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U-S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

We look with profound suspicion upon a recommendation just made to President Hower by the National Advisory-Commit-Lee on Education, appointed by the Presitent in May, 1929, "to make a chart by which to guide the course of Roderal relations to education." This Committee recommends the setting up of a "Federal headquarters for education" in the form of a new department headed by a secretary of education "sitting in the President's cabinet." The secretary would serve without legal powers, and wholly in an advisory capacity, as a "center of co-operation for the educational work of all Federal agencies, and as a reliable source of comprehensive; accurate data on education for all-con-All Federal educational authority would be contered in this new and unpaid cabinet officer.

The Secretary of Education would "aid the President, the heads of departments and Congress in consideration of educational problems," the report said, and the assistant secretaries would "direct the technical work of the department, supervise its publications and their distribution, and maintain cooperative professional relations with other educational institutions."

For a number of years past determined attempts have been made by attempted legislation and other means to centralize all educational work in America in this proposed new Cabinet officer, the Secretary of Education. The Smith-Towner bill and kindred bills were pushed with determination for this very purpose. They were fought and killed by Americans who still have some love for home rule and some loyalty to the inherited rights and powers of the various states. This new move looks to us like an attempt to bring back the old Smith-Towner bill in a new suit of clothes, bedecked with the high-sounding approval of the National Advisory Committee on Education: It is the same old coon, but with a ribbon tied to its tail. We read with pleasure that representatives of Vocational, Negro and Catholic education on the committee of fifty-one voted solidly against the recommendations made. But they were a very small minority.

Two minority groups filed reports: the representatives of Catholic education opposed a Department of Education as "unnecessary" a "centralizing menace," and as contradictory of the fundamental principles on which the report of the committee was bused; they suggested as an alternative that the present Office of Education be further developed for increased usefulness. Negro educators, emphasizing special needs of their people and the "unique moral and urgent practical obligation" of the government to assist them, recommended continuance "for a limited number of years" of special grants for Negro education in states found on investiga-

tion to be especially in need of them. Steps have been taken already to rush through legislative channels the recommendations of this committee. Congressman Reed has announced that he will introduce a bill creating the new Department of Education, and he calls it of "transcendent importance to the cause of education." This means, of course, another hard fight, perhaps a much harder one than the friends of education as it now exists have ever encountered. Organized efforts should be made at once to meet this new menace. We want no Czar of education in America. We want no Federal dictatorship, whether with a paid or unpaid cabinet officer. Each State is competent to handle its own educational affairs, much more competent than san contralized Federal Bureau at Washgion. The challenge has been thrown to overs of State controlled education. Let all friends of our present system acsole that dialiser 2.71d answer it with Basic des Openisations and actions

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Our Sisters

"O Lord, one day Thy courts within is worth a thousand spent in sin." Thus did the Psaimist meditate, inspiring with this holy sons. The Nuns, who in a happy thron. Praise God behind the cloister rate.

The world employed its sophistics To capture them by vanities, And hold them fast within its net; But though the bonds it used were strong And though allurements lasted long. The grace of God was stronger yet.

They might have ied a life of case
And do exactly as they please,
As millions did and de today;
But, noble souls, they chose instead
To later for their daily bread,
Uncosingly to watch and pray.

They take the wayward from the street, They set the fallen on their feet, And teach them inodest suffrespect, As mothers to the young and bold. As daughters to the helpless old. These Nuns must rank as God's elect.

They sometimes find ingratttude
In dealing with the bold and rude,
Though thoughtless youth is of to blame.
But gentle patience wins the day;
And those who accorded kneel down to pray
And soon they cleanse a tarnished name.

"Whatever you will do to these, Who stray in scarch of vanities, The same," said Christ, "you've de

me."
We also have His word Divine.
That Nuns who toil and teach will sirine
As stars for all eternity.

PAINTING A BLACK POST WHITE

Communications are being sent to the Methodists of the South, asking for money for a defense fund for Bishop James Cannon, Jr., who is soon to be placed on trial on charges of having violated the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, refusing to make

report of moneys contributed to him for political purposes. The communications ask for money "to help defray the expenses necessary to employ competent counsel and to meet charges in the trial." A and to assist in meeting similar attacks upon him (Bishop Cannon) to destroy his influence as a prohibition worker."

