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THE CARDINAL'S FAITH

No one doubts that Cardinal Mercier is one of the great men of the world. Greatness is always simple, because the essence of greatness is that it sees straight through the shams and fustinesses which overlay life back to the fundamental principles, few and strong.

Roosevelt had that simple directness of vision; Lincoln had it; Foch has it; and so has Mercier. One may see one face of the universal truth, another may find a different side of it turned toward him. But the great man always holds his vision, and thinks and acts simply, according to its white light.

Cardinal Mercier, in one of the sermons preached in this country, said:

"My dear brethren, if anyone of you has a doubt about the reality and efficiency of supernatural ardor, I should like to tell him that experience has shown us the reality and efficiency of that ardor.

"The lot of life was simplified. The more we were deprived of the superfluities of life and reduced to ourselves and our Lord, the nearer was our union with Him. We had experiences. What they were, of course, you know. That we believed is what you believed, but we have had experiences that we have a Father.

"In the most awful hours of our trial we always thought that we did our duty if we fulfilled the will of God on earth, and our Lord, who is our Father, would be with us and protect us. And so He did. My time is very short, but I would leave with you this counsel; never doubt of the bounty of our Father for us."

If ever a faith was tried by fire, that of the Belgians was. To come through such a test with simple faith in Providence intact is indeed, as Cardinal Mercier believes, to prove "the reality and efficiency of supernatural ardor."

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PARK

The Roosevelt Memorial, the committee in charge has decided, is to take the form of a park at Oyster Bay. Roosevelt had very much desired such a park, and had so expressed himself in his lifetime. "It is to provide, in the best and most healthful way, amusement facilities for the country at large. It is to have an individuality and atmosphere suggestive of the life and spirit of Roosevelt."

There is to be, in this park, "a dignified open-air theatre, built along the lines of a Greek amphitheatre, which would be an international forum for the discussion of grave problems affecting the future of America, and which would in a vital and useful way, carry out the ideals and teachings of Theodore Roosevelt. It is proposed to call this theatre the Roosevelt Forum."

These ideas seem to memorialize in a most significant manner the spirit of Roosevelt's contribution to the life of the country. The park, with its out-door joy and teaching, and its forum for the discussion and bettering of public life, make a combination characteristic of the man the country desires to honor.

In helping along this great memorial every citizen who furthers the work will honor himself in showing his appreciation of the Americanism of Roosevelt.

ENEMIES OF UNIONISM

There are two enemies of trades-unionism operating in the United States today, in the guise of friends. One is Bolshevism, in the form of the I. W. W., working for the most

part internally and invisibly within the ranks of the Federation of Labor and trying to radicalize that hitherto comparatively conservative organization. The other is the United Mine Workers of America.

Compared with either, the opposition of reactionary capitalists is rather unimportant. They are able to fight unionism only because the "Reds" and miners give them ammunition.

The United Mine Workers will bristle with indignation at being coupled with the "Reds" as the foes of unionism. In their recent national convention they expressly and almost unanimously repudiated all connection or sympathy with the "one big union" idea and the men advocating it. Yet, by their action, they place themselves alongside the "Reds" as the foes of industrial democracy.

The miners have declared their intention of striking and closing the coal mines November 1, unless they are given immediately a 60 per cent raise and a six-hour day five days a week. They have begun and ended their negotiations with this ultimatum.

The demand is so preposterous, and in its logical consequences so selfish and cruel, that the natural impulse of any self-respecting American is to say: "If this is unionism, I want none of it."

That miners' ultimatum is as deadly a blow at organized labor as has been struck in many years. It is also one of the most un-American. The spirit of American unionism, in general, has been marked by the national characteristic of fairness and reasonableness. This is a flagrant attempt at autocracy—an attempt on the part of one group of workers to club a great nation into submission.

The miners seem to think they can "get away with it" because they control one of the prime necessities of life. They cannot get away with it. A nation that resisted tyranny from abroad will resist tyranny at home. If the miners persist, they will be crushed. And the worst of it is, they will not go down alone. All union labor will suffer from the stigma they put on unionism.

THRIFTY CHILDREN

Under an organized school savings plan, public and parochial school children of San Francisco are saving nearly \$385 a day, which little sum counts up to \$75,000 a year that these young financiers are investing in Thrift and Savings Stomps.

The thrift plan is to be pushed in all the 95 schools of San Francisco, and out into the school districts of the surrounding counties.

It may be urged that no individual child's savings amount to any considerable sum, but that is not an important point. The important thing is, ha he children in these 95 schools number about 80,000, and when all of them are enrolled under the banner of thrift it will mean 80,000 young Americans who are learning to curb selfish and injudicious spending for the sake of future good, who are learning to distinguish between present small pleasures and necessities and a big possibility in the years to come.

Football is rough, but not so rough as the game American lads were playing last October.

Those cross-continent aviators blazed a route—at a cost of nearly a dozen lives. The feat was impressive and heroic and in a way successful, but not sufficiently convincing to induce the ordinary American to trade his automobile for an airplane just yet.

A Cleveland minister preached a law-enforcement sermon with 100 bottles of contraband whiskey standing around his pulpit to enforce the argument. Where but in a church could a man exhibit all that forbidden treasure without being mobbed and robbed?

Sure, the cost of food is going down. The drop so far would pay an ordinary family's chewing gum bill. Eventually it may be enough to pay for the little old car's gasoline ration.

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According to the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, the Roosevelt Memorial Fund of \$5,000,000.00 is to be utilized to erect a National Monument in Washington, D. C.; to acquire and maintain a public park at Oyster Bay, N. Y., and ultimately to include Sagamore Hill, the Roosevelt home, therein, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield; and to endow a National Society to perpetuate the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A certificate will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

The name of every contributor will be placed on the list of names deposited in the National Monument to be erected at Washington, D. C.