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Resign!

When Mr. Rasch and Mr. du Pont, of the General Motors Company decided to take a hand in active political campaigning they asked leave of absence without pay. Miss Mary Stewart of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has asked leave until after election to stump and organize for her favorite presidential candidate.

This is the proper course. But Miss Willebrandt, assistant to United States Attorney-General Sargent, so far as we have seen, has not asked leave so we are allowed to suppose that she went to Ohio on the United States Government payroll and at the expense account of the United States Government, and, as a high-up in the United States Department of Justice, virtually ordered the Methodist Episcopal conference to get into politics, told them for whom to vote under threat of dire disaster if his opponent was elected!

President Coolidge is not called upon to take any part in the campaign of 1928. It is his privilege to permit or not to permit his Cabinet officers to take part in partisan politics. But their subordinates are covered by the Federal Civil Service law forbidding civil service employees to belong to any political committee, to take part in caucuses or conventions, to solicit funds for a political candidate or committee.

Tribute

Grudgingly to be sure and suspicious to the last, the New York "Christian Advocate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, pays tribute to the non-partisan wholly Catholic attitude of the Catholic press in the United States in the pending presidential campaign.

Any one who has read the Roman Catholic press regularly since the national political conventions at Kansas City and Houston must have been impressed with the singular uniformity of the policy pursued by these many widely separated papers. It would seem that the editors—or some one in authority over them—had fixed upon a definite line of action, carefully avoiding certain prominent topics, and throwing all the stress in other pre-determined directions. For example, we look in vain in these journals for any expression of the very natural feelings of exultation over the nomination of a fellow religionist by one of the parties. The Hon. Alfred E. Smith is the able Governor of a great commonwealth. Measured by every applicable standard he is an unusual man. The Church of which he is an ever loyal son might be pardoned if through its organs of publicity it gave vent to the joy which most Catholics feel that one of their number should have received the nomination. Yet the editorial comment on the subject has been very limited. Especially careful have the editors been to avoid urging their readers to support the nominee on the ground of his Church affiliations. It is as if the word must have been passed around that it would be poor politics for Roman Catholic papers to show enthusiastic support for a Roman Catholic candidate.

No one even has hinted to the Catholic Journal what course it should or must pursue. This may be incomprehensible to a church paper representing a Church that is in politics but it is a fact.

Everybody seems to be heard as to the relative merits and demerits of a live or a dead guarantee on paving contracts except the taxpayers who will have to foot the bills.

Unselfish

Rather more instances than usual have come to light of heroic and unselfish deeds by priests and nuns this year. The "Union and Times" comments this wise:—

"Priests kneeling in the semi-darkness to administer Extreme Unction to the dying the acrid smothering their prayers." Thus an account of the accident in a New York subway last week proves once again the courage of these heroic men who are always among the first to reach the scene of a disaster and discharging the danger to themselves make every effort to reach the dying who may be in need of their ministrations.

Yet the recent catastrophe in New York is but one of the many in which priests have risked their lives to be of aid to the victims of the disaster. Here are times, especially in the rural districts, where long journeys through the bitter cold of winter are made by priests so that some dying Catholic may have the consolation of the last sacraments. Instances of this kind go unnoticed and the press seldom hears about them. It is only when the public gaze is focused upon a tragedy, like that in New York, that the unselfish activities of these priests is brought into the limelight.

At a time when the Church, her priests and her members are daily being subjected to attacks, there is no more eloquent answer to these calumnies than the unselfish service of these priests which is brought so forcibly to our attention.

Hitting Hard

There is one man in public life, opposed politically to Governor Smith who is not afraid to rebuke religious intolerance. Governor Alvan T. Fuller, of Massachusetts, in opening the annual state convention of the American Legion in Newburyport, Mass., uttered these ringing words:—

"I say to you, gentlemen, that you faced no worse enemies of America on the fields of France than Senator Heflin and Dr. Stratton."

"Who better than the American Legion can sound the tocsin that will start a revolt to raise the tone of American politics? Theodore Roosevelt once said he could never discriminate against a man because he embraced the religion that came to him with his mother's milk."

"You men know and remember that there was no inquiry as to a man's religion or nationality when he offered to die for his country ten short years ago. We must insist over and over again that there shall be no shaft of criticism leveled at him on this account when he offers to serve his country in the days of peace."

