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### What The President Does Not Know.

The daily papers have reported that  
on our national Thanksgiving Day,  
President Wilson, in order to express  
his thanks to God, attended a Catho-  
lic mass. Everyone well acquainted  
with the importance and significance  
which the Roman Catholic Hierarchy  
will at once attach to such an act  
cannot but consider the conduct of  
our admired President as undise for  
the interests of his party, as unbecom-  
ing to his office, as inconsistent  
with his past—yea, as greatly mis-  
leading American people at home and  
truly misrepresenting American ideals  
abroad. And to begin with, it is but  
fair to state that I do not criticize  
the President's act of yesterday from  
the standpoint of some Protestants  
who believe that he began to make  
concessions to Romanism when he as-  
sumed his office as President by re-  
taining his former private secretary,  
Tumulty, a Catholic. No; I am not  
the man who has gone so far as to  
praise both in private and in public  
his American policy in that. I am  
a man who believes that true separa-  
tion of Church and State and honest  
fair-play strongly demand that we  
choose the fittest men for public of-  
fice regardless of any religious con-  
siderations. To exclude a capable Jew  
or an able Catholic, and so on, on  
account of his religion, is plainly un-  
fair, sectarian and un-American. And  
I will say in passing to my protestant  
brethren who in this respect differ  
from me, that I know as well, if not  
better, than many Protestants, the  
real doctrines of Romanism and the  
plans and policy of the Roman Catho-  
lic Hierarchy, as I know also that  
a Catholic as to stand—in case of  
conflict—rather with his church than  
his country, rather with the ecclesi-  
astical law than the civil law. But  
at the same time I know from long  
experience and many historical in-  
stances that the best means of check-  
ing the encroachment of Romanism is  
not by excluding able and patriotic  
Catholics from public office. On the  
contrary, when many truly patriotic  
Catholics are put in responsible pub-  
lic offices, they will realize by them-  
selves that there is absolutely incom-  
patibility between Romanism and  
Americanism, and then they will  
speak out and expose the abusing  
claims of their own church, as has  
happened in Italy, France and Spain.  
To believe that patriotic native Amer-  
ican Catholics—and there are many  
such—will endure the yoke of priest-  
hood in public affairs, when Spanish,  
Italian and French laymen have be-  
come emancipated from that priestly  
tutelage, is to forget that we live in  
America and in the twentieth century.

Nevertheless I repeat that the con-  
duct of our President on Thanksgiv-  
ing Day was unwise for the interests  
of his party, unbecoming to his of-  
fice, and inconsistent with his past.  
The only public and official religio-  
us observance prescribed by a na-  
tional custom in our country is  
Thanksgiving Day. When the Presi-  
dent of the United States on such a  
day, being as he is a Protestant and  
a Presbyterian, leaves his own church  
and attends service in a Catholic  
church, his attitude will unquestion-  
ably be interpreted both by the Rom-  
an Catholic Hierarchy and by many  
Americans as indicating favoritism to  
Romanism. I know that many Pro-  
testants who know our President will  
see in that act only his willingness to  
promote good-will and mutual under-  
standing between all American repub-  
lics; but many others, and especially  
the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, will  
give to his act another and very dif-  
ferent meaning. The more so be-  
cause the service attended was a Catho-  
lic mass. One of the main conten-  
tions between Romanism and Pro-  
testantism is the practice of the mass.  
Catholics say that Protestantism is  
not a Real religion because it lacks  
the offering of any real sacrifice—it  
has no mass. For Roman Catholics  
there is in fact no other sacrifice  
worthy of God but the mass. Evan-

gelical Protestants, on the contrary,  
believe that the Roman Catholic mass  
is the most superstitious and idolat-  
rous practice of Romanism. Now,  
our President, being a Presbyterian  
and a scholar, has given, unconscio-  
usly and unwillingly, I grant, the best  
practical illustration to make believe  
that Roman Catholics are right and  
evangelical Protestants wrong. The  
Roman Catholic Hierarchy at home  
and abroad will rejoice at this and  
will say, "If the Roman Catholic mass  
is a superstitious and idolatrous prac-  
tice, can you explain that the Presi-  
dent of the United States, being him-  
self a Presbyterian, and a great schol-  
ar, has chosen that very practice as a  
means of giving thanks to God on  
the only day which the American na-  
tion as such worships God?" To at-  
tend mass at some other time might  
be an act of politeness and courtesy,  
but to attend mass on Thanksgiving  
Day as the nation's President, is an-  
other and very different matter.

Again the main contention of Roman-  
ism in the United States is to ob-  
tain from the State officials recog-  
nition as a church. If our President  
would read a certain document of  
Leo XIII. to the American Catholics,  
he would realize at once that the pa-  
pacy advises as the best policy even  
in the United States union between  
Church and State. The Roman Catho-  
lic Hierarchy will consider the atti-  
tude of our President as a good step  
toward the policy. They will say,  
and they will be correct in saying so,  
"There is but one day on which the  
United States, as a nation, worships,  
and on that day we as a church gath-  
ered together to worship publicly,  
and the President as such, came to  
us publicly in spite of the fact that  
he is a Presbyterian. At last we are  
united on some public and official  
ground."

Finally, the open favoritism to Roman-  
ism shown by our last President,  
Mr. Taft, has over generous conces-  
sions to the affairs of the Philippeans,  
his attitude in regard to the Indian  
Schools affairs, his practical recog-  
nition of Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston,  
as a prince of the blood, and so on,  
aroused the suspicions and sensitiv-  
ness of millions of patriots. To see  
the truth of this one has but to con-  
sider the appearance and growth of  
the societies like the Guardians of  
Liberty, the Knights of Luther, and  
so on, and especially the astonishing  
increase in circulation and popularity  
of "The Menace." It would be a pity  
to arouse more the suspicions and to  
provoke more the sensitiveness of  
that large number of Americans, and  
I confess that the attitude of our  
President will not reassure them. The  
more so because many of them were  
disappointed in his choice of a private  
secretary.

I truly believe that in all situations  
there is no other way to follow wor-  
thy of at rue American statesman  
than the one taken by ex-President  
Roosevelt in Rome—to appear neither  
as Catholic nor Protestant, but as  
American.

### CATHOLIC AGGRESSION.

This paper does not believe in the  
methods of The Menace. It has no  
liking whatever for men like J. J.  
Crowly, who run around the country  
and hand out hot words about the  
riests—words that are not only hot  
but coarse and obscene. It does not  
believe that the best way to advocate  
the truth is by abuse of other people.  
But while all this is true we are  
alarmed at the constant encroach-  
ments the Catholics are making  
through governmental favors and in-  
fluence. There is no danger whatever  
that the Catholics will ever make  
substantial headway through the  
methods employed by other denomina-  
tions. They tried to evangelize  
Wake county, and failed. Catholics  
cannot compete with Protestants in  
winning adherents. They cannot stand  
the light.

But they can gain a foothold  
through governmental influence. With  
Washington as their center they can  
reach the States, and this is their  
hope. We admire the President of the  
United States for his wisdom, tact  
and great common sense. He has  
made fewer mistakes perhaps than  
any President of this generation.  
But he made one. The Presbyter-  
ian Standard apologizes for his at-  
tending the Catholic mass on Thank-  
sgiving on the ground that as he is  
a Presbyterian and also a Scotch Irish-  
man he became stubborn and did as  
he pleased. This may be an excuse  
but it is not a reason. This act of  
the President opened the road for the  
Catholics toward their goal.

Tumulty, the President's secretary,  
is an intense Catholic, and he is busy  
placing men of his faith wherever  
they can serve Catholicism. He is in  
high favor with his Chief, and his  
position enables him to help his church  
toward the place of power in our  
political life toward which it is bending  
every energy.

It is high time that the Protestants  
were waking up to the situation. This

government must no be Romanized.  
We hoped with the retirement of  
Taft the peril would have passed; but  
official Washington is afraid to lift  
its voice. The pastors of the city  
were right. They advised the Presi-  
dent to stay away from the Thanks-  
giving mass; and they had the best  
of reasons for their warning.—Char-  
ity and Children.

We clip the following extract from  
a sermon preached by a Catholic  
priest in St. Louis, named D. S. Phelan,  
and published in the Western  
Watchman, a Roman Catholic paper  
of St. Louis, which has a large cir-  
culation:

Priest Phelan said:  
"And why is it the Church is strong;  
why is it everybody is afraid of the  
Catholic church? And the American  
people are more afraid of her than  
any people in the world. Why are  
they afraid of the Catholic Church?  
They know what the Catholic church  
means. We of the Catholic church  
are ready to go to death for the  
church. Under God she is the sup-  
reme object of our worship. Tell us  
that we think more of the church  
than we do of the United States; of  
course we do. Tell us we are Catholics  
first and Americans or Englishmen  
afterwards; of course we are. Tell us,  
in the conflict between the Church and  
the civil government we take the side  
of the church; of course we do. Why,  
if the government of the United  
States were at war with the Church  
we would say tomorrow

"TO HELL WITH THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
and if the Church and all the govern-  
ments of the world were at war we  
would say, to hell with all the govern-  
ments of the world. They say we  
are Catholics first and Americans de-  
cidedly afterwards. There is no doubt  
about it. We are Catholics first and  
we love the Church more than we  
love any and all the governments of  
the world. Let the governments of  
the world steer clear of the Catholic  
church; let the emperors, let the kings,  
and the presidents not come into  
conflict with the head of the Catholic  
Church. Because the Catholic Church  
is everything to the Catholics of the  
world; they renounce all nationalities  
where there is a question of loyalty  
to her. And why is it the Pope is  
WHAT THE PRE GALLEY THREE  
so strong? Why is it that this coun-  
try, where we have only seven per-  
cent of the population, the Catholic  
Church is so much feared? She is loved  
by all her children and feared by  
everybody. Why is it the Pope is such  
a tremendous power? Why, the Pope  
is the ruler of the world. All the  
emperors, all the kings, and all the  
presidents, all the presidents of the world  
today are as these altar obys of mine.  
The pope is the ruler of the world.  
Why? Because he is the ruler of the  
Catholics of the world; and the Catho-  
lics of all the world would die for the  
rights of the pope."

### The Scramble.

When the pie is opened the birds  
begin to sing, whether they are Dem-  
ocratic or Republican birds; and it is  
the same old song. The words are  
different but the music is the same.  
The scramble that has been going on  
about Washington and the scrapping  
that has filled the air at home for the  
past six months, are familiar, but dis-  
gusting. The President, great and  
strong as he is, has yielded to the  
pressure from without and has viola-  
ted his purpose not to remove any  
office holder for political reasons. We  
think it would have been a great deal  
more seemly not so very prudent, for  
his administration to have allowed  
Messrs. Logan, Seawell and Dockery  
to have served out their terms. They  
had held their offices and discharged  
their duties under this administration  
for nine months and only about 60  
days remained to them. But little  
time has been saved to the Democrats  
and a great deal of just criticism has  
been passed; nor is this the last of  
this matter. The people of the United  
States are not particularly inter-  
ested in providing places for politi-  
cians; what they are interested in  
is efficient and capable service on the  
part of officer holders. Mr. Wilson is  
too big and broad a man to allow a  
few partisans to discredit the great  
work of his administration by involv-  
ing a lot of hungry wire pullers in a  
row over the distribution of the of-  
fices. It was Cleveland who made  
the wise remark that "public office  
is a public trust." It seems to be  
commonly regarded around Washing-  
ton as a private snap. The wonderful  
thing about the whole business is the  
strange fascination there is about a  
public office for the average man.  
Some people will abandon a good busi-  
ness that furnishes an ample income  
for a precarious period of office hold-  
ing that does not yield a competency  
for the present and promises nothing  
for the future. Happy the man who  
enters the new year with no bee buzz-  
ing in his bonnet.—Charity and Child-  
ren.

Snapp—Well, all the fools are not  
dead yet.  
Mrs. Snapp—I'm glad of it. I nev-  
er did look well in black.—Boston  
Transcript.

### An Appeal for Help on Behalf of Ja- pan.

Washington, Jan. 15.—President  
Wilson as the head of the American  
Red Cross, late today issued an appeal  
to the American people for funds to  
assist the people of Japan, who are  
suffering not only from earthquakes,  
but from failure of crops.

The President's appeal follows:  
"Our sister nation of Japan is suf-  
fering from two very serious disas-  
ters. The failure of crops in the  
northeastern part of that country has  
brought hundreds of thousands of per-  
sons face to face with the terrible  
misery of slow starvation, and in the  
southwestern island of Kiushu, a sud-  
den great volcanic eruption has car-  
ried death and desolation to large  
numbers in a thickly populated dis-  
trict.

"I appeal to the humanity of our  
American people that they may give  
expression of their sympathy for the  
suffering and distress of so many of  
their fellowmen by generous contri-  
butions for their aid. Such contribu-  
tions can be made to the local Red  
Cross treasurers or sent directly to  
the American Red Cross, Washington,  
D. C."

Red Cross headquarters announced  
tonight that an appeal had been sent  
out to all State chapters asking local  
chapters to gather the funds.

Pete Crafts, a Pet Dog, Has Fallen



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a new pair of shoes these  
cold days, if so we have a  
good selection of sturdy, solid  
leather shoes made ex-  
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### Woman-Like.

"Judge," said the forewoman of  
the jury of ladies, "we want to speak  
to you about that sealed verdict we  
just rendered."

"Well, ladies?"

"Can we unseal it and add a post-  
script?—Washington Herald.

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come, why not take advantage of the low prices we are  
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doctor, you are a perfect lady-killer.  
Doctor (modestly)—I assure you,  
my dear madam, I make no distinc-  
tion whatever between the sexes.—  
Tattler.

What Did Mr. Bryan Mean?  
Washington, Jan. 22.—Democrats  
in the capital were gossiping today  
over whether Secretary Bryan meant  
to launch a senatorial boom when at  
a Democratic dinner last night he de-  
clared it had been his ambition since  
boyhood to sit in the United States  
Senate. His own career, he said, all  
through his earlier years had been  
based on a hope that he eventually  
would go to the Senate.

Prices cut half at Ralph's Place.  
again.—Buck.