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We Do It Now

Prompted by the example of the Catholic Church, whose school pupils attain great proficiency in the secular branches while their spiritual welfare is not neglected. Rev. Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, is urging "religious education week day schools".

Said Dr. Goodwin:—"The civilization of the present has been built with a materialistic aim and ambition and the stones of the building have not been cemented by religious conviction. It will be the supreme challenge and problem of the coming generation to rebuild the domestic, industrial and governmental structure. It is not fair to send the children out to face his problem without adequate equipment. We must realize that any reconstruction of home, society or national life which is to prove enduring must be built on the foundation of God's eternal truth.

Reconstruction plans, whether for national or international life, which are built on foundations of slush or selfishness are doomed to destruction and the sooner that destruction comes the better.

"Our duty, therefore, is perfectly plain. We must lead the children of the present to know the 'truth that makes men free.' We must lay in their lives a foundation of Christian character. We must give them the impulse to live, not alone for what they can get from the world, but for what they can give in service.

"It is futile to expect that they will be adequately equipped if we train them simply for the material ends of life. Secular education must be reinforced. The week-day religious education school offers an opportunity for doing this. Every churchman, every citizen, should give to this movement his encouragement and enthusiastic support.

"The public school authorities have publicly declared that the subjects which the children omit during the hour of religious instruction do not compare in value with the value of the instruction given in that period in the week-day schools. The principals of both schools which furnished pupils for the school in week-day religious education conducted at St. Paul's Church last winter, have testified that the children who attended the religious education classes showed a marked improvement in public school work and in public school behavior.

"Money spent to provide for these schools of religious education is the best investment which the present can make as a contribution to the future; and it is the easiest to raise."

Is it true that the gentleman who preaches "thrift" in the press thinks the only really thrifty persons are those who invest their savings in the securities he has to sell?

Strike Settled

There is to be no nationwide railroad strike.

At the last minute, mutual concessions, secured by the Federal Labor Board, were effective to call off the menace to the transportation system of the country. For this relief, much thanks.

But there never should be occasion for such a menace, a specter that held back timorous Capital from hastening resumption of business.

Legislation should be speedily enacted, protective of rights of employers and employees, that will make a nationwide strike of railroad employees absolutely impossible.

One Of Our Own

Says the Rochester "Times-Union":—"The interests and point of view of the two great English speaking peoples are to a large extent identical.

"They are identical in Europe, they are identical in the Orient, they are identical on the problem of disarmament.

"In Europe it is Great Britain, and Great Britain pre-eminently, which is pursuing a policy calculated to lead to a speedy recovery of the waste of war. Her statesmen have not only put hatred and passion behind them, but they have faced and are facing the practical facts of the situation. In the problem of reparations, so vital to America, the British point of view is much the same as our own point of view.

"In the Orient both nations have a primary interest in equality of commercial opportunity. Both will face in the same spirit the questions raised by the policy of Japan. And this is truer and truer, as the great dominions come more and more to shape the policy of the empire.

"As to disarmament, there is no question of the sincerity of British desires in this regard. The reduction of British naval forces, indeed, had been actually begun when our own great naval program produced a halt. With an understanding of the nations, it would certainly be resumed.

"America and Great Britain must act together for the peace of the world."

In view of the fact that the real and true American is a blend of English, Irish, Scotch, French, Spanish, Italian, Belgian, German, Dutch, Slav and Russian, why not a distinctively American policy and standard? Why trail behind England exclusively?

If the American people had their way there would be a new President of the Morgan bank in succession to the wonderful man who wept because the railroad strike was averted. He wanted the fight between employer and employee "fought to a finish now", regardless of the rights of the great American public.

If it be accepted that one American can best three of any other race, why such insistence by the Anglomaniacs on a British-American hard and fast alliance to the exclusion of the French, the Belgian, the Italian and all the rest?

Bootlegging flourishes because there's big money in it.

Now that the railroad strike has been averted, will the railroads lower freight rates?

Open season for municipal politicians closes on November 8th at 6 P. M.

It used to be "Deadwood Dick" and "Calamity Jane" in the line of juvenile fiction. Now it is Monsieur Bill Hart, Chevalier Charlie Chaplin and Captain Doug. Fairbanks.

The Catholic Journal's "Calendar and Review" is preserved for reference by many thoughtful readers.

Incapacity

Treating on the proposed constitutional amendment to give all veterans preference in the State civil service. The Post Express delivers this opinion:—We have in our state 125,000 positions which are under civil service; and it is now proposed as a sop to our veterans to pass a law under which any one of them able to "get by" an examination even by the skin of his teeth must be employed in preference to any civilian, however splendidly he may be equipped to fill the position. He may be a conceded expert in his line, may have written textbooks on the subject, may have had long experience in the performance of similar work. But he must be set aside in favor of any "veteran" who can struggle through an examination. Is this just; is it expedient; is it common sense? Could any private business be running successfully on that theory? Are mediocrities good enough to do the work of the state and actually to have the preference over highly trained, competent and experienced men? We very often fill our elective offices on that principle, a deplorable state of affairs which cannot be helped. But should we put a premium on incapacity in appointing salaried public servants? People who do not think so can express their sentiments on the subject by voting No on proposed amendment number one.

Golden Rule

Commenting on a recent speech by Arthur Nash, listed as "The Golden Rule employer", the Rochester Times Union says:—"The people of the world do not know how to stop murdering one another or a disarmament conference would be unnecessary. They do not know how to aid the jobless."

Mr. Nash went on to point out the contrast between this picture and the picture that he drew of conditions where the Golden Rule is applied.

The Golden Rule does not settle a single problem of living; it eliminates them!

The gentleman is right. The succession of crises and climaxes that trouble this old earth are confessions. Each one testified to a condition that is barbarian. Things get so bad and then they begin to grow better. That is the mad, blind method of mass humanity. What the mind and heart behind the Golden Rule proposed was to do away with the situations and causes leading up to crises. Every conference of the kind described above is like a physicians' consultation over the patient. It means that serious conditions have arisen that never should have been permitted to arise.

The Golden Rule will not settle or solve any of these things, but it will eliminate them all.

Our contemporary might have added that the "Golden Rule" is really the teachings of Jesus Christ as carried on today by the Catholic Church.

Says the Boston "Globe"—The raw material of history is lying in great chunks all over the map of Central Europe. No one can guess what is going to happen. Anyone who cares to find out how history is made has only to keep his eye on the foreign situation, and he will be sitting in at a course better than any offered by a college professor.

During this month of November do not forget in your prayers your departed loved ones. If you have none of your own pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory who have no one to remember them. They'll not forget you in your hour of need.

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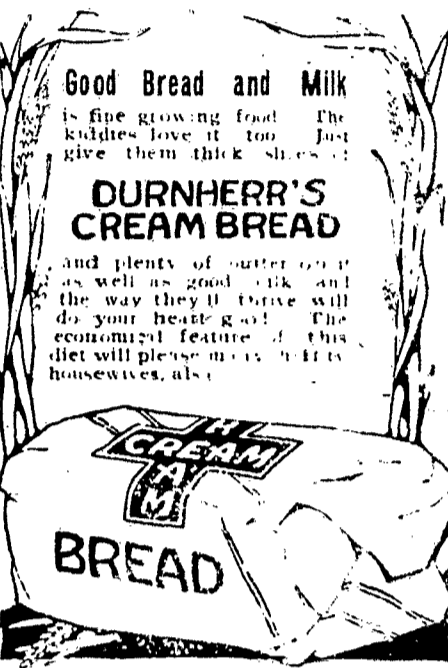
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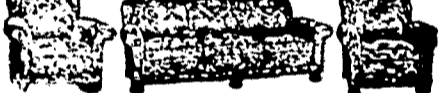
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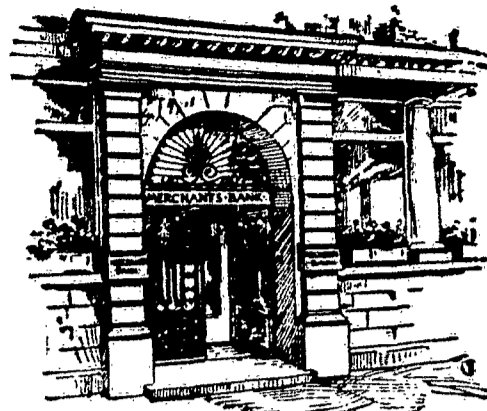
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