recently the board took action whereby Jewish teachers were permitted to absent themselves from their classes, with pay, on the feast of the Atonement and on Jewish New Year. A resolution that similar privileges be accorded Catholic teachers on their holy days was introduced by Arthur S. Somers, chiefly as a protest against the action of the board in regard to the Jewish teachers. President Prall declared his regret that the board had taken the action it did on the Jewish holiday question. There was no general agitation on the part of Catholic teachers for a holiday on the feasts designated.

Let Us Have Peace!

Election of 1920 is over. The people, by overwhelming vote, have decided that they want Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge for President and Vice-President until 1924. In our judgment, the vote of the American people indicates that they want none of the League of Nations as formulated and proposed by Woodrow Wilson. Of course, some people think the people did not differentiate between Governor Cox's advocacy of the Wilson League plan, a League of Nations as suggested by Mr. Taft, Mr. Root, Mr. Wickersham, the association of Nations apparently favored by Mr. Harding and no League as insisted by Senators Johnson and Borah. As we say, we think the people really voted for no League and this is what they expect of Mr. Harding. Any League of Nations that does not include a chance to present Ireland's cause will not meet approval of the thousands of friends of Irish freedom who voted for Mr. Harding—especially in New York City. Any League programme that contemplates holding Germany to strict fulfillment of armistice and treaty terms will provoke a howl from the German Americans who went for Harding.

Briefly stated, the election result indicates plainly that the people preferred to entrust future reconstruction problems, state, national and worldwide, to the Republican party rather than to continue the Democratic party in power. Probably a change is good for the state and nation in that it permits inventory and balance of the books. The Republican party has been returned to power in the President, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, the Governor of New York and the New York State Legislature. It has all power, all responsibility. Now let the country have political, industrial and social peace. Let us put aside party strife and boost for Peace and Prosperity.

There should be a prompt response to the plea of the state employees for an increase in salary—especially the lower-salaried ones. They have not had anything like the increase in wages that the cost of living has risen.

Wealthy Warned

Some plain speaking was indulged in at a recent general meeting of the Holy Name Societies in Dublin. After paying a warm tribute to the St. Vincent Society's work, a Protestant member of the labor party drew a pathetic picture of the poorer classes and said: "It is only the religion of the poor people that is shielding society from red raw anarchy."

Father Gannon, Jesuit, endorsed this view. Reminding the upper classes that they had been sitting on a quaking volcano and did not know it, he declared: "You hardly know how much of your security, such as it is, is due to the faith of the people—laboring under sufferings that others would not tolerate without throwing their riders off their backs. If you do not give willingly you may have to give unwillingly. There is an obligation on you rich men to subscribe what you can. You make your money out of Catholic labor. It is your bounden duty to support the poor."

The National Catholic Welfare Council has been placed in charge of several community houses built and equipped by businessmen of Utica, N. Y., irrespective of creed or nationality.

It is reported that the Brahmens of India who are great believers in the merits of fasting are inclined to look upon the late Mayor McSwiney in the light of a saint in their calendar.

If there is any lever the Federal Trade Commission or the Department of Justice can exert to bring down the price of coal and increase the supply it should be done.

Let us lay away the gaudy campaign suits for another four years.

Joseph P. Tumulty will retire on March 4 next with his chief, Woodrow Wilson.

Congratulations to Dan Fitzgerald as the new Grand Commander of Musa Caravan of the Order of Alhambra. Also to William M. Smith upon re-election as Faithful Navigator of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly.

Assemblyman Harry B. Crowley's majority was increased on November 2nd.

The "Guardians" were unable to defeat "Jack" Lyons as Secretary of State. The women did not rally to Miss Harriet May Mills as expected.

Colonel George Harvey denies he was responsible for the sacrilegious cartoon of the Immaculate Conception. Senator Harding repudiates it. Will Hays disowns it. Who was the guilty party?

Now let us all work for a new and fitting Catholic Boys High School building in Rochester!

Thank fortune Burleson will retire March 4, 1921.

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Catholic Social Lecture Circle

The Catholic Social Lecture Circle of Rochester, N. Y., makes the following announcement:

Lectures will be given on Friday evenings at 8:15 o'clock from November to May, in St. Joseph's Hall in Franklin Street. Admission to the lectures is free, and everybody is welcome.

The program of lectures, as far as arranged, is as follows:

November 12th, "The Individual, His Rights and Duties," Rev. Paul Holz, St. Joseph's Church.

November 26th, "The Family," Rev. William W. Heisel, Holy Redeemer Church.

December 10th, "The Family vs. The State," Rev. J. Edward Bayer, St. Mary's Church, Genesee.

January 14th, "The State, Its Elements, Its Origin and Its Purpose," Rev. William J. Ryan, Holy Rosary Church.

January 28th, "The Origin and Extent of Authority in the State," Philip H. Donnelly.

February 11th, "The Church," Rev. Bartholomew L. Quirk, Holy Rosary Church.

February 25th, "The Church and State," Rev. J. E. V. Guilfoil, St. Mary's Church.

March 11th, "Education and Citizenship," Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill, Immaculate Conception Church.

Loew's Star Theater

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 14th, Loew's Star Theater will offer as the feature of its photoplay programme "The Furnace", a super feature production by William D. Taylor. The picture is said to be one of the productions of the season that is entitled to be called great, and is notable for the power of its dramatic story, the elaborate settings of the scenes and the unusually notable cast. It will have its Rochester showing in advance of any other city. On the same programme with "The Furnace" will be a comedy, "An Overall Hero", in which Joe Martin, the almost human chimpanzee, has the leading role. The Loew's Star Symphony Orchestra will play a special musical setting for the feature and will also contribute solo numbers to the programme.

Regent Theatre.

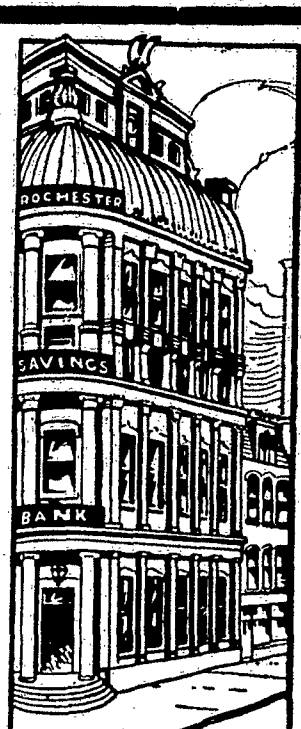
For the entire week beginning Sunday, Nov. 14th, the Regent Theater will present as the feature of its photoplay programme the screen version of Robert W. Chambers' popular novel, "The Fighting Chance". The picture has been made by Paramount and its cast includes Anna Q. Nilsson, Conrad Nagel and Dorothy Davidson. On the same programme will be a Drew comedy, "The Emotional Miss Vaughn", with John Cumberland, and many other pictures of quality. Beginning Sunday, Nov. 21st, the Regent will present as its feature Wallace Reid in his latest picture, "What's Your Hurry", said to hold one of the biggest thrillers of motion picture history.

Piccadilly Theatre.

For four days beginning Sunday, Nov. 14th, the Piccadilly Theater will show as the feature of its photoplay programme "The Mutiny of the Elsinore", motion picture made from Jack London's famous novel, with an all-star cast that will include Mitchell Lewis, Helen Ferguson and Noah Beery. On the same programme will be a Christy comedy, "Four Times Foiled."

On Thursday the Piccadilly programme will change and Owen Moore in "The Poor Simp" will become the feature, while a special added attraction will be "His Woman", a picture with Julia Arthur, of stage fame, and Master Ben Grauer in the featured role.

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