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Bigotry Rebuked!

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared, it is seen that the result of the Chicago municipal election two weeks ago is a smashing rebuke to the forces of bigotry that have been so active and open in the Metropolis of the West.

Judge Dever, a splendid Catholic gentleman, and progressive citizen has been elected Mayor and with him other city officers of similar type. In every instance, where the Ku Klux Klan openly supported a candidate that candidate was defeated.

Coming on the heels of the election of Alfred E. Smith as Governor of New York state the defeat of anti-Catholic bills in the Legislature of several states and the internal fighting of the Klan in its home State of Georgia, the Chicago election spells a break in ranks check upon the march of the forces of bigotry.

We cannot but hope and believe that the decent sentiment of the United States never will long countenance and encourage the sub-cellar bigots.

Local Hearst agents are said to be pained at the joyful welcome accorded the millionaire publisher by the Mayor of Baltimore as contrasted with the cool reception he received here. But at that time Thomas W. Finucane was in Europe!

Governor Smith.

Governor Smith's visit to Rochester last week to seek support of his proposed plan to reorganize the New York State Government by eliminating all elective state officials, except the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General and reducing the number of State Departments to about 24 and providing that all future boards, bureaus and commissions to be created by the State Legislature must be placed in one or other of these State Departments; followed by Speaker Edmund H. Machold, in opposition, are events of no mean importance.

It is plain that the contest between the Democratic Governor and the Republican speaker is not merely one of purely partisan politics. It is a contest between two schools of civic and economic thought.

One might define it as a contest between Governor Alfred E. Smith, conservative radical and Speaker Machold, radical conservative.

The public is likely to be better informed as to Albany procedure and methods as the result of the election.

Klux Klanners in home of Atlanta are quarreling, the spoils while their paid agents are trying to dupe the voters in New York by parading with their harem in exchange for a few dollars' worth of... and fired to dancing for hours and hours is to be sure!

Sound Advice.

As a stinging rebuke to the mudslingers and as a sound piece of political advice applicable to every community in the country as well as to Chicago, the following editorial from the Chicago Tribune is reproduced as follows: children is justified by the Post-Express in the following well-written editorial;—

"Chicago voters are electing a mayor today. We have all deplored the issue which governing a large mass of voters. It has nothing to do with the administration of Chicago and the fair, and after the election, will not be apparent in the city hall, no matter who wins.

"The people know that their big business cannot be run on a principle of religious antagonism. The great packing business of Chicago was built up by Morris Swift, Armour, Cudahy, etc. Morris was a Jew, Cudahy a Catholic, Armour a Protestant. Morris did not say that no one but Jews could head departments in his plant; Cudahy that no one but Catholics could do the same in his, and Armour and Swift that no one but Protestants could do so in theirs.

"People see that these are impossible absurdities, but when they take up the business in which they are all stockholders, the government of the city, they discard all common sense and return to the spirit that made the Christian world a slaughter-house in the name of Him who told people to love one another.

"We have had Protestant mayors and we have had Catholic mayors. Religion never has influenced them. Thompson, a Protestant, whose campaign stirred up a lot of religious feeling, appointed a Catholic as chief of police, a Jew as corporation counsel and Catholics in other important places. Dunne, a Catholic, appointed a cabinet, nearly all Protestants. What do people get so crazy about in their campaigns? The candidate they elect pays no attention to the thing that sent them off their heads. It is known as bad politics to pay attention to it."

Fiendish.

Worse by far because the world is supposed to have progressed year by year than the outrages of Nero in Rome or the terrible atrocities of the French Revolution, are the fiendish acts of the Russian Soviet. Not content with the revolution that swept czarism from Russia, the human fiends now in charge of the destinies of Russia propose to stamp out Religion, eliminate God from the literature and speech of the country and turn the Nation into unbelievers, worse by far than the average South African heathen or the South Sea Islander cannibal.

We are not penning these lines on hearsay but after reading Francis McCullough's graphic narrative in the New York 'Herald' of the one-sided hearing of Archbishop Stepiak and of Father Butchkevitch—the first of whom will die in prison, the latter was cruelly murdered after conviction by a packed jury and prejudiced judges of being true priests of God.

Hail to the Russian Martyrs!

Passing of the Cutler properties into the hands of a New York real estate syndicate marks a new top notch in Rochester realty prices.

From a state employment bureau to a temporary bank spells the progress of the Atlas Building on Elm street.

Barred Out.

