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**Unfortunate**

The riot on November 25th in New York City occasioned by the Union Club flying the Union Jack just as the attendants upon the memorial mass for ex-mayor MacSwiney across the way in St. Patrick's Cathedral was an unfortunate occurrence in itself. While, it may be true that the Club was within its rights in flying the British flag, nevertheless one cannot but feel that precious little tact was used in hoisting it at the exact moment chosen. To be sure, it is said that the real offenders were young irresponsible hoodlums who never pass up an excuse to throw a snowball, a stone or a brick and that these broke more of the club windows than did the Irish sympathizers. Certainly the Catholic Church cannot be held responsible for the mob spirit.

But it appears there are some Tory descendants of British sympathizers, just like the Tory Catholics in England who follow the lead of the Duke of Norfolk who revere the Union Jack today full as well as the Stars and Stripes—and may be better. Of course these anglo-maniac toadies are entitled to their opinion—poor and contemptible though it may be. But they went too far when they tried to make Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, of New York, a sharer in their feeling, especially when they were discourteous enough to demand through the medium of a letter in the daily papers, that the Archbishop immediately disassociate the Catholic Church from any connection with Irish politics and apologize to the Union Club for the insult offered to the Union Jack by the Mayor MacSwiney sympathizers.

His Grace promptly replied that the Catholic Church has not been and never will be in politics but that her children are of all creeds and as such entitled to the protection of Holy Mother Church. Inasmuch as the Church had done nothing to precipitate the riot, if riot it could be called, he certainly did not feel called upon to apologize to anybody and would not. Archbishop Hayes cuttingly emphasized the discourtesy displayed by the signers of the public letter in giving it to the press before the one to whom it was addressed had an opportunity to receive it much less read or answer it. In conclusion the Archbishop recalls that November 25 was the anniversary of Evacuation Day and hints that not so many years ago it would not have fallen to Irishmen to resent the public display of the British flag.

So evident is the realization by the foolish letter writers that they caught a tartar that none of them have ventured to defend their action. Doubtless, many of them were thoughtful and never expected to see their effusion in the public press. It will be a needed lesson, not to be too ready to sign

every document placed before you until you have read it and mastered its contents.

When all is said and done, there should be a law prohibiting public display in this country of any other than the American flag. This is not England, nor France, nor Russia, nor Poland, nor Greece, nor Italy, nor Austria, nor Ireland, nor Germany. This is America where we preach "one for all" and that means one flag. He who is not satisfied with that flag, while he stays in America and draws his living from the United States, let him go back from whence he came where he may revere his native flag and practise his native customs to his heart's content.

**Catholic Press Month**

In view of the decision of the Bishops of the United States to set apart March, 1921, as a "Catholic Press month", it will be of interest to republish these paragraphs from the "Bishops' Pastoral" issued about a year ago: "The functions of the Catholic press are of special value to the Church in our country. To widen the interest of our people by acquainting them with the progress of religion throughout the world, to correct false or misleading statements regarding our belief and practice, and, as occasion offers, to present our doctrine in popular form—these are among the excellent aims of Catholic journalism. As a means of forming sound public opinion, it is indispensable. The vital issues affecting the nation's welfare usually turn upon moral principles. Sooner or later, discussion brings forward the question of right and wrong. The treatment of such subjects from the Catholic point of view, is helpful to all our people. It enables them to look at current events and problems in the light of the experience which the Church has gathered through centuries, and it points the surest way to a solution that will advance our common interests.

"The unselfish zeal displayed by Catholic journalists entitles them to a more active support than hitherto has been given. By its very nature the scope of their work is specialized, and, within the limitations thus imposed, they are doing what no other agency could accomplish or attempt, in behalf of our homes, societies and schools.

"In order to obtain the larger results and the wider appreciation which their efforts deserve and which we most earnestly desire, steps must be taken to coordinate the various lines of publicity and secure for each a higher degree of usefulness."

**Not At All Bad**

We have not admired our Medina townsman, John Ford, now a Supreme Court Justice in New York City, but the following quotation from his speech welcoming the widow of Mayor MacSwiney to the United States expresses the sentiments of many Americans, who are neither Irish nor of Irish descent:—"England has as much right in Ireland as Germany had in Belgium and England is attempting to justify her position by the same arguments as those advanced by the Germans in their raid on Belgium—the ground of alleged national safety."

Unless you can convince the one you are appealing to that you earnestly believe in the cause you are advocating, you stand precious little chance of convincing the other man. This applies to all lines of endeavor—whether selling goods or soliciting funds or what not.

