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Right Spirit

There are a lot of tom Watson bigots in Phoenix City, Georgia. There was a flag pole in front of St. Patrick's school, which is conducted by the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Trinity. From the pole flew the Stars and Stripes.

One would think that even in Georgia, "Old Glory" would be respected.

But that pole was surmounted by a Cross and the Georgia bigots cannot bear to look upon the reminder of the Crucifixion. So they first destroyed the flag and then cut down the Sisters' flag pole.

It happens that there is an Army barracks, Camp Benning, near Phoenix City. The soldiers at the barracks, many of them veterans from overseas, subscribed the funds to purchase a new pole and flag and then they erected the pole and hoisted the Stars and Stripes.

Moreover the soldiers told the Sisters they would take a hand if any further disrespect is shown the National flag.

They may not like it, but those bigots will be low.

J. F. All Right!

Perhaps John F. Hylan may not be the greatest Mayor New York ever had; perhaps, he may not please the anglo-manics or even the true-blue Tammanyites, but, one thing is certain, he is not afraid to denounce intolerance or to criticize senseless bigots.

Speaking recently in Chicago before 600 newly made Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Mayor Hylan uttered these straight-from-the-shoulder sentiments:

"There is no place in America for intolerance and bigotry. Those who would set neighbor against neighbor on the score of differences in religious beliefs are enemies of America. There is no cause for such intolerance and one of the great works of the Knights of Columbus has been by their example of tolerance to break down prejudice. Every man has a right to his religious convictions and should be protected in them. Every religion, in so far as it makes for personal righteousness and public justice has a value to the community.

"There are greater issues which should unite all 100 per cent Americans together. Those who are throwing up the dust cloud of intolerance and bigotry and dissension are doing it to keep the people divided, so that the people may be exploited.

"The time has come when the honest and sincere members of all political parties, of all social, fraternal, and benevolent organizations, and of all religious denominations should get together to give battle to that foe of our country—the spirit of selfishness and greed fostered by those who, for personal gain, would debase our form of government and exploit the people.

The Community Chest of 1922 should be filled to overflowing.

"Mind Your Own"

Rt. Rev. C. F. Thomas, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Washington, is one of the National Capital's most gifted clerical speakers. A few weeks ago he was the luncheon speaker before the Kiwanis Club and made a happy talk in the course of which he gave a sly dig at one of the latter day public faults.

"This is the age of altruism," said Msgr. Thomas. "We have introduced a twelfth commandment, 'To mind other people's business.' We want to make everyone happy, regardless of their preferences as to how it should be done, and in devotion to the twelfth commandment, we have forgotten the eleventh, 'Mind your own business.'

"There are three elements of happiness—health, wealth and wisdom—but all of these require a good conscience." The pursuit of happiness is a duty, if carried out with due regard to the moral laws, said the eloquent Monsignor, but the great need of America today is for Americans to build up the solid foundations of happiness within their own homes.

Without Books

A prolific syndicate writer gives this brief hint of what books mean to man and what life would be without them:

"By books I mean, of course, magazines and newspapers and all the forms into which the printed words are put. Try to imagine life without them, no newspapers to read at breakfast, or to steal time from the dishes to glance over; no magazine to be brought by the postman to brighten the day with its thrilling serial to be read after your work is done; no absorbing novel to form an undercurrent in your thoughts (again and again I catch myself subconsciously wondering how the person in some book I have been reading is getting along, without at first realizing that he or she is not a real person) and to crown the day's work with an evening of escape from reality; no record except inaccessible written records of the vast and intricate development that has made the world what it is today; no biographies to thrill and inspire, or shame one out of depression and discouragement."

Lady Nancy Astor, M. P., seems to be perfectly willing to permit Viscount Waldorf Astor, 2nd, be known to posterity as "Lady Astor's husband."

Indiana evidently prefers a talker to a doer in the United States Senate.

Gifford Pinchot would be Governor of Pennsylvania. Young Teddy Roosevelt would be United States Senator from New York while Albert J. Beveridge has captured the United States Senator nomination in Indiana. Verily, the Bull Moose Movement was not all for the perpetuation of the Roosevelt dynasty.

Professor John M. S. Allison of Yale, aptly describes latter day Americans as in danger of becoming "intellectual cubists" if we carry on modern educational ideas much further.

Nicholas Murray Butler may do many things we do not like but he is entitled to full credit for his efforts to rebuild the Library at Louvain.

When the Knights of Columbus new club house is finished and St. Aquinas Institute in operation Catholic activities will move even more rapidly toward full realization of their part in the civic as well as spiritual life of Rochester.

They were considering a bill in the Legislature to make every inhabitant of Massachusetts go to some church on Sunday but it never emerged from the committee room.

Pius XI.

Speaking before his own people in Philadelphia upon his return from Rome, Cardinal Dougherty gave this pen picture of the Holy Father:—

"As soon as I entered into the august presence of Pius XI he expressed his regret at the inability of the American cardinals to reach Rome in time for the election; and at once he made known his determination so to modify the constitution of the Church and its fundamental law that a sufficient interval would be given hereafter between the death of the Pope and the conclave in order that America might be surely represented; and, in fact, before the conclave was over this determination had been reached and the law was prepared at once, and has, I understand, now been promulgated.

"That was the first time I made the acquaintance of our new Holy Father. He is a striking figure, of physical and intellectual strength, modest, calm, handsome, reflective by the long habit of study, eager to see and weigh every point of a question; a thinker, scholar, linguist, diplomat, administrator. He is regarded as a man of destiny. In fact, if you look at the list of cardinals you will find that his name is the very last. He had been admitted into the Sacred College just in time to become eligible for the Papacy. And I was afterward told by Cardinal Gasparri, the secretary of state, that from the commencement of the balloting in the conclave one could see the hand of Providence preparing the way for the election of the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan.

"In both of my private audiences with our Holy Father, he expressed his admiration for this country; and also for the marvelous growth, vitality and promise of the American Church. I, on my part, ventured to pledge the loyalty, the prayers and help of all American Catholics."

Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday of the Catholic University at Washington has completed "Life and Times of John Carroll, first archbishop of Baltimore."

Baseball again has come into its own.

It is difficult for the average policeman to distinguish between games of chance and skill but the Rochester "Finest" seem to be really adept in the art.

Verily, the bootlegger is a very versatile individual. Likewise, he is a real menace to society.

So "Bishop" Burt has gulled his fellow Methodists into supplying more good money to be frittered away in Protestantizing the Italians in Rome. It simply cannot be done, Mr. Burt. The Italian is either a Catholic or he is a zero, religiously speaking.

The "self-educated chap" who has accumulated a library of translations from the classics, from which he is pleased to quote, is usually, one of those who would cut out study of the classics in the latter-day colleges. He wants to keep secret the source of his apparent knowledge.

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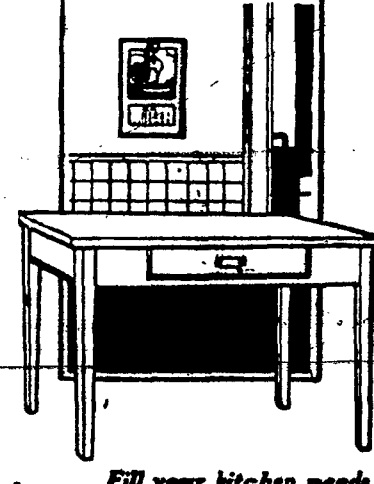
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