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The Campaign.

Instead of decreasing the whispering campaign of 1928 grows in virulence and violence.

Important issues, relevant to the campaign and fraught with mighty import in future years are lost sight of or no attention paid to them.

Religion is not the only whispering topic. In the last two weeks racial questions, social and personal characteristics of the candidates, wives, business connections and a host of other irrelevant questions have been bandied about in the stich and chatter clubs.

While men have participated in the whisperings, for the most part, the women have been the chief offenders which is nothing to their credit and is an item of justification to those who opposed extension of suffrage to women. As one old-timer puts it: You can choke or knock down the male whisperer but women cannot be dealt with so summarily.

Had both presidential candidates met the whispering campaign boldly and courageously, this state of affairs would not have existed, certainly not attained to the peak it has. But the candidate who will profit the most by the Klan, the Anti-Saloon League, the whispering bigots and the snobs, has not repudiated them in such vigorous terms as to convince the public that he repudiates such support.

In many respects the campaign of 1928 closely resembles that of 1828 when "Old Hickory" Jackson routed the bigots and the snobs. Whether it will end in similar manner remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, the Catholic Church pursues the even tenor of its way. Its priests eschew politics and continue to preach Christ and Him crucified. Her followers will go to the polls on November 6 and cast their ballots free from clerical intimidation or clerical interference. She will not seek to join Church and State. If the candidate who is of our faith is successful we will all pray that he makes good. If he is defeated the Church will go forward and her edifices will be filled with worshippers the Sunday after as well as before election.

Should Be Heeded.

Police Chief Andrew Kavanaugh's crusade to keep children off the streets is meeting ready response. Here is the reception accorded to the plan by the Rochester Journal-Post Express:

Warning given by Police Chief Kavanaugh, because of the number of children killed by automobiles, that parents should teach them not to play in the streets, or catch rides on vehicles, should be heeded as sound advice.

Without any doubt, some accidents would be avoided if parents assumed a greater responsibility in teaching safety. But this does not absolve motorists from taking every possible precaution to avoid accidents.

Children are inclined to be thoughtless of danger, especially if engrossed in play. Even those who have been given safety instructions are likely to forget them, temporarily, at least.

When children are seen playing near the curb, motorists should assume that one of them is likely to rush into the street at any time. Under such conditions a driver should have his automobiles absolutely under control, so that it may be stopped instantly.

Babe Ruth can talk in language the fans understand.

Sisters of Mercy and St. Joseph now have adequate Mother houses, something they have lacked and needed badly.

One thing cannot be denied: Al Smith put pep into a presidential campaign that bid fair to be dull and listless.

Our Defenders.

In this season of onslaught against the Church it is most refreshing to have our non-Catholic neighbors rush to our defense. Men like John W. Davis and Rabbi Stephen Wise. Recently, the New York World said editorially:--

With a frank avowal that he touched on parts of his subject with distaste, John W. Davis in his radio address on Thursday night lifted his discussion of religious freedom and intolerance to a high plane. He did not speak with reference to votes for or against Gov. Smith. What aroused him was the challenging of the equal political rights of one great sect, and what he eloquently urged was the duty of the citizen to rebuke that challenge, with some of its features so stiff and some so sinister, at other places than the ballot-box. He spoke as a Protestant who feels that this duty should be realized keenly by all enlightened members of his faith.

As Mr. Davis said, this is not a Roman Catholic question, from which others can stand aloof, but it concerns every Protestant, every Jew, and every good American of no sect. It concerns them for a noble reason. They must make answer to the assault of bigotry, for Roman Catholics will scorn to defend constitutional privileges which ought to need no defense. They should realize that if the rights of one faith are attacked to-day, the turn of other faiths, other political groups, or other schools of thought will come to-morrow. Intolerance never yet was satisfied with one victim. And finally, they should feel that we are all the joint inheritors of a great American principle, won by hard fighting in times when religious oppression was a commonplace, given the highest legal sanctions when the Republic was born, and handed down to each new generation to be defended as a vital part of our liberties.

A Real Issue.

"Anti-Catholicism has made religion an issue in American politics," says the "Nation" and continues to say:--

"We recognize the right of individuals to believe that the Catholic Church threatens American institutions, and to argue the question, as Mr. Marshall and Governor Smith argued it a year ago. But it seems to us beyond argument that Mrs. Willebrandt and the Stratons and Hedlins are attempting to make the Protestant churches dominant forces in American politics. This transcends the issue of prohibition. No political issue should be set beyond argument, crystallized as a part of the dogma of a church. When a minority sect sets up binding doctrines, and bids its members vote accordingly, it may be negligible; but when the dominant church group of the nation does that, the historic separation between church and state has ceased to function."

"No, we are not alarmed by the Catholic peril in the United States. If his Catholicism has influenced Al Smith in office at all, it has made him rather specially careful to select non-Catholics for appointment. But if the Protestant bigots continue their dire work there will be in this country a real Protestant peril. If they continue they will make decent people hope, as an object-lesson, for the election of a Catholic President in 1928, a Jew in 1932, and an atheist in 1936."

Important.

Inasmuch as Bishop Cannon, in his anti-Catholic tirade, has seen fit to bolster up his claim that the Catholics themselves were the ones who injected religion into the campaign of 1928 to refer to an editorial in the Union and Times of October 4 in proof of this charge, we herewith reproduce the editorial in question and leave it to our unprejudiced readers whether Bishop Cannon's characterization was justified:

It is time for us to bring the most important question in this country out in the open. It is time for the Catholic population once and for all to silence the large-mouthed, small-minded ministers of this country, who have deliberately struck their hypocritical noses into a political campaign. The Catholic Church in the United States is not interested in the election of a Catholic to the Presidency. The Protestant churches in the United States are interested in the continuation of a Protestant or Protestants in the Presidency of this country. Why? Because they fear the power of Rome in American affairs? No! A thousand times no! Because they fear Papal domination or they appear cautious about American ideals? No! A thousand times no! Because they are interested in the preservation of the 18th Amendment of the Constitution, or the enforcement of the Volstead statute? No! A thousand times no!

These are not the fundamental reasons. The Protestant Church in the United States has existed upon the unestablished fact that this is a that fallacy as a dying man to a straw. It has hoodwinked its members into believing it, and it has belittled the statement so loud that many Catholics have accepted it without proof. Were a Catholic elected

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