Our old friends, Rev. Dr. Wilbur Crafts, has succeeded in stirring up a great tempest. Contributions should come in fast. And we suspect, that is really what the belligerent Doctor really is after.

**Bishops' Praise**

Just for the sake of the record, if a future attempt is made to resurrect the anti-parochial school amendment the comment made by Bishops Gallagher and Kelly in the defeat of the Michigan proposition to abolish parochial schools, is herewith reproduced as follows:—

The two-to-one victory for liberty of education in Michigan crowns with triumph the untiring efforts of our Catholic forces during the past six months. Transforming odds of three to one against, into two to one for, tells the greatness of the task and the magnitude of the victory. The result shows that the heart of Michigan is sound and still beats true to the principles of American liberty and revolts at religious persecution. The highest honor is due to the fair-minded non-Catholic leaders of every profession, who by voice and pen blazed the way for hundreds of thousands of their fellow-citizens. Bishop Gallagher.

Grand Rapids, Nov. 3. The electorate of Michigan declared two to one at the polls yesterday that the anti-religious school amendment should not become a part of our constitution because it was unpatriotic and un-American. Religious liberty and freedom of conscience still flourish in this commonwealth. Bishop Kelly.

**The Catholic Press**

Three Popes, one after the other, have indorsed and commended the Catholic Press.

Pope Leo XIII said:—"A Catholic paper is a perpetual mission in the parish."

Pope Pius X wrote:—"In vain you will build churches, give missions, found schools—all your works, all your efforts will be destroyed—if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press."

Pope Benedict XV says:—"It seems to us that nothing is more desirable than that the number of those who can use their pen in a way rich in blessings should increase and that Catholic papers should have a large circulation, so that everyone may have every day good reading, which instructs and warns and strengthens and promotes the Christian virtues."

Here are an old and new saying to both of which one can subscribe. Carlyle said the old one:—"Men fail in their schemes not because of the lack of strength, but because of the ill direction of it." The new one comes out of the West, and adds to "be sure you're right, then go ahead," this amendment, "be sure you're wrong before you quit."

All schools in Holland, whether denominational or not, are now on a footing of perfect equality.

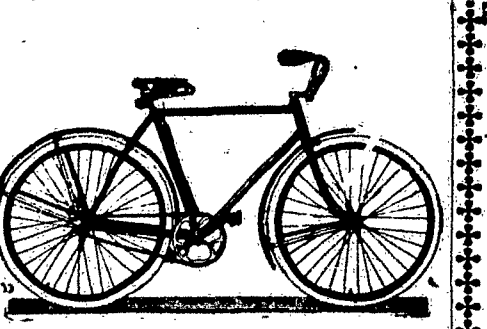
A years subscription to the Catholic Journal would make a splendid Christmas present to your friend.

Would the advocates of compulsory attendance on Sunday schools be satisfied with the latter day "Socialist Sunday Schools" with the Bible barred?

Industrial safety received another impetus from the New York State Safety Congress held in Syracuse this week.

President-elect Harding has won favorable comment by his common sense attitude since election.

In view of the number of alleged charitable agencies that are soliciting public funds it is well to be sure of the genuineness of the one soliciting. In the case of Catholic appeals it is well to consult your Bishop or the Catholic Charities for precise and accurate information.



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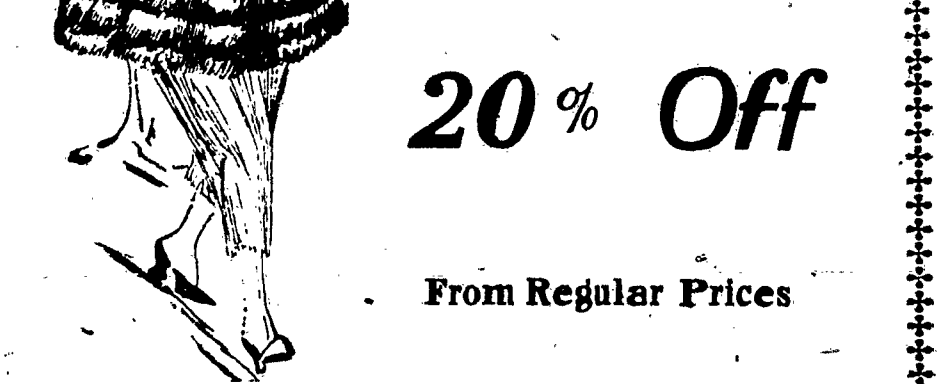
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