Raising a defense fund for Bishop Cannon-is-perfectly proper, and has a tender
touch of Christian kindness to it. But it
would be a lot better if the Methodists
would let the judge and jury try Bishop
Cannon's case. He will have money in
abundance. He will have able counsel. If
there is a plot to "destroy his influence as

n prohibition worker," let us have this plot exposed in the court room. If the "Romish hierarchy," as the Dishop was so quick to proclaim, has entered into a conspiracy to "destroy him," because he "helped defeat their pet, Al. Smith," let us have this conspiracy exposed, too.

We don't like the idea of painting black post white until the black has been removed first. The results are not helpful to artistry, to religion or to Americanism. If Bishop Cannon is the victim of diabolical plots, it will be a splendid thing to expose these plots. But it is very bad examplef or Methodists to be spreading propaganda for the purpose of inspiring passions to increase donations. A prisoner is always considered innocent until proven guilty. If the Federal authorities cannot prove the Bishop guilty, and if he can prove he is the victim of "wet" and "Romish" conspiracies, he will be riding as he never before rode on the clouds of friumph and among the seats of the mighty. His Methodist friends, therefore, instead of besmirching the work of the Federal authorities now, should wait in happy harmony for this great triumph, or for the reverse, if the unfortunate Bishop should wait in happy-harmony for this great triumph, or for the reverse, if the unfortunate Bishop should be proven guilty.

THE WAY OF CANADA-

Canada, like America, has her Communists; groups of men and women teaching anti-God poison and anti-Government treason. They are fostered and supported in part by Soviet Russia. But Canada has a way of her own in dealing with such menaces to patriotism and to religion. Eight of the most prominent leaders have been arrested and sent to jail for from two to five years each. At the expiration of the fail sentences they are to be deported. Several thousand more are to be arrested, deported and the property of the Communistic party confiscated by the Governments.

Canada, in her treatment of all crime, shows similar alertness and promptness of action. There are no interminable delays. The law is administered swiftly and with vigor. Respect for law is engendered in the hearts of the people, because the law works as it should work, promptly, impar-

tially and effectively. Communists who teach anti-morality, anti-government, anti-religion are a terrible menace to any-land, especially in these days of said depression, need and want. They are working everywhere, even in Ireland, land of saints and of martyrs. The ashes of burned churches, convents and schools in Spain are evidences of their aims and their ideals. Germany is cursed with them. Italy would be overrun with them were it not for the iron hand of Mussolini. America has an army of them, pestiferous, treacherous, traitorous. We had better take a lesson from Canada in our treatment of them, for is Russia is their idel, with its anti-moral and anti-God life Russia is a coor place for them to spread the goise and to

The Obligation of the State

In a country as large as ours men have a moral right to something more than immunity from starvation. They have a right to decent maintenance and elementary comfort. The obligation of enabling them to enjoy this right falls upon the state. In our country, the state, at least the Federal government, is fully able to perform this obligation. If the masters of the state do not meet it they are guilty of grave inhumanity to their tellow entrens. They are false to their public trust.—The Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan of the Catholic University of America.

THE HORIZON BRIGHTENING

The American Chapter of the Knights of Malta, with representatives present from all parts of the country, met in New York City last week. His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes was present at the meeting, and he said this representative group of American business men brought him the news that there is a brightening on the horizon of the business depression. The outlook is still somewhat discouraging the Cardinal says, but that it is good to receive cheering reports.

we must all turn with the greatest confidence to God, who is our Father," he says. "He has not failed us; we have failed our selves. And in our failure our only hope and remedy and salvation are to

Out of the depression, we believe, will come a greater love and reverence for God, and more serious thought for religion and its meaning. This will add real gold, and rare, to the bright ning of the herizon, and we may obtain lasting good out of the sadness and sorrow that have been brought to numberless homes in this land of plenty and of misery.

-REV. BOB-OFF THE AIR .

California, proud of its convertible grape juice, is likewise proud of its ozone. Pure air, clean air, lots of air, free of microles and seductive as the aroma of a rose—that's what California blows its horn about.