Barring of Madame Kalinin, mudslingers and as a sound piece of political advice to her proposed trip through the United States to spread soviet propaganda and to collect funding editorial from the Chicago Tribune is reproduced as follows: children is justified by the Post-Express in the following well-written editorial;—

"The barring of the intending visitor on the ground advanced by Secretary Hughes is a good and sufficient reason in itself. The feeling aroused in this country by this foul murder of a priest for his devotion to his religion is such that there would be grave danger of riotous demonstrations if she were admitted. She might even be attacked and injured, and that would cause complications with the Russian Soviet government, with which this government has no desire to negotiate upon any matter. But the stories that her real mission here was to help in some way the desire of Reds here to overthrow our government rendered suspicious the professedly philanthropic object of her visit. She was to address meetings under the direction of the American Commission for the Relief of Russian Children. The Soviet government has never appeared to have such care for the welfare of the children of Russia as this would imply, and it is only a few days ago that its officials showed by arrests of workers for Russian relief that it does not care for the relief of adults or children in Russia. Its sole object is plunder and bloodshed. Denials of ulterior motives in Mme. Kalinin's visit are not worth much, in view of the professed belief of the Russian Reds that lying to capitalist governments and peoples is permissible if necessary to gain an end desired by the Reds. This country will not miss anything by the absence of Mme. Kalinin. We shall do as much for Russian children as if she had come, and perhaps more. Were she to come here, we should have reason to fear, not only while she was here, but also after she had gone. As a protest against an outrageous crime, barring her will express, though feebly—our detestation of the regime for which our would-be visitor stands.

West Virginia bigots introduced a bill to appoint a special committee to "snoop" into all convents and monasteries. Legislature killed it!

Did you file your Federal and state income tax returns in time?

Wonder if Keneaw Mountain Landis will draw a bigger popular ovation than Rudolph Valentino?

So the Socialist 'Call' believes the execution of Catholic priests and the strangling of religion by the Russian Soviet is justifiable? We always took that view of the 'Call'.

Secretary Roland B. Woodward, of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce wears new laurels—arbitrator in the local taxicab strike.

Speaking on behalf of the immigration restriction league Professor Robert Ward of Harvard University brings forward an argument well worth careful consideration.

After pointing out the well-known enormous waste of labor which results from the way in which many of our industries are conducted, he says:

When our captains of industry have so reorganized their business that they can offer full annual employment to all their workers, and have reduced their labor turnover to a minimum, they will have a right to be heard as to whether more immigrants are required. (It is a distinct satisfaction to note that some of our manufacturers clearly recognize the situation, and are meeting it by reorganizing their methods of employment.

GRANNY.

When Mother's Day comes round, my heart with rapture fills, Girlhood days recalling, with memories ecstatic thrills, By home influence surrounded, never a thought for care, In that old log cabin, with Granny smiling there.

CHORUS Like a starry snowdrop, twinkling through its frosted veil, Flowery pioneer of Spring, who with gladness we hail, In her cap and borders, Granny would smile and say, You were born in old New York, Granny cross the sea, Your Mother with the Light of Day, where the Mississippi leaves I-O-Waa.

When I'll cross the Mighty River, wouldn't the Golden Shore look bare, Without that old log cabin, Mother and Granny trying there, Beyond the Great Divide, just inside the Pearly Gates, Where every day is Mothers day, with our fond associates.

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Irish Truth Society English Protestants

Makes Quick Recovery Grow Uneasy and Seek in Vain For Union

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, April 6.—In its publicity and propaganda work the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland has fully recovered from the disorganization which resulted last year from the destruction of its fine premises in O'Connell Street, Dublin. Recently it has turned out quite a number of doctrinal and literary publications. In the list are the following by Rev. V. Hornby, S. J.: "The Seven Sacraments Briefly Explained" Catholic Orders and Anglican Orders", Catholic Doctrines", Catholic Practices". Other works include "Founder and Follower" by Rev. M. Bodkin, S. J.; "A good Soldier of Christ" by Rev. Aloysius Corbett, O. D. C.; "Catholic and Citizenship" by Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Clonfert; "The House of God and the Reverence Due to It" by Right Rev. Monsignor Segrove, P.P., V.G.

Ulster School Bill Fails To Please Even Protestant Voters

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, April.—The Bishops in Six Counties have not yet made any pronouncement on the Belfast Education Bill. Even Protestants do not all appear to be enamored of it. The measure, as it stands, makes it impossible for Church schools to be transferred to the Education authority. In regard to unendowed schools the advantages promised to those who consent to come in are so slight and so problematical that there will not be much to be gained by the system of direct personal control existing at present. Under the conditions laid down the teaching of religion will be "almost entirely banished from subsidised or transferred schools."

These are the views of many Protestants on the Bill. The principal exponent of these views in public is Rev. Canon Browne, Rector, St. Mary's Protestant Church, Crumlin Road, Belfast.

Whether Protestantism is dissatisfied with its body of doctrine or with its official teachers, it would be hard to say. The leaders of the non-Catholic bodies do not always care to stress their uneasiness and dissensions. But the fact that all is not well comes out very strongly in the plans and schemes that are put forward from time to time in the direction of reunion of some kind or other.

The advanced ritualists are more or less in favor of what they call reunion with the Roman See, and after that the Orthodox Church. The Anglican Fathers of the last Lambeth Conference published an Encyclical urging reunion with Rome, Constantinople, and the Free Churches. Then there are schemes for reunion between Anglicanism and Nonconformity, finally for reunion amongst the Protestant Dissenters themselves.

It is a puzzling situation, and what the outcome will be no one knows. But one thing is certain, and that is that Protestantism is feeling its weakness somewhere; and the consequent uneasiness is a token that the leaders of Protestantism feel their position is not what it was.

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