

PROPAGANDA TWIN OF SPIRITISM

Rev. Gerald C. Treacy, S. J., in Boston, Speaks of "Clouding Real Issue By Great Say-So of Great Names."

"Psychic Propaganda" and the "Wanderings of Sir Oliver Lodge Out of His Normal Sphere in Accepting Beliefs for Which He Has No Proof," were described yesterday afternoon before a large audience of lecturers and physicians at Boston College by Rev. Gerald C. Treacy, S. J., an eminent Jesuit professor and lecturer, head of the department of Journalism and Christian doctrine at Boston College, formerly editor of America, the Catholic weekly. Father Treacy has been studying spiritism, and has written many articles exposing "the fallacies and weakness of its claims," but has not previously spoken in public on the subject.

"Propaganda," he said, "is closely akin to advertising. It differs from advertising in this, that advertising to be successful must be grounded on truth. But with propaganda, it is different. Being a recent growth of a shell-choked civilization, it is difficult to tell whether or not it can ignore the truth, or garble truth and achieve permanent success. How far it will go only history can answer.

Propaganda Spiritism's Twin. "It is a patent fact to any one who has followed the recent movement of Spiritism, that its twin sister is propaganda. And it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that neither war policies nor peace policies in any government of the world ever received the help of the propagandist to the extent that this modern cult has received it.

"All the phenomena produced by spiritistic means are very striking; the initiate or novice in Spiritism is assured that they are the result of the activities of the dead who are striving to communicate with the living. But where is the proof that these spirits are actually the forces at work? Propaganda answers with the rejoinder: 'Sir Oliver Lodge has recognized his son speaking from

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the other plane as he shows you in his book. Do you recognize that he is a scientist of eminence whose keenness of intellect is universally acknowledged? Can you with your limited intellect dare to doubt that he is right? So the last process in propaganda is the strongest. Men and women of position in the world of thought are falling in line with the new revelation. This is propaganda's triumph. In no other way can the real issue be obscured more cleverly than by clouding it with the great say-so of great names.

"This strange movement, one of the worst byproducts of a world unhealed, must stand or fall on the strength of its message. It is the message that is the important thing. Aside from any religious belief, and discerning mind is entitled to take the very practical Missionary attitude and demand to be shown. If Spiritism can only be bolstered up on the 'Say-so' of the individual psychic, then it is an empty promise, a criminal thing, traffic in credulity, and a play on the most sacred human emotion that the human heart holds for those who have died. To draw back the veil that hides another world and places those in the 'Great

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Beyond! in contact with their friends in this life, that is Spiritism's professed apostolate. "Too Much Attention to 'Phone Bell.'" "Too much attention has been paid to the telephone bell and not enough to the message. Conan Doyle, as the foremost preacher of the new cult that rests in moral progress, and cryptic symbols, has at last said something definite and clear. Unwittingly he has made a valuable admission. Psychic societies and magazine writers are flooding the public press with wondrous stories, and the authors never get beyond the telephone bell. Harry Leon Wilson, in his inimitable way, has recently noted this. This bell is an interesting thing and makes good copy. It may be the tilting table cavorting about the darkened room or the ouija board ticking off weird messages, or the unstrung medium whispering strange sayings from the unknown. In every instance the message, which should be the important thing, loses out amid its attractive surroundings.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES

United States Still Leads the World in This Class of Merchandise.

(New York Evening Post) The figure of \$3,460,000,000 worth of manufactures exported in 1919, says a statement by the National City Bank of New York, leaves the United States still clearly in the lead as an exporter of manufactures. In the year preceding the war (1918), our exportation of manufactures amounted to \$1,117,000,000, and in 1919, the first full peace year following the war, \$2,848,000,000, or three times as much in value in 1919 as in 1918.

lowing editorial from the Wall Street Journal: "Last fall it was said by the chairman of the Canard Steamship Company that his stockholders could sell out their ships and docks and retire from business with ample provision for the rest of their lives, but that they did not intend to do so. On its book value the British Empire is not only worth all it owes us, but all the world's debts contracted in the war. But to the great benefit of the world, its civilization and its moral progress, the British Empire will stay in business. "There is a significant paragraph in an editorial discussion of Britain's new colonial acquisitions in the New York Sun: 'In the colony over which they fly the British flag trade and domestic peace are assured. In the colony which flies the British flag trade prospers. Development of natural resources, encouragement of production, fostering of industry, extension of trade; these are the cardinal principles of British colonial policy. Their fruit is honorable profit in the shape of increased revenue.' "This is eminently true, and the extraordinary difference between Germany's coercive methods and those of the British Empire is most beneficent. The power the world has ever seen is brought to bear today. Alsace-Lorraine did not become reconciled in fifty years. Schleswig-Holstein has voted three to one against the Germans after fifty-four years of attempted assimilation. Polish Silesia was seized, without even a pretense of right, by Frederick the Great at the opening of the Seven Years' War, more than a century and half ago, and is still Polish, and not German. The Boers were fighting the British with apparently implacable enmity in 1902, and settling for them, as a self-governing part of the Empire, in 1914, of their own free will. "Exchange for the pound sterling means nothing in this connection. An Irish agitator, in two columns in the Hearst newspapers, said it was a proof of bankruptcy. But from 1861 to 1868 our dollar brought only forty cents in Canada, and it did not exchange at par until 1879, with the restoration of specie payments. How many Americans know that before the battle of Gettysburg a Confederate loan, secured by cotton in the hands of Jeff Davis's government, sold in London above United States 7 per cent gold bonds? "When sterling was selling at its low, largely this was due to speculative over-selling, and it has rallied forty points since. The British Empire is doing business on a market with sufficient frequency direct attention to the deep underlying unity of aspiration and purpose which must ever link together the kinsmen of the Old Land and the New. "More than any other human agency," says the author, "this sense of spirit today is the hope of a war-weary and sorely tried world. Upon its maintenance the future of civilization depends. There is so much that can be said truthfully and heartily by the worth-while press which countries to foster, encourage, develop and expand the splendid partnership of John Bull and Uncle Sam in the great work which humanity calls on to tackle as a team, that some of it ought to be said. Why not start saying it?" The presence of Dr. Vincent in our country and the generous interest which the great Foundation which he represents is manifesting in a great matter of public concern to us, demonstrate in a most impressive way the spirit of friendship, good-will and beneficent co-operation.

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of the home market. This left the United States the chief manufacturing country upon which the Allies could call for military supplies, or upon which the non-manufacturing world—Asia, Africa, Oceania, South America and North America outside of the United States—could draw for their daily requirements of manufactures.

with the decline in the exports of our former rivals, has placed us clearly in the lead in the exports of manufactures, far, of course, none of our former rivals, except possibly Great Britain, has made any considerable progress in the re-establishment of its exportations of manufactures.

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