"We must not allow our politics to be torpedoes by prejudice. The right of every citizen to worship as he pleases and to aspire to hold any office within the gift of the people must be preserved and maintained inviolate."

Catholic School

We commend to the Catholics of today who are half ashamed to let the world at large know they are Catholics this pithy editorial from the Brooklyn "Tablet":—

"What was good enough for m-m is good enough for Johnny. I went to a public school and so will he."

There are Catholic fathers who talk like that as the day approaches for Johnny to report to school. They forget that times are changing, that parochial schools in all cases are the equal and in many cases superior to the public schools. They forget that when they were young there was Sunday School, and "big catechism" class, and mother or sister to instruct them with their religious duties,—that children get these necessary religious instructions only in the parochial school today. Sunday Schools are on the decline and mothers are leaving religious instructions to the good nuns who conduct our parochial schools.

What was good enough for Dad is not good enough for Johnny. Dad wouldn't ask Johnny to wear the same kind of clothes or live in the same kind of a house he did when he was a boy. He is anxious that Johnny have the best of clothing, food and shelter.

Johnny needs these things. But he needs religious training more. Too bad someone can't impress this upon Dad.

It would be a rare spectacle for Clinton Howard to step on the platform of the Democratic state convention and shout out: "Karrak for Governor Meyer Jacobstein but down with Al. Smith!" Surely it would turn the delegates to the Rochester candidate with unparalleled unanimity.

Calles' house of cards seems unable to withstand the fierce blaze of pitiless publicity.

Contrast

A correspondent of the New York "World" draws the following vivid contrast between two Protestant clergymen now very much in the limelight:—

Seeking light on the issues of the campaign, I was forcibly impressed by the wide difference in the presentation of two appeals recently made by two well-known ministers of the Gospel.

One, the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, was preaching on a text from the Bible: "The wicked walk on every side when the vilest men are exalted." He declared that Gov. Smith is being supported by the forces of wickedness. Two armies are marching to-day, one supporting the cause of righteousness and the other Gov. Smith. Behind Smith are the gamblers, the gangsters and the saboteurs, the war profiteers, the "repeaters" and the ring henchmen, the cambiers, the horse racers and the tout, the "slit-throats," the plums and the prostitutes, the burglars, the anarchists, the Tammanyites, the dynamiters and the painted Amos; the dope fiends, the divorcees and the white-slavers, and the saboteurs, the church burners and the tool-dollars.

The other clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, denounced religious intolerance, and stated that:

"Freedom of conscience is the great issue at stake in this campaign. Hundreds of thousands of voters fail to realize it. Interested in other matters, they ignore the vital cause. But of the Presidential candidates in this election almost all are Catholics. Our choice between them should be made on a conscientious conviction of their respective equipment for the difficult task. But if one of them should be excluded from the Presidency by votes cast against him on the ground that he is a Catholic it would dishonor the pledged faith of America and cast away her most precious heritage."

As an independent Protestant, and a believer in temperance in all things, I need not point out which of the two statements appealed to me, and I'm sure to the reason and conscience of thousands of others who read them.

Deplored

It is plain from this despatch that Dr. Dieffenbach's virulent anti-Catholic address before the University of Virginia's summer institute did not represent all the Unitarians in plain from the following despatch:

Deerfield, Mass., Sept. 5.—Deplored the recent statement of Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach, Boston Unitarian minister and editor of the Christian Register, that no Catholic should be elected to the Presidency the Unitarian Ministerial Union to-day unanimously adopted this resolution:

"To avert possible misunderstanding by the general public as to what we are convinced is the attitude of the great body of ministers and people in the Unitarian churches of the United States seventy-nine Unitarian ministers, meeting at their National Biennial Institute in Deerfield, Mass., solemnly reaffirm the traditional position of our free fellowship and devotion to the principle laid down in the Federal Constitution that no candidate for public office within the gift of the American people should ever be regarded as disqualified for such office by reason of his particular form of religious belief or affiliation."

"And we further affirm that neither this nor any other expression by a Unitarian group or individual can be taken as binding upon any but the person or persons making it."

Congratulations to Dan Fitzgerald upon unanimous selection as Grand Knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. Likewise to retiring Grand Knight Charles R. Barnes for his splendid administration.

Rochester's Industrial Exposition of 1928 is now ancient history.

It does seem a trifle incongruous to drive over splendid state roads between cities and then find the city intersection worse than the proverbial "rocky road to Dublin."

Canadian Sisters Are To Establish House In France

By M. Massiani (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 3.—For the first time, a Canadian congregation of Sisters is establishing a house in France.

This fact is all the more striking in that the first Catholic religious established in Canada themselves came from France, at the end of the sixteenth century.

The congregation in this instance is the Sisters of Saint Jeanne d'Arc founded at Quebec in 1914. It has been announced that seven religious of this distinctly Canadian society are to come for the establishment of their first house in France.

Famous Historian To Write Story Of The Jesuits

Rene Fulop-Miller, A Non-Catholic, Engaged On Work After Being Given Access To Archives of Society of Jesus.

By Dr. Frederic Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Vienna, Sept. 3.—A book on a religious subject which is now being prepared and will be published at Leipzig in a few months bids fair to cause something of a sensation in the literary world, both in Europe and America. Indeed, a large American publishing house already has acquired the translation rights, even though the manuscript has not yet been completed.

This work and this, incidentally, is the first public work of it is to deal with the historical importance in the cultural life of the modern world of St. Ignatius and the Jesuit Society. Its author will be a brilliant and widely known writer who is a non-Catholic, Rene Fulop-Miller.

There are reasons other than the non-Catholicity of the author, however, to make the forthcoming work of especial interest. These include the strange manner in which he came to take up the writing of it, his previous books, and the remarkable researches he has conducted, which promise the presentation of some little-known facts of Jesuit history.

Author Already Famous. Fulop-Miller made a great name for himself two years ago when he brought out "The Spirit and Face of Bolshevism," based on extensive studies made in Russia. Perhaps never before had such a clear statement of the spiritual motivating forces back of bolshevism, and the changes they wrought, been presented in a short time. It was necessary to print several large editions of the work.

Following up his success, the author wrote another book on the modern Russian theatre which won praise from Catholic critics, and then wrote "The Holy Devil," dealing with that evil figure of the dying days of the Russian Empire, Rasputin. All his work has been marked by a strict objectivity and a thorough study of sources.

It was the book on Bolshevism which, indirectly, really led Fulop-Miller to take up the new work on the influence of the Jesuits, and his resolve came about in an unusual way. In the earlier book, he made some wholly wrong and inexact comparisons between certain methods of Russian communism and those of the Jesuits. Catholic critics promptly censured him for it, although acknowledging the high value of his book otherwise.

Fulop-Miller's mother was a Protestant and his father of the Greek Orthodox communion, hence he had no background of thorough knowledge of Jesuit methods. The censure he encountered, however, led him to look into the nature of the Society of Jesus more closely. He took up the study seriously. He acquainted himself with the regulations and exercises of St. Ignatius, he perused the Protestant charges against the Jesuits and the refutations of them. He read fundamental scientific works on the Society.

What he learned, he told this correspondent, bewildered him and filled him with astonishment. He began to realize the importance of the Jesuits in the revival of Europe after the Middle Ages and the revolutionary storms. The decision ripened in his mind to delve deeper and to give expression to his new knowledge. He acted promptly. He applied to the Jesuits for permission to inspect their archives. The plea was readily granted, and he was equipped with letters of introduction to the historic Jesuit centers in Spain and Italy. He went to Loyola, Pamplona, Burgos, Madrid, Rome, Paris. Received with great friendliness, he studied the sources at each place. Now, after several months of these studies, he has returned to write.

Historian Tells of His "Finds". Fulop-Miller has brought back to Vienna with him a treasure in valuable material, some of it scarcely known to the world. He told me of his plans with the greatest enthusiasm. He is filled with admiration of St. Ignatius, whom he calls the constructor of modern man in contrast with the mystics of the Middle Ages. There will be new and interesting cultural history in his forthcoming book.

Moreover, he has discovered splendid Jesuit plays of Mexico and Paraguay in the New World, dating from the eighteenth century. Modern opera, he believes, had a predecessor in the theatre of the Jesuits. In his travels, he has collected some hundreds of old and unknown copper plates, and these are to illustrate his new work.

"The material to be worked up, extending over all spheres of human brain work, is immense," he told me. "For this reason, I must confess it will be extremely difficult, although I begin my work with a philological training which is not so bad. What is more, the editors are pressing me."

It will not be surprising if some mistakes creep into the forthcoming book of this non-Catholic author. However, the literary world may well

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