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**Bishop Gabriels**

One of the revered and historic figures in the American hierarchy died when Right Reverend Henry Gabriels, the scholarly Bishop of Ogdensburg was called to his last reward. As a seminary professor, as President of the old St. Joseph's Archdiocesan Seminary at Troy Bishop Gabriels had helped mould the career of many of the bishops and priests, of these United States. And his splendid example! What an influence it exerted on the history of the United States in these men he had taught and started in life no man can tell!

The life of Dr. Gabriels' spanned the half century of record-breaking achievements in the history of the Republic. The Civil War, the Spanish American War, four Popes, the great World's War, all are included in the events that passed before his eyes. The Catholic Church grew from a comparative handful in the United States to upward of twenty millions of adherents. From a few Bishops and a few hundred priests the hierarchy has widened into a score of archbishops and well-nigh as many bishops and monsignori as there had been priests.

In New York State, Bishop Gabriels saw erected the episcopal sees of Rochester, Syracuse and Ogdensburg, and saw all the incumbents of the sees of New York, Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Ogdensburg pass away, yes and in council when two and three bishops of one or two sees were selected.

Amid it all, Bishop Gabriels moved in the even tenor of his way. He was essentially the student, the churchman. The Catholic Church in America was the gainer in his life, it is the loser in his death.

May his soul rest in peace!

**Preparedness**

Of course, no one would want us to be called upon to enter another war in the state of unpreparedness our entrance into the late world's war found us. It is undoubtedly true that the majority of Americans do not expect we will engage in another war for many a year. It is devoutly to be hoped that these are correct in their assumptions and predictions.

But there are many of us who always have been with Theodore Roosevelt in his formula: "Speak softly but carry a large stick; and thou shalt travel far." In other words, advertising preparedness is more than likely to deter your antagonist from premature hostility.

How far shall we go in preparedness? is the burning question.

Rochester's fans are prepared to root for the home team if only they play ball.

**Do We Walk?**

In these days of the automobile and street car, the old and well-known exercise of walking to and from one's destination, let alone walking for recreation and pastime is becoming a memory.

And yet walking is one of the best sedatives to the nervous man, tired out at the office or factory plant. To walk briskly and alone for half an hour or an hour in a residence part of the city, or along a rural boulevard or in a city park often will rest the tired man, if taken in the middle of the day, so that he is able to complete the days work. And to walk to business fills one's lungs with ozone and fits one for the day's work; while walking home after the days labors, if at desk or in office, gives one an appetite to eat and digest the evening meal.

It was to his daily walk that the late Cardinal Gibbons attributed his longevity and good health. Charles Evans Hughes was and is a devotee to the walking exercise. Today the familiar figure of the Secretary of State is seen after hours in the residence streets of Washington and there is no more alert mind in the President's Cabinet than this austere lawyer who keeps his body fit by walking.

**Always the Pupil**

Space forbids publication in full of the beautiful tribute embodied in the eulogy of Bishop Gabriels delivered by Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York, but we cannot refrain from quoting the closing sentences because they indicate the influence upon the priesthood of the United States exerted by old St. Joseph's Seminary and its revered President:—

The old Seminary with its wealth of blessed memories is passing away. Bishop Gabriels' death closes another chapter of the most revered and familiar vistas of the venerable school fades away forever. He himself is the last of the Belgian professors associated with dear old St. Joseph's.

"Drs. Vandenhende, Puissant, Roelants, Fizez and LaFort have gone before. May all rest in peace eternal. What shall we his pupils, his disciples, his sons say at this moment, of our revered teacher, our saintly master, our beloved father? Speaking for Him who is privileged to stand in this pulpit today, let me say that, though I became the metropolitan of the bishop of Ogdensburg, I never permitted myself to lose sight of the affection, the reverence, the gratitude I owed this good and great prelate. I consider it, and I shall always consider it, one of God's special graces to me that I sat at the feet of Dr. Gabriels in old St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy. From him I acquired an abiding and reverent obedience to the laws of God and the church, from him I learned a deep spiritual sense of the Liturgy. By him my soul was inspired with the highest sacerdotal ideals.

It was to be expected that our old friend and co-editor, Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, the auxiliary bishop would be named as administrator of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Why is it so great a crime to urge that Ireland be given freedom?

Governor Miller is not swayed by the yellow press or the false motions of the sob artists.

Taxpayers do not kick on tax bills if they get value received.

Reckless automobilists would be deterred by jail sentences.

**"Miserable Failure"?**

Senator David Walsh, of Massachusetts, is not given to loose talk and hazy argument. Therefore, when he makes the following charges they carry weight:

Eighty-three thousand cases of veterans seeking compensation were on the files of the war risk bureau waiting attention at the end of November, 1920, and since that time the number has undoubtedly increased chiefly because the bureau demanded the soldiers asking assistance and help, which was lawfully theirs under the war insurance act, to furnish an indisputable, impetachable set of legal affidavits before their cases were even considered for settlement.

What can we think, he asked, of government machinery intended to function in the interests and welfare of our wounded and incapacitated soldiers and yet which demands in most cases from three to seven months in order to dispose of a soldier's claim for compensation? There is only one thing to think and that is that the government has been woefully lax in its recognition of the men who served it faithfully.

The Syracuse "Post Standard" adds this searching comment:—

The hospital care given the ill, especially the tubercular, was even more scathingly denounced by the senator and with justice, if his collection of facts in Massachusetts is indicative of the general situation, and it is probable that it is. Surely there must be some remedy for this state of affairs. We as a nation ceased hostilities in November, 1918. We had thousands of ill, disabled and mentally afflicted soldiers to care for. That there are thousands still to be cared for, thousands who are in want and suffering because of a dilatory governmental policy, demands attention. The present administration is pledged to afford relief to these many cases and the grave indictment by Senator Walsh will undoubtedly speed fulfillment of the pledge. Full recognition of the service these men gave the government, tho it be tardy because of inaction on the part of the former administration, is a just demand.

Bishop Gabriels was contemporaneous with Archbishops Williams and Corrigan, Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop McQuaid.

**Geneva Knights To Attend K. of C. Convention**

Geneva, May 4.—A large number of Geneva Knights of Columbus are preparing to attend the state convention of the order, which will be held in Rochester on May 24th and 25th. It is expected that those who do not attend the sessions of the convention will go to the ball to be held on Tuesday evening, May 24th. George T. Boucher, grand knight of the Rochester council has extended a special invitation to the Geneva members to attend the convention and ball.

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