But discordant noises have interfered with this. A rasping, snarling, complaining, accusing voice has made hash of the come, otherwise so perfect. The Pope has been torn limb from limb. Al. Smith has been tossed around by the hair of his head. Nuns and convents have been externinated all by the voice of the Rev Hob-Shuler, militant one hundred percenter who has spread the terrible Knights of Columbus "outh" over the land, like molasses over paneakes, and who has sought to batter down the ancient Church like a billy goat battering down a stone wall.

California hasn't enddled up to the Rev. Rob. California is prouder of its big trees than of its big boobs. So California reached a cleansing hand into its ezone. with the result that the Federal Radio Commission has ordered the Rev. Bob off the air and wiped his station, KGEF, off the aurora borealis and the Radio man News of the extermination was sent to California by telegraph, with the statement that the Rev. Bob's broadcast: were obnoxious, undesirable and promoted religious strife and antagonism. Which the Radio Commission does not want and will not tolerate. Therefore, is the ozone of California purified, redeemed, screened through the sleve or tolerance and laden with the aroma of pines rather than with the voice of a religious jackal hovling through inflamed teeth and tonsils. Which is good for California, for America and for

RELIGION FOR ALL SCHOOLS In New York City there is an Interfaith Committee sponsored by Protestant, Jewish and Catholic churches. The work of this committee is to provide ways and means to give religious instruction to children in public and other schools where no religion is taught. The Committee has been in existence for some time now and has worked in good-harmony and with excellent results. It has been criticized severely, and hampered at times by some people who are opposed to any religious education. But it has gone on the even tenor of its way, and has brought religious education, and a love and appreciation of God, to many thousands of children. The children of the different faiths are taught by teachers of their own faith, after school hours, and several thousand teachers are ment.

engaged in this splendid work.

Recently some eighteen hundred members of the Protestant Teachers' Association held a luncheon meeting and discussed the work of the Interfaith Committee. Jewish and Catholic speakers were on the program. It is good to read the sound Catholic ideals promulgated at this luncheon by Protestant speakers. For instance the Rev. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, Professor of Theology at the General Theological Seminary, told the teachers that in their "common undertaking to promote the religious and moral welfare of the children in our schools by means of religious education you are laying the strong foundations not only of religion but of morality. For if anything is plain today it is plain that the morals of a community

are dependent upon religion," he said.

Efforts are being made by the Interfaith Committee to have the city school authorities give scholastic credit for religious studies, and there is a well-grounded feeling on the part of the Committee that its work is a powerful factor in uplifting the morals of the community through character training among the young.

Cardinal Hayes has given hearty approval to the work of the Committee, and it is bound to be a fine and lasting influence on the lives of many thousands of children whose education otherwise would be godless.

ANNA YU AND ROSA YU

We put ourselves on the back, sometimes, when we go to Mass on a stormy day, and we think we have made a great sacrifice. And we think, occasionally, with a smile of pity, of the "heathen Chinee" and of others who are not blessed with the pift of Faith. But we can feigh a wonderful lesson very often from the "heathen Chinee," and morn others.

Some months ago a banct army swooped down upon the Hwan Ja San Mission in China. Two young Chinese girls, sisters, Anna Yu. agod twelve years, and Rosa Yu. agen seventeen, saw the bandits They raced madly to the mission and shouted to Father Patrick A. Magnire to run for his life. They helped the priest to hide. The bandits surrounded the mission and were curaged to find the priest had escaped. They seized the girls and threatened them with death unless they told where Father Maguire had hidden. "Go kill." said Anna Yu. smiling up into the faces of the bandits. Rosa said the same two beautiful dowers blossoming from the same roots of Faith. The bandits offered the girls bribes-gold, jewelry, beautiful cresses. "No tell," said Anna. "No tell," said Rosa.

So the two sisters were earried off into captivity. They were abused, mistreated, threatened with death for three long months. Then Father Maguiffe and other friends raised a ransom for them. They are back home now—back at the Mission they love; similing up into the face of good Father Maguire; kneeling at the altar railing for their Eucharistic God; glad they had a chance to give their lives for their Faith, but glad, most of all, that they saved their friend and their priest.

saved their friend and their priest. The "heathen Chinee" isn't so heathen. after all. Beautiful gold of love and of sacrifice enriches their souls, and the sunof Faith glorifies their lives, linking the horizon of their religion with the surpassing glories of life eternal. Anna Yu and Rosa Yu are typical of many thousands of Chinese girls. When you give to the missions, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you help make Catholic heroes like Anna and Rosa. They are beautiful candles, lighted, on the aftars of the Church; beautiful flowers, fragrant and blossoming, at the feet of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother. They are worthy of our love and our encourage-

CURRENT COMMENT

THE WOMEN OF SPAIN

The best news that has come out of Spain for many a moon deals with the activities of the newly emancipated feminine voters. A special dispatch to a prominent and trustworthy New York daily carries the information that one hundred thousand Spanish women have organized to protest the infamous provisions of the new Constitution that call for the expulsion of certain religious orders and virtual persecution of the Church.

A nobler cause could not rally voters to a consecrated banner. If any class of persons realize what it means to drive God and religion from a State it is the mothers of the nation who suffer vicariously all the ills that overtake their children.

The youth of today have a hard enough row to hoe in the midst of glamorous twentieth century temptations, without taking away the strongest guards which they possess against them. The closing of the Catholic schools and the hampering of the Church in her spiritual administrations will open wide the broad avenues of license that lead straight to the open doors of the Temple of debauchery. For this worship of false idols Catholic Spanish mothers have not borne their children, and well may they tell it to the new State.

The act of the Cortes is as insane as would be an order dissolving the police force in the face of an incursion of brigands. It should be resisted, by lawful means, just as strenuously as would the latter course.

Let Spain beware the awful example of France in striving to banish the sign of salvation. The French republic drove the Cross by legal enactment across the borders, but It came back multiplied ten thousand fold, and each was a little white Cross guarding the broken bones of a son of France. It is useless to kick against the goad; this is true for nations as well as individuals.

gether in the name of decency, win out in their struggle it will be women suffrage by greatest triumph. For our part, we wish them a smashing victory at the pulls.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Father Coughlin's Armistice Day radio address was frank-to-a-fault. But truth is always that way. We feel sure that our blue-spectacled brethren will henceforth brand this famous defender of the downtrodgen as a "wine bibber, and a friend of publicans and sinners." But, of old, a Better than he was so stigmatized. And the disciple is not above his master. Whatever they may think of Father Coughlin's conomics, all justice-loving people must commend him for his fine tribute to the boys who wore the brown. Beneath the scatching lash of Father Coughlin's factfilled rhetoric, Dr. Clarence True Wilsonif he had courage to "listen in"-undoubtedly winced and lost some poundage. It was high time some Stevenson whose vibrant voice could reverberate throughout the four corners and the crossroads of the nation, should arise to take issue with the self-sanctified beslimers of the Americansoldiers, so many of whom are defenseless now, because they dared to die. Father Coughlin was eminently fitted for this honorable office since, as a World War chaplain, with the dough-boy, he breasted the battle and tasted its bitterness.

If liquor drinking sears a soldier as "an imp of hell" and a "perjured scoundrel," or bars a citizen from contributing to his country's cause, how do Dr. Wilson and his purblind pietists regard such men as Washington, who owned a distillery, and Lincoln, who sold whiskey across the counter of a country store? Without such types, this land of pride and progress would have ever remained a howling waste where the leopard sleeps and the jackal slinks. There'd be no nation for the Methodists to save.—The Western Watchman, St. Louis, Mo.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Jimmy Yorlo, ten years old, of New York, has a dog with a kink in his back from trying to bite elusive fleas. Jimmy saw a cartoon in a paper the other day, picturing a ragged boy offering his pet dog to be auctioneed off to help the poor. It was one of those artistic dreams of artists, but Jimmy swallowed it literally. So he took his pet dog, Chickie, fleas and all, down to the Community Relief headquarters, wept bitter tears on his tail and neck, and donated him to the cause of the poor. Newspapers published the story. Grover Whalen, former police commissioner, was the auctioneer. He got \$300 for the dog. told the successful bidder to kiss Chickie good-bye and sent the dog and \$50 back to Jimmy. There are fourteen children in the Yorio family, and the father is a junk dealer. So the dog and the family and most of all Jimmy-are delighted that Jimmy was good to the poor, and that Grover Whalen understands boys, dogs and humanity.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$______, to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly additions to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests.