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IN ANXIOUS SUSPENSE.

STILL WE ARE IN THE DARK as to what the decision of the Supreme Court will be as to our Criminal Libel Case. It has been suggested that we will hear nothing until after primary election, May 15th. We do not complain, but with our work and anxious waiting, not knowing how soon we will be behind the bars (for we will never pay the fine) and not knowing when our work will be interrupted by the \$50,000 damage case, with threats of being murdered in our office and such condemnatory letters as the one we print against ourself in this issue, with finances low and expenses in the lead we anxiously wait for the Supreme Court of this great state to say whether we were justly convicted by the circuit court for criminal libel when we told the truth and published what a preacher swore that a nun said. She said that the priesthood is what everybody who is posted knows it is, and here we are struggling with this mighty, beastly power and liable to be devoured at any moment because we dared publish in the Silvertown Journal what the preacher swore that she said regarding her escape and the doings of the beast that held her in bondage and from which she was fleeing for help. Since the occasion of her escape the editor has had the pleasure of talking with this good woman who could not stay in such a hell-hole as a nunnery and we have learned that there is much more of the story than what we published and we now understand how it is that the darkest deeds of this monster evil are smothered and kept from the public. Even the evidence of a cloud of witnesses can be overcome by a cloud of false witnesses who are permitted to do anything for the good of their "holy church." So what can a few witnesses do? Patriots of America, it will take the united efforts of every one of you to overcome the evil, cancerous growth of the Roman Hierarchy. The workers now on the firing line can not hold out long without reinforcements. Do something, and do it now, to help destroy this brazen wrong that will surely destroy our free government if we permit it to do so. Write us a letter. Send us names. Make suggestions for we are not infallible like the pope. Our cause needs every kind of help that a friend can give, and it needs it now as much or more than ever before in the history of this struggle of Americanism against paganism.

HEAVEN AND HELL.

JESUS TAUGHT THAT HEAVEN IS WITHIN US, and John the Revelator plainly showed that the great celestial city was to be among men. God is love. Heaven is the condition in your life when love rules. Hell is the condition in your life when hate and the other painful emotions have control. The language used by the divine (wise and loving) teachers of past and present is sometimes figurative and the child minds of the early peoples and the weaklings of the present day have believed the illustrations to be the reality, and in their mental blindness have lost the real, redeeming truth that heaven is here on earth in the lives of human beings. When all men have heaven within them, when love and kindness and sympathy and forgiveness are the rule instead of the exception, then heaven will have come to earth; but the old, selfish stickler for the individual heaven in the sky who is not willing to help start a heaven here, is apt to never see any real heaven at all. For selfishness can not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. For this reason a rich man has no real heaven and it is very doubtful if he ever will have, for his whole life is a selfish, greedy, anarchistic hell, and he has become so acclimated that he could not enjoy the atmosphere of heaven. But the millionaires and billionaires grow less and less, and the workers grow more and more, and by and by there will come a condition in which service will be rewarded instead of selfishness, and then heaven will grow and the fires of hell will be quenched.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father (love) which is in heaven (on earth.)

Men and women all around us hate, and do those things which produce hate. Children are being born in hate, tagged for hell before they started on their journey to this earth. It is very hard for even those who at times have the vision of the higher and better condition to keep the eternal fires of hate and envy and greed and lust and deceit and selfishness from burning them while they writhe and twist with the imps of this earthly hell, but from the works of the best men and women we have must come the change that will some day break our chains and make of this earth a paradise. To those then who have the dream, the hope of higher things, we address this request: quickly banish any lingering clanishness and know that all men are heirs of the kingdom. Forgive everybody everything. Lift up principles of truth, not men. The days of hero worship should be over. Crush evil principles without being a respecter of persons.

Hurry, for life is short. Wonders can be worked in the name of love, but do not be selfish and expect or require anything. Never give up; remember the kingdom of Love has not come yet; be brave, and when the flames scorch and sear your very soul, stand firm and soon the way out will be revealed. Everything that your conscience condemns, condemn. Test your conscience. Go over the ground often and follow up every avenue of light.

Don't look for praise. Expect condemnation, for this is hell. It is war and war is hell. It is still war between individuals. We call it competition. This war produces hate (hell) and war (hell) between nations. It is the cause of poverty. It keeps up the saloon system. It advertises cigarettes and ruins the boys who grow to be middle aged and aged imps of hell who leave weakened imps to dance in the flames of torment. The idiotic laugh of such is hard to hear and it sends a chill to your heart, but if you persevere and let love and truth win over hate and selfishness, you will certainly receive all the heaven there is for you in the Training place of Love, or as the writer of those wonderful word pictures called Revelation has it. "To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God."

THE CITY ELECTION.

LAST MONDAY was Silvertown's city election. The desperate "wets" had been desperately busy, and had used every means at their command to prejudice the voters against everybody and anybody who might be selected as candidates among the dries. The idea that the "blind piggers," and especially Lewis Johnson, were being persecuted instead of prosecuted, that Leon L. Myers, the pastor of the Christian Church and J. E. Johnson the detective and everybody else connected with the law enforcement movement are dirty, good-for-nothing characters, and that the whole effort to elect any other ticket than the beautiful wet one was just personal spite work, was hashed and rehearsed until it was swallowed by many voters, chunks, strings and all.

Those calling themselves "dries" could find nobody who wanted the nomination. The fight was too dirty and the reward very

doubtful and small at best. But finally a ticket was announced the night before election and a few made a desperate effort to over come the early work and well selected ticket of the "wets." The Mayor nominee for the "dries" had not given his consent to the nomination and he very much hurt the ticket by posting a notice to that effect just before election.

Under these conditions the "dry" editor of the Journal made the prediction that the "wets" would carry four to three and the following is the exact proportion found when the votes were counted: 1537 to 984. This result with the fact that the "wets" defeated the amendment to the city charter is practically three to four and shows that we are sound on prophecy if we don't always know enough to get on the winning side or remain silent for fear of losing trade.

However the victory of the "wets" is really no victory after all for the town remains "dry" and there is no doubt that the great majority of the people here would vote dry today if "saloon or no saloons" was the issue. Not only this, the enforcement of the law can not be stopped and we have no fear that Mr. Bowser, the Mayor elect, who is a total abstainer himself, will not endeavor to make good, and satisfy the aroused public sentiment against law breaking. We must always remember that evil, no matter in what form, can never gain a real victory. Permanent victories only come to the cause of truth and justice, light and liberty. And now that this skirmish is over, let us all, as good citizens should, move on to the next battle of ballots with earnestness, but with the broad, lenient attitude which is so essential in our rapidly, perfecting form of self government.

TO MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAN THINK.

PEOPLE WHO ARE HABITUAL USERS OF ALCOHOL in any form and those whose brain cells have been ruined before their birth by alcohol poisoning need not read this editorial because their reason is ruined. They can not comprehend justice or any of the higher ideas of moral truth. But to those who have not been warped beyond any civic use we appeal. Action now is the order of the day. The effects of alcohol on the human system has been taught in our public schools; lecturers have done excellent work; churches and the W. C. T. U. have preached and prayed against the saloon system and every well balanced citizen has done more or less to show up this curse which has destroyed more than all the wars, pestilence, earthquakes and floods in the history of the world. Now the whole Pacific Coast country and other states are in deadly battle against this powerful enemy of our race. This is a noble fight for it means salvation for both sides.

The Saloonatics are like babies who fight against their own good and who will receive even more benefit if they are defeated than will their opponents. But these ruined and warped minds will follow, in great numbers, their money mad dispoilers and vote for their own and the future citizen's damnation; therefore it is necessary for the forces of sobriety, genuine prosperity and common sense to immediately get into action.

The time has come when silence means that you are a saloon-atic or a coward. Business interests demand that you come out in the open and take a stand. You can no longer hide your head or bushwhack around with both sides to this controversy. The fight needs you now, and you are one thing or another. You are either openly for a dry state and will use every means at your command for the next few months to fight the enemy to a finish or you are a cowardly traitor to your country and to your fellow man. Get into action! Put a card in your window "This is a Dry Home." Talk to your "wet" neighbor and try to get him or her to reason. Circulate every good article on the subject you can find. Write an article for your home paper. Drop all personal prejudices and all minor controversies and stay with this fight till after the November election.

The "Dry" people are very confident of a victory but the other side has great financial power and are as full of political tricks as an egg is full of meat, therefore the fight may be closer than any of us know and your efforts, if you secure but one vote, may be the trump card that will win the day. Every thinking man and woman should at once enlist for five months and stay in the field till Oregon goes dry next November.

MISTAKEN THAT'S ALL.

SPEAKING OF THE PRIESTS, Lawrence E. Nugent, an ardent Catholic, in the Sunday Visitor, a Catholic paper, says: "We know that after twelve years' study, they take solemn vows of chastity, before becoming priests. We know of many of our friends of both sexes, that lead chaste lives without any vows, and we know that our priests could, if they would, lead pure lives. But it seems as though about one in a thousand have been proven false to their vows. One traitor among the Apostles did not affect the loyalty of the others or the teachings of the Master. If a non-Catholic minister was ever guilty of a crime it is no argument against the rest or against their religion, but if there be one bad priest, all the rest are the same, and the whole Church is corrupt (as every reader of the Menace readily understands and believes.)"

Now friend Nugent is mistaken regarding his main statements. He places his guess at the number of priests who prove false as one in a thousand. Now if he could know the facts and discover that it is about one in a thousand who keeps his vow of chastity, then he would reverse his whole contention and help such earnest, well informed men as Mr. Walker and Mr. Brown to save the people from the exploitation of the priesthood. We believe that there are men who would be willing to give \$1,000 for one priest in a thousand in Oregon or in any other state who has kept his vows of chastity for a period of ten years, and we believe it would be a safe proposition taking the United States as a whole. These priests are deceiving you dear brother Nugent. Things are not what they seem. Dig into the matter a little for yourself and you will be astonished. It's a great thing to have faith in the right thing, but faith in the Roman priesthood is not only misplaced but is one of the most rotten spots in our corrupt and lazy social and political system.

POWERFUL AID TO TYRANNY.

THE ELEMENTS OF TYRANNY in the government of these United States are being pushed closer and closer to the brink of their ruin. They are fighting and will fight every inch of the ground and will die hard. In their extremity they will accept any aid they can get and the last chance of the money kings in this country and age will be the same as it has been in all countries and in all ages, the most conservative, the most powerful and the most ecclesiastical Church. This is the Roman Catholic Church. A former United States Commissioner once said, "Only the great powerful Catholic Church can help us."

Of course the Commissioner did not mean the common people when he said "us." He meant what he conceived to be the United States, the wealthy classes, and it is absolutely true that there is no salvation of the old system of exploitation excepting through the "might-makes-right" idea of this great political factor known as a church.

But it is too late. The battle may be a hard one but the workers will win. The idea of a pure democracy is in the world. It has grown to wonderful proportions. Catholicism is only powerful because of the ignorance of its following. The very inventions of travel and communication and the multiplication of good books and magazines and all that makes for freedom of thought will defeat her and her "dear sons," the rebels against union, and on the rock of equality will be reestablished the true church of brotherhood and a more perfect government of social and industrial democracy.

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