

CYNICISM GONE TO SEED

While the most of the country was trying to be thankful and most of the newspapers were writing encouraging editorials. The Baltimore Sun came out Thanksgiving morning with an editorial so cynical and pessimistic that it is worth reading after the day has passed.

"This old world is in the Hades of a fix. Why be thankful for that?"

"It has progressed in the art of veneering. It has come to be expert in applying the paint and powder and rouge stick of civilization. But underneath doesn't the same old happy heart beat in its bosom, are not its teeth still the teeth of the tiger, aren't its nicely manicured nails still the merciless claws of the ravening wild beast? If so, why be thankful?"

"Coming down from generalizations to national particulars, why should Great Britain be thankful. Is she great any more? In helping to beat Germany did she not overthrow the old order which made her great? Did she not scuttle her own ship of state? Has not the old England largely passed away? Is she not a thing of shreds and patches? Has not the Lion become a sorry-looking animal, more like a mongrel than the king of beasts? Why should she be thankful as she looks at her reflection in the mirrors of Downing and of every other street?"

"And why should Ireland be thankful? A Free State in which Irishmen are cutting each other's throat instead of the throats of Englishmen, in which even the reverence for religious authority, once the chief characteristic of Catholic Ireland, has been forgotten in the mad lust for murder.

"Why should Russia be thankful? She traded the witch of Czardom for the devil of Bolshevism; she has thrown off chains of one kind for chains of another sort; she has exchanged the right to exist for the freedom to starve, the liberty to die from pestilence and political persecution.

"France tells all the world she is not thankful. She is crying out against her unhappy fate. She is determined to commit national suicide or international murder.

"Germany sees no reason for thankfulness. She would rather curse than pray. She is a Sisyphus who cannot reach the top of the hill with her rolling stone of debt.

"Greece, poor Greece, has gone completely mad. Why should she be thankful for the little men who have succeeded those who made her a synonym for valor and genius?"

"Italy may return thanks for Mussolini, the apparent Caesar. But how donk he last? "As for ourselves, why should we be thankful? Should we be thankful for a prohibition policy that is making us a nation of bootleggers?"

"Should we be thankful for our profiteering business men, for our petty statesmen, for the multiplicity of our fools, for the absence of public wisdom and greatness?"

"Should we be thankful for our cigarette-smoking girls and our jazzy-minded boys? Should we be thankful for our Ku Kluxed patriotism, for the growth of ill will among Americans, for the rise of bigotry and intolerance? Should we be

thankful that Christians seem to delight in the propaganda of hate and entertain us with gladiatorial combats in the pulpits?

"Individually most of us can be thankful that we are not worse off than we are; that we have escaped a lot of retribution which we have deserved. Let us be thankful that our particular Nemesis has not overtaken us, that we are not in the penitentiary or the police wagon, where perhaps we belong.

"We may be thankful, above all, if we can look Heaven in the face and honestly declare we are not hypocrites. A turkey is something to be thankful for today, if we have not stolen it or cheated for it. But the honesty of often downright wickedness is a better subject of gratitude than the smiling face and rotten heart of the hypocrite."

ARE TOO MANY GOING TO COLLEGE

Are too many young men and young women going to college? This question has been going the rounds for some time. It was started by a remark of Dr. Hopkins of Dartmouth College, made to the undergraduates of that institution, that many men were going to college who had no business to be there at all.

This plain statement of a literal truth is a fact of which any one who has observed such matters at all is perfectly well aware. But it is quite the custom nowadays to take a statement which is correct in its proper context and enlarge it to an application which its author never meant at all. Thus, a large per cent of the comment which goes from tongue to tongue or from publication to publication, is based upon an erroneous conception of the original statement.

Dr. Hopkins evidently meant that some boys were in college whose purpose in life, if they had any, would be better served by some other course of training, or that many were not individually adapted to college curricula. Every one knows this to be true. But the comment which has been going the rounds assumed that the original statement expressed the view that education generally, and particularly college training, should be limited to more or less of a select few. It is an old saying that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Neither can you give the capacity for education to a youth who has not that capacity. Such youths need something else and it is but a recognition of a common fact to say so.

