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Stop And Listen!

Bishop Hickey's pointed warning to parents, now that vacation is on, to know where their boys and girls are; who they are with and what they are doing comes at a time when such warnings are needed badly.

There has been such a loosening of all restraint due to the war conditions that things are done and conditions tolerated that would not have been thought of five years ago, and while actual war may have compelled relations that meant nothing, now that the war is over the war tension is relaxed and there is grave danger of serious consequences if young persons of both sexes are permitted promiscuous intercourse unchaperoned and unsupervised.

Besides, it is better for the boys and girls, whether they will concede it or not, to be supervised early rather than hang their heads in shame because of awful consequences following what appealed to them as "great fun". There is no part of our social fabric where a speedy return to "normalcy" is needed than in stoppage of the unrestricted relations between the young of both sexes that grew up in the war period because of peculiar emergency conditions.

Our Rt. Rev. Bishop and the clergy know the prevailing conditions and hence they are warning against lack of restraint, also against evil and suggestive literature. Now let the parents do their part. And let the young folks listen and be guided by the counsel of their elders.

If Glynn's Out?

If the story sent out from New York is true, then the newspaper property built up by the Farrells and the Brady's and by Martin Glynn has passed into the control and ownership of William Randolph Hearst.

So far as the Albany "Times Union" is concerned, Mr. Hearst and Mr. Brisbane will not run so different a paper in one way from Mr. Glynn. He catered to his reading public and shaped his journalistic sails accordingly. He "played up" every sensational happening with the blackest of type and the most lurid of headlines. He covered every angle and every detail of the scandal.

But there was a certain principle adhered to in Mr. Glynn's editorial page. He was no bigot. Catholics always had a square deal in the news columns.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Hearst's acquisition of the Times Union is for the ultimate good of Albany or otherwise.

Just who is backing the attack on Francis P. Garvan and the Chemical Foundation organized to foster and build up an American Chemical industry? At least that was the public explanation.

In choosing a vacation location did you make sure there was adequate facilities to perform your religious duties.

Right Spirit

As a trend of the times, the following editorial from the Post Express of this city is illuminative and illustrative:—

"That was a fine tribute both to the Knights of Columbus and to the Masons which the grand master of the Masons of New York state paid, in an address at Boonville, New York, recently.

The occasion was the opening of the new Masonic temple in the town. The Boonville council of the Knights had sent a beautiful floral token to the Masons. Grand Master Tompkins in his address said, "We were together in times of war, let us be together in times of peace." He said of the offering of flowers, "It has been a manifestation of the spirit of tolerance and brotherhood." Similar exchanges between these two great organizations have before been noted. When the Knights held their state convention in Buffalo a few years ago, the Masons threw open the Masonic temple in that city to the visitors for use as a lounging place and the writing of letters and so forth. When unpatriotic persons in California attacked the Knights as foes of our country by circulating a false oath which they pretended is taken by the Knights, a committee of Masons was allowed to investigate the matter fully, and proved the falsity of the charge.

"This is the proper spirit for citizens of our country or for their organizations to have. They are all working towards the same general end, Grand Master Tompkins said in the Boonville speech. "Masonry is not opposed to any other organization because their members may have different ideas regarding the form of worship of the Almighty. But Masonry is opposed to organizations which are intolerant concerning such worship." That is the attitude for all true Americans and American organizations to take. It is a rebuke to those sneaking, dark intern organizations, such as the Ku Klux Klan, that are striving to sow the seeds of religious bigotry and hate among us."

Reasonable

Former and to be Senator Albert J. Beveridge presents a fairly powerful argument why we should not take any great part in world politics or enter into any exclusive alliance with any European people. His promise is that "the American task is to create a new race in the world, which shall be known as the American people."

Continuing, Senator Beveridge says:—Our work is to fuse the racial groups here into an harmonious whole. When we interfere in foreign disputes, we disturb this welding process, and in fact, in many cases reverse it. He points out that in no other country in the world is there such a collection of racial groups as in ours. Europe has been sending us her people by thousands. Every country on that continent has contributed its quota. Naturally, since this immigration has been continuous, there are always here many from each country that have not had time to come under the process of Americanization. If we interfere in a dispute between two European countries, the immigrants from these countries, not yet knowing us and our institutions, take sides with their own nations, and both sides are likely to grow hostile to us, with the result that many may refuse to become assimilated, and, resentful, may remain a racial group among us, instead of becoming Americans.

The Times Union tells of a "Rochester Bureau of Rehabilitation" operated by the State Department of Education. Where does the State Department of Labor come in? We understood that it furnished the money.

Mr. Will Hays says the movies are to be cleaned up. Let's hope he can make good.

Representative Henry of Texas says he is in favor of the Ku Klux Klan because it is anti-Catholic—and that for the reason that he opposes any union of Church and State. How come that way, Congressman.

For hot weather language just glance over the following paragraph from one of the most sedate and conservative of our non-partisan daily contemporaries:—A senator of the United States is quoted as declaring that he would rather sink every ship of our merchant marine than have liquor sold on a single vessel. Is he a hypocrite or merely an un-hinged mentality? Is he a gallery player, a fanatic or a fool? No, great organizations have before been elective noun fittingly descriptive of a person who could say that comes, at the moment to mind. The "Journal of Commerce" feels justified in classifying prohibition as "one of our most offensive national hypocrisies". It points out that not even those who have ranted most loudly against the saloon refrain from patronizing the bootlegging fraternity. Hosts of legislators helped to put a law upon the land which they feel under no personal moral obligation to obey. This being a known notorious fact, can there be any question that such laws breed popular contempt for all laws?

Theodore Roosevelt's ghost must be appearing in North Dakota.

If no solution can be found of the coal mining problem whereby the people of the country can purchase coal at fair rates, that very fact constitutes a scathing indictment of our American civilization.

There should be some middle ground whereby the shoe workers could return to work without offense to the pride of either the shoe manufacturers or their employees.

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