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THE CRISIS PASSED

Political crises in the midst of a crisis which dwarfs all purely political issues and makes all petty political ambition seem paltry and un-patriotic can not fail to bring joy to the thoroughly united ranks of the enemy.

In his speech, which bristles with the first person singular, he said: "In my letter of resignation was this sentence: 'Greece is afraid of the central powers; we should make her afraid of us.'

This would this statesmanlike highwayman use England's naval supremacy to teach Germany and the world due respect for the rights of small sovereign states.

Again: "I cannot understand why, in spite of this shortage the Government embarked on the Dardanelles expedition, which has hung around our necks like a millstone.

Competent military critics believe, though the immediate objective was not attained, that the Dardanelles operations have justified themselves in that they kept the main Turkish army, Turkish effort and Turkish munitions engaged in repelling this attack and thus saved the situation.

It was perfectly true that after the Greek Government took a different view of their treaty obligations to Serbia than that we had accepted, there was a close consultation between the British and French as to the best use which should be made of the forces to be sent to the Near East.

It is quite natural that the anti-Anglo Northcliffeites, and the infallible Tory reactionists should choose this able advocate for their devil's business of fishing in troubled political waters.

JOHN REDMOND AND THE GREAT CRISIS

Since writing the above we have had a glance at the cable letter of that thoroughly well-informed member of the British House of Commons, T. P. O'Connor, who says that Mr. Asquith emerged triumphant from the most difficult situation of his political life on Tuesday of last week.

One of the piquant contrasts in the debate," he writes, "was John Redmond's, and Sir Edward Carson's speeches. Mr. Redmond's speech was cheered by both the Tory and Liberal benches. Though he was most outspoken in his attack on the War Office methods and the mismanagement of recruiting in Ireland, these stupid errors made the more remarkable the extraordinary response of Ireland to the appeal.

Through undignified politico opposition, T. P. has always had a word of kindly appreciation for Sir Edward Carson with whom he is personally on terms of friendly relations.

His reference to his political enemy retains much of his kindly feelings to the great Irish lawyer:

A MANIFEST INJUSTICE The Separate schools of the province of Ontario are permissive; that is, no one, either Catholic or Protestant, is obliged to support them.

However, the permissive system has worked well, as a general rule, in Ontario. And there is, so far as we are aware, no general desire to replace it by compulsion despite the well-known fact that, irrespective of religion, there are ratepayers who easily succumb to the temptation to shirk any avoidable taxation.

The successive Governments in Ontario have always taken a common sense view of this question. Whether personally in favor of or opposed to Separate schools the members of the Government recognized the fact of their existence, and that the general good of Ontario demanded that they should not be arbitrarily hampered, but rather enabled to fulfil adequately their share of the educational work of the province.

Hence the amendment to the School Act which made it obligatory that the taxes of the tenant whose children attended the Separate schools should go to the Separate schools. If the landlord be a Catholic and the tenant a Protestant the school-tax must go to the Public school; if the landlord be a Protestant and the tenant a Catholic it was conceded that the school-tax should go to support the school in which the tenant's children were educated.

Now had it been thought of at that time the question of the children of mixed marriages would have been settled by the same amendment. If the father is a Catholic and the mother a Protestant, as the law now stands, the taxes may be paid either to the Separate or to the Public school without regard to the question of which school may have to bear the expense of educating the children.

This is a manifest injustice. Without changing the essentially permissive system of Separate schools, the law with regard to tenants should be extended to cover this case.

Recently the Board of Education in Toronto complained that between fifty and sixty children of Separate school supporters are attending the Public schools. The Toronto Board of Education is not remarkable either for its common sense or for its sense of justice. Yet they were perfectly justified in complaining of having imposed on them the burden of educating pupils, whether it were fifty or five, whose parents paid their school tax elsewhere.

If it fair, is it decent, is it honest to compel the Separate schools to educate these children while the parents are obliged by law to pay their school-tax to the Public schools?

It has always been a difficult task to keep up interest and enthusiasm in the ordinary Catholic society or club. In the beginning there is a great deal of fireworks, and great deeds are planned to the accompaniment of many resolutions and streams of eloquence.

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We commend to the officers of our Catholic societies a variation in their program. Let them remember the reasons that first led them to form their societies. In their first fervor they planned great things for their organization. Their club was to be an educational centre. They would endeavor to make their members better Catholics and better citizens.

Gracefully tripping the "light fantastic" does not help materially to attain this end. Let them decide on a varied plan of campaign for the winter months. Let the bill of fare include, in addition to a "sucure and dance," and a "sucure and dance," and a "sucure and dance." We predict that the results will be satisfactory and compensating. COLUMBA.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE RECENT collapse of the Anglican Benedictine experiment at Perchore (Isle of Caldey), Worcestershire, lends the Canadian Churchman to conclude, once for all, and for the very last time, that there is "really no room for it (the Benedictine Rule) in the Anglican Church." It will be remembered that a little over a year ago, almost the entire community which had established itself under Anglican auspices at Perchore submitted in a body to the Catholic Church, and, after due probation, continued their religious life as real Benedictines.

THAT SO essentially Protestant an organization as the Church of England could not assimilate the spirit of monasticism seemed to students of its history and constitution a foregone conclusion. It has been tried in many ways, and—it need not be questioned—in the most laudable of spirits, but with the entire genius of Anglo-Catholicism against it success was not possible.

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THAT CATHOLICS are "superstitious," "ignorant," and "idolotrous," is a commonly accepted fact among many otherwise intelligent and well-informed people. It is useless to deny it, the thing is so patent and self-evident. But what about Protestant superstitions? The ideas ridiculous! Protestantism is the religion of enlightenment and progress, and all the old childish fetishism which lay like a nightmare upon the "dark ages" has, so far as they are concerned, been relegated into the dim and forgotten past.

BUT PROTESTANT superstitions though kept out of the limelight of denunciation are none the less a reality for all that. It takes only a crisis of national affairs or a great upheaval to bring them to the surface, and the present War is just such an occasion. It is not a Catholic journal that has been dragging this into the light of late, but the essentially prosaic and Protestant London Times.

THEN A SPECIAL charm for soldiers called "Touchwood," and described as the "wonderful Eastern charm," was designed and is having an enormous sale. The design is the little figure of a man, mainly head, with a khaki cap, sparkling eyes and gold or silver legs. The designer states that he has sold 1,250,000 of these superstitious images since the War began. In Regent's Park recently there was a curious scene when 1,200 officers and men of the City of London Rifles were presented each with one of these charms by a prominent actress.

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gotten that these mountains, with many peaks of between 6000 and 7000 feet, and one of over 10,000, constitute a great, and in winter, an almost insurmountable barrier, separating Bulgaria from the Macedonian Highlands. The army now advancing up the valley of the Vardar is intended to prevent the Bulgarians from overrunning southern Macedonia or from cutting off the retreat of the main Serbian army which is seeking a refuge either in the mountains of Montenegro or in those of Macedonia.

The Bulgars are trying hard to defeat this plan of operations by the occupation at once of southern Macedonia. A force of about 15,000 Turkish officers has been despatched across the mountains from Velez toward Monastir. It reached the Babuna Pass north of Prilip without being challenged, but there two regiments of Serbs have held the pass against the Bulgars for about a week. The Serbs in this region are now in touch with the French left wing, and the addition of the British force should make a fairly strong front from the vicinity of Strumitza to Prilip.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

ST. LOUIS GIRL BUILDS CHAPEL IN AFRICA

Last week a young woman of St. Louis employed in a downtown office turned over a small inheritance she had just received in its entirety to the St. Peter Claver for a chapel in Africa with chalice and altar for same. \$600 in all. She made the gift in memory of her deceased parents and asked that the chapel be dedicated to the Holy Family and that her name as donor be withheld. For five years this same girl has been giving \$5.00 a month out of her salary to the foreign missions besides taking a practical interest in home missions.

It is not from such as he broad and statesmanlike views can be expected. His training and his absorption in his profession unfit him for anything but a minor part in public life. Overweening self-confidence impels him to the vaulting political ambition which overleaps itself. His political career was that of the advocate, not the statesman. He is not Ulster's leader; he is Ulster's advocate. His fee for pleading that cause was a factitious prominence in public life, which fed his political ambition.

First a bare thought comes, then a strong imagination afterwards dwells, and evil motion and consent. And thus, by little and little, the wicked enemy gets full entrance when he is not resisted in the beginning. And how much the longer a man is negligent in resisting, so much the weaker does he become in himself, and the enemy becomes stronger against him.