While it is true that a great many men are in college who had best for their own sakes and for that of the general welfare be elsewhere, it is also true that there are many who are not at college who for the same reason had best be there. It is not a question of too many going to college, but of the right ones going. And since there is at present no very good way of determining who should and who should not go except by actual experiment, that means will probably be continued to be used.

THE BAPTIST DRIVE

The large advertisement in this issue regarding the 75-million campaign of the Baptist denomination of the South sets forth to the public the large plans undertaken by this denomination. In the closing weeks of the fiscal year of the denomination such advertisements have appeared in the newspapers far and wide. The

expense has been borne, as in these cases, by contributions of earnest men in the denomination, and therefore does not come out of the organized funds at all. Such men recognize the value of thoroughly setting forth the plans, purposes and hopes of a great undertaking of educational and philanthropic character, not only before their own members, but to the public at large.

As illustrating this point, the Presbyterian denomination in the State is making a great effort to increase the endowment of Davidson college and for the support of the denomination orphanage at Barium Springs. Page advertisements in the daily press are constantly keeping these purposes before the public and the pages for the most part are contributed by men of the denomination who want very much to see the plans succeed. Advertising matter of this kind reaches a larger audience than the denomination involved. It is true, but they are highly valuable in keeping the public acquainted with the purposes and in creating a sympathy for, and an understanding of the purposes involved and have a reflexive influence even within the particular denominational ranks. Then, too, they acquaint the world with the general thought and purpose of the several denominations which have similar campaigns going on at the same time. All of them tend both to help each other and to impress upon the public generally the fact that the several branches of the churches of the South are awake to the needs and opportunities of the hour.

ELECT OFFICERS BUT KEEP OTHER MATTERS A SECRET

(Wilmington Dispatch) At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Short Line Railroad association, C. J. Fields, of Southport, president of the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern railway, was elected president of the body. H. P. Edwards was elected vice-president and J. P. Spock was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was held at the Bland hotel in Raleigh, and was attended by many of the stockholders of the short line railroads of the state.

Matters of vital importance to the rail carriers were discussed at the meeting but no information of a public nature was given out by those in attendance.

IT'S JUST TOO FAR

(From the Wilmington Dispatch) Local good road enthusiasts and motorists generally are hoping that the tour of motorists from the New England states that will pass through North Carolina will include Wilmington in its itinerary and spend a few days here before proceeding further south.

The party that makes up the caravan will travel in 50 automobiles and will be met at the Virginia line by a party from the Carolina Motor Club. It will be escorted by the delegation from this club to the different cities in the state.

UNION CROSS JUBILEE TO GET IN PICTURES

(Two City Sentinel) Those who go to the celebration of the opening and completion of the Winston-Salem High Point roadway on Tuesday, December 5, at Union Cross, will probably see themselves in a moving picture weekly at one of the local theatres.

Efforts are being made by the publicity committee to have one of the moving picture theatres take scenes of the celebration. The program which has been arranged will furnish some snappy scenes for such a feature and the publicity committee hopes that it will be successful in its efforts to have the celebration photographed.

The various committees for the celebration on Monday begin to work out plans for the celebration and during the week these committees will put forth much activity.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

TODAY'S EVENTS Today is the 374th anniversary of the death of Cortes, the conqueror of Mexico.

The fourth International Hay and Grain Exposition will be opened in Chicago today.

Delegates from many States are to gather today in Richmond, Va., for a conference on rural community problems.

The special session of the 67th Congress ends today, to be followed on Monday by the opening of the regular and final session.

With 10,000 animals entered, the twenty-third annual International Live Stock Exposition opening in Chicago today will be the largest exposition of its kind ever held in America.

Today will mark the close of the campaign preceding the five Federal by-elections to be held in Canada Monday, in which the Mackenzie King Government will make its first test of public opinion since coming into office.

IN THE DAYS NEWS

Admirers of Rudyard Kipling have been pleased to learn that his "Soldier's Post" is apparently on the road to recovery after a most critical illness. Mr. Kipling's literary career extends over 40 years, beginning in 1882. His experience followed by travel in China, Japan, America and Australia, he embodied the habits and customs of these countries in his writings, and gave to the world a wealth of prose and poetry. In "The Jungle Book," "The Captains Courageous," "Soldiers Three," and other well-known works, though he now writes at infrequent intervals, his sales are said to be ten times as great as they were a few years ago. In 1920, for instance, two million copies of his works were sold throughout the world, bringing to the author an income of half a million dollars. Mr. Kipling's latest work, "A History of the Irish Guards," will be given to charity.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1760—John Breckenridge, famous Kentucky statesman, born in Augusta county, Va. Died at Lexington, Ky., December 14, 1805.

1780—Herschell announced the discovery of the seventh satellite to Saturn.

1805—Battle of Austerlitz, in which the French under Napoleon defeated the Russians and Austrians under the Emperors Alexander and Francis.

1822—Congress of Salvador decided upon the annexation of that country to the United States to escape annexation to Mexico.

1823—Erastus Wells, who built in St. Louis the first streetcar line west of the Mississippi, born at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. Died in St. Louis, October 2, 1893.

1864—Street fighting in Paris followed the action of Louis Napoleon in abolishing the constitution of the French Republic.

1897—The mother of President McKinley was stricken with paralysis at Canton.

1918—President Wilson announced to Congress his intention to attend the Peace Conference.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Two killed in attempt to free Sinn Féin prisoners at Khandadary.

Allied Reparation Commission warned Germany to pay war dues to Allies.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, of Boston, who has been elected Episcopal bishop of Pittsburgh, born at Geneva, N. Y., 52 years ago today.

Robert Luce representative in Congress of the Thirtieth Massachusetts district, born at Ashburn, Mass., 60 years ago today.

Paul S. Atholus celebrated operative surgeon, born at Reading, Pa., 51 years ago today.

St. J. Kelley veteran manager of the St. Paul American association baseball club, born at Otter River, Mass., 44 years ago today.

A. J. Jones infielder of the Detroit American league baseball team, born at Clayton, California, 51 years ago today.

A smelting works in Japan boasts of a chimney 530 feet high, which is only 25 feet less than the famous Anaconda (Mont.) stack, the tallest in the world.

WANTS MR. GRADY TO AFFIRM OR DENY

Editor of Judge's Home Paper Couldn't Find Him and Makes Some Remarks Anyway

The Sampson Democrat, published in Judge Grady's home town of Clinton, has a great deal to say about the statement that Mr. Grady is head of the Ku Klux in this State. The following paragraphs are taken from The Democrat of this week.

Rev. Oscar Hayward, of Mount Gililand, this state, and supposedly officially connected as a lecturer with Calvary Baptist church, New York, is given as authority for the statement by Judge Henry A. Grady is grand muckraker, or whatever the title is, of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina. The editor of the Democrat has just returned from a search for Mr. Grady in order to interview him on this matter, but didn't find him. It is to be hoped that the statement is not true. We cannot conceive of the propriety of a judge being a muckraker, even in a private capacity, in a secret organization that affects the purpose of repealing laws pertaining to law, order, or morals. If it is true, then we believe it is up to Mr. Grady to resign one competition on the other, and to do so promptly.

Who, in the name of common sense, would be willing to be tried by a judge belonging to a secret organization such as the Ku Klux, with, maybe, Ku Klux witnesses testifying and Ku Klux lawyers pleading against you?

We'd wager that there is many a white-livered fellow, parading in the Ku Klux regalia who wouldn't have the grit to take open steps to oust a blind tiger on his own block or to displace a bicyclist who had set up a stall in the jamb of the night-gown's fence. We have mighty little respect for the man who seeks to do under cover what he dares not do in the open. A real American is neither coward nor a sneak.

The Ku Klux talk about "full-fledged Americanism." Of full-fledged American birds, the only one which flies by night, is the owl, which has evolved big eyes that he might see to prey upon chickens on the roost or defenseless bunnies when nibbling their midnight meals. The eagle, the emblem of Americanism, preys by day and takes his chances at reprisal. But we forget, there is the whippoorwill, whose cry is becoming the slogan of these white-fledged night raiders.

We had written several biting paragraphs about Ku Kluxism before the public announcement was made in the Greensboro News that Judge Grady is head of the Klan in this state. We have not in view of the fact that we have not seen Mr. Grady, accepted the statement at face value. However, if it is true, we have nothing to withhold. An upright citizenship with the courage of their convictions can make this country or any other a safe and decent place to live without recourse to night shirt parades. The editor of the Democrat knows the citizens of Sampson county who have had sufficient courage of conviction to take positive stand for law and order, and we are confident that these men will not furnish the bulk of the material for a secret organization of the kind of the Ku Klux in this county, and the motives and the moral stamens of the editors do not make them safe secret guardians of the morals and order of this country.

CONFIDENCE MAIN THING CARVING BIRD

Indication of Prowess With Knife Distracts Guests, Then You Can Use Your Hands

The best way to carve a roast chicken when there is company at dinner is to take it out in the back yard and put your foot on it and use a cold chisel. But, inasmuch as this method is considered rather bizarre, let us consider the next most popular method—that is, carving with a knife in the dining-room, in full view of the audience and formulate two or three rules of conduct.

Rule 1. When everybody is seated and the entire company has turned toward you to watch you make a fool of yourself, rise suddenly from your chair seize sharpening steel in one hand and your carving knife in the other and commence to strike violently against each other as if you were fighting a duel with yourself. Keep carrying on like this for about five minutes, or until you cut your thumb off, or yur wife faints with fear. Then stop and do whatever seems right to do next.

Acquiring Confidence

The reason for this is psychological. It is a tactic informing of the company that they can have confidence in you, that you know a thing or two about carving, that they need not fear you will do something to shove the chicken off the platter into one of their laps before the carving is over. If you can get your company into this frame of mind, you will find that something of

the same confidence will speak into your own mind.

Rule 2. Get off a joke. Get off any kind of a joke. Even a pun. Yes, even a conundrum. Or, better than nothing, a charade.

Why? Psychology again. You seek it is sometimes possible to get a set of guests in such a frenzy of confidence in your ability to carve a chicken without hitting them with it that they will actually start up a conversation among themselves and turn away from you, and leave you to attack that hen all by yourself.

Platter Licking Not Good Form

Rule 3. After the chicken is carved, deal it out in such a manner that there will be something left over for the kitty, so that you can ask a guest to have a second helping without having to give him the platter to lick. Of all the rules, this one is the most important. For there is nothing that will more surely destroy the delicate plomph of a social situation than to give a guest the platter to lick, if you do not believe this, try it and see.

BRICK INDUSTRY OVER STATE IS NOW BOOMING

(From The Statesville Sentinel) There is a tremendous demand at the present time for building brick throughout the Piedmont section and has been during all of this year and especially this fall," stated Mr. H. O. Steele, office manager of the J. C. Steele and Sons, when interviewed by a Statesville representative as to the general coming year.

"The brick market has been unusually active all over North Carolina, but particularly in the region of the Piedmont belt," continued Mr. Steele. "We have been selling large numbers of brick-making machinery and it has been necessary for us to add a number of new men to our working force and to add considerable new machinery. The price of brick has been high and will continue so until coal can be obtained at a lower figure than for what it can now be purchased. We are enjoying a more prosperous period now than at any time during the late war or before the war. The demand for brick machines at the present time is especially active from the whole United States, but more so from the middle west than any other portion of the country at present."

FARMING IS ALL RIGHT WHEN IT IS RIGHT

(From The Hickory Record) "You fellows in town," said Walter Hawn, as he propped his feet in front of a good fire at his home six miles south of Hickory Saturday night "no doubt have more money than we fellows in the country, but I doubt if you get more pleasure out of life." Mr. Hawn has some large hogs fattening, a stable full of cows, a granary filled with corn, two automobiles, a good farm and a happy home. He expects to be coming to Hickory and joshing his friends for many, many years, and says he does not intend to rush his life away. That's what we call the proper philosophy.

SMOKED OUT THE VERDICT

Male Members of Jury Forced the Lone Woman to Agree. Norristown, Pa., Dec. 1.—When one lone woman held out in favor of a boy who sued a motorist for damages the 11 men on the jury reverted to smoking, despite the sign in the jury room to the contrary. As a result the woman was "smoked out" so to speak, and agreed on a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The case was in which Harry Lockhof, of Plymouth township, who claimed heavy damages from J. Howard Moore, of Lanesdale, for being knocked down as he was walking along the Germantown pike near Plymouth Meeting. Moore contended the young man jumped off a moving trolley car in front of his automobile.

BRINGING UP FATHER



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