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Associated Press Unfair

Howard MacNider, new head of the American Legion, is as broad-minded as Gilbert O. Nations, editor of "The Protestant" and major-domo of the latest A. P. A. is narrow minded.

Nations, in his sheet, heralded MacNider as a Roman Catholic and used this as evidence that the Pope had seized control of the American Legion.

MacNider reported that he was as good a Protestant as Nations and a Free Mason to boot but that he was no bigot. Moreover, he had great respect for the Catholic Church especially after his experience in the war with Catholic chaplains and K. of C. workers.

Nations printed a half-way apology to MacNider but omitted his praise for the Catholic Church. Instead he gave vent to new slanders against the Church.

The Associated Press sent out from Washington an extended report of the original Nations diatribe but cut MacNider's protest to the mere denial that he was a Catholic. The Associated Press, however, carried the second Nations attack on the Church.

Rev. John J. Burke, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, made protest but received no satisfaction from the assistant general manager in Washington. He persisted, however, and has received this apology from the President of the Associated Press:

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, President's Office, Star Building, Washington, D. C. April 3, 1922. "Reverend John J. Burke, 1812 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C.

"My dear Sir: "As I wrote you some days ago, a response to your letter of March 9th has been delayed by my absence from Washington.

"Responding directly to your question, I wish to say that it is our policy and our rules to give place in our reports to unsupported and unfounded charges against public institutions or private individuals.

"I further think that you are quite justified in your criticism of our sending out the item from Washington of which you complain, as I do not feel that it was either proper matter for us to handle as spontaneous news or relevant to any controversy of which we had handled one side and were therefore bound in fairness to carry a reply, though it was on this theory that the editor of the matter used the extract.

"I am sorry that this was not said to you in response to your first letter. "Very sincerely, (Signed) "FRANK B. NOYES." Mr. Noyes personally called upon Father Burke and gave his consent to the publication of his article in the Catholic papers.

Sunday weather was bad after all

Once Again!

In our news columns last week we carried a story about the launching of a new movement against the Church. We have had many of these during the last quarter of a century and the latest proves that all we did during the late war has not eliminated all the bigotry or extinguished all the bigots.

The latest aspirant for the doffed mantle of the malodorous A. P. A. is the "Evangelical Protestant Society" said to be backed by the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations. Probably, many individual members of these sects do not sympathize with the principles or aims of the new assailant of the Church but Bishop Burt of the Methodist Church and the sensation-monger of New York, Rev. John Roach Straton, represents the Baptists on the Board of Directors.

Frankly, the new organization avows its hostility to the Catholic Church per se, although its projectors are shrewd enough to say that they are not antagonistic to individual Catholics. This latter declaration is intended to hoodwink the timorous business man who does not care to run the risk of alienating Catholic trade.

Of course, in order to justify its existence the "Evangelical Society" accuses the Catholic Church of responsibility for everything that has happened out of the ordinary from the San Francisco earthquake to the latest aeroplane catastrophe. We are indicted for owning the Pope as our spiritual head even if he is the lineal descendant of Christ and His Apostles; and we are charged with controlling the Administration in Washington even if the President is a high-up Mason and there is not a Catholic in the Harding Cabinet and the Premier is the son of a Welsh Baptist preacher.

Ah well, we have survived many another bigoted onslaught and we feel reasonably sure the Church will weather this one.

Possibly So

In view of the declaration by the new "Evangelical Protestant Society" that it intends to model its propaganda after that of the Anti-Saloon League, the following editorial in a recent issue of the Rochester "Herald" is pertinent:

In a circular said to have been sent out by the Anti-Saloon League in soliciting contributions to carry on its work there was a paragraph which clears up a situation which has long been a puzzle to the public. That refers to the ease with which legislation is put through Congress in the interests of the league. This paragraph says:

"A number of Congressmen who hold the balance of power and pile up majorities in Congress come from the Southern and Western States, where money for organization and educational purposes is scarce. They always had to have help from the National League."

What this means, if it means anything, is that the Anti-Saloon League has been financing the election of Representatives in Congress pledged to their service. If the purchase of a seat in the Senate by Mr. Newberry of Michigan is any worse than this, we would like to have it pointed out. The income of the league is understood to average \$2,000,000 a year. Of course a great deal of money is needed to pay a horde of workers, but that would leave a large margin for the buying of seats in Congress for stool-pigeons.

Rochester Council of the Knights of Columbus has the enviable distinction of Papal approval bestowed by Pope Pius XI.

"Admiral Barnes" is a high-sounding title but the boss of the "Casey" building campaign can wear a big title.

On Trial

In its comments on an interview with Will H. Hays, the Kenesaw Landis of moviedom, "Columbia" says:-

It isn't a Taylor tragedy, or an Arbuckle orgy, or a Fairbanks-Pickford marriage and divorce embroglio that causes the "movies" to stand suspect. It's the average low tone of the studio products. The news reels are by far the most intelligent, just as the custard-pie comedies are by the most refined of the current movie products. It may be that rigid censorship of the "movies" would simply be going from the extreme of vulgarity to the extreme of verboten; but something must be done. The "movies" are on trial. Mr. Hays has a big job, for the public looks to him to correct evil tendencies in motion pictures which the producers simply aggravate by their mercenary insistence on sex emphasis. Good pictures like "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse," which tell a straightforward, human story, can be successful, financially and artistically. But the so-called spectacles and love problem plays, are, in bulk, the picturesque marred by the sensual. With the young and adolescent receiving their impressions of life largely through the screen, it behooves the men responsible for what appears on the screen to purge their product of suggestiveness. Mr. Hays can compel common sense and cleanliness. If the motion-picture magnates fail him in this regard, their trade may ultimately go the way of the unspeakable saloon.

The Rochester "Caseys" sure are on the map.

Will some of the funds for "missions" now being collected by the Methodists from all classes of citizens be turned over to the new Evangelical Society?

Rochesterians who had seen Admiral Sims and then looked upon Admiral Benson realize, if honest, that there is difference between the two, aside from the fact that Admiral Benson is a Catholic.

In the early part of the Fifteenth Century it was asserted in the Council of Constance that Europe contained four great divisions or Empires, viz, Greek, Roman, Spanish and Irish. As for the English they were assigned with other "tribes" to the minor division of Germany but given precedence over the French on the plea that the English were the Lords of Ireland and the Irish.

The Catholic Welfare Council's European news service is equal to, if not superior to that of any secular news gathering